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Abstract and train of thoughts

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Astronomically, Abraham is the sun-measure and a portion of the sun, while Enoch is the solar year, as much as is Thoth-Hermes. Equally Thoth, numerically, is the equivalent of Moses and Hermes, Lord of the lower realms and a teacher of wisdom. 10

More! Abram and Brahmā are equivalent in numerical value! 10

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Suggested reading for students.

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From Blavatsky Collected Writings, (HERMETIC AND KABBALISTIC DOCTRINES) XIV pp. 86-94.

The cosmogony of Hermes is as veiled as the Mosaic system, only it is upon its face far more in harmony with the doctrines of the Secret Sciences and even of Modern Science. Says the thrice great Trismegistus, “the hand that shaped the world out [87] of formless pre-existent matter is no hand”; to which *Genesis* is made to reply, “The world was created out of nothing,” although the *Kabbalah* denies such a meaning in its opening sentences. The Kabbalists have never, any more than have the Indian Āryans, admitted such an absurdity. With them, Fire, or Heat, and Motion¹ were chiefly instrumental in the formation of the world out of pre-existing Matter. The Parabrahman and Mūlaprakriti of the Vedāntins are the prototypes of the Ain-Soph and Shekhinah of the Kabbalists. Aditi is the original of Sephirah, and the Prajāpatis are the elder brothers of the Sephirah. The nebular theory of Modern Science, with all its mysteries, is solved in the cosmogony of the Archaic Doctrine; and the paradoxical though very scientific enunciation, that “cooling causes contraction and contraction causes heat; therefore cooling causes heat,” is shown as the chief agency in the formation of the worlds, and especially of our sun and solar system.



¹ The eternal and incessant “in-breathing and out-breathing of Parabrahman” or Nature, the Universe in Space, whether during Manvantara or Pralaya.

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All this is contained within the small compass of *Sēpher Yetzīrāh* in its thirty-two wonderful Ways of Wisdom, signed “Yāh-Jehovah Tsabaōth,” for whomsoever has the key to its hidden meaning.¹ As to the dogmatic or theological interpretation of the first verses in *Genesis*, it is pertinently answered in the same book, where speaking of the Three Mothers, Air, Water and Fire, the writer describes them as a balance with

The good in one scale, the evil in the other, and the oscillating tongue of the Balance between them.²

One of the secret names of the One Eternal and Ever-Present Deity was in every country the same, and it has preserved to this day a phonetic likeness in the various languages. The AUM [88] of the Hindus, the sacred syllable, had become the *Αἰὼν* with the Greeks, and the Ævum with the Romans — the Pan or All. The “thirtieth way” is called in the *Sēpher-Yetzīrāh* the “gathering understanding,” because,

Thereby gather the celestial adepts judgments of the stars and celestial signs, and their observations of the orbits are the perfection of science.³

The thirty-second and last is called therein the “serving understanding,” and it is so called because it is . . .

A disposer of all those that are serving in the work of the Seven Planets, according to their Hosts.⁴

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The “work” was Initiation, during which all the mysteries connected with the “Seven Planets” were divulged, and also the mystery of the “Sun-Initiate” with his seven radiances or beams cut off — the glory and triumph of the anointed, the Christos;⁵ a mystery that makes plain the rather puzzling expression of Clement:

¹ [WMS. quotes from James Ralston Skinner’s, *Key to the Hebrew-Egyptian mystery: in The Source of Measures originating the British inch and the ancient cubit by which was built the great pyramid of Egypt and the temple of Solomon; and through the possession and use of which, man, assuming to realize the creative law of the deity, set it forth in a mystery, among the Hebrews called kabbala*. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1875; 324pp. See *The Theosophist*, Vol. LIII, January 1933, pp. 399-400, which reads:

This signature becomes more comprehensible and trustworthy when one learns that with Moses, the “God-names Elōhim and Jehovah [were] numerical indices of geometrical relations” and “stood [for one meaning] for a *diameter* and a *circumference* value, respectively.” — *Dara Eklund*.

