

ABSOLUTENESS

“One night the stars ceased shining in darkness, and deserted it, falling down like rain upon the earth, here they are now hidden.” [Ch’un ch’in] These stars are the Monads.
(SD I, 571)

In Esoteric philosophy the Demiurge or Logos, regarded as the CREATOR, is simply an abstract term, an idea, like “army.” As the latter is the all-embracing term for a body of active forces or working units — soldiers — so is the Demiurge the qualitative compound of a multitude of Creators or Builders. (SD I, 380 fn) [The Secret Doctrine] admits a Logos or a collective “Creator” of the Universe; a Demiurge — in the sense implied when one speaks of an Architect as the “Creator” of an edifice, whereas that Architect has never touched one stone of it, but, while furnishing the plan, left all the manual labour to the masons; in our case the plan was furnished by the Ideation of the Universe, and the constructive labour was left to the Hosts of intelligent Powers and Forces. But that Demiourge is no personal deity, — i.e., an imperfect extra-cosmic god, — but only the aggregate of the Dhyani-Chohans and the other forces. (Ibid. 279-80)

Super-terrestrial

Dhyani-Chohans Class I
Dhyani-Chohans Class II
Dhyani-Chohans Class III

Sub-terrestrial

Human Kingdom
Animal Kingdom
Plant Kingdom
Mineral Kingdom

Elementals Class I
Elementals Class II
Elementals Class III



Related terms

Adityas
Agnishvatta Pitris
Agnishvattas
Asuras
Born in the Body of Night
Elohim
Fashioners of Inner Man
Fiery Egos
Fire Dhyanis
Gandharvas
Gods of Will
Great Sacrifice
Guardians
Hierarchs
Hyparxis
Incorporeal Pitris
Initiator
Kabeiroi
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Kartikeya
Kumaras
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Lords of the Flame
Lords of Wisdom
Manas
Manasa(s)
Manasadyanis
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Manasaputras
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