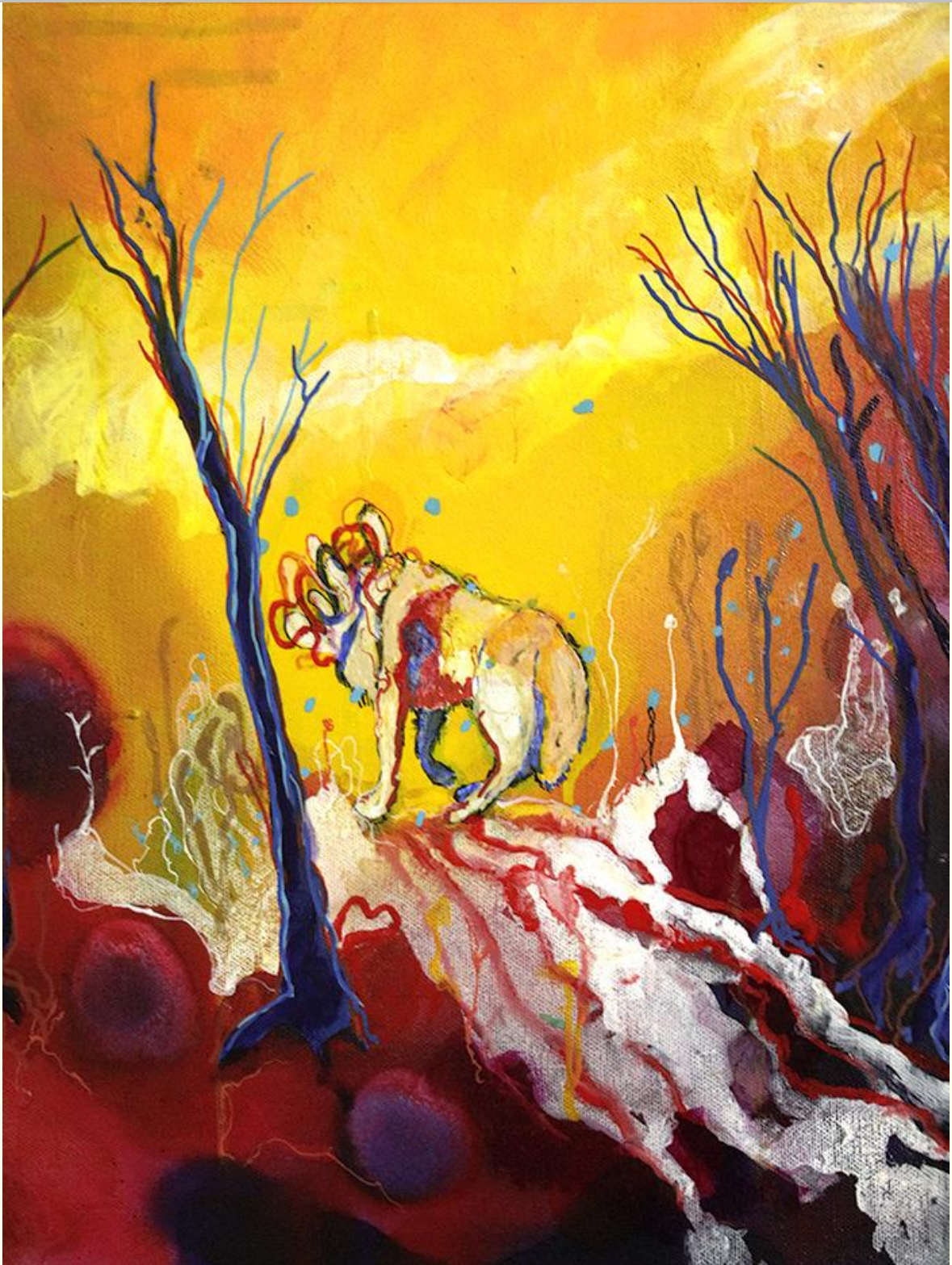


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The first four Root-Races



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First Race man had neither type nor colour and hardly an objective, though colossal, form. 17

The first two races were too ethereal, too phantom-like in their constitution, organism, and shape, even to be called physical men. That is why their relics can never be expected to be exhumed among other prehistoric fossils. 17

Man is the storehouse of all seeds of life for this Round, vegetable and animal alike, a veritable Noah's Ark. 18

4. Cognition and speech.

The First Race was speechless because it was mindless. 19

5. Demise and death.

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The First Race disappeared into the Second without either begetting it or procreating it. Why? Because the human womb, which is a copy and reflection of the Heavenly Matrix, had not been prepared. 20

When the Second Race matured, "old waters were mixed with fresher waters." 21

Death, as we know it, came only after man had become an objective, physical creature. 22

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The first two races, being spiritual, had nought to do with climate nor were they subservient to any temperature or change therein. 23

2. Asexual form "budded" from a sexless shadow.

"If thou would'st understand the Secondary [Creation, so-called], Oh Lanoo, thou should'st first study its relation to the Primary." 24

The astral form clothing the Monad was surrounded, as it still is, by an egg-shaped aura that corresponds to the substance of the ovum or germ-cell. 25

The mistaken theories of monogenesis and the belief in the descent of man from the mammals, instead of the reverse, are fatal to the completeness of evolution as taught in modern schools along Darwinian lines. 25

Even the marsupials of the Triassic rocks of the Secondary Period are post-human. 26

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There is a Wondrous Being, the ever-living Human Banyan, whose duty is to rear, nurse, and guide the tottering steps of renascent human races, after their periodical awakening from "obscuration." 35

He descended from a high region in the early part of the Third Age, before the separation of the sexes of the Third Root-Race. 36

He is now sitting at the threshold of Light, looking into it from within the circle of Darkness, which He will not cross. 36

Then the Watcher descended on earth and reigned over men.

Under the silent guidance of this Wondrous Being, the pupils of the incarnated Rishis and Devas of the Third Root-Race handed their knowledge from one generation to another. 38

The Dhyani-Buddhas in charge of the two higher groups, the "Watchers" or "Architects," reigned on earth during the Satya-Yuga and up to the beginning of the Third Root-Race. Then after, the incarnated Dhyanis of a lower order, Patriarchs, Heroes, Manes up to King Menes and, finally, the human kings of other nations took over. 38

Earth and Man are the products of three fires, the Electric, the Solar, and the fire produced by friction. 39

Asuras, Kumaras, Manus, Pitris, Prajapatis, and Rishis, are generic names of the "Flames," Sons of Passive Yoga. 40

Led by that Wondrous Being, a group of such half-divine half-human beings incarnated personally into the senseless shells of the Third Root-Race men and found themselves reborn over and over again. 41

Crowning Achievement of the Great Sacrifice.

The evolution of Spirit through matter could never have been achieved, nor would it have received its first impulse, had not the Bright Spirits sacrificed their super-ethereal essence to animate the man of clay, by endowing each of his inner principles with a reflection of their essence. 42

The seven names of the first seven Logoic Emanations or Flames, Sons of Fire, hold the key to the "Word" that is neither word, nor the tetragrammaton of the Jews that was invented to mislead the profane. 42

Axis mundi is about to cross the horizon.

In the third stage of Anthropogenesis, the cross remains within the circle. 44

The Third and Fourth Races are symbolised by the Puranic Venus. 44

Yama is a personification of the Third Root-Race. 44

He is the first man that died, and the first that departed to the heaven of bliss. 44

Twins Yama-Yami live in a palace of copper and iron, green and red. They stand for dual Manas. 45

In the Puranas, Yama has many wives who force him to dwell in the lower world, this earth. He is a Spirit in exile. 45

Hermes Anubis, represented with an animal head, reveals to the souls of the dead the mysteries of the lower world. 45

During the birth process of the early Third Root-Race the cross fell off the circle and became phallic when those men who, being still mindless, imitated the animals and thus degraded themselves. The uncircled cross also stands for the dual meaning of sexes. 46

Thoth alone remains changeless from the first to the last Divine Dynasty. He is the god of wisdom and has authority over all other gods. He is the recorder and judge. He is the Master of Cynocephalus, the dog-headed ape who stood in Egypt as a living symbol and remembrance of the Third Root-Race. 46

The first Three Races were Divine Dynasties, superhuman Celestial Spirits, Titans and Kings, born one from the other mentally in Bharata-Varsha (India), land of divine knowledge and initiation. 46

They informed the mind of animal men of the middle and late Third Race, during the present (Fourth) Round, in seven stages. 47

Evolution of complexion and types.

Early Third Race men were the Titans of the Secondary Age. 48

They were the real Sons of God on earth, a Holy Race: 49

They were four-armed hermaphrodites with a third eye at the back of the head. 49

The transference of the pineal gland, once the "third eye," to the forehead is by exoteric, artistic licence. 51

That Holy Race consisted of men who, at their zenith, were described as "towering giants of godly strength and beauty, and the depositaries of all the mysteries of Heaven and Earth." 51

They lived in Hedone-Eden, the Paradesha of the first Sanskrit-speaking people. 52

Today, the only pure and direct descendants of the Third Race are the "fallen" and degenerated Australians, whose far-distant ancestors belonged to its seventh subrace. 52

Like the Khoikhoi of South-western Africa, the Malays and Papuans are mixed stock, resulting from the intermarriages of low Atlantean subraces with the seventh subrace of the Third Root-Race. Thus they are of indirect Lemuro-Atlantean descent. 53

Holy procreation about to turn into animal gratification, celestial fire into terrestrial.

The generative force, spiritual at the beginning, turned material on the physical plane. Our present mode of procreation began towards the end of the third Root-Race. 54

The followers of the Lesser Mysteries were allowed to perceive things only through a mist, as it were, "with eyes closed." But the Initiates or Seers of the Greater Mysteries, "those who see things unveiled," were taught the true Mysteries of the Zodiac, and the relations and correspondences between its twelve constellations and the ten orifices of the human body. 54

The difference in the number of orifices between man and woman is merely exoteric. 55

The connection between Zodiac and orifices stems from the power of mental procreation that was coeval with the Third Race. 55

The third and last semi-spiritual, sexless race was also the last vehicle of the divine, innate Wisdom of its Enochs and Seers. The union of Wisdom and Intelligence, the former ruling the latter, is called in the Hermetic texts "the God possessing the double fecundity of the two sexes." 56

The mystery of inactive and active, separating and separated androgynes will now be explained. 56

Third Race men began separating in their prenatal shells or eggs, and issuing out of them as distinct male and female babies. 57

Separation of the sexes begun.

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Quick definitions

Impulses of Monadic Consciousness proceed spirally, in curves that never re-enter into themselves but ever ascend to higher planes,¹ in a seven-fold pattern along a chain of seven man-bearing Globes (Planets or Spheres), re-visiting each one seven times.

Seven Monadic passages through Planet Earth complete a Globe Round. Each terrestrial passage gives rise to a new Root-Race of humanity, commencing with the Ethereal and ending up with the Spiritual on parallel lines of physical and moral evolution.² The bulk of present day humanity, scattered on the face of the globe, belongs to the Fifth Root-Race.

Globe Rounds evolve the Divine Monad spiritually; Planetary Rounds, physically and psychically.

A Planetary Round or Ring is a single circuit of the Divine Monad through Seven Globes. Each round evolves nascent material nature³ through the successive development of seven Occult Elements, Fire, Air, Water, Earth, so far,⁴ by repeating on a higher scale the evolutionary work of the preceding round.⁵

The Secret Doctrine focuses narrowly on the current, Fourth Round, of our Earth's minor manvantara. It is not concerned with other planets, except incidentally.⁶

Note to students

Two compilations on the "Planetary Rounds of the Divine Monad," in our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series, are complementary to the subject matter and should be studied immediately after.

Wider and more complex relations of the Doctrine of Globe Rounds with other Doctrines will be examined in future studies.

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¹ Cf. *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (THE STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE) XI p. 151

² Cf. *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 160

³ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 231

⁴ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 252

⁵ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 187

⁶ Cf. *ibid.*, I p. 160

First Root-Race: The Shadows

1. Man's dual origin and birth.

On the parentless birth of the Great Orphan.

From the bright “mind-born Sons of Brahmā,” the Rishis, and from Adam-Kadmon with his Emanations, the Sephīrōth, down to the “parentless,” the Anupapādaka, or the Dhyāni-Buddhas, from whom sprang the Bodhisattvas and Mānushya-Buddhas, the earthly Initiates — men — the first race of men was with every nation held as being born without father or mother. Man, the “Mānushya-Buddha,” the Manu, the “Enosh,” son of Seth, or the “Son of Man” as he is called — is born in the present way only as the consequence, the unavoidable fatality, of the law of natural evolution. Mankind — having reached the last limit, and that turning point where its spiritual nature had to make room for mere physical organization — had to “fall into matter” and generation.¹

Occultism affirms two births: a Spiritual, manifested through the potency inherent in unborn, unconditioned noetic essence; and a material evolution of discrete, physical elements.

There are students, however, who have long ago understood the philosophical meaning underlying the allegory — so tortured and disfigured by the Roman Church — of the *Fallen*² Angels. “The kingdom of spirits and spiritual action which flows from and is the product of spirit volition, is outside and contrasted with and in contradiction to the Kingdom of [divine] Souls and divine action.”³ As said in the text of the *Commentary*, xiv:

Like produces like and no more at the genesis of being, and evolution with its limited conditioned laws comes later. The Self-Existent⁴ are called CREATIONS, for they appear in the Spirit Ray, manifested through the potency inherent in its UNBORN Nature, which is beyond time and [limited or conditioned] Space. Terrene products, animate and inanimate, including mankind, are falsely called creation and creatures: they are the development [evolution] of the discrete elements.

¹ Blavatsky *Collected Writings*, (TRACES OF THE MYSTERIES) XIV pp. 289-90; [see Appendix D on the “fall” of man.]

² [i.e., chyuta. Cf. “Achyuta is an almost untranslatable term. It means that which is not subject to fall or change for the worse: the *Unfalling*; and it is the reverse of *chyuta*, ‘the Fallen.’ The Dhyānis who incarnate in the human forms of the *Third Root-Race* and endow them with intellect (Manas) are called the *chyuta*, for they fall into generation.” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 47 fn.; on Stanza I.4a.]

³ *New Aspects of Life and Religion*

⁴ Angelic, Spiritual Essences, immortal in their being because unconditioned in Eternity; periodical and conditioned in their Manvantaric manifestations.

And again:

The Heavenly rūpa [Dhyāni-Chohan] creates [man] in his own form; it is a spiritual ideation consequent on the first differentiation and awakening of the universal [manifested] Substance; that form is the ideal shadow of Itself; and this is THE MAN OF THE FIRST RACE.

Higher Angels (Solar Pitris) were commanded to create, to imbue primordial matter with evolutionary impulse, and to guide its formative powers in the fashioning of its productions. It is said that they “rebelled.”

To express it in still clearer form, limiting the explanation to this earth only, it was the duty of the first “differentiated Egos” — the Church calls them Archangels — to imbue primordial matter with the evolutionary impulse and guide its formative powers in the fashioning of its productions. This it is which is referred to in the sentences both in the Eastern and Western tradition — “the Angels were *commanded to create.*” After the Earth had been made ready by the *lower* and more material powers, and its three Kingdoms fairly started on their way to be “fruitful and multiply,” the higher powers, the Archangels or Dhyānis, were compelled by the evolutionary Law to descend on Earth, in order to construct the crown of its evolution — MAN. Thus the “Self-created” and the “Self-existent” projected their pale shadows; but group the Third, the Fire-Angels, *rebelled and refused* to join their Fellow Devas.

But there were no “rebels” as such: the Higher Angels would not create irresponsible men, nor could they endow human beings with only temporary reflections of their own attributes, as the “Obedient” Angels did at first: for, even though the latter belonged to another and much higher plane of consciousness, they would leave men still irresponsible and hence interfere with any possibility of higher progress.

Hindu exotericism represents them all as *Yogīns*, whose piety inspired them to refuse *creating*, as they desired to remain eternally *Kumāras*, “Virgin Youths,” in order to, if possible, anticipate their fellows in progress towards Nirvāna — the final liberation. But, agreeably to esoteric interpretation, it was a self-sacrifice for the benefit of mankind. The “Rebels” would not create will-less irresponsible men, as the “obedient” angels did; nor could they endow human beings with only the temporary reflections of their own attributes; for even the latter, belonging to another and a so much higher plane of consciousness, would leave man still irresponsible, hence interfere with any possibility of a higher progress. No spiritual and psychic evolution is possible on earth — the lowest and most material plane — for one who on that plane, at all events, is inherently *perfect* and cannot accumulate either merit or demerit. Man remaining the pale shadow of the inert, immutable, and motionless perfection, the one negative and passive attribute of the real *I am that I am*,¹ would have been doomed to pass through life on earth as in a heavy dreamless sleep; hence a failure on this plane. The Beings, or the Being, collectively called Elōhīm, who first (if ever) pronounced the cruel words, “Behold, the man is become *as one of us*, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat

¹ [Look up “Bestride the Bird of Life” in our Secret Doctrine’s First Proposition Series. — ED. PHIL.]

and live forever . . . ”¹ must have been indeed the Ialdabaōth, the *Demiurge* of the Nazarenes, filled with rage and envy against his own creature, whose reflection created *Ophiomorphos*.

