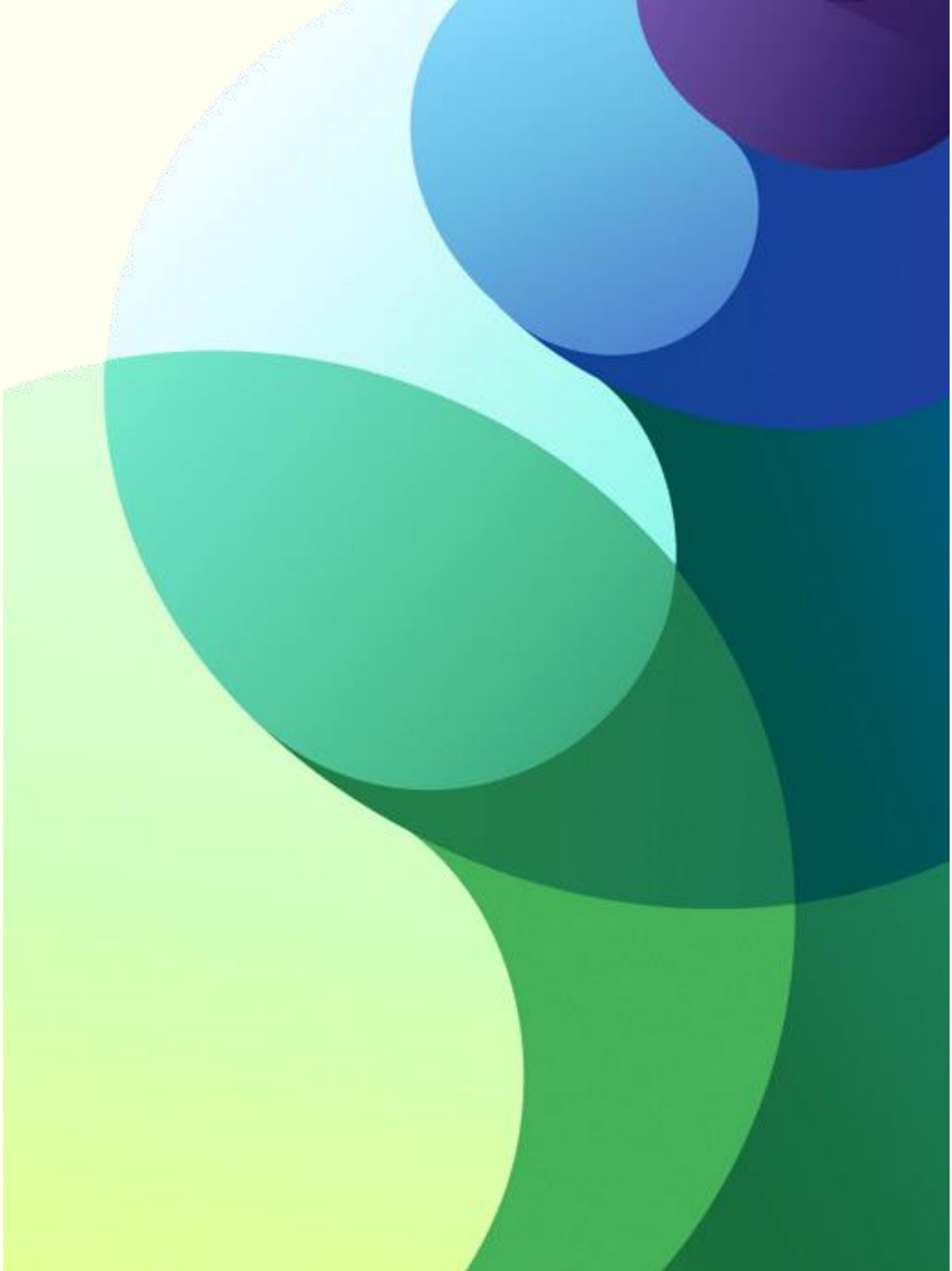
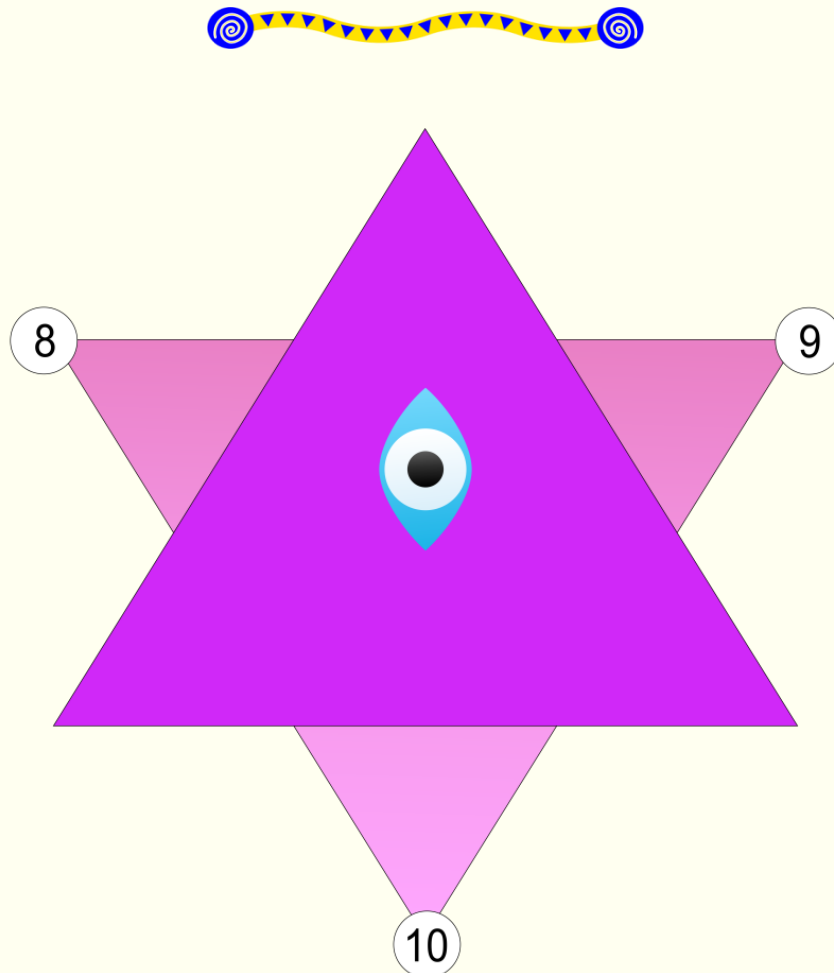