WMS stands for the “Würzburg Manuscript,” Madame Blavatsky’s original and unedited draft of *The Secret Doctrine* (1888). It was named after Würzburg in Bavaria, where she began writing in self-imposed solitude, in August 1885 — as confirmed by Dr. William Hübbe-Schleiden, two months later. In December that year Countess Constance Wachtmeister was “sent” to help out. A searchable PDF of Skinner’s masterpiece on the mathematics of the cosmic mind can be downloaded from our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series. — ED. PHIL.]

² *op. cit.*, iii, I

³ *op. cit.*, 30

⁴ *op. cit.*, 32

⁵ [Consult “Jesus Ben Pandira, the historical Christ” and “The real Christ is Buddhi-Manas, the glorified Divine Ego,” in our Buddhas and Initiates Series. — ED. PHIL.]

For we shall find that very many of the dogmas that are held by such sects [of Barbarian and Hellenic Philosophy] as have not become utterly senseless, and are not cut out from the order of nature ["by cutting off Christ,"¹ or rather Chrēstos] . . . correspond in their origin and with the truth as a whole.²

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In *Isis Unveiled*,³ the reader will find fuller information than can be given here on the *Zohar* and its author, the great Kabbalist, Shimon ben-Yohai. It is said there that on account of his being known to be in possession of the secret knowledge and of the Merkābāh, which insured the reception of the "Word," his [89] very life was endangered, and he had to fly to the wilderness, where he lived in a cave for twelve years surrounded by faithful disciples, and finally died there amid signs and wonders.⁴ His teachings on the origin of the Secret Doctrine, or, as he also calls it, the Secret Wisdom, are the same as those found in the East, with the exception that in place of the Chief of a Host of Planetary Spirits he puts "God," saying that this Wisdom was first taught by God himself to a certain number of Elect Angels; whereas in the Eastern Doctrine the saying is different, as will be seen.

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Some synthetic and kabbalistic studies on the sacred *Book of Enoch* and the Taro (Rota) are before us. We quote from the MS. copy of a Western Occultist, which is prefaced by these words:

There is but one Law, one Principle, one Agent, one Truth and one Word. That which is above is analogically as that which is below. All that which is, is the result of quantities and of equilibriums.

The axiom of Éliphas Lévi and this triple epigraph show the identity of thought between the East and the West with regard to the Secret Science which, as the same MS. tells us, is:

The key of things concealed, the key of the sanctuary. This is the Sacred Word which gives to the Adept the supreme reason of Occultism and its Mysteries. It

¹ Those who are aware that the term Christos was applied by the Gnostics to the Higher Ego (the ancient Pagan Greek Initiates doing the same), will readily understand the allusion. Christos was said to be cut off from the lower Ego, Chrēstos, after the final and supreme Initiation, when the two became blended in one; Chrēstos being conquered and resurrected in the glorified Christos. — Adolphe Franck, *Die Kabbala: oder, die Religions-Philosophie der Hebräer*, 75; Samuel Fales Dunlap, *Söd, The Son of Man*, Vol. II [London & Edinburgh, 1861]

² Clement of Alexandria, *Stromateis*, Bk. I, ch. xiii

³ Vol. II, ch. VIII, and Index

⁴ Many are the marvels recorded as having taken place at his death, or we should rather say his translation; for he did not die as others do, but having suddenly disappeared, while a dazzling light filled the cavern with glory, his body was again seen upon its subsidence. When this heavenly light gave place to the habitual semi-darkness of the gloomy cave — then only, says Ginsburg, "the disciples of Israel perceived that the lamp of Israel was extinguished." [*The Kabbala, op. cit.*, ch. I] His biographers tell us that there were voices heard from Heaven during the preparation for his funeral, and at his interment, when the coffin was lowered into the deep cave prepared for it, a flame broke forth and a voice mighty and majestic pronounced these words: "This is he who caused the earth to quake, and the kingdoms to shake!" [*Zohar*, III, p. 296; Mantua ed.]

is the Quintessence of Philosophies and of Dogmas; it is the Alpha and Omega; it is the Light, Life and Wisdom Universal.

The Taro of the sacred *Book of Enoch*,¹ or Rota; is prefaced, moreover, with this explanation:

The antiquity of this book is lost in the night of time. It is *of Indian origin*, and goes back to an epoch long before Moses . . . It is written upon [90] detached leaves, which at the first were of fine gold and precious metals . . . It is symbolical, and its combinations adapt themselves to all the wonders of the Spirit. Altered by its passage across the Ages, it is nevertheless preserved — thanks to the ignorance of the curious — in its types and its most important primitive figures.

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This is the Rota of Enoch, now called Taro of Enoch, to which de Mirville alludes, as we saw, as the means used for “evil Magic,” the “metallic plates [or leaves] escaped from destruction during the Deluge” and which are attributed by him to Cain. They have escaped the Deluge for the simple reason that this Flood was not “Universal.” And it is said to be “of Indian origin,” because its origin is with the Indian Āryans of the first Sub-Race of the Fifth Root-Race, before the final destruction of the last stronghold of Atlantis. But, if it originated with the forefathers of the primitive Hindus, it was not in India that it was first used. Its origin is still more ancient and must be traced beyond and into the Himālaya,⁴ the Snowy Range. It was born in that mysterious locality which no one is able to locate, and which is the despair of both Geographers and Christian Theologians — the region in which the Brāhman places his Kailāsa, the Mount Sumeru, and the Pārvatī Pamīr, transformed by the Greeks into Paropamisus.



¹ [Cf. But what is, in reality, the *Book of Enoch* itself, from which the author of *Revelation* and even the St. John of the Fourth Gospel have so profusely quoted? (e.g., verse 8, in chapter x, about all who have come before Jesus, being “thieves and robbers.”) Simply a *Book of Initiation*, giving out in allegory and cautious phraseology the programme of certain archaic mysteries performed in the *inner* temples. — *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 229]

² [Mount Parnassos is a sacred mountain in central Greece, near Delphi. The name *Parnassus* in literature typically refers to its distinction as the home of poetry, literature and, by extension, learning.]

³ [See “Caucasus, Parnassus, Tomaros,” in our Hellenic and Hellenistic Series. — ED. PHIL.]

⁴ Pococke, may be, was not altogether wrong in deriving the German Heaven, Himmel, from Himālaya; nor can it be denied that it is the Hindu Kailāsa (Heaven) that is the father of the Greek Heaven (Koilon), and of the Latin Cœlum. [Edward Pococke’s *India in Greece* (1852) can be found in our Hellenic and Hellenistic Paper Series. — ED. PHIL.]

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Round this locality, which still exists, the traditions of the Garden of Eden were built. From these regions the Greeks obtained their Parnassos;¹ and thence proceeded most of the biblical personages, some of them in their day men, some demi-gods and heroes, some — though very few — myths, the astronomical double of the former. Abram was one of them — a Chaldæan [91] Brāhman,² says the legend, transformed later, after he had repudiated his Gods and left his Ur (*pur*, “town”?) in Chaldæa, into A-brahm³ (or A-braham), “no-Brāhman” who emigrated. Abram becoming the “father of many nations” is thus explained. The student of Occultism has to bear in mind that every God and hero in ancient Pantheons (that of the Bible included), has three biographies in the narrative, so to say, running parallel with each other and each connected with one of the aspects of the hero — historical, astronomical and perfectly mythical, the last serving to connect the other two together and smooth away the asperities and discordancies in the narrative, and gathering into one or more symbols the verities of the first two. Localities are made to correspond with astronomical and even with psychic events. History was thus made captive by ancient Mystery, to become later on the great Sphinx of the nineteenth century. Only, instead of devouring her too dull querists who will unriddle her whether she acknowledges it or not, she is desecrated and mangled by the modern Œdipus, before he forces her into the

¹ See Pococke’s *India in Greece* (p. 302) and his derivation of Mount Parnassus from *Parnasi*, the leaf and branch huts of the Hindu ascetics, half-shrine and half-habitation.

“Part of the Paropamisus (the hill of Bāmiān), is called Parnassus. These mountains are called Devanika, because they are full of Devas or Gods, called ‘Gods of the Earth’, Bhū-Devas. They lived, according to the *Purānas*, in bowers or huts, called *parnasi*, because they were made of leaves (*parnas*).”

² Rawlinson is justly very confident of an Āryan and Vedic influence on the early mythology and history of Babylon and Chaldæa.

³ This is a Secret Doctrine affirmation, and may or may not be accepted. Only Abraham, Isaac and Judah resemble terribly the Hindu Brahmā, Ikshvāku and Yadu.

sea of speculations in which the Sphinx is drowned and perishes.¹ This has now become self-evident, not only through the Secret Teachings, parsimoniously as they may be given, but by earnest and learned Symbologists and even Geometricians. The *Key to the Hebrew Egyptian Mystery*, in which a learned Mason of Cincinnati, Ralston Skinner, unveils the riddle of a God, with such ungodly ways about him as the Biblical Yah-ve, is followed by the establishment of a learned society under the presidency of a gentleman from Ohio and four vice-presidents, one of whom is Piazzi Smyth, the well-known Astronomer and Egyptologist. The Director of the Royal Observatory in Scotland and author of *The Great Pyramid, Pharaonic by name, Humanitarian by fact, its Marvels, Mysteries, and its Teachings*, is seeking to prove the same problem as the American author and Mason; namely, that the English system of measurement is the same as [92] that used by the ancient Egyptians in the construction of their Pyramid, or in Mr. Skinner's own words that the Pharaonic "source of measures" originated the "British inch and the ancient cubit." It "originated" much more than this, as will be fully demonstrated before the end of the next century. Not only is everything in Western religion related to measures, geometrical figures, and time-calculations, the principal period-durations being founded on most of the historical personages,² but the latter are also connected with heaven and earth truly, only with the Indo-Āryan heaven and earth, not with those of Palestine.

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The prototypes of nearly all the biblical personages are to be sought for in the early Pantheon of India. It is the "Mind-born" Sons of Brahmā, or rather of the Dhyāni-Pitarah (the "Father-Gods"), the "Sons of Light," who have given birth to the "Sons of Earth" — the Patriarchs. For if the *Rig-Veda* and its three sister *Vedas* have been "milked out from fire, air and sun," or Agni, Indra, and Sūrya, as *Manu-Smṛiti* tells us, the Old Testament was most undeniably "milked out" of the most ingenious brains of Hebrew Kabbalists, partly in Egypt and partly in Babylonia — "the seat of Sanskrit literature and Brāhman learning from her origin," as Colonel Vans Kennedy truly declared. One of such copies was Abram or Abraham, into whose bosom every

¹ [See "Œdipus and Sphinx unriddled," in our Constitution of Man Series. — ED. PHIL.]

² It is said in *The Gnostics and their remains: ancient and mediæval*, by Charles William King (p. 13, 1st ed.; p. 35, 2nd ed.), with regard to the names of Brahmā and Abram:

"The figure of the *man*, Seir Anpin, consists of 243 numbers, the numerical value of the letters in the name *Abram* signifying the different orders of the celestial hierarchy. In fact the names Abram and Brahmā are equivalent in numerical value."

Thus to one acquainted with Esoteric Symbolism, it does not seem at all strange to find in the Loka-pālas (the four cardinal and intermediate points of the compass personified by eight Hindu gods) Indra's elephant, named *Abhra-mātanga*, and his wife *Abhramu*. *Abhra* is in a way a Wisdom Deity, since it is this elephant's head that replaced that of Ganesha (Ganapati), the God of Wisdom, cut off by Śiva. Now *Abhra* means "cloud," and it is also the name of the city where Abram is supposed to have resided, when read backwards:

"Arba (Kiryath), the city of four . . . *Abram* is *Abra* with an appended *m* final, and *Abra* read backward is *Arba*." (*The Source of Measures*, *op. cit.*, p. ix)

The author might have added that *Abhra* meaning in Sanskrit "in, or of, the clouds," the cosmo-astronomical symbol of Abram becomes still plainer. All of these ought to be read in their originals, in Sanskrit.

orthodox Jew hopes to be gathered after death, that bosom [93] being localized as “heaven in the clouds” or Abhra.¹

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From Abraham to Enoch’s Taro there seems to be a considerable distance, yet the two are closely related by more than one link. Gaffarel has shown that the four symbolical animals on the twenty-first key of the Taro, at the third septenary, are the Teraphim of the Jews invented and worshipped by Abram’s father Terah, and used in the oracles of the Urim and Thummim. Moreover, astronomically Abraham is the sun-measure and a portion of the sun, while Enoch is the solar year, as much as are Hermes or Thoth; and Thoth, numerically, “was the equivalent of Moses, or Hermes,” “the lord of the lower realms, also esteemed as a teacher of wisdom,” the same Mason-mathematician tells us; and the Taro being, according to one of the latest bulls of the Pope, “an invention of Hell,” the same “as Masonry and Occultism,” the relation is evident. The Taro contains indeed the mystery of all such transmutations of personages into sidereal bodies and *vice versa*. The “wheel of Enoch” is an archaic invention, the most ancient of all, for it is found in China. Éliphas Lévi says there was not a nation but³ had it, its real meaning being preserved in the greatest secrecy. It was a universal heirloom.

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As we see, neither the *Book of Enoch* (his “Wheel”), nor the *Zohar*, nor any other kabbalistic volume, contains merely Jewish wisdom.

The doctrine itself being the result of whole millenniums of thought, is therefore the joint property of adepts of every nation under the sun. Nevertheless, the *Zohar* teaches practical Occultism more than any other work on that subject; not as it is translated though, and commented upon by its various critics, but with the secret signs on its margins. These signs contain the hidden instructions, apart from the meta-

¹ Before these theories and speculations — we are willing to admit they are such — are rejected, the following few points ought to be explained.

1. Why, after leaving Egypt, was the patriarch’s name changed by Jehovah from Abram to Abraham?
2. Why Sarai becomes on the same principle Sarah (*Genesis xvii*)?
3. Whence the strange coincidence of names?
4. Why should Alexander Polyhistor say that Abraham was born at Kamarina or Uria, a city of soothsayers and invented Astronomy?
5. “The Abrahamic recollections go back at least three millenniums beyond the grandfather of Jacob,” says Christian Charles Josias von Bunsen (*Egypt’s place in universal history: an historical investigation in five books*, V, 35; see first English translation, London 1848, Vol. I, pp. 180ff.)

² [Thoth-Hermes was never was the name of a man, but a generic title. It is the Voice of Egypt’s Great Hierophants. Consult “Egypt was the image of heaven on earth and temple of the whole world,” in our Atlantean Realities Series. — ED. PHIL.]

³ [what?]

physical interpretations and apparent absurdities so fully credited by Josephus, who was [94] never initiated, and gave out the *dead letter* as he had received it.¹

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[The Würzburg MS. in the Adyar Archives has the following additional material at this point:]

As Abraham is to be noticed further on in his relation to other universal symbols, we need not go out of the way to speak of him here more than necessary. The name itself has a very strong Kabeirian look. The words *Heber*, *Geber* (applied to Nimrod and the Giants of *Genesis vi*), and *Kaber* all sound like the mysterious word, for all the Mystery Gods were Kabeir. The Phœnicians were *φουρικες* or Ph'-Anakes as being of the Anākīm, *Kabeirian*, kingly or divine Race, which race was the *Second* Race of our humanity, as shown in the *Secret Books*, in which all the transformations of Brahmā throughout the aiōns of time are given. Brahmā was born with the Fourth Race; the first — that of unwritten *Rig-Veda* — knew him not and he is not even mentioned in this archaic Āryan Bible written in Tibet in the beginning of Tretā-Yuga on Lake Mānasarovara. It is but in the Third Race only that the “wheel” of Enoch was invented as a first attempt at symbology, though Enoch No. 1 had naught to do with it.

There are two *taros* — the wheel purely Esoteric, and the Western *tarot* — Kabbalistical, remodelled by Shemites, a branch so much younger than the Āryans and even the Hamites. The latter taro (*tarot*) is to be read from right to left like Arabic and Hebrew writing. The former, primitive “Wheel” is in Cuneiform characters and astrological signs. One of the oldest in the world is made on a kind of *tolla* leaves of some chemically prepared and indestructible material which makes them look like burnished metal.³



¹ *Isis Unveiled*, Vol. II, p 350

² [Cf. “In the Bible [*Genesis iv & v*] there are three distinct Enochs [Hanōkh] — the son of Cain, the son of Seth, and the son of Jared; but they are all identical, and two of them are mentioned for the purposes of misleading. The years of only the last two are given, the first one being left without further notice.” *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE BOOK OF ENOCH) XIV p. 86 *fn*. The full text of this article can be found in our Blavatsky Speaks Series. — ED. PHIL.]

³ [See *The Theosophist*, Vol. LIII, March 1933, pp. 623-24]



Illustration of Thoth-Hermes, from Jean-François Champollion's *Panthéon égyptien, collection des personnages mythologiques de l'ancienne Égypte, d'après les monuments* (1823), by Léon-Jean-Joseph Dubois, engraver, antiquarian, conservator, and restorer of antiquities.

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HOT-HERMES IS A GENERIC NAME, as is Enoch (Enoïchion, the “inner, spiritual eye”), *Nebo*, the prophet and seer, etc. It is not the proper name of any one living man, but a generic title of many adepts. Their connection in symbolic allegories with the serpent is due to their enlightenment by the solar and planetary gods during the earliest intellectual Race, the Third. They are all the representative patrons of the Secret Wisdom. Asclēpios is the son of the Sun-god Apollo — and he is Mercury; Nebo is the son of Bel-Merodach; Vaivasvata Manu, the great Rishi, is the son of Vivasvat — the Sun or Sūrya, etc., etc. And while, astronomically, the Nāgas along with the Rishis, the Gandharvas, Apsarasas, Grāmanīs (or Yakshas, minor gods) Yātudhānas and Devas, are the Sun’s attendants throughout the twelve solar months; in Theogony, and also in anthropological evolution, they are gods and men — when incarnated in the *nether* world. Let the reader be reminded, in this connection, of the fact that Apollonius met in Kashmīr Buddhist *Nāgas* — which are neither serpents zoologically, nor yet the *Nāgas* ethnologically, but “wise men.”

The Bible, from *Genesis* to *Revelation*, is but a series of historical records of the great struggle between white and black Magic, between the Adepts of the right path, the Prophets, and those of the left, the Levites, the clergy of the brutal masses. Even the students of Occultism, though some of them have more archaic MSS. and direct teaching to rely upon, find it difficult to draw a line of demarcation between the *Sōdales* of the Right Path and those of the Left. The great schism that arose between the sons of the Fourth Race, as soon as the first Temples and Halls of Initiation had been erected under the guidance of “the Sons of God,” is allegorized in the Sons of Jacob. That there were two schools of Magic, and that the orthodox Levites did not belong to the *holy* one, is shown in the words pronounced by the dying Jacob.¹

No Theologian, any more than an Orientalist, can ever understand the genealogies of the Prajāpatis, the Manus, and the Rishis, nor the direct connection of these — or their correlation rather — with the Gods, unless he has the key to the old primitive Cosmogony and Theogony, which all the Nations originally had in common. All these gods and demi-gods are found reborn on earth, in various Kalpas and in as various characters; each, moreover, *having his Karma distinctly traced, and every effect assigned to its cause.*²



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 211; [cf. *Isis Unveiled*, I p. 555.]

² *ibid.*, II p. 248

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