Satan, the Serpent of Genesis and favourite scapegoat of the Churches, is none other than Loving Lucifer and Harbinger of No-etic Light. He is our real father, benefactor, and true angel.

In this case it is but natural — even from the dead-letter standpoint — to view *Satan*, the Serpent of *Genesis*, as the real creator and benefactor, the Father of Spiritual mankind. For it is he who was the “Harbinger of Light,” bright radiant Lucifer, who opened the eyes of the automaton *created* by Jehovah, as alleged; and he who was the first to whisper: “in the day ye eat thereof ye shall be as Elōhīm, knowing good and evil” — can only be regarded in the light of a Saviour. An “adversary” to Jehovah the “*personating spirit*,” he still remains in esoteric truth the ever-loving “Messenger” (the angel), the Seraphim and Cherubim who both *knew* well, and *loved* still more, and who conferred on us spiritual, instead of physical immortality — the latter a kind of *static* immortality that would have transformed man into an undying “Wandering Jew.”²

First Race men were simply images, the astral doubles of their Lunar Pitris or Fathers.

. . . who were the pioneers, or the most progressed Entities from a preceding though *lower* sphere, the shell of which is now our Moon. But even this shell is all-potential, for, having generated the Earth, it is the *phantom* of the Moon which, attracted by magnetic affinity, sought to form its first inhabitants, the pre-human monsters (*vide supra*, Stanza II). To assure himself of this, the student has again to turn to the Chaldean Fragments, and read what Berosus says. Berosus obtained his information, he tells us, from *Ea*, the male-female deity of Wisdom. While the gods were generated in its androgynous bosom (Svabhāva, Mother-space) its (the Wisdom’s) reflections became on Earth the woman Omoroka, who is the Chaldean Thalath, or the Greek Thalassa, the Deep or the Sea, which esoterically and even exoterically is *the Moon*. It was the Moon (Omoroka) who presided over the monstrous creation of nondescript beings which were slain by the Dhyānis.³

Lunar Pitris were also the evolvers of the Second Race.

The first Root-Race, *i.e.*, the first “men” on earth (irrespective of form) were the progeny of the “celestial men,” called rightly in Indian philosophy the “Lunar Ancestors” or the Pitris, of which there are seven classes or Hierarchies.⁴

These (divinities) are simply the prototypes of the First Race, the fathers of their “mind-born” progeny with the *soft* bones. It is these who became the *Evolvers* of the “Sweat-born” — an expression explained in Volume II.

¹ [*Genesis* iii, 22]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 242-43

³ Sayce, *Hibbert Lectures*, 1887, pp. 370 *et. seq.*; also Part II, section xvi, “Adam-Adami”

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 160

“Created beings,” explains *Vishnu-Purāna*,¹ “although they are destroyed [in their individual forms] at the periods of dissolution, yet being affected by the good or evil acts of former *existence*, are never exempted from their consequences; and when Brahmā creates the world anew, they are the progeny of his will . . . *Collecting his mind into itself* [*Yoga-willing*], Brahmā creates the four orders of beings, termed gods, demons, *progenitors*, and MEN” — “progenitors” meaning the prototypes and Evolvers of the first Root-Race of men. The progenitors are the Pitris, and are of seven classes. They are said in *exoteric* mythology to be born of *Brahmā’s side*, like Eve from the rib of Adam.²

By the law of analogy and permutation, in the *Chaldean Book of Numbers*, as also in the “Books of Knowledge” and of “Wisdom,” the “seven primordial worlds” mean also the “seven primordial” races (sub-races of the First Root-Race of the *Shadows*);³ . . . *seven caves, seven cities*, etc., etc., stand in every case for the seven centres, or zones, upon which the seven primitive groups of the first Root-Race were born.⁴

First Race men gave their astral shadows as models in the Fourth Round. Eventually, when the human physical frame became sufficiently consolidated (in late Third Race), the Solar Pitris gave their intelligence.

But, it may be asked, what then is meant by the Pitris? They are Devas, lunar and solar, closely connected with human evolution, for the Lunar Pitris are they who gave their Chhāyās as the models of the First Race in the Fourth Round, while the Solar Pitris endowed mankind with intellect. Not only so, but these Lunar Devas passed through all the kingdoms of the terrestrial Chain in the First Round, and during the Second and Third Rounds “lead and represent the human element.”⁵

Why? Because though the “Obedient” Angels possessed the fire of physical procreation, they could only create or rather “clothe” the human monad with their own astral selves; they could not give men that sacred spark that burns and expands into the flower of human reason and self-consciousness, as they had it not to give.⁶

As to their fashioners or “Ancestors” — those Angels who, in the exoteric legends, obeyed the law — they must be identical with the Barhishad Pitris, or the Pitar-Devatās, *i.e.*, those *possessed of the physical creative fire*. They could only create, or rather clothe, the human Monads with their own astral Selves, but they could not make man in their image and likeness. “Man must not be like one of us,” say the *creative* gods, entrusted with the fabrication of the lower animal but higher.⁷ Their

¹ Bk. I, ch. v; Wilson, Vol. I, pp. 79-80

² *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 456 & *fn.*; [on the *Ūrdhvasrotas* creation, or that of divinities (*Vishnu-Purāna*, Bk. I, ch. i), and the sixth of seven primary (of Light or Spirit) and seven secondary (of Darkness or Matter) creations of the *Purānas*, *ibid.*, pp. 445-60]

³ *ibid.*, II p. 705; [commenting upon the destruction of the worlds in the *Zohar* and Kabbalistic treatises.]

⁴ *ibid.*, II p. 35 *fn.*; [commenting upon the *Sacred Mysteries among the Mayas and Quichés*, 11,5000 years ago.]

⁵ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (ELEMENTALS) VI p. 190

⁶ [For further analysis and the difference between Lunar and Solar Pitris, consult “Sons of the Fire-Mist,” in the same Series. — ED. PHIL.]

⁷ See *Genesis* and Plato’s *Timæus*.

creating the semblance of men out of their own divine Essence means, esoterically, that it is they who became the first Race, and thus shared its destiny and further evolution. They *would* not, simply because they *could* not, give to man that sacred spark which burns and expands into the flower of human reason and self-consciousness, for they had it not to give.¹ This was left to that class of Devas who became symbolized in Greece under the name of Prometheus, to those who had nought to do with the physical body, yet everything with the purely spiritual man.²

For they have descended from inferior, material worlds.

Says the Catechism (*Commentaries*):

It is from the material Worlds that descend they, who fashion physical man at the new Manvantaras.³ They are inferior Lhas [Spirits], possessed of a dual body [an astral within an ethereal form]. They are the fashioners and creators of our body of illusion. . . .

Into the forms projected by the Lhas [Pitris] the two letters⁴ [the Monad, called also the "Double Dragon"] descend from the spheres of expectation.⁵ But they are like a roof with no walls, nor pillars to rest upon.⁶

Man needs four flames and three fires to become one on Earth, and he requires the essence of the forty-nine fires⁷ to be perfect. It is those who have deserted the Superior Spheres, the Gods of Will,⁸ who complete the Manu of illusion. For the "Double Dragon" has no hold upon the mere form. It is like the breeze where there is no tree or branch to receive and harbour it. It cannot affect the form where there is no agent of transmission [Manas, "Mind"] and the form knows it not.


¹ [Cf. "The Moon being an inferior body to the Earth even, to say nothing of other planets, the terrestrial men produced by her sons — the lunar men or 'ancestors' — from her shell or body, cannot be immortal. They cannot hope to become real, self-conscious and intelligent men, unless they are *finished*, so to say, by other creators." *i.e.*, the Solar Pitris. *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 45]

² See Part II of this Volume, "The Fallen Angels," pp. 475 *et seq.*, and "The Gods of Light proceed from the Gods of Darkness," pp. 483 *et seq.* (*Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 94-95)

³ [*i.e.*, First Root-Race, Fourth Round on Globe D, our Earth.]

⁴ In the esoteric system the seven principles in man are represented by seven letters. The first two are *more* sacred than the four letters of the Tetragrammaton.

⁵ The intermediate spheres, wherein the Monads, which have not reached Nirvāna, are said to slumber in unconscious inactivity between the Manvantaras.

⁶ [*i.e.*, an abstract triangle without the supporting square below. Cf. , symbol of septenary Man or Saptaparna in "Keys to the Mystery Language," Theosophy and Theosophists Series. — ED. PHIL.]

⁷ Explained elsewhere. The "Three Fires," Pāvaka, Pavamāna, and Śuchi, who had forty-five sons, who, with their three fathers and their Father Agni, constitute the 49 fires. Pavamāna (fire produced by friction) is the parent of the *fire of the Asuras*; Śuchi (Solar fire) is the parent of the fire of the gods; and Pāvaka (electric fire) is the father of the fire of the *Pitris* (See *Vāyu-Purāna*.) But this is an explanation on the material and the terrestrial plane. The flames are evanescent and only periodical; the fires — eternal in their triple unity. They correspond to the *four* lower, and the *three* higher human principles.

⁸ The *Suras*, who become later the A-Suras.

In the highest worlds, the three are one,¹ on Earth [at first] the one becomes two. They are like the two [side] lines of a triangle that has lost its bottom line — which is the third fire. (Catechism, Bk. III, sec. 9.)²

Thus, each class of Creators endowed man with what it could give. This is the mystery of our dual origin and birth.

The one builds his external form; the other gives him its essence, which later on becomes the Human *Higher Self* owing to the *personal exertion of the individual*; but they could not make men as they were themselves — perfect, because sinless; sinless, because having only the first, pale shadowy outlines of attributes, and these all perfect — from the human standpoint — white, pure and cold as the virgin snow. Where there is no struggle, there is no merit. Humanity, “of the earth earthy,” was not destined to be created by the angels of the first divine Breath: therefore they are said to *have refused* to do so, and man had to be formed by more material creators,³ who, in their turn, could give only what they had in their own natures, and no more.

A pale copy of its Divine Progenitors was the First Race: too material, even in its ethereality, to be a hierarchy of gods; too spiritual and pure to be human as it was endowed with every negative perfection.

Subservient to eternal law, the pure gods could only project out of themselves *shadowy* men, a little less ethereal and spiritual, less *divine and perfect* than themselves — shadows still. The first humanity, therefore, was a pale copy of its progenitors; too material, even in its ethereality, to be a hierarchy of gods; too spiritual and pure to be MEN, endowed as it is with every *negative (Nirguna)* perfection. Perfection, to be fully such, must be born out of imperfection, the *incorruptible* must grow out of the corruptible, having the latter as its vehicle and basis and contrast. Absolute light is absolute darkness, and *vice versa*. In fact, there is neither light nor darkness in the realms of truth. Good and Evil are twins, the progeny of Space and Time, under the sway of Māyā. Separate them, by cutting off one from the other, and they will both die. Neither exists *per se*, since each has to be generated and created out of the other, in order to come into being; both must be known and appreciated before becoming objects of perception, hence, in mortal mind, they must be divided.⁴



¹ Ātma, Buddhi and Manas. In Devachan the higher element of the Manas is needed to make it a state of perception and consciousness for the disembodied *Monad*.

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 57; [on Stanza II.7a.]

³ In spite of all efforts to the contrary, Christian theology — having burdened itself with the Hebrew esoteric account of the creation of man, which is understood *literally* — cannot find any reasonable excuse for its “*God*, the Creator,” who produces a man devoid of mind and sense; nor can it justify the punishment following an act, for which Adam and Eve might plead *non compos*. For if the couple is admitted to be ignorant of good and evil before the eating of the forbidden fruit, how could it be expected to know that *disobedience was evil*? If primeval man was meant to remain a half-witted, or rather witless, being, then his creation was aimless and even *cruel*, if produced by an omnipotent and perfect God. But Adam and Eve are shown, even in *Genesis*, to be created by a class of lower divine Beings, the *Elōhūm*, who are so jealous of their personal prerogatives as reasonable and intelligent creatures, that they will not allow man to become “as one of us.” This is plain, even from the dead-letter meaning of the Bible. The Gnostics, then, were right in regarding the Jewish God as belonging to a class of lower, material and not very holy denizens of the invisible World.

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 95-96

2. Esoteric Symbology.

The First Root-Race is symbolised by Kandu; the Second, by Marisha.

Kandu is a sage and a Yogi,¹ eminent in holy wisdom and pious austerities, which, finally, awaken the jealousy of the gods, who are represented in the Hindu Scriptures as being in never-ending strife with the ascetics. Indra, the “King of the Gods,”² finally sends one of his female Apsarasas to tempt the sage. This is no worse than Jehovah sending Sarah, Abraham’s wife, to tempt Pharaoh; but in truth it is those gods (and god), who are ever trying to disturb ascetics and thus make them lose the fruit of their austerities, who ought to be regarded as “tempting demons,” instead of applying the term to the Rudras, Kumāras, and Asuras, whose great sanctity and chastity seem a standing reproach to the Don Juanic gods of the Pantheon. But it is the reverse that we find in all the Purānic allegories, and not without good esoteric reason.

The king of the gods (or Indra) sends a beautiful Apsarasa (nymph) named Pramlochā to seduce Kandu and disturb his penance. She succeeds in her unholy purpose and “907 years, six months and three days”³ spent in her company seem to the sage as one day. When this psychological or hypnotic state ends, the Muni curses bitterly the creature who seduced him, thus disturbing his devotions. “Depart, begone!” he cries, “vile bundle of delusion!” . . . And Pramlochā, terrified, flies away, *wiping the perspiration from her body* with the leaves of the trees as she passes through the air.

The nymph went from tree to tree, and, as, with the dusky shoots that crowned their summits, she dried her limbs . . . the child she had conceived by the Rishi came forth from the pores of her skin in drops of perspiration.⁴ The trees received the living dews; and the winds collected them into one mass. “This,” said Soma [the Moon], “I matured by my rays”; and gradually it increased in size, till the exhalation that had rested on the tree tops became the lovely girl named Mārishā.⁵

Now Kandu stands here for the *First Race*. He is a son of the Pitris, hence one *devoid of mind*, which is hinted at by his being unable to discern a period of nearly one thousand years from one day; therefore he is shown to be so easily deluded and blinded. Here is a variant of the allegory in *Genesis*, of Adam, born an image of clay,

¹ “A holy sage of the second root-race, a yogi, whom Pramlochā, a “nymph” sent by Indra for that purpose, beguiled, and lived with for several centuries. Finally, the Sage returning to his senses, repudiated and chased her away. Whereupon she gave birth to a daughter, Mārishā. The story is in an allegorical fable from the *Purānas*.” *Theosophical Glossary*: Kandu

² In the oldest MS. of *Vishnu-Purāna* in the possession of an Initiate in Southern India, the god is not Indra, but Kāma, the god of love and desire. See text further on.

³ These are the exoteric figures given in a purposely reversed and distorted way, being the figure of the duration of the cycle between the first and second human race. All Orientalists to the contrary, there is not a word in any of the *Purānas* that has not a special esoteric meaning.