*When the Green  
is overcome with Azure*



**The stone (lower manas) is born of the spirit (higher manas) because it is altogether spiritual. That is how the lead (personality) is transformed into gold (pure spirit).**

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*The true, tenderest Violet (not a compound of Red and Blue) and its antipode (Red and Violet) in the world of illusion.*

## Madame Blavatsky deciphers alchemical writings.

[John Ransom Bridge, F.T.S., contributes an essay in defence of the Alchemists of the Middle Ages. He quotes from several alchemical writings, and certain symbolical expressions occurring in them call forth various comments from H.P. Blavatsky.]

Quoting from *Secrets Revealed: or an open entrance to the Shut Palace of the King*, etc., by Eirenæus Philalethes, London 1669, the following sentence is brought forward:

But if thou do proceed warily in this Regimen, thou shalt meet with these notable things: first thou shalt observe a certain citrine sweat to stand upon thy Body; and after that citrine vapour, then shall thy Body below be tintured of a violet colour, with an obscure purple intermixed. . . .

Would not “thy Body below be tintured of a violet colour” rather refer to the *Linga-śarīra* which corresponds to the violet colour as a compound of red (Kāma-rūpa) and indigo dark blue of the upper Manas — the “purple” becoming obscure, meaning simply the beginning of the purification of the lower Quaternary?

. . . thy matter shall convert itself into grains, as fine as the atoms of Sol, and the colour will be the highest red imaginable which for its transcendent redness will show Blackish . . .

The transcendent red or golden orange of the Sun. This must not be confused with the scarlet Kāma-rūpan *redness*. Have in mind the colour of the Yogi-robcs, the colour of which is symbolical of the sun of life and of human lifeblood.