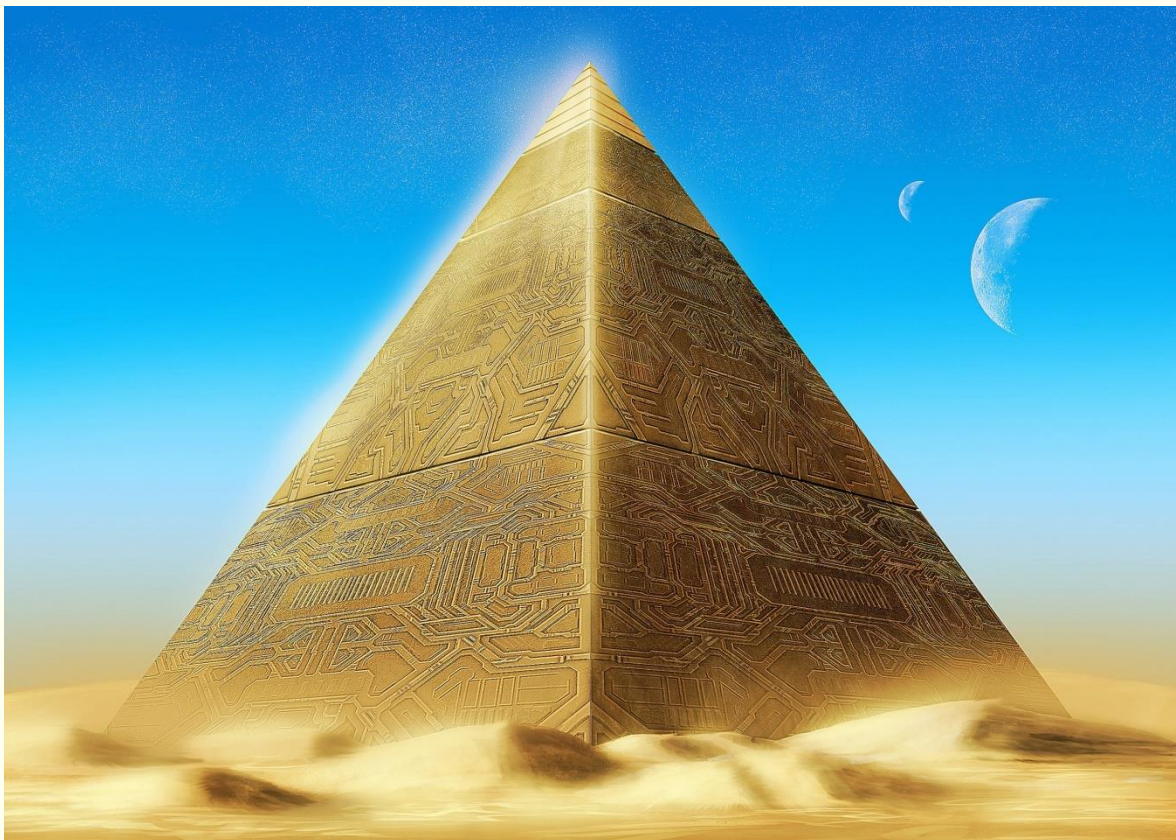
⁴ [Look up “Born from the pores of the skin” in the same Series. — ED. PHIL.]

⁵ *Vishnu-Purāna*, Bk. I, ch. xv; Wilson, Vol. II, p. 5. Cf. also Vivien’s temptation of Merlin (Tennyson), the same legend in Irish tradition.

into which the "Lord-god" breathes the *breath of life* but not of intellect and discrimination, which are developed only after he had tasted of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge; in other words when he has acquired the first development of Mind, and had implanted in him *Manas*, whose terrestrial aspect is of the earth, earthy, though its highest faculties connect it with Spirit and the *divine Soul*. Pramlochā is the Hindu Lilith of the Āryan Adam; and Mārishā, the daughter born of the perspiration from her pores, is the "sweat-born," and stands as a symbol for the Second Race of Mankind.¹

Its celestial origin is suggested by the apex of the pyramids in Egypt and elsewhere, the primordial point lost in the unseen universe above (or rather within) whence it started.

The apex [of the pyramids in Egypt] is lost in the clear blue sky of the land of the Pharaohs, and typifies the primordial point lost in the unseen universe from whence started the first race of the spiritual prototypes of man. Each mummy, from the moment that it was embalmed, lost its physical individuality in one sense; it symbolized the human race. Placed in such a way as was best calculated to aid the exit of the "soul," the latter had to pass through the seven planetary chambers before it made its exit through the symbolical apex.²



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 174-75

² *Isis Unveiled*, I pp. 296-97

3. Esoteric Ethnology.

First Race man had neither type nor colour and hardly an objective, though colossal, form.

Esotericism . . . does not take into consideration the First Race, which had neither type nor colour, and hardly an objective, though colossal form. The evolution of these races, their formation and development, went *pari passu* and on parallel lines with the evolution, formation, and development of three geological strata, from which the human complexion was as much derived as it was determined by the climates of those zones. It names three great divisions, namely, the RED-YELLOW, the BLACK, and the BROWN-WHITE.¹ The Āryan races, for instance, now varying from dark brown, almost black, red-brown-yellow, down to the whitest creamy colour, are yet all of one and the same stock — the Fifth Root-Race — and spring from one single progenitor, called in Hindu *exotericism* by the generic name of Vaivasvata Manu: the latter, remember, being that generic personage, the Sage, who is said to have lived over 18,000,000 years ago, and also 850,000 years ago — at the time of the sinking of the last remnants of the great continent of Atlantis,² and who is said to live even *now* in his mankind.³ The light yellow is the colour of the first SOLID human race, which appeared after the middle of the Third Root-Race (*after its fall* into generation — as just explained), bringing on the final changes. For, it is only at that period that the last transformation took place, which brought forth man as he is now, only on a magnified scale. This Race gave birth to the Fourth Race; “Śiva” gradually transforming that portion of Humanity which became “black with sin” into *red-yellow* (the red Indians and the Mongolians being the descendants of these) and finally into brown-white races — which now, together with the yellow Races, form the great bulk of Humanity. The allegory in *Linga-Purāna* is curious, as showing the great ethnological knowledge of the ancients.⁴

The first two races were too ethereal, too phantom-like in their constitution, organism, and shape, even to be called physical men. That is why their relics can never be expected to be exhumed among other prehistoric fossils.

But even such statements as these — *e.g.*, that of all the mammalians, man was the earliest; that it is man who is the indirect ancestor of the Ape; and that he was a kind of a Cyclops in days of old — will all be contested, yet, scientists will never be able to prove — except to their own satisfaction — that *it was not so*. Nor can they admit that the first two races of men were too ethereal and phantom-like in their

¹ “There are then,” says Topinard (English edition of *Anthropology*, with preface by Professor Broca), “THREE fundamental elements of colour in the human organism: namely, the *red*, the *yellow*, and the *black*, which, mixed in variable quantities with the white of the tissues, give rise to those numerous shades seen in the human family . . .” (p. 344) Here is science unintentionally supporting Occultism again.

² It must be remembered that the “last remnants” here spoken of, refer to those portions of the “great continent” which still remained, and not to any of the numerous islands which existed contemporaneously with the continent. Plato’s “island” was, for instance, one of such remnants; the others having sunk at various periods previously. An occult “tradition” teaches that such submersions occur whenever there is an eclipse of the “spiritual sun.”

³ See the remarks on the Root- and Seed-Manus *infra*, and the Section on “The Primeval Manus of Humanity.”

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 249-50; [on Stanza X.39b.]

constitution, organism, and *shape*, even to be called physical men. For, if they do, it will be found that this is one of the reasons why their relics can never be expected to be exhumed among other fossils. Nevertheless all this is maintained.

Man is the storehouse of all seeds of life for this Round, vegetable and animal alike, a veritable Noah's Ark.

It may be objected that this is a contradiction. That, as the first Root-Race appeared 300,000,000 years after the vegetation had evolved, the seed of vegetable life could not be in the First Race. We say it could; for up to man's appearance in *this* Round, the vegetation was of quite another kind than it is now, and quite ethereal, this for the simple reason that no grass or plants could have been physical, before there were animal or other organisms to breathe out the carbonic acid which vegetation has to imbibe for its development, its nutrition and growth. They are interdependent in their *physical* and achieved forms.¹



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 289-90 & fn.

4. Cognition and speech.

The First Race was speechless because it was mindless.

The *Commentaries* explain that the first Race — the ethereal or astral Sons of Yoga, also called “Self-born” — was, in our sense, speechless, as it was devoid of mind on our plane. The Second Race had a “Sound-language,” to wit, chant like sounds composed of vowels alone. The Third Race developed in the beginning a kind of language which was only a slight improvement on the various sounds in Nature, on the cry of gigantic insects and of the first animals, which, however, were hardly nascent in the day of the “Sweat-born” (the *early* Third Race). In its second half, when the “Sweat-born” gave birth to the “Egg-born,” (the *middle* Third Race); and when these, instead of “hatching out” (may the reader pardon the rather ridiculous expression when applied to human beings in our age) as androgynous beings, began to evolve into separate males and females; and when the same law of evolution led them to reproduce their kind sexually, an act which forced the creative gods, compelled by Karmic law, to incarnate in *mindless* men; then only was speech developed. But even then it was still no better than a tentative effort. The whole human race was at that time of “one language and of one lip.” This did not prevent the last two Sub-Races of the Third Race¹ from building cities, and sowing far and wide the first seeds of civilization under the guidance of their divine instructors,² and their own already awakened minds. Let the reader also bear in mind that, as each of the seven races is divided into four ages — the Golden, Silver, Bronze, and Iron Age — so is every smallest division of such races.³ Speech then developed, according to occult teaching, in the following order:

I. Monosyllabic speech; that of the first approximately fully developed human beings at the close of the Third Root-Race, the “golden-coloured,” yellow-complexioned men, after their separation into sexes, and the full awakening of their minds. Before that, they communicated through what would now be called “thought-transference,” though, with the exception of the Race called the “Sons of Will and Yoga” — the first in whom the “Sons of Wisdom” had incarnated — thought was but very little developed in nascent physical man, and never soared above a low terrestrial level. Their physical bodies belonging to the Earth, their Monads remained on a higher plane altogether. Language could not be well developed before the full acquisition and development of their reasoning faculties. This monosyllabic speech was the vowel parent, so to speak, of the monosyllabic languages mixed with hard consonants, still in use amongst the yellow races which are known to the anthropologist.⁴

¹ To avoid confusion, let the reader remember that the term Root-Race applies to one of the seven great Races, sub-Race to one of its great Branches, and Family-Race to one of the sub-divisions, which include nations and large tribes.

² In Stanza XII, on “The Fifth Race and its Divine Instructors,” the nature of these “Instructors” is explained.

³ See Section attached to the “Divisions into Yugas.” [Vol. II, pp. 69-70]

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 198-99. The present yellow races are the descendants, however, of the early branches of the Fourth Race. Of the third, the only *pure and direct* descendants are, as said above, a portion of the fallen and degenerated Australians, whose far distant ancestors belonged to a division of the seventh Sub-race of the Third. The rest are of mixed Lemuro-Atlantean descent. They have since then entirely changed in stature and intellectual capacities.

5. Demise and death.

First Race men, being mere shadows of their Lunar Progenitors, could not be injured or destroyed by death. But their sons, the Second Race, could be and were so destroyed.

Stanza VI.23. THE SELF-BORN WERE THE CHHĀYĀS: THE SHADOWS FROM THE BODIES OF THE SONS OF TWILIGHT. NEITHER WATER NOR FIRE COULD DESTROY THEM. THEIR SON'S WERE (*so destroyed*).

This verse cannot be understood without the help of the *Commentaries*. It means that the First Root-Race, the “Shadows” of the Progenitors, could not be injured, or destroyed by death. Being so ethereal and so little human in constitution, they could not be affected by any element — flood or fire. But their “Sons,” the Second Root-Race, could be and were so destroyed. As the “progenitors” merged wholly in their own astral bodies, which were their progeny, so that progeny was absorbed in its descendants, the “Sweat-born.” These were the second Humanity — composed of the most heterogeneous gigantic semi-human monsters — the first attempts of material nature at building human bodies. The ever-blooming lands of the Second Continent (Greenland, among others) were transformed, in order, from Edens with their eternal spring, into hyperborean Hadēs. This transformation was due to the displacement of the great waters of the globe, to oceans changing their beds; and the bulk of the Second Race perished in this first great throes of the evolution and consolidation of the globe during the human period. Of such great cataclysms there have already been four.¹ And we may expect a fifth for ourselves in due course of time.²

The First Race disappeared into the Second without either begetting it or procreating it. Why? Because the human womb, which is a copy and reflection of the Heavenly Matrix, had not been prepared.

Worlds and men were in turn formed and destroyed, *under the law of evolution and from pre-existing material*, until both the planets and their men, in our case our Earth and its animal and human races, became what they are now in the present cycle: opposite polar forces, an equilibrated compound of Spirit and Matter, of the positive and the negative, of the male and the female. Before man could become male and female *physically*, his prototype, the creating Elōhīm, had to arrange his Form on this sexual plane *astrally*. That is to say, the atoms and the organic forces, descending into the plane of the given differentiation, had to be marshalled in the order intended by Nature, so as to be ever carrying out, in an immaculate way, that law which the *Kabbalah* calls the *Balance*, through which everything that exists does so as male and female in its final perfection, in this present stage of materiality. *Hokhmāh*, Wisdom, the Male Sephīrōth, had to diffuse itself *in*, and *through*, *Bīnāh*, intelligent Nature, or Understanding. Therefore the First Root-Race of men, sexless and mindless, had to be overthrown and “hidden until after a time”; *i.e.*, the first race, instead of dying, disappeared *in the second race*, as certain lower lives and

¹ The first occurred when what is now the North Pole was separated from the later Continents.

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 138

plants do in their progeny. It was a wholesale transformation. The First became the Second Root-Race, without either begetting it, procreating it, or dying. “*They passed by together,*” as it is written: ‘And he died and another reigned in his stead.’”¹ Why? Because “the *Holy City* had not been prepared.” And what is the “Holy City”? The *Māqōm* (the *Secret Place* or the Shrine) on Earth: in other words, the human womb, the microcosmic copy and reflection of the *Heavenly Matrix*, the female space or primeval Chaos, in which the male Spirit fecundates the germ of the Son, or the visible Universe.²

Stanza V.20. THEIR FATHERS WERE THE SELF-BORN. THE SELF-BORN, THE CHHĀYĀ FROM THE BRILLIANT BODIES OF THE LORDS, THE FATHERS, THE SONS OF TWILIGHT.

The “shadows,” or *Chhāyās*, are called the sons of the “self-born,” as the latter name is applied to all the gods and Beings born through the WILL, whether of Deity or Adept. The *Homunculi*³ of Paracelsus would, perhaps, be also given this name, though the latter process is on a far more material plane. The name “Sons of Twilight” shows that the “Self-born” progenitors of our doctrine are identical with the Pitris of the Brāhmanical system, as the title is a reference to their mode of birth, these Pitris being stated to have issued from Brahmā’s “body of twilight,” as stated in the *Purānas*.

When the Second Race matured, “old waters were mixed with fresher waters.”

Stanza V.21. WHEN THE RACE BECAME OLD, THE OLD WATERS MIXED WITH THE FRESHER WATERS (a); WHEN THE DROPS BECAME TURBID, THEY VANISHED AND DISAPPEARED, IN THE NEW STREAM, IN THE HOT STREAM OF LIFE. THE OUTER OF THE FIRST BECAME THE INNER OF THE SECOND (b). THE OLD WING BECAME THE SHADOW, AND THE SHADOW OF THE WING (c).

(a) The old (primitive) Race merged in the second race, and became one with it.

(b) This is the mysterious process of transformation and evolution of mankind. The material of the first forms — shadowy, ethereal, and negative — was drawn or absorbed into, and thus became the complement of the forms of the Second Race. The *Commentary* explains this by saying that, as the First Race was simply composed of the astral shadows of the creative progenitors, having of course neither astral nor physical bodies of their own — this Race *never died*. Its “men” melted gradually away, becoming absorbed in the bodies of their own “sweat-born” progeny, more solid than their own. The old form vanished and was absorbed by, disappeared in, the new form, more human and physical. There was no death in those days of a period more blissful than the Golden Age; but the first, or parent material was used for the formation of the new being, to form the body and even the inner or *lower* principles or bodies of the progeny.

(c) When the shadow retires, *i.e.*, when the astral body becomes covered with more solid flesh, man develops a physical body. The “wing,” or the ethereal form that pro-

¹ *Genesis* xxvi, 31 *et seq.*

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 84

³ [Latin for “little humans”]

duced its shadow and image, became the shadow of the astral body and its own progeny. The expression is queer but original.¹

Death, as we know it, came only after man had become an objective, physical creature.

The men of the First Race and also of the Second . . . never died but only vanished, absorbed in their progeny, and the third knew death only towards its close, after the separation of the sexes and its “Fall” into generation.²

The First Race came to an end during the second subrace of the Third.

The First Root-Race shall come to an end during the second Sub-Race of the Third Root-Race, in the period of which time mankind will be safe; all this having no reference whatever to the biblical Deluge. Verse 10th speaks of the sixth week [sixth Sub-Race of the Third Root-Race] when

. . . all those who are in it shall be darkened, the hearts of all of them shall be forgetful of wisdom [the divine knowledge will be dying out], and in it shall a man ascend.³

For men had lost their balance.

When the men of the first race had reached the summit of the first cycle, they lost their balance, and their second envelope, the grosser clothing (astral body), dragged them down the opposite arc.⁴

Since the appearance of the First Race, the whole globe has been convulsed periodically, four times to date.