Referring to the Soul and Body of man, the following words are quoted from the *Clavis Alchymicæ* of Artepheus:

. . . when they arise or ascend, they are born or brought forth in the Air or Spirit, and in the same they are changed, and made Life with Life, so that they can never be separated, but are as water mixed with water. And therefore it is wisely said, that the Stone is born of the Spirit, because it is altogether spiritual.

That is to say, the “Soul [*Manas*] and Body of Man” (Body standing for the *astral* man) assimilate Spirit (*Buddhi*); are made “Life with Life” (or merge into the ONE LIFE). In other words the mysterious process of the transformation of lead (personality) into gold (pure, homogeneous Spirit) is here meant. Verily the *Stone* is born of the Spirit.



Later, a number of passages are quoted from Eirenæus Philalethes’ a *Commentary* on Sir George Ripley’s *The compound of alchymy. Or The ancient hidden art of archemie containing the right & perfectest meanes to make the philosophers stone, aurum potabile, with other excellent experiments, 1571.*<sup>2</sup>

. . . praises of the Lord . . .

By “Lord” the HIGHER SELF is here meant — “that SELF which is the Redeemer of man” whether it be called Christos or Krishna.

. . . the Quadrangle is reduced to a Circle . . .

The four elements of nature are seen running into each other, so that they constitute a circle.

. . . this Philosophical Vine (thysself still) doth seem to flower, and to bring forth green clusters . . .

This “philosophical Vine” is the *lower Manas* merged at last and reunited to its higher Alter Ego, when it begins to bring forth the green clusters of the “true Vine” for the Husbandman, the “Father” or Higher Self (*Ātma-Buddhi*);<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [By William Salmon, 1692]

<sup>2</sup> [This is Eirenæus Philalethes’ work entitled *A Breviary of Alchymy: or a Commentary upon Ser G. Ripley’s Recapitulation*, 1678, 8vo. — *Boris de Zirkoff*.]

<sup>3</sup> See *John* xv.

Thy Stone (thysself) hath already passed through many hazards, and yet the danger is not quite over . . .

This “danger” comes from the *Antahkarana*, the bridge of communication between the Personality and the individuality not being yet destroyed.<sup>1</sup>

. . . this green will be overcome with azure; and that by the pale wan colour, which will at length come to a Citrine; which . . . will endure for the space of forty-six days . . .

The green of the *lower* Manas, the Animal Soul, will be “overcome with azure” or the reflection of the *Higher* (which is *Indigo*), into their *aura* which is blue, when pure.

The cycle of the 46 Fires, the period between death and new rebirth, in *Devachan*.<sup>2</sup> The cycle of the 49 Fires is [also] the period between two manvantaras. The members of the E.S.<sup>3</sup> will understand it better than the F.T.S.<sup>4</sup>

Then shall the Heavenly Fire descend . . . our Sol shall sit in the South, shining with redness incomparable . . .

The HIGHER SELF will shed its radiance on the heart (the chamber of Brahmā) of even the still living Man.

. . . our King . . . hath passed from death to Life, and possesseth the keys of both death and hell . . .

From the death in *matter* into the Life in *Spirit*.

Man becomes a CHRISTOS, the Master and custodian of “death and hell,” *i.e.*, of Earth, Matter and of the physical body of Senses.

. . . then are the elements joined . . .

All the “Principles” in Man merge into *one* “Principle” — Ātma-Buddhi, the grosser terrestrial elements of the lower body being of course destroyed.

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<sup>1</sup> Vide *Vākya Sudhā*, the Philosophy of Subject and Object, page 3, 1<sup>st</sup> note, in *Raja Yoga*, Practical Metaphysics of the Vedanta. [Cf. “Woe for the living Dead,” in the same Series. — ED. PHIL.]

<sup>2</sup> [*Devachan* is a Tibetan word; when transliterated from Tibetan characters, it would be *bde-ba-chan*, meaning a sphere or realm or state of unalloyed happiness. It is a term analogous to the Sanskrit word *Sukhāvati*. The Sanskrit word *deva* does not enter into the composition of this Tibetan term. — *Boris de Zirkoff*.]

<sup>3</sup> [Esoteric Section]

<sup>4</sup> [Fellow of the Theosophical Society]

This is a notable step, from Hell to Heaven.

It is hardly necessary to render this more clearly. With the ancient Mystics and even the modern Occultists, the physical body was ever called, “the grave” and the “Hell,” while the Spiritual man was referred to as the Heavenly Power, etc.

. . . the necessity of alternate action upon natural Bodies . . . they must be . . . prospered and saddened, in order to be made pliable and yielding . . . all of which must be done with one Fire . . .

Man rises to glory through suffering in order to be made “pliable and yielding,” or impervious to the emotions and feelings of his physical senses.

This “Fire” is that of *Ālaya*, the “World-Soul,” the essence of which is LOVE, *i.e.*, homogeneous Sympathy, which is Harmony, or the “Music of the Spheres.”<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> See *The Voice of the Silence*, III<sup>rd</sup> Treatise, page 69. [Students to consult [The Voice of the Silence: Crown of Ethics for Disciples](#). — ED. PHIL.]



# Live in the Ideal, fix your mind on the Master within.

Inspired by "E.S. Instruction No. IV," *H.P. Blavatsky Collected Writings*, Vol. XII, p. 671 & fn.

## Gemstone Inner Constitution of Man Symbolism

	Ineffable	
<i>Flanked by:</i>		
Crystal-clear Quartz, with iridescent yellow-green tint	Atman	Immortal upper triad, The Divine Self.
Yellow Chalcedony	Buddhi	
Indigo (Lapis Lazuli)	Manas, Higher	Link between impersonal and personal Manas, the former being the Reincarnating Ego, or true individuality.
Citrine Quartz <sup>1</sup>	Antahkarana	
Emerald Green	Manas, Lower	
Rose Quartz		False individuality of the common man, same as Selfishness.
Pink Quartz		ros-E about to revert to E-ros.  Spiritual aspirations and dreams of noble ideas, <i>i.e.</i> , glimpses into the eternal.

## Outer Constitution of Man

*Tied with a spindle of yellow-green Agate:*

Latent duality of spirit-matter made a living trinity by Fohat, the latter being symbolised by the red cord.

*Two opposing quartets of Millefiori beads, ending in the sweet scents of earthly life:*

Lower tetrad, overshadowed by the Divine Self. This is the human condition, largely Māyā and Avidyā.

1. Red beads + Green Jade

Descending Consciousness, or Path of Action, Egoism.

2. Blue beads + Yellow Jade

Ascending Consciousness, or Path of Renunciation, Altruism.

<sup>1</sup> Two shallow cones joined by their base.



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### **On the soul of the spiritual man lit by its own light.**

Insights to our divine ancestry and human nature may be gleaned from the following titles in the same series:

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- FROM THE STRONGHOLD OF YOUR SOUL, CHASE ALL YOUR FOES AWAY
- HAIR IS THE RETAINER OF PRANA
- IN DEEP SLEEP WE DREAM NO MORE AND CONFABULATE WITH THE STARS
- IS SUICIDE A CRIME
- JUDGE ON THE INNER CONSTITUTION OF MAN
- JUDGE ON THE OCCULT NATURE OF MAN
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- LIFE IS AN INDESTRUCTIBLE UNIVERSAL FORCE
- LOW BUFFOONERY AND MOCKING LAUGHS
- LYMPH IS A MASQUE FOR NYMPH
- NEED OF A SPIRITUAL VOCABULARY
- NO NEED FOR EXPENSIVE FUNERALS
- NOUS AUGOEIDES OF THE NEOPLATONISTS
- NOUS MOVES MAN
- OEDIPUS AND SPHINX UNRIDDED
- OSIRIS AND TYPHON, HIGHER TRIAD AND LOWER TETRAD
- PLATO ON THE APPLE OF THE EYE
- PLATO'S TWO HORSES
- PLUTARCH COMFORTS APOLLONIUS
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- PLUTARCH ON PLATO'S PROCREATION OF THE SOUL
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