The esoteric *Commentary* . . . says that the three giants [Hesiod’s Briareus, Kottos, and Gygēs, living in a dark country where they were imprisoned by Kronos for their rebellion against him] are three polar lands which have changed form several times, at each new cataclysm, or disappearance of one continent to make room for another. The whole globe is convulsed periodically; and has been so convulsed, since the appearance of the First Race, four times. Yet, though the whole face of the earth was transformed thereby each time, the conformation of the arctic and Antarctic poles has but little altered. The polar lands unite and break off from each other into islands and peninsulas, yet remain ever the same. Therefore northern Asia is called the “eternal or perpetual land,” and the Antarctic the “ever living” and “the concealed”; while the Mediterranean, Atlantic, Pacific and other regions disappear and reappear in turn, into and above the great waters.⁵



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 120-21

² Cf. *ibid.*, II p. 609 & fn.

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings* (THE BOOK OF ENOCH, ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV p. 81; [interpreting esoterically Archbishop Laurence’s translation of *The Book of Enoch*, ch. xcii, 4-7]

⁴ *Isis Unveiled* I p. 299

⁵ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 776

Second Root-Race: The Sweat-Born

1. Man's physical frame developed.

Phoenicians were the Kingly or Second Divine Race.

The Phœnicians were *φοίνικες* 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 symbolism, though Enoch No. 1¹ had naught to do with it.²

The first two races, being spiritual, had nought to do with climate nor were they subservient to any temperature or change therein.

As stated in Volume I, the humanities developed co-ordinately, and on parallel lines with the four Elements, every new Race being physiologically adapted to meet the additional element. Our Fifth Race is rapidly approaching the Fifth Element — call it interstellar ether, if you will — which has more to do, however, with psychology than with physics. We men have learned to live in every climate, whether frigid or tropical, but the first two Races had nought to do with climate, nor were they subservient to any temperature or change therein. And thus, we are taught, men lived down to the close of the Third Root-Race, when eternal spring reigned over the whole globe, such as is now enjoyed by the inhabitants of Jupiter; a “world,” says Flammarion, “which is not subject like our own to the vicissitudes of seasons nor to abrupt alternations of temperature, but which is enriched with all the treasures of eternal spring.”³ Those astronomers who maintain that Jupiter is in a molten condition, in our sense of the term, are invited to settle their dispute with this learned French Astronomer. It must, however, be always borne in mind that the “eternal spring” referred to is only a condition *cognised as such by the Jovians*. It is not “spring” *as we know it*. In this reservation is to be found the reconciliation between the two theories here cited. Both embrace *partial* truths.⁴

¹ [Cf. “Esoterically, Enoch is the ‘Son of man,’ the first; and symbolically, the first Sub-Race of the *Fifth* Root-Race. . . . 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, ORIGIN AND FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY) XIV p. 86 & *fn.*]

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (HERMETIC AND KABALISTIC DOCTRINES) XIV p. 94

³ *La Pluralité des mondes habités* (1864), p. 69

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 134-36

2. Asexual form “budded” from a sexless shadow.

“If thou would'st understand the Secondary [Creation, so-called], Oh Lanoo, thou should'st first study its relation to the Primary.”¹

Stanza V.19. THE SECOND RACE (*was*) THE PRODUCT BY BUDDING AND EXPANSION; THE A-SEXUAL (*form*) FROM THE SEXLESS (*shadow*). THUS WAS, O LANOO, THE SECOND RACE PRODUCED (*a*).

(a) What will be most contested by scientific authorities is this a-sexual Race, the Second, the fathers of the “Sweat-born” so-called, and perhaps still more the Third Race, the “Egg-born” androgynes. These two modes of procreation are the most difficult to comprehend, especially for the Western mind. It is evident that no explanation can be attempted for those who are not students of Occult metaphysics. European language has no words to express things which Nature repeats no more at this stage of evolution, things which therefore can have no meaning for the materialist. But there are analogies. It is not denied that in the beginning of physical evolution there must have been processes in Nature, spontaneous generation, for instance, now extinct, which are repeated in other forms. Thus we are told that microscopic research shows no permanence of any particular mode of reproducing life. For “[it shows] that the same organism may run through various metamorphoses in the course of its life-cycle, during some of which it may be *sexual* and in others *asexual*; *i.e.*, it may reproduce itself alternately by the co-operation of two beings of opposite sex, and also by fissure or *budding* from one being only, which is of no sex.”² “Budding” is the very word used in the Stanza. How could these Chhāyās reproduce themselves otherwise; *viz.*, procreate the Second Race, since they were ethereal, asexual, and even devoid, as yet, of the vehicle of desire, or Kāma-Rūpa, which evolved only in the Third Race? They evolved the Second Race unconsciously, as do some plants. Or, perhaps, as the *Amæba*, only on a more ethereal, impressive, and larger scale. If, indeed, the cell-theory applies equally to Botany and Zoology, and extends to Morphology, as well as to the Physiology of organisms, and if the microscopic cells are looked upon by physical science as independent living beings — just as Occultism regards the “fiery lives”³ — there is no difficulty in the conception of the primitive process of procreation.

Consider the first stages of the development of a germ-cell. Its *nucleus* grows, changes, and forms a double cone or spindle, thus \times , *within* the cell. This spindle approaches the surface of the cell, and one half of it is *extruded* in the form of what are called the “*polar cells*.” These polar cells *now* die, and the embryo develops from the growth and segmentation of the remaining part of the nucleus which is *nourished* by the substance of the cell. Then why could not beings have lived thus, and been created in *this* way — at the very beginning of *human and mammalian evolution*?

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 113; [quoting *Commentary*, Book of Dzian, III.19, and explaining why the First Race had three elements, but no *living* Fire.]

² See Laing, *Modern Science and Modern Thought*, p. 90.

³ See Vol. I, Part I, Stanza VII, *Commentary*, pp. 249-50.

This may, perhaps, serve as an analogy to give some idea of the process by which the Second Race was formed from the First.

The astral¹ form clothing the Monad was surrounded, as it still is, by an egg-shaped aura that corresponds to the substance of the ovum or germ-cell.

The astral form itself is the nucleus, now, as then, instinct with the principle of life.²

When the season of reproduction arrives, the *sub*-astral “*extrudes*” a miniature of itself from the egg of surrounding aura. This germ grows and feeds on the aura till it becomes fully developed, when it gradually separates from its parent, carrying with it its own sphere of aura; just as we see living cells reproducing their like by growth and subsequent division into two.

The analogy with the “*polar cells*” would seem to hold good, since their death would *now* correspond to the change introduced by the separation of the sexes, when gestation *in utero*, *i.e.*, *within the cell*, became the rule.

The early Second [Root] Race were the Fathers of the ‘Sweat-born’; the later Second [Root] Race were ‘Sweat-born’ themselves.

This passage from the *Commentary* refers to the work of evolution from the beginning of a Race to its close. The “Sons of Yoga,” or the primitive astral race, had seven stages of evolution *racially*, or collectively; as every individual Being in it had, and has now. It is not Shakespeare only who divided the ages of man into a series of seven, but Nature herself. Thus the first sub-races of the Second Race were born at first by the process described on the law of analogy; while the last began gradually, *pari passu* with the evolution of the human body, to be formed otherwise. The process of reproduction had seven stages also in each Race, each covering aïōns of time. What physiologist or biologist could tell whether the present mode of generation, with all its phases of gestation, is older than half a million, or at most on millions of years, since their cycle of observation began hardly half a century ago?

The mistaken theories of monogenesis and the belief in the descent of man from the mammals, instead of the reverse, are fatal to the completeness of evolution as taught in modern schools along Darwinian lines.

Primeval human hermaphrodites are a fact in Nature well known to the ancients, and form one of Darwin’s greatest perplexities. Yet there is certainly no impossibility, but, on the contrary, a great probability that hermaphroditism existed in the evolution of the early races; while on the grounds of analogy, and on that of the existence of one universal law in physical evolution, acting indifferently in the construction of plant, animal, and man, it must be so. The mistaken theories of monogenesis, and the descent of man from the mammals instead of the reverse, are fatal to the completeness of evolution as taught in modern schools on Darwinian lines, and they will have to be abandoned in view of the insuperable difficulties which they encounter.

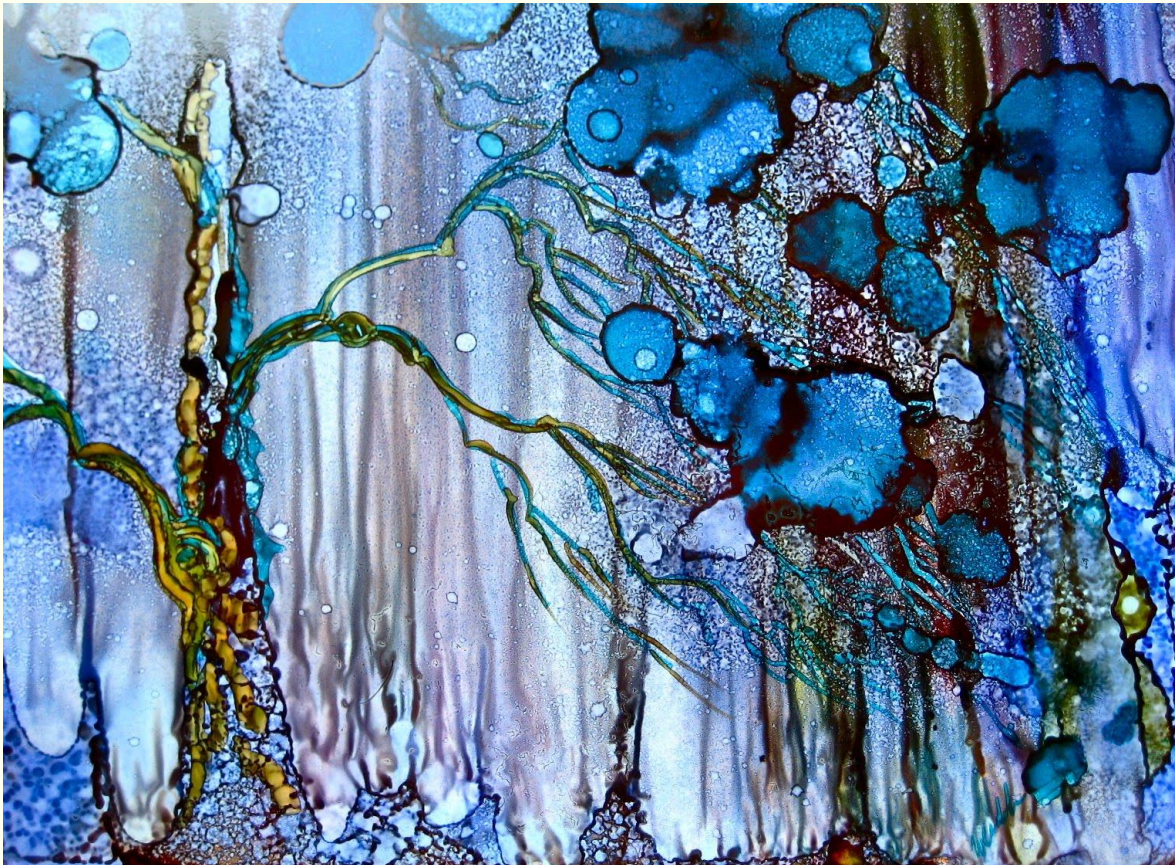
¹ [*i.e.*, “starry,’ shining or pellucid, in various and numerous degrees, from a quite filmy to a viscid state . . .” *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 251]

² [Prāna]

Occult tradition — if the terms Science and Knowledge are denied in this particular to antiquity — can alone reconcile the inconsistencies and fill the gap. “If thou wilt know the invisible, open thine eye wide on the visible,” says a Talmudic axiom.¹

Even the marsupials of the Triassic rocks of the Secondary Period are post-human.

To return to the immediate subject of discussion. The Mammalia, whose first traces are discovered in the marsupials of the Triassic rocks of the Secondary Period, were evolved from *purely* astral progenitors contemporary with the Second Race. They are thus *post-Human*, and, consequently, it is easy to account for the general resemblance between their embryonic stages and those of Man, who necessarily embraces in himself and epitomizes in his development the features of the group he originated.²



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 116-18

² *ibid.*, II p. 684

3. The sweat-born of the Second Race evolved to the egg-born of the Third.

§§ (22) The evolution of the three races continued. (23) The second race create the Third and perishes.

Stanza VI.22. THEN THE SECOND EVOLVED THE SWEAT-BORN, THE THIRD (*Race*). THE SWEAT GREW, ITS DROPS GREW, AND THE DROPS BECAME HARD AND ROUND. THE SUN WARMED IT; THE MOON COOLED AND SHAPED IT; THE WIND FED IT UNTIL ITS RIPENESS. THE WHITE SWAN FROM THE STARRY VAULT (*the Moon*), OVERSHADOWED THE BIG DROP. THE EGG OF THE FUTURE RACE, THE MAN-SWAN (*Hamsa*) OF THE LATER THIRD (*a*). FIRST MALE-FEMALE, THEN MAN AND WOMAN (*b*).

The human embryo of the Second Race was nourished from without by Cosmic forces.

(a) The text of the Stanza clearly implies that the human embryo was nourished *ab extra* by Cosmic forces, and that the “Father-Mother” furnished apparently the germ that ripened: in all probability a “sweat-born egg,” to be hatched out, in some mysterious way, disconnected from the “double” parent. It is comparatively easy to conceive of an oviparous humanity, since even now man is, in one sense, “egg-born.” Magendie, moreover, in his *Précis Élémentaire de Physiologie*, citing “a case where the umbilical cord was ruptured and perfectly cicatrized,” yet the infant was born alive, pertinently asks, “How was the circulation carried on in this organ?” On the next page he says: “Nothing yet known respecting the use of digestion in the foetus”; and respecting its nutrition, propounds this query: “What, then, can we say of the nutrition of the foetus? Physiological works contain only *vague conjectures* on this point.” “Ah, but,” the sceptic may urge, “Magendie’s book belongs to the last generation, and Science has since made such strides that his stigma of ignorance can no longer be fixed upon the profession.” Indeed; then let us turn to a very great authority upon Physiology, viz., Sir M. Foster; and to the disadvantage of modern Science we shall find him saying, “Concerning the rise and development of the functional activities of the embryo, our knowledge is almost a blank. We know scarcely anything about the various steps by which the primary fundamental qualities of the protoplasm of the ovum are differentiated into the complex phenomena which we have attempted in this book to expound.”¹ The students of Trinity College, Cambridge, will now kindly draw a veil before the statue of Hygeia and bandage the eyes of the busts of Galen and Hippocrates, lest they look reproachfully at their degenerate descendants. One further fact we must note. Sir M. Foster is discreetly silent about the case of the ruptured umbilical cord cited by his great French *confrère*.

The First Race created the Second by “budding”; the Second, gave birth to the Third, which then separated into three distinct divisions of men differently procreated.

(b) This is a very curious statement as explained in the *Commentaries*. To make it clear: The First Race having created the Second by “budding,” as just explained, the Second Race gives birth to the Third — which itself is separated into three distinct divisions, consisting of men differently procreated. The first two of these are pro-

¹ *Textbook of Physiology*, 3rd edition, 1879, p. 623

duced by an oviparous method, presumably unknown to modern Natural History. While the early sub-races of the Third Humanity procreated their species by a kind of exudation of moisture or vital fluid, the drops of which coalescing formed an oviform ball — or shall we say egg? — which served as an extraneous vehicle for the generation therein of a *fœtus* and child, the mode of procreation by the later [sub-] races changed, in its results at all events. The little ones of the earlier [sub-] races were entirely sexless — shapeless even for all one knows;¹ but those of the later [sub-] races were born androgynous. It is in the Third Race that the separation of sexes occurred. From being previously asexual, Humanity became distinctly hermaphrodite or bisexual;



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Thus physical procreation progressed from asexual to egg-born bisexual, and finally to womb-born men and women.

The man-bearing eggs began to give birth, gradually and almost imperceptibly in their evolutionary development, first, to Beings in which one sex predominated over the other, and, finally, to distinct men and women. And now let us search for corroboration of these statements in the religious legends of East and West. Let us take the “Egg-born Race” first. Think of Kāśyapa, the Vedic sage, and the most prolific of creators. He was the son of Marīchi, Brahmā’s mind-born son; and he is made to become the father of the *Nāgas*, or Serpents, among other beings. Exoterically, the *Nāgas* are semi-divine beings which have a human face and the tail of a serpent. Yet there was a race of *Nāgas*, said to be a thousand in number only, born or rather sprung from Kadrū, Kāśyapa’s wife, for *the purpose of peopling Pātāla*, which is undeniably America, as will be shown; and there was a NĀGA-DVĪPA, one of the seven divisions of

¹ See *Timæus*, 42a; *Symposium*, 189d-e, 190

² Lake of the Nagas (1932) Nicholas Roerich

Bhārata-Varsha,¹ India, inhabited by a people bearing the same name, who are allowed, even by some Orientalists, to be *historical*, and to have left many a trace behind them to this day.

Now the point most insisted upon at present is that, whatever origin be claimed for man, his evolution took place in this order:

- 1 Sexless, as all the earlier forms are;
- 2 Then, by a natural transition, he became, “a solitary hermaphrodite,” a bisexual being; and
- 3 Finally separated and became what he is now. Science teaches us that all the primitive forms, though sexless, “still retained the power of undergoing the processes of asexual multiplication”;

why, then, should man be excluded from that law of Nature? Bisexual reproduction is an evolution, a specialized and perfected form on the scale of matter of the fissiparous act of reproduction. Occult teachings are pre-eminently panspermic, and the early history of humanity is hidden only “from ordinary mortals”; nor is the history of the primitive Races buried from the Initiates in the tomb of time, as it is for profane science. Therefore, supported on the one hand by that science which shows to us progressive development and an internal cause for every external modification, as a law in Nature; and, on the other hand, by an implicit faith in the wisdom — we may say pansophia even — of the universal traditions gathered and preserved by the Initiates, who have perfected them into an almost faultless system — thus supported, we venture to state the doctrine clearly.²

Progressive order of human reproduction.

From *The Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 163-68.

At any rate, esoteric philosophy identifies pre-Brāhmanical Asuras, Rudras,³ Rākshasas and all the “Adversaries” of the Gods in the allegories, with the Egos, which, by incarnating in the still witless man of the Third Race, made him *consciously* immortal. They are, then, during the cycle of Incarnations, the true *dual Logos* — the conflicting and two-faced divine Principle in Man. The *Commentary* that follows, and the next Stanzas may, no doubt, throw more light on this very difficult tenet, but the writer does not feel competent to give it out fully. Of the succession of Races, however, they say:

First come the SELF-EXISTENT on this Earth. They are the “Spiritual Lives” projected by the absolute WILL and LAW, at the dawn of every rebirth of the worlds. These LIVES are the divine “Śishta,” [the seed-Manus, or the Prajāpatīs and the Pitris].

¹ [Varsha is an earth-region in the *Purānas*.]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 131-33

³ Whom *Manu* calls “our paternal grandfathers” (III, 284). The Rudras are the seven manifestations of Rudra-Śiva, “the destroying god,” and also the grand Yogi and ascetic.

From these proceed:

- 1 The First Race, the “Self-born,” which are the [astral] shadows of their Progenitors.¹ The body was devoid of all understanding [mind, intelligence, and will]. The inner being [the higher self or Monad], though within the earthly frame, was unconnected with it. The link, the Manas, was not there as yet.
- 2 From the First [race] emanated the second, called the “Sweat-born”² and the “Boneless.” This is the Second Root-Race, endowed by the preservers [Rākshasas]³ and the incarnating gods [Asuras and the Kumāras] with the first primitive and weak spark [the germ of intelligence] . . . And from these in turn proceeds:
- 3 The Third Root-Race, the “Two-fold” [Androgynes]. The first Races hereof are shells, till the last is “inhabited” [*i.e.*, informed] by the Dhyānis.

The Second Race, as stated above, being also sexless, evolved out of itself, at its beginning, the Third Androgyne Race by an analogous, but already more complicated process. As described in the *Commentary*, the very earliest of that race were: →

¹ See Stanza IV, Śloka 15, *Commentary* on p. 92.

² To speak of *life* as having arisen, and of the human race as having originated, in this *absurdly unscientific* way, in the face of the modern Pedigrees of Man, is to court instantaneous annihilation. The esoteric doctrine risks the danger, nevertheless, and even goes so far as to ask the impartial reader to compare the above hypothesis (if it is one) with Haeckel's theory — now fast becoming an axiom with science — which is quoted verbatim:

“ . . . ‘How did life, the living world of organisms, arise?’ And, secondly, the special question: ‘How did the human race originate?’ The first of these two inquiries, that as to the first appearance of living beings, can only be decided empirically [!!!] by proof of the so-called Archēbiosis, or equivocal generation, or the spontaneous production of organisms of the simplest conceivable kind. Such are the Monera (Protogenes, Protamoeba, etc.), exceedingly simple microscopic masses of protoplasm without structure or organisation which take in nutriment and *reproduce themselves by division*. Such a Moneron as that primordial organism *discovered* by the renowned English zoologist Huxley, and named *Bathybius Haeckelii*, appears as a continuous thick protoplasmic covering at the greatest depths of the ocean, between 3,000 and 30,000 feet. *It is true that the first appearance of such Monera has not up to the present moment been actually observed*; but there is nothing intrinsically improbable in such an Evolution.” (*The Pedigree of Man*, tr. Aveling, pp. 32-33)

The Bathybius protoplasm having recently turned out to be no organic substance at all, there remains little to be said. Nor, after reading this, does one need to consume further time in refuting the further assertion that: “In that case man also has *beyond a doubt* [to the minds of Haeckel and his like] arisen from the lower Mammalia, apes, the earlier simian creatures, the still earlier Marsupialia, Amphibia, Pisces, by progressive transformations,” all produced by “a series of *natural forces working blindly, . . . without aim, without design*” (p. 36).

The above-quoted passage bears its criticism on its own face. Science is made to teach that which, up to the present time, “*has never been actually observed*.” She is made to deny the phenomenon of an *intelligent* nature and a vital force independent of form and matter, and to find it more scientific to teach the miraculous performance of “*natural forces working blindly without aim or design*.” If so, then we are led to think that the *physico-mechanical* forces of certain eminent Scientists are leading them on as blindly to sacrifice logic and common sense on the altar of mutual admiration. Why should the protoplasmic *Moneron* producing the first living creature through *self-division* be held as a very scientific hypothesis, and an ethereal *pre-human* race generating the primeval men in the same fashion be tabooed as *unscientific* superstition? Or has materialism obtained a sole monopoly in Science?

³ The *Rākshasas*, regarded in Indian popular theology as demons, are called the “Preservers” beyond the Himālayas. This double and contradictory meaning has its origin in a philosophical allegory, which is variously rendered in the *Purānas*. It is that when Brahmā created the demons, Yakshas (from *yaksh*, to eat) and the Rākshasas, both of which kinds of demons, as soon as born, wished to devour their creator, those among them that called out “Not so! oh, let him be saved (preserved)” were named Rākshasas (*Vishnu-Purāna*, Bk. I, ch. v). The *Bhāgavata-Purāna* (III, 20, 19-21) renders the allegory differently. Brahmā transformed himself into night (or ignorance) invested with a body, upon which the Yakshas and Rākshasas seized, exclaiming. “Do not spare it; devour it.” Brahmā then cried out, “Do not devour me, spare me.” This has an inner meaning of course. The “body of Night” is the darkness of ignorance, and it is the darkness of silence and secrecy. Now the Rākshasas are shown in almost every case to be Yogis, pious Sādhus and Initiates, a rather unusual occupation for *demons*. The meaning then is that while we have power to dispel the darkness of ignorance, “*devour it*,” we have to preserve the sacred truth from profanation. “Brahmā is for the Brahmans alone,” says that proud caste. The moral of the *fable* is evident.

The “Sons of Passive Yoga.”¹ They issued from the second Mānushyas [human race], and became oviparous. The emanations that came out of their bodies during the seasons of procreation were ovulary; the small spheroidal nuclei developing into a large soft, egg-like vehicle, gradually hardened, when, after a period of gestation, it broke and the young human animal issued from it unaided, as the fowls do in our race.

This must seem to the reader ludicrously absurd. Nevertheless, it is strictly on the lines of evolutionary analogy, which science perceives in the development of the living animal species. First the *moneron*-like procreation by self-division (*vide* Haeckel); then, after a few stages, the oviparous, as in the case of the reptiles, which are followed by the birds; then, finally, the mammals with their *ovoviviparous* modes of producing their young ones.

If the term *ovoviviparous* is applied to some fish and reptiles, which hatch their eggs within their bodies, why should it not be applied to female mammalians, including woman? The ovule, in which, after impregnation, the development of the foetus takes place, is an egg.

At all events, this conception is more philosophical than that of Eve with a suddenly created placenta giving birth to Cain, because of the apple, when even the marsupial, the earliest of mammals, *is not placental* yet.

Moreover, the *progressive* order of the methods of reproduction, as unveiled by science, is a brilliant confirmation of esoteric Ethnology. It is only necessary to tabulate the data in order to prove our assertion.²

1. Fission

(a) As seen in the division of the homogeneous speck of protoplasm, known as *moneron* or *amæba*, into two.

(b) As seen in the division of the nucleated cell, in which the cell-nucleus splits into two sub-nuclei, which either develop within the original cell-wall or burst it, and multiply outside as independent entities. (Cf. the First Root-Race.)

2. Budding

A small portion of the parent structure swells out at the surface and finally parts company, growing to the size of the original organism; *e.g.*, many vegetables, the sea-anemone, etc. (Cf. the Second Root-Race.)³

¹ The gradual evolution of man in the Secret Doctrine shows that all the later (to the profane the earliest) Races have their *physical* origin in the early Fourth Race. But is the sub-race, which preceded the one that separated sexually, that is to be regarded as the *spiritual* ancestors of our present generations, and especially of the Eastern Aryan Races. Weber's idea that the Indo-Germanic Race preceded the Aryan *Vedic* Race is, to the Occultist, grotesque to the last degree.

² Cf. especially E.O. Schmidt, *The Doctrine of Descent and Darwinism*, pp. 39, *et. seq.*; and Laing, *A Modern Zoroastrian*, pp. 102-11.)

³ Every process of healing and cicatrisation in the higher animal groups — even in the case of reproduction of mutilated limbs with the Amphibians — is effected by *fission* and *gemination* of the elementary morphological elements.

3. Sporulation

A single cell thrown off by the parent organism, which develops into a multicellular organism reproducing the features of the latter, *e.g.*, bacteria and mosses.

4. Intermediate Hermaphroditism

Male and female organs inhering in the same individual; *e.g.*, the majority of plants, worms, and snails, etc.; allied to budding. (Cf. Second and early Third Root-Races.)

5. True sexual union (Cf. later Third Root-Race.)

We now come to an important point with regard to the double evolution of the human race. The Sons of Wisdom, or the *spiritual* Dhyānis, had become “intellectual” through their contact with matter, because they had already reached, during previous cycles of incarnation, that degree of intellect which enabled them to become independent and self-conscious entities, *on this plane* of matter. They were reborn only by reason of Karmic effects. They *entered* those who were “ready,” and became the Arhats, or *sages*, alluded to above. This needs explanation.

It does not mean that *Monads* entered forms in which other Monads already were. They were “Essences,” “Intelligences,” and *conscious spirits*; entities seeking to become still more conscious by uniting with more developed matter. Their essence was too pure to be distinct from the universal essence; but their “Egos,” or *Manas* (since they are called *Mānasaputra*, born of “Mahat,” or Brahmā) had to pass through earthly human experiences to become *all-wise*, and be able to start on the returning ascending cycle. The *Monads* are not *discrete* principles, limited or conditioned, but rays from that one universal *absolute* Principle. The entrance into a dark room through the same aperture of one ray of sunlight following another will not constitute *two* rays, but one ray intensified. It is not in the course of natural law that man should become a *perfect* septenary being, before the seventh race in the seventh Round. Yet he has all these principles latent in him from his birth. Nor is it part of the evolutionary law that the Fifth principle (*Manas*), should receive its complete development before the *Fifth* Round. All such prematurely developed intellects (on the *spiritual* plane) in our Race are *abnormal*; they are those whom we call the “Fifth-Rounders.” Even in the coming seventh Race, at the close of this Fourth Round, while our four lower principles will be fully developed, that of *Manas* will be only proportionately so. This limitation, however, refers solely to the spiritual development. The intellectual, on the physical plane, was reached during the Fourth Root-Race. Thus, those who were “half ready,” who received “but a spark,” constitute the average humanity which has to acquire its intellectuality during the present Manvantaric evolution, after which they will be ready in the next for the full reception of the “Sons of Wisdom.” While those which “were not ready” at all, the latest Monads, which had hardly evolved from their last transitional and lower animal forms at the close of the Third Round, remained the “narrow-brained” of the Stanza. This explains the otherwise unaccountable degrees of intellectuality among the various races of men — the savage Bushman and the European — even now. Those tribes of savages, whose reasoning powers are very little above the level of the animals, are not the unjustly disinherited, or the *unfavoured*, as some may think — nothing of the kind.

They are simply those *latest arrivals* among the human Monads, which *were not ready*: which have to evolve during the present Round, as on the three remaining globes (hence on four different planes of being) so as to arrive at the level of the average class when they reach the Fifth Round. One remark may prove useful, as food for thought to the student in this connection. The MONADS of the lowest specimens of humanity (the “narrow-brained”¹ savage South-Sea Islander, the African, the Australian) *had no Karma to work out when first born as men, as their more favoured brethren in intelligence had*. The former are spinning out Karma only now; the latter are burdened with past, present, and future Karma. In this respect the poor savage is more fortunate than the greatest genius of *civilized countries*.²



¹ The term here means neither the dolicho-cephalic nor the brachyo-cephalic, nor yet skulls of a smaller volume, but simply brains devoid of intellect generally. The theory which would judge of the intellectual capacity of a man according to his cranial capacity, seems absurdly illogical to one who has studied the subject. The skulls of the stone period, as well as those of African Races (Bushmen included) show that the first are above rather than below the average of the brain capacity of the modern man, and the skulls of the last are on the whole (as in the case of Papuans and Polynesians generally) larger by one cubic inch than that of the average Frenchman. Again, the cranial capacity of the Parisian of today represents an average of 1,437 cubic centimetres compared to 1,523 of the Auvergnat.

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 163-68 [There now follows a diagram from [The True Colours of Man](#), v. 17.15.2022; 92pp. This is our fifth Major Work. — ED. PHIL.]

1. Macrocosmos, the Ideal World, and its 3, 7, or 10 Centres of Creative Forces.

- A. Unmanifested Logos, Sexless
- B. Potential Wisdom
- C. Universal Ideation

a. Creative Logos

- b. Eternal Substance
- c. Spirit

D. The Spiritual Forces acting in Matter

A. B. C.
Unknowable

a. b. c.

This is Pradhana, undifferentiated matter in Sankhya philosophy, or Good, Evil, and Chaotic Darkness (Sattva, Rajas, and Tamas) neutralising each other. When differentiated, they become the Seven Creative Potencies: Spirit, Substance, and Fire stimulating matter to form itself.

D. The Spiritual Forces acting in Matter

2. Microcosmos, the Inner Man, and his 3, 7, or 10 Centres of Potential Forces.

Atman, although exoterically reckoned as the seventh principle, is no individual principle at all, and belongs to the Universal Soul; it is the Auric Egg, the Magnetic Sphere round every human and animal being.

1. Buddhi, the vehicle of Atman
2. Upper Manas, the vehicle of Buddhi
3. Lower Manas [reflecting the above two]
4. Kama-Rupa, the vehicle of Lower Manas
5. Prana, Life
6. Linga-Sharira, the vehicle of Prana

a. b. c.

The three Hypostases of Atman in contact with Nature, and Man being the Fourth, making it a Quaternary, or Tetraktys, the Higher Self.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

These six principles, acting on four different planes, and having their Auric Envelope on the seventh (vide infra), are those used by the Adepts of the Right-Hand [Path], or White Magicians.

The physical body is no principle; it is entirely ignored, being used only in Black Magic.

3. Microcosmos, the Physical Man, and his 10 Orifices, or Centres of Action.

1. Buddhi, Right Eye

3. Lower Manas, Right Ear

5. Life Principle, Right Nostril

7. Organ of the Creative Logos, Mouth

As the Lower Triad (8, 9, 10) has a direct connection with the Higher Atmic Triad and its three aspects (creative, preservative, and destructive, or rather regenerative), the abuse of the corresponding functions is the most terrible of Karmic Sins — the Sin against the Holy Ghost with the Christians.

2. [Upper] Manas, Left Eye

4. Kama-Rupa, Left Ear

6. Life Vehicle, Left Nostril

7. Paradigm of the tenth (creative) orifice in the Lower Triad

These physical organs are used only by Duggas in Black Magic.

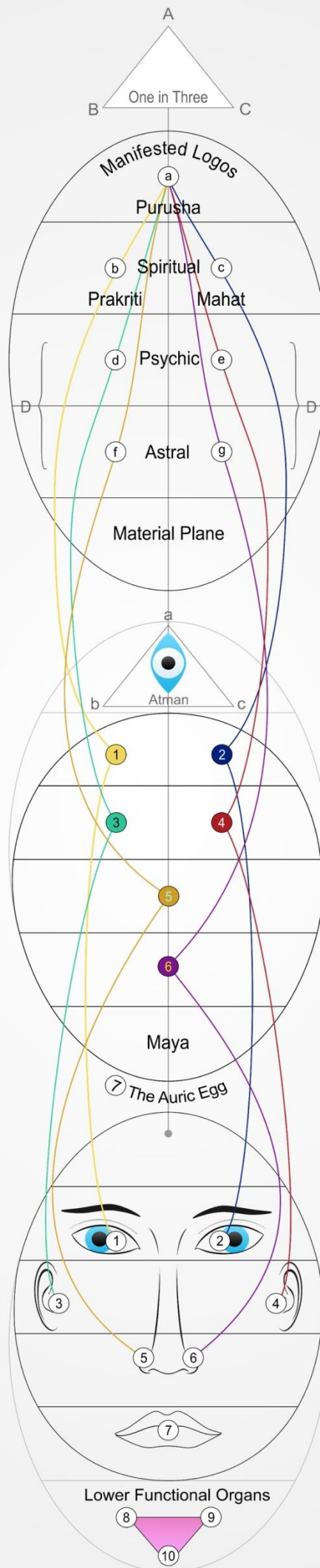


Diagram 1. The Divine Pedigree of Man
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Third Root-Race: The Lemurian

Watched by Angels, humanity became ready to receive the solar spark.

This was the Golden Age that, without coercion, without laws, spontaneously nurtured the good and the true. There was no fear or punishment: there were no threatening words to be read, fixed in bronze, no crowd of suppliants fearing the judge's face: they lived safely without protection. No pine tree felled in the mountains had yet reached the flowing waves to travel to other lands: human beings only knew their own shores. There were no steep ditches surrounding towns, no straight war-trumpets, no coiled horns, no swords and helmets. Without the use of armies, people passed their lives in gentle peace and security. The earth herself also, freely, without the scars of ploughs, untouched by hoes, produced everything from herself. Contented with food that grew without cultivation, they collected mountain strawberries and the fruit of the strawberry tree, wild cherries, blackberries clinging to the tough brambles, and acorns fallen from Jupiter's spreading oak-tree. Spring was eternal, and gentle breezes caressed with warm air the flowers that grew without being seeded. Then the untilled earth gave of its produce and, without needing renewal, the fields whitened with heavy ears of corn. Sometimes rivers of milk flowed, sometimes streams of nectar, and golden honey trickled from the green holm oak.

— OVID¹

There is a Wondrous Being, the ever-living Human Banyan, whose duty is to rear, nurse, and guide the tottering steps of renascent human races, after their periodical awakening from “obscuration.”

If we had to describe broadly the origin of this religion [Zoroastrianism] from the standpoint and upon the authority of the Occult teachings, we would call it by its original, primitive name, that of Magianism. Locating its first development in those vast regions which would have to be described as the whole area between the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Okhotsk in its length, and that which stretches through the unexplored deserts between the Altai and the Himalayan mountains in its breadth, we would place it back at an epoch undreamt of by modern science and, therefore, rejected by all but the most speculative and daring anthropologists. We have no right to give out in this journal the correct number of years or rather of ages upon ages, since — according to the doctrines of the Secret Science — the first seeds of Magianism² were sown by the hand of the BEING to whose duty it falls to rear, nurse, and guide the tottering steps of the renascent human races, that awake anew to life on every planet in its turn, after its periodical “obscuration.” It goes as far back as the days of our local *Manvantara*, so that the seeds sown among the first “root-race” began sprouting in its infant brain, grew up, and commencing to bear fruit toward the

¹ Ovid: *Metamorphoses*, Bk. I, 89-112; (tr. Kline)

² [“Magic, as once taught in Persia and Chaldea, and raised in its occult practices into a religio-magianism. Plato, speaking of Machagistia, or Magianism [Mazdeanism], remarks that it is the purest form of the worship of things divine.” *Theosophical Glossary: Machagistia*]

latter part of the second race, developed fully during the third¹ into what is known among Occultists as the “Tree of Knowledge” and the “Tree of Life” — the real meaning of both having been, later on, so sadly disfigured and misinterpreted by both Zoroastrians and Christians.²

He descended from a high region in the early part of the Third Age, before the separation of the sexes of the Third Root-Race.

There are four grades of initiation mentioned in exoteric works, which are known respectively in Sanskrit as “Srotāpanna,” “Sakridāgāmin,” “Anāgāmin,” and “Arhan” — the four paths to Nirvāna, in this, our fourth Round, bearing the same appellations. The Arhat, though he can see the Past, the Present, and the Future, is not yet the highest Initiate; for the Adept himself, the *initiated* candidate, becomes chela (pupil) to a higher Initiate. Three further higher grades have to be conquered by the Arhat who would reach the apex of the ladder of Arhatship. There are those who have reached it even in this fifth race of ours, but the faculties necessary for the attainment of these higher grades will be fully developed in the average ascetic only at the end of this Root-Race, and in the Sixth and Seventh. Thus there will always be Initiates and the profane till the end of this minor Manvantara, the present *life-cycle*. The *Arhats* of the “fire-mist,” of the 7th rung are but one remove from the Root-Base of their Hierarchy — the highest on Earth, and our Terrestrial chain. This “Root-Base” has a name which can only be translated by several compound words into English — “the ever-living-human-Banyan.” This “Wondrous Being” descended from a “high region,” they say, in the early part of the Third Age, before the separation of the sexes of the Third Race.

He is now sitting at the threshold of Light, looking into it from within the circle of Darkness, which He will not cross.

The “BEING” just referred to, which has to remain nameless, is the *Tree* from which, in subsequent ages, all the great *historically* known Sages and Hierophants, such as the Rishi Kapila, Hermes, Enoch, Orpheus, etc., etc., have branched off. As objective *man*, he is the mysterious (to the profane — the ever invisible) yet ever present Personage about whom legends are rife in the East, especially among the Occultists and the students of the Sacred Science. It is he who changes form, yet remains ever the same. And it is he again who holds spiritual sway over the *initiated* Adepts throughout the whole world. He is, as said, the “Nameless One” who has so many names, and yet whose names and whose very nature are unknown. He is *the* “Initiator,” called the “GREAT SACRIFICE.” For, sitting at the threshold of LIGHT, he looks into it from within the circle of Darkness, which he will not cross; nor will he quit his post till the last day of this life-cycle. Why does the solitary Watcher remain at his self-chosen post? Why does he sit by the fountain of primeval Wisdom, of which he drinks no longer, as he has naught to learn which he does not know — aye, neither on this Earth, nor in its heaven? Because the lonely, sore-footed pilgrims on their way back to their *home* are never sure to the last moment of not losing their way in this limitless desert of illusion and matter called Earth-Life. Because he would fain

¹ One who has studied the “Fragments of Occult Truth” knows that our present race is the *fifth*, and that we have two more to pass through before we reach our end — on this planet.

² *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (ZOROASTRIANISM IN THE LIGHT OF OCCULT PHILOSOPHY) IV pp. 513-14

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show the way to that region of freedom and light, from which he is a voluntary exile himself, to every prisoner who has succeeded in liberating himself from the bonds of flesh and illusion. Because, in short, he has sacrificed himself for the sake of mankind, though but a few Elect may profit by the GREAT SACRIFICE.



Distant Lands by Lady Yana Dhyana

Then the Watcher descended on earth and reigned over men.

Under the silent guidance of this Wondrous Being, the pupils of the incarnated Rishis and Devas of the Third Root-Race handed their knowledge from one generation to another.

It is under the direct, silent guidance of this MAHĀ — (great) — GURU that all the other less divine Teachers and instructors of mankind became, from the first awakening of human consciousness, the guides of early Humanity. It is through these “Sons of God” that infant humanity got its first notions of all the arts and sciences, as well as of spiritual knowledge; and it is they who have laid the first foundation stone of those ancient civilizations that puzzle so sorely our modern generation of students and scholars.^{1, 2}

The Dhyani-Buddhas in charge of the two higher groups, the “Watchers” or “Architects,” reigned on earth during the Satya-Yuga and up to the beginning of the Third Root-Race. Then after, the incarnated Dhyanis of a lower order, Patriarchs, Heroes, Manes up to King Menes and, finally, the human kings of other nations took over.

The “Watchers” reign over man during the whole period of *Satya-Yuga* and the smaller subsequent yugas, down to the beginning of the Third Root-Race; after which it is the Patriarchs, Heroes, and the Manes,³ the incarnated Dhyānis of a lower order,

¹ Let those who doubt this statement explain the mystery of the extraordinary knowledge possessed by the ancients — alleged to have developed from lower and animal-like savages, the *cave-men* of the Palaeolithic age — on any other equally reasonable grounds. Let them turn to such works as those of Vitruvius Pollio of the Augustan age, on architecture [*De Architectura Libri Decem*], for instance, in which all the rules of proportion are those *taught anciently at initiations*, if he would acquaint himself with the truly divine art, and understand the *deep esoteric significance hidden in every rule and law of proportion*. No man descended from a Palaeolithic cave dweller could ever evolve such a science unaided, even in millenniums of thought and intellectual evolution. It is the pupils of those incarnated Rishis and Devas of the third Root-Race, who handed their knowledge from one generation to another, to Egypt and Greece with its now lost *canon of proportion*; as it is the Disciples of the Initiates of the 4th, the Atlanteans, who handed it over to their *Cyclopes*, the “Sons of Cycles” or of the “Infinite,” from whom the name passed to the still later generations of Gnostic priests. “It is owing to the divine perfection of those architectural proportions that the Ancients could build those wonders of all the subsequent ages, their Fanes, Pyramids, Cave-Temples, Cromlechs, Cairns, Altars, proving they had the powers of machinery and a knowledge of mechanics to which modern skill is like a child’s play, and which that *skill* refers to itself as the works of hundred-handed giants. Modern architects may not altogether have neglected those rules, but they have superadded enough empirical innovations to destroy those just proportions. It is Vitruvius who gave to posterity the rules of construction of the Grecian temples erected to the immortal gods; and the ten books of Marcus Vitruvius Pollio on Architecture, of one, in short, *who was an initiate*, can only be studied esoterically. The Druidical circles, the Dolmen, the Temples of India, Egypt and Greece, the Towers and the 127 towns in Europe which were found “Cyclopean in origin” by the French Institute, are all the work of initiated Priest-Architects, the descendants of those primarily taught by the “Sons of God,” justly called “The Builders.” This is what appreciative posterity says of those descendants.

“They used neither mortar nor cement, nor steel, nor iron to cut the stones with; and yet they were so artificially wrought that in many places the joints are hardly seen, though many of the stones, as in Peru, are 38 feet long, 18 feet broad, and 6 feet thick, and in the wall of the fortress of Cuzco there are stones of a still greater size.” [J. de Acosta, *The Natural & Moral Hist. of the Indies*, Bk. VI, ch. 14] Again,

“ . . . the well of Syene, made 5,400 years ago, when that spot was exactly under the tropic, which it has now ceased to be, was also one of their works of wonder. It was so constructed that at noon, at the precise moment of the summer solstice, the entire disc of the sun was seen reflected on its surface — a work which the united skill of all the astronomers in Europe would not now be able to effect.” (Kenealy, *The Book of God: The Apocalypse of Adam-Oannēs*, p. 118)

² *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 206-8; [on Stanza VI.7b.]

³ See the Egyptian Dynasties enumerated by the priests to Solon. [Cf. Cory, *Ancient Fragments*, 1832. Full text in our Theosophy and Theosophists Series. — ED. PHIL.]

up to King Menes and the human kings of other nations; all were recorded carefully. In the views of symbologists this *Mythopœic Age* is of course only regarded as a fairy tale. But since traditions and even Chronicles of such dynasties of *divine Kings* — of gods reigning over men followed by dynasties of Heroes or Giants — exist in the annals of every nation, it is difficult to understand how all the peoples under the sun, some of whom are separated by vast oceans and belong to different hemispheres, such as the ancient Peruvians and Mexicans, as well as the Chaldeans, could have worked out the same “fairy tales” in the same order of events.¹ However, as the Secret Doctrine teaches *history* — which, for being esoteric and traditional, is none the less more reliable than profane history — we are as entitled to our beliefs as anyone else, whether religionist or sceptic. And that Doctrine says that the Dhyāni-Buddhas of the two higher groups, namely, the “Watchers” or the “Architects,” furnished the many and various races with divine kings and leaders. It is the latter who taught humanity their arts and sciences, and the former who revealed to the incarnated Monads that had just shaken off their vehicles of the lower Kingdoms — and who had, therefore, lost every recollection of their divine origin — the great spiritual truths of the transcendental worlds.²

Thus, as expressed in the Stanza, the Watchers descended on Earth and reigned over men — “*who are themselves.*” The reigning kings had finished their cycle on Earth and other worlds, in the preceding Rounds. In the future manvantaras they will have risen to higher systems than our planetary world; and it is the Elect of our Humanity, the Pioneers on the hard and difficult path of Progress, who will take the places of their predecessors. The next great Manvantara will witness the men of our own life cycle becoming the instructors and guides of a mankind whose Monads may now yet be imprisoned — semi-conscious — in the most intellectual of the animal kingdom, while their lower principles will be animating, perhaps, the highest specimens of the Vegetable world.³

Earth and Man are the products of three fires, the Electric, the Solar, and the fire produced by friction.

“*Our earth and man,*” says the *Commentary*, “*being the products of the three Fires*” — whose three names answer, in Sanskrit, to “*the electric fire, the Solar fire, and the fire produced by friction,*” — these three fires, explained on the Cosmic and human planes, are Spirit, Soul, and Body, the three great Root-groups, with their four additional divisions. These vary with the Schools, and become — according to their applications — the *upādhis* and the *vehicles*, or the *noumena* of these. In the exoteric accounts, they are personified by the “three sons of surpassing brilliancy and splendour” of Agni Abhimānin, the eldest son of Brahmā, the *Cosmic LOGOS*, by *Svāhā*, one of Daksha’s⁴ daughters. In the metaphysical sense the “Fire of friction” means

¹ See the *Sacred Mysteries among the Mayas and the Quichés, 11,500 years ago* (1886), by Auguste le Plongeon, who shows the identity between the Egyptian rites and beliefs and those of the people he describes. The ancient hieratic alphabets of the Maya and the Egyptians are almost identical.

² See Vol. II, pp. 365 *et seq.*, “Our Divine Instructors.”

³ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 266-67; [on Stanza VII.7b.]

⁴ Daksha, the “intelligent, the competent.” “This name generally carries with it the idea of *creative power.*” He is a son of Brahmā and Aditi, and agreeably to other versions, a self-born power, which, like Minerva, sprang from his father’s body. He is the chief of the *Prajāpatīs* — the Lords or Creators of Being. In *Vishnu-Purāna*, *Parāśara*

the Union between *Buddhi*, the sixth, and *Manas*, the fifth, principles, which thus are united or cemented together; the fifth merging partially into and becoming part of the *Monad*; in the physical, it relates to the *creative spark*, or germ, which fructifies and generates the human being. The three Fires, it is said (whose names are Pāvaka, Pavamāna and Śuchi), were condemned by a curse of Vasishtha, the great sage, “to be born over and over again.”¹ This is clear enough.

Asuras, Kumaras, Manus, Pitris, Prajapatis, and Rishis, are generic names of the “Flames,” Sons of Passive Yoga.

Therefore, the FLAMES, whose functions are confused in the exoteric books, and who are called indifferently Prajāpatis, Pitris, Manus, Asuras, Rishis, Kumāras,² etc., are said to incarnate personally in the Third Root-Race and thus find themselves “reborn over and over again.” In the Esoteric doctrine they are generally named the Asuras, or the *Asura-Devatās* or *Pitar-Devatās* (gods) for, as said, they were first Gods — and the highest — before they became “no-gods,” and had from Spirits of Heaven fallen into Spirits of the Earth³ — *exoterically*, note well, in orthodox dogma.

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.*

Before other Stanzas could be explained, it was, as seen, absolutely necessary to show that the sons of “Dark Wisdom,” though identical with the Archangels which Theology has chosen to call the “Fallen,” are as divine and as pure, and more so, than all the Michaels and Gabriels so glorified in the churches. The “Old Book” goes into various details of Astral life, which at this juncture would be quite incomprehensible to the reader. It may, therefore, be left for later explanations, and the First and Second Races can now only receive bare notice. Not so for the Third Race — the Root-Race which separated into sexes, and which was the first to be endowed with reason. Men evolving *pari passu* with the globe, and the latter having “incrustated” more than a hundred millions of years before — the first human sub-race had already begun to materialize or solidify, so to say. But, as the Stanza has it: “*the inner man [the conscious Entity] was not.*” This “Conscious Entity” Occultism says, comes from, nay, in many cases *is*, the very essence and *esse* of the high Intelligences con-

says of him, “in every Kalpa (or manvantara) Daksha and the rest are born and are again destroyed.” And the *Rig-Veda* says that “Daksha sprang from Aditi and Aditi from Daksha,” a reference to the eternal cyclic rebirth of the same divine Essence.

¹ *Bhāgavata-Purāna*, IV, 24, 4

² No one of these orders is distinct from the Pitris or Progenitors, as says *Manu* (iii, 284). “The wise call our fathers Vasus; our paternal grandfathers, Rudras; our paternal great grandfathers, Ādityas; agreeably to a text of the *Vedas*,” or “this is an everlasting Vedic text” in another translation.

³ As now discovered by the late G. Smith in the Babylonian cylinder literature, it was the same in Chaldean Theogony. Ishtar, “eldest of Heaven and of Earth.” Below him the *Gigi* or Angels of Heaven, and the *Anūnnaki*, or angels of Earth. Below these again various classes of Spirits and “Genii” called Sadu, Vadukku, Ekimu, Gallu — of which some were good, some evil. (See G. Smith, *Chaldean Account of Genesis*, p. 54, and Sayce, *Hibbert Lectures*, 1887, p. 141)

demned, by the undeviating law of Karmic evolution, to reincarnate in this manvantara.¹

Led by that Wondrous Being, a group of such half-divine half-human beings incarnated personally into the senseless shells of the Third Root-Race men and found themselves reborn over and over again.

This Third Race is sometimes called collectively “the Sons of *Passive Yoga*,” *i.e.*, it was produced unconsciously by the second Race, which, as it was intellectually inactive, is supposed to have been constantly plunged in a kind of blank or abstract contemplation, as required by the conditions of the Yoga state. In the first or earlier portion of the existence of this third race, while it was yet in its state of purity, the “Sons of Wisdom,” who, as will be seen, incarnated in this Third Race, produced by *Kriyāśakti* a progeny called the “Sons of Ad” or “of the Fire-Mist,” the “Sons of Will and Yoga,” etc. They were a conscious production, as a portion of the race was already animated with the divine spark of spiritual, superior intelligence. It was not a Race, this progeny. It was at first a wondrous Being, called the “Initiator,” and after him a group of semi-divine and semi-human beings. “*Set apart*” in Archaic *genesis* for certain purposes, they are those in whom are said to have incarnated the highest Dhyānis, “Munis and Rishis from previous Manvantaras” — *to form the nursery for future human adepts*, on this earth and during the present cycle. These “Sons of Will and Yoga” born, so to speak, in an immaculate way, remained, it is explained, entirely apart from the rest of mankind.²

[The Kumāras]³ may indeed mark a “special” or extra *creation*, since it is they who, by incarnating themselves within the senseless human shells of the two first two Root-Races, and a great portion of the Third Root-Race — create, so to speak, a *new race*: that of thinking, self-conscious and *divine* men.⁴

As given out in *The Secret Doctrine*, the Egos or Kumāras, incarnating in man, at the end of the Third Root-Race, are not human Egos of this earth or plane, but became such only from the moment they ensouled the animal man, thus endowing him with his Higher Mind. They are “Breaths” or Principles, called the Human Soul, or Manas, the Mind. As the teachings say: “Each is a Pillar of Light. Having chosen its vehicle, it expanded, surrounding with an Ākāśic Aura the human animal, while the Divine (Mānasic) Principle, settled within that human form.”⁵



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 247-48

² *ibid.*, I p. 207; [on Stanza VI.7b.]

³ Cf. “Chitkala (*Sk.*). In Esoteric philosophy, identical with the Kumāras, those who first incarnated into the men of the Third Root-Race.” *Theosophical Glossary*: Chitkala; [Cf. *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 288 *fn.*]

⁴ *ibid.*, I p. 457 *fn.* [quoting and commenting upon “the Dhyānis, derived immediately from the supreme Principle, who reappear in the Vaivasvata Manu period, for the progress of mankind,” from an *Esoteric Text*.]

⁵ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. III) XII p. 608

Crowning Achievement of the Great Sacrifice.

The evolution of Spirit through matter could never have been achieved, nor would it have received its first impulse, had not the Bright Spirits sacrificed their super-ethereal essence to animate the man of clay, by endowing each of his inner principles with a reflection of their essence.

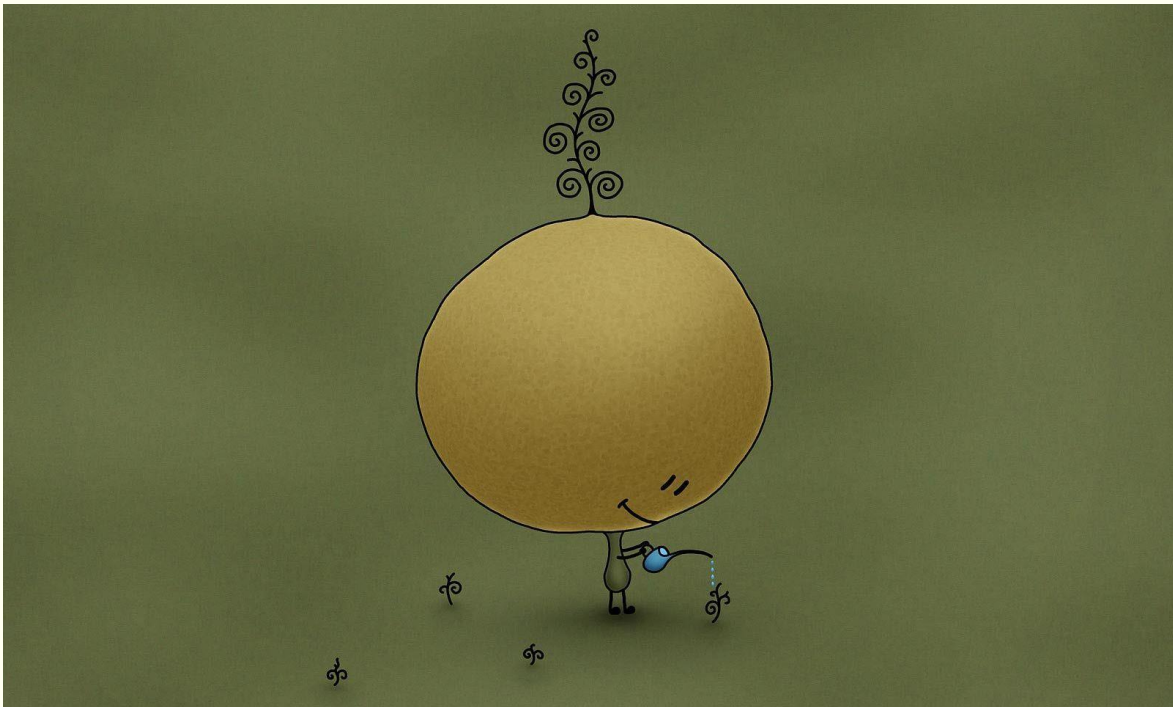
At the dawn of his consciousness, the man of the Third Root-Race had thus no beliefs that could be called *religion*. That is to say, he was equally as ignorant of “gay religions, full of pomp and gold” as of any system of faith or outward worship. But if the term is to be defined as the binding together of the masses in one form of reverence paid to those we feel higher than ourselves, of piety — as a feeling expressed by a child toward a loved parent — then even the earliest Lemurians had a religion — and a most beautiful one — from the very beginning of their intellectual life. Had they not their bright gods of the elements around them, and even within themselves? Was not their childhood passed with, nursed and tendered by, those who had given them life and called them forth to intelligent, conscious life? We are assured it was so, and we believe it. For the evolution of Spirit into matter could never have been achieved; nor would it have received its first impulse, had not the bright Spirits sacrificed their own respective super-ethereal essences to animate the man of clay, by endowing each of his inner principles with a portion, or rather, a reflection of that essence. The Dhyānis of the Seven Heavens (the seven planes of Being) are the NOUMENA of the actual and the future Elements, just as the Angels of the Seven Powers of nature — the grosser effects of which are perceived by us in what Science is pleased to call the “modes of motion” — the imponderable forces and what not — are the still higher noumena of still higher Hierarchies.¹

The seven names of the first seven Logoic Emanations or Flames, Sons of Fire, hold the key to the “Word” that is neither word, nor the tetragrammaton of the Jews that was invented to mislead the profane.

We must not confuse the purely metaphysical personifications of the *abstract* attributes of Deity, with their reflection — the sidereal gods. This reflection, however, is in reality the objective expression of the abstraction: *living* Entities and the models formed on that divine prototype. Moreover, the three metaphysical Sēphirōth or “*the periphrasis of Jehovah*” are *not* Jehovah; it is the latter himself with the additional titles of Adonai, Elōhīm, Tsabaōth, and the numerous names lavished on him, who is the periphrasis of *Ēl Shaddai*, the Omnipotent. The name is a circumlocution, indeed, a too abundant figure of Jewish rhetoric, and has always been denounced by the Occultists. To the Jewish Kabbalists, and even the Christian Alchemists and Rosicrucians, Jehovah was a convenient *screen*, unified by the folding of its many flaps, and adopted as a substitute: one name of an individual Sēphirōth being as good as another name, for those who had the secret. The Tetragrammaton, the Ineffable, the

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 272-73

sidereal “*Sum Total*,” was invented¹ for no other purpose than to mislead the profane and to symbolize life and generation.² The real secret and *unpronounceable* name — “the word that is no word” — has to be sought in the seven names of the first seven emanations, or the “Sons of the Fire,” in the secret Scriptures of all the great nations, and even in the *Zohar*, the Kabbalistic lore of that smallest of all, the Jewish. This word, composed of seven letters in each tongue, is found embodied in the architectural remains of every grand building in the world; from the Cyclopean remains on Easter Island (part of a continent buried under the seas nearer four million years ago³ than 20,000) down to the earliest Egyptian pyramids.⁴



¹ Cf. “. . . IHVH, the Tetragrammaton of the *formative* world, and the spouse of the “Bride,” whose kingdom is Asiāh or *matter*, though easy of explanation, is still more difficult to reveal in words, not on account of its sacredness, but rather of its indecency. I refer the reader for the plain symbolism of the four letters I, H, V, H, to J.R. Skinner’s *Source of Measures*, p. 10, wherein that symbolism is given.” *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (TETRAGRAMMATON) VIII p. 147; [A searchable PDF of Skinner’s masterpiece can be found in our Planetary Rounds and Globes Series. — ED. PHIL.]

² Says the translator of Avicbron’s *Qabbalah* (Isaac Myer, LL.B., of Philadelphia) of this “Sum Total”:
“The letter of Kether is (Yöd), of Bināh (Heh), together Yāh, the feminine name; the third letter, that of Hokhmāh, is (Vau), making together YHV of YHVH, the Tetragrammaton, and really the complete symbols of its efficaciousness. The last (Heh) of this Ineffable Name *being always applied to the Six Lower and the last, together the Seven* remaining Sefirōth.” [p. 263] Thus the Tetragrammaton is holy only in its abstract synthesis. As a quaternary containing the lower Seven Sefirōth, *it is phallic*.

³ The statement will, of course, be found preposterous and absurd, and simply laughed at. But if one believes in the final submersion of Atlantis 850,000 years ago, as taught in *Esoteric Buddhism* (the gradual first sinking having begun during the Eocene age), one has to accept the statement for the so-called Lemuria, the continent of the Third Root-Race, first nearly destroyed by combustion, and then submerged. This is what the *Commentary* says: “The first earth having been purified by the forty-nine fires, her people, born of Fire and Water, could not die . . . the Second Earth [with its race] disappeared as vapour vanishes in the air . . . the Third Earth had everything consumed on it after the *separation*, and went down into the lower Deep [the Ocean]. This was *twice* eighty-two cyclic years ago.” Now a *cyclic* year is what we call a *sidereal* year, and is founded on the precession of the equinoxes, or 25,868 years each, and this is equal, therefore, in all to 4,242,352 years. More details will be found in the text of Volume II. Meanwhile, this doctrine is embodied in the “Kings of Edōm.”

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 438-39

Axis mundi is about to cross the horizon.

In the third stage of Anthropogenesis, the cross remains within the circle.

When the diameter line is crossed by a vertical one \oplus , it becomes the mundane cross. Humanity has reached its third root-race; it is the sign for the origin of human life to begin.¹

The Third and Fourth Races are symbolised by the Puranic Venus.

Venus is the most occult, powerful, and mysterious of all the planets; the one whose influence upon, and relation to the Earth is most prominent. In exoteric Brahmanism, Venus or *Śukra* — a male deity² — is the son of Bhrigu, one of the Prajāpatis and a Vedic sage, and is Daitya-Guru, or the priest-instructor of the primeval giants. The whole history of “*Śukra*” in the *Purānas*, refers to the Third and to the Fourth Races.

It is through Śukra that the “double ones” [the Hermaphrodites] of the Third [Root-Race] descended from the first “Sweat-born.” Therefore it is represented under the symbol of \ominus [the circle and diameter] during the Third [Race], and of \oplus during the Fourth.³

Yama is a personification of the Third Root-Race.

Yama (*Sk.*). The personified third root-race in Occultism. In the Indian Pantheon Yama is the subject of two distinct versions of the myth.⁴

He is the first man that died, and the first that departed to the heaven of bliss.

In the *Vedas* he is the *god of the dead*, a Pluto or a Minos, with whom the shades of the departed dwell (the *Kāmarūpas* in *Kāmaloka*). A hymn speaks of Yama as the first of men that died, and the first that departed to the world of bliss (*Devachan*). This, because Yama is the embodiment of the race which was the first to be endowed with *consciousness* (*Manas*), without which there is neither Heaven nor Hades. Yama is represented as the son of *Vivasvat* (the Sun). *He had a twin-sister named Yamī*, who was ever urging him, according to another hymn, to take her for his wife, in order to perpetuate the species. The above has a very suggestive symbolical meaning, which is explained in Occultism. As Dr. Muir truly remarks, the *Rig-Veda* — the greatest authority on the primeval myths which strike the original key-note of the themes that underlie all the subsequent variations — nowhere shows Yama “as having anything to do with the punishment of the wicked.” As king and judge of the dead, a Pluto in short, Yama is a far later creation.

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 5

² In the esoteric philosophy it is male and female, or hermaphrodite; hence the *bearded* Venus in mythology.

³ *ibid.*, II p. 30; [quoting from a *Commentary*.]

⁴ *Theosophical Glossary*: Yama

Twins Yama-Yami live in a palace of copper and iron, green and red. They stand for dual Manas.

One has to study the true character of Yama-Yamī throughout more than one hymn and epic poem, and collect the various accounts scattered in dozens of ancient works, and then he will obtain a consensus of allegorical statements which will be found to corroborate and justify the Esoteric teaching, that Yama-Yamī is the symbol of the *dual Manas*, in one of its mystical meanings. For instance, Yama-Yamī is always represented of a *green* colour and clothed with *red*, and as dwelling in a palace of *copper* and *iron*. Students of Occultism know to which of the human “principles” the green and the red colours, and by correspondence the *iron* and *copper*, are to be applied. The “twofold-ruler” — the epithet of Yama-Yamī — is regarded in the exoteric teachings of the Chino-Buddhists as both judge and criminal, the restrainer of *his own* evil doings and the evil-doer himself. In the Hindu epic poems Yama-Yamī is the twin-child of the Sun (the deity) by Sañjñā (spiritual consciousness); but while Yama is the Āryan “lord of the day,” appearing as the symbol of spirit in the East, Yamī is the queen of the night (darkness, ignorance) “who opens to mortals the path to the West” — the emblem of evil and matter.

In the Puranas, Yama has many wives who force him to dwell in the lower world, this earth. He is a Spirit in exile.

In the *Purānas* Yama has many wives (many Yamīs) who force him to dwell in the lower world (Pātāla, Myalba, etc., etc.); and an allegory represents him with his foot lifted, to kick Chhāyā, the handmaiden of his father (the astral body of his mother, Sañjñā, a metaphysical aspect of Buddhi or Alaya). As stated in the Hindu Scriptures, a soul when it quits its mortal frame, returns to its abode in the lower regions (Kāmaloka or Hades). Once there, the Recorder, the Karmic messenger called *Chitragupta* (hidden or concealed brightness), reads out his account from the Great Register, wherein during the life of the human being, every deed and thought are indelibly impressed — and, according to the sentence pronounced, the “soul” either ascends to the abode of the Pitris (Devachan), descends to a “hell” (Kāmaloka), or is reborn on earth in another human form. The student of Esoteric philosophy will easily recognize the bearings of the allegories.¹

Hermes Anubis, represented with an animal head, reveals to the souls of the dead the mysteries of the lower world.

Hermanubis (*Gr.*). Or Hermes Anubis “the revealer of the mysteries of the *lower world*” — not of Hell or Hades as interpreted, but of our Earth (the *lowest world of the septenary chain of worlds*) — and also of the sexual mysteries. Creuzer must have guessed at the truth of the right interpretation, as he calls Anubis-Thoth-Hermes “*a symbol of science and of the intellectual world.*”



¹ *Theosophical Glossary: Yama*

During the birth process of the early Third Root-Race the cross fell off the circle and became phallic when those men who, being still mindless, imitated the animals and thus degraded themselves. The uncircled cross also stands for the dual meaning of sexes.

He was always represented with a cross in his hand, one of the earliest symbols of the mystery of generation, or procreation on this earth. In the Chaldean Kabbala (*Book of Numbers*) the Tat symbol, or +, is referred to as Adam and Eve, the latter being the transverse or horizontal bar drawn out of the side (or rib) of *Hadam*, the perpendicular bar. The fact is that, esoterically, Adam and Eve while representing the early *third* Root-Race — those who, being still mindless, imitated the animals and degraded themselves with the latter — stand also as the dual symbol of the sexes. Hence Anubis, the Egyptian god of generation, is represented with the head of an animal, a dog or a jackal, and is also said to be the “Lord of the *underworld*” or “Hades” into which he introduces the *souls of the dead* (the reincarnating entities), for *Hades* is in one sense the womb, as some of the writings of the Church Fathers fully show.¹

Thoth alone remains changeless from the first to the last Divine Dynasty. He is the god of wisdom and has authority over all other gods. He is the recorder and judge. He is the Master of Cynocephalus, the dog-headed ape who stood in Egypt as a living symbol and remembrance of the Third Root-Race.

Thoth (*Eg.*). The most mysterious and the least understood of gods, whose personal character is entirely distinct from all other ancient deities. While the permutations of Osiris, Isis, Horus, and the rest, are so numberless that their individuality is all but lost, Thoth remains changeless from the first to the last Dynasty. He is the god of wisdom and of authority over all other gods. He is the recorder and the judge. His ibis-head, the pen and tablet of the celestial scribe, who records the thoughts, words and deeds of men and weighs them in the balance, liken him to the type of the esoteric *Lipikas*. His name is one of the first that appears on the oldest monuments. He is the lunar god of the first dynasties, the master of Cynocephalus — the dog-headed ape who stood in Egypt as a living symbol and remembrance of the Third Root-Race.²

The first Three Races were Divine Dynasties, superhuman Celestial Spirits, Titans and Kings, born one from the other mentally in Bharata-Varsha (India), land of divine knowledge and initiation.

Nearly five hundred years before the actual era, Herodotus was shown by the priests of Egypt the statues of their human Kings and Pontiffs-*Pirōmis* (the arch-prophets or Mahā-Chohans of the temples), *born one from the other* (without the intervention of woman) who had reigned before Menes, their first *human* King. These statues, he says, were enormous colossi in wood, three hundred and forty-five in number, *each of which had his name, his history and his annals*. And they assured Herodotus³ (unless the most truthful of historians, the “Father of History,” is now accused of fibbing, *just in this instance*) that no historian could ever understand or write an

¹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Hermanubis

² *ibid.*, Thoth

³ *History*, II, 143. See also de Mirville, *Des Esprits*, Vol. II, pp. 16-17, for a mass of evidence.

account of these superhuman Kings, unless he had studied and learned the *history of the three dynasties* that preceded the human — namely, the DYNASTIES OF THE GODS, that of demi-gods, and of the heroes, or giants. These “three dynasties” are the three Races.

Translated into the language of the Esoteric doctrine, these three dynasties would also be those of the Devas, of Kimpurushas, and of Dānavas and Daityas — otherwise gods, celestial spirits, and giants or Titans. “Happy are those who are born, even from the condition of gods, as men, in Bhārata-Varsha!” exclaim the incarnated gods themselves, during the Third Root-Race. Bhārata is India, but in this case it symbolized the chosen land in those days, and was considered the best of the divisions of Jambu-dvīpa, as it was the land of active (spiritual) works *par excellence*; the land of initiation and of divine knowledge.¹

They informed the mind of animal men of the middle and late Third Race, during the present (Fourth) Round, in seven stages.

The mānasaputras² are likewise dhyāni-chohans. There are seven classes of these mānasaputras, just as there are seven classes of Agnishvāttas. In fact, the agnishvāta-energy and the mānasaputra-energy are two aspects of the same cosmic beings. The incarnation or entrance of these mānasaputras into the as yet mentally unawakened humanity, of the middle and later third root-race of this fourth globe during this present fourth round, took place in seven stages, according to the seven classes of the mānasaputras. It took ages before all the humanity of that period became self-conscious.³



¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 369; [on the three dynasties of gods, demi-gods, and heroes, *i.e.*, the three Root-Races.]

² *Mānasaputra* is a compound: *mānasa*, mental, from the word *manas*, mind, and *putra*, child — offspring of the cosmic Mahat or intelligence, which later has always been described as the fire of spiritual consciousness.

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. III) XII p. 644

Evolution of complexion and types.

Stanza X.39. THE FIRST (*Race*) ON EVERY ZONE WAS MOON-COLOURED (*yellow white*); THE SECOND, YELLOW, LIKE GOLD; THE THIRD, RED; THE FOURTH, BROWN, WHICH BECAME BLACK WITH SIN. THE FIRST SEVEN (*human*) SHOOTS WERE ALL OF ONE COMPLEXION IN THE BEGINNING. THE NEXT (*seven, the sub-races*) BEGAN MIXING THEIR COLOURS.¹

Śloka 39 relates exclusively to the racial divisions. Strictly speaking, esoteric philosophy teaches a modified polygenesis. For, while it assigns to humanity a oneness of origin, in so far that its forefathers or “Creators” were all divine beings — though of different classes or degrees of perfection in their hierarchy — men were nevertheless born on seven different centres of the continent of that period. Though all of one common origin, yet, for reasons given their potentialities and mental capabilities, outward or physical forms, and future characteristics, were very different.² As to their complexions, there is a suggestive allegory told in *Linga-Purāna*. The *Kumāras* — the Rudra gods, so called (*see further*) — are described as incarnations of Śiva, the *destroyer* (of *outward forms*), named also Vāmadeva. The latter, as a *Kumāra*, the “Eternal Celibate,” the chaste Virgin-youth, springs from Brahmā in each great Manvantara, and “again becomes four”; a reference to the *four great divisions* of the human races, as regards complexion and type — and three chief variations of these. Thus in the 29th Kalpa — in this case a reference to the transformation and evolution of the human form which Śiva ever destroys and remodels periodically, down to the Manvantaric great turning point about the middle of the Fourth (Atlantean) Race — in the 29th Kalpa, Śiva, as Śveta-lohita, the *root-Kumāra*, becomes, from moon-coloured, *white*; in his next transformation — he is *red* (and in this the exoteric version differs from the Esoteric teaching); in the third — *yellow*; in the fourth — *black*.³

Early Third Race men were the Titans of the Secondary Age.

The claim that physical man was originally a colossal pre-tertiary giant, and that he existed 18,000,000 years ago, must of course appear preposterous to admirers of, and believers in, modern learning. The whole *posse comitatus*⁴ of biologists will turn away from the conception of this third race Titan of the Secondary age, a being fit to fight as successfully with the then gigantic monsters of the air, sea, and land, as his forefathers — the ethereal prototypes of the Atlantean — had little need to fear that which could not hurt him. The modern anthropologist is quite welcome to laugh at our Titans, as he laughs at the Biblical Adam, and as the theologian laughs at his pithecoïd ancestor. The Occultists and their severe critics may feel that they have pretty well mutually squared their accounts by this time. Occult sciences claim less and give more, at all events, than either Darwinian Anthropology or Biblical Theology.

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 227

² Some superior, others inferior, *to suit the Karma* of the various reincarnating Monads which could not be all of the same degree of purity in their last births in other worlds. This accounts for the difference of races, the inferiority of the savage, and other human varieties.

³ *ibid.*, II p. 249

⁴ [Power or force of the county, referring to a group of citizens assembled by the authorities to deal with an emergency.]

Nor ought the Esoteric Chronology to frighten any one; for, with regard to figures, the greatest authorities of the day are as fickle and as uncertain as the Mediterranean wave. As regards the duration of the geological periods alone, the learned men of the Royal Society are all hopelessly at sea, and jump from one million to five hundred millions of years with the utmost ease, as will be seen more than once during this comparison.¹

They were the real Sons of God on earth, a Holy Race:

This race could live with equal ease in water, air, or fire, for it had an unlimited control over the elements. These were the “Sons of God”; not those who saw the daughters of men, but the real *Elōhīm*, though in the Oriental *Kabbalah* they have another name. It was they who imparted Nature’s most weird secrets to men, and revealed to them the ineffable, and now *lost* “word.” This word, which is no word, has travelled once around the globe, and still lingers as a far-off dying echo in the hearts of some privileged men.²

They were four-armed hermaphrodites with a third eye at the back of the head.

To the Occultists who believe that spiritual and psychic *involution* proceeds on parallel lines with physical *evolution*; that the *inner* senses — innate in the first human races — atrophied during racial growth and the material development of the outer senses; to the student of Esoteric symbology, finally, this statement is no conjecture or possibility, but simply *a phase of the law of growth, a proven fact* in short. They understand the meaning of this passage in the *Commentaries* which says:

*There were four-armed human creatures in those early days of the male-females [hermaphrodites]; with one head, yet three eyes. They could see before them and behind them.*³ A KALPA later [after the separation of the sexes] *men having fallen into matter, their spiritual vision became dim; and coördinately the third eye commenced to lose its power. . . . When the Fourth [Race] arrived at its middle age, the inner vision had to be awakened, and acquired by artificial stimuli, the process of which was known to the old sages.*⁴ . . . *The third eye, likewise, getting gradually PETRIFIED,*⁵ *soon disappeared. The double-faced became the one-faced, and the eye was drawn deep into the head and is now buried under the hair. During the activity of the inner man [during trances and spiritual visions] the eye swells and expands. The Arhat sees and feels it, and regulates*

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 8-9

² *Isis Unveiled*, I pp. 589-90

³ *viz.*, the third eye was at the back of the head. The statement that the latest hermaphrodite humanity was “four-armed,” unriddles probably the mystery of all the representations and idols of the exoteric gods of India. On the Acropolis of Argos, there was a *ξόανον*, a rudely carved wooden statue (attributed to Dædalus), representing a three-eyed colossus, which was consecrated to Zeus *Triopios* (three-eyed). The head of the “god” has two eyes in its face and one above on the top of the forehead. It is considered the most archaic of all the ancient statues (*Schol. Vatic. ad Euripides Troades*, 14). [Look up “Zeus Triophthalmos” in our Hellenic and Hellenistic Series. — ED. PHIL.]

⁴ The *Inner sight* could henceforth be acquired only through training and initiation, save in the cases of “natural and born magicians,” sensitives and mediums, as they are called now.

⁵ This expression “petrified” instead of “ossified” is curious. The “back eye,” which is of course the *pineal gland*, now so-called, the small pea-like mass of grey nervous matter attached to the back of the third ventricle of the brain, is said to almost invariably contain *mineral concretions* and *sand*, and “nothing more.” (*vide infra*)

his action accordingly. . . . The undefiled Lanoo [disciple, chela] need fear no danger; he who keeps himself not in purity [who is not chaste] will receive no help from the "deva eye."



Unfortunately not. The "deva-eye"¹ exists no more for the majority of mankind. The *third eye is dead*, and acts no longer; but it has left behind a witness to its existence. This witness is now the PINEAL GLAND. As for the "four-armed" men, it is they who become the prototypes of the four-armed Hindu gods, as shown in a preceding footnote.²

¹ [The "Eye of Dangma" of the Stanzas of Dzyan; Devāksha, in Sanskrit.]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 294-95

The transference of the pineal gland, once the “third eye,” to the forehead is by exoteric, artistic licence.

The allegorical expression of the Hindu mystics when speaking of the “eye of Śiva,” the *Tri-lochana* (“three-eyed”), thus receives its justification and *raison d'être* — the transference of the pineal gland (once that “third eye”) to the forehead, being an exoteric licence. This throws also a light on the mystery — incomprehensible to some — of the connection between *abnormal*, or Spiritual Seership, and the physiological purity of the Seer. The question is often asked, “Why should celibacy and chastity be a *sine qua non* rule and condition of regular *chelaship*, or the development of psychic and occult powers?” The answer is contained in the *Commentary*. When we learn that the “third eye” was once a physiological organ, and that later on, owing to the gradual disappearance of spirituality and increase of materiality (spiritual nature being extinguished by the physical), it became an atrophied organ, as little understood now by physiologists as the spleen is¹ — when we learn this, the connection will become clear. During human life the greatest impediment in the way of spiritual development, and especially to the acquirement of *Yoga* powers, is the activity of our physiological senses. Sexual action being closely connected, by interaction, with the spinal cord and the grey matter of the brain, it is useless to give any longer explanation. Of course, the normal and abnormal state of the brain, and the degree of active work in the *medulla oblongata*, reacts powerfully on the pineal gland, for, owing to the number of “centres” in that region, which control by far the greater majority of the physiological actions of the animal economy, and also owing to the close and intimate neighbourhood of the two, there must be exerted a very powerful “inductive” action by the *medulla* on the pineal gland.²

That Holy Race consisted of men who, at their zenith, were described as “towering giants of godly strength and beauty, and the depositaries of all the mysteries of Heaven and Earth.”

Let us begin by the mode of reproduction of the later sub-races of the Third human race, by those who found themselves endowed with the *sacred fire* from the spark of higher and then independent Beings, who were the psychic and spiritual parents of Man, as the lower *Pitar-Devatās* (the *Pitris*) were the progenitors of his physical body. That Third and holy Race consisted of men who, at their zenith, were described as, “towering giants of godly strength and beauty, and the depositaries of all the myster-

¹ [Seat of the astral body or *Linga-Śarīra* and physical vehicle of the “Astral Light,” the Protean Double. Cf. “During incarnation the germ, or life essence, of the *Linga-Śarīra*, is, as said, in the Spleen; the *Chhāyā* lies curled up therein. And now let the student escape from much confusion by distinguishing between the various Astral Bodies and the true Astral. The Astral, *par excellence*, the Second Principle in Man, corresponding to the Second Principle in Cosmos, is the progeny of the *Chhāyā* of the Lunar *Pitris* and the Auric Essence that absorbed it. (See p. 608.) This is the moulder of the infant’s Body, the model spoken of above. This has for its physical organ the Spleen, and during incarnation has its seat there. It affords the basis for *all* Astral Bodies, for the *Linga-Śarīra* proper, and the *Māyāvi-Rūpas* used as vehicles for different Principles. Let us then now call it the *Chhāyā*, in view of its origin. When an Astral Body is to be formed, the *Chhāyā* evolves a shadowy, curling or gyrating essence like smoke, which gradually takes form as it emerges. In order that this essence may become visible, the *Chhāyā* draws on the surrounding atmosphere, attracting to itself certain minute particles floating therein, and so the *Linga-Śarīra*, or other Astral vehicle is formed outside the physical Body. This process has often been observed at spiritualistic séances, at which materialization has occurred. An Esotericist has seen the *Chhāyā* emerging from Eglinton’s [see *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, III pp. 503-5] left side, and forming in the way here described.” *ibid.*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. V) XII p. 705]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 295-96

ies of Heaven and Earth.” Have they likewise *fallen*, if, then, incarnation was the *Fall*?¹

They lived in Hedone-Eden, the Paradesha of the first Sanskrit-speaking people.²

What is the etymological meaning of the word *Eden*? In Greek it is *ἡδονή*, signifying *voluptuousness*. In this aspect it is no better than the Olympus of the Greeks, Indra’s heaven (Svarga) on Mount Meru, and even the paradise full of *Houris*, promised by Mahomet to the faithful. The Garden of Eden was never the property of the Jews; for China, which can hardly be suspected of having known anything of the Jews 2,000 B.C., has such a primitive garden in Central Asia inhabited by the “Dragons of Wisdom,” the Initiates. And according to Klaproth, the hieroglyphical chart copied from a Japanese Cyclopædia in the book of *Fo-koue-ky*, places its “Garden of Wisdom” on the plateau of Pamir between the highest peaks of the Himālayan ranges; and describing it as the culminating point of Central Asia, shows the four rivers — Oxus, Indus, Ganges, and Silo — flowing from a common source, the “*Lake of the Dragons*.”

But this is not the Eden of *Genesis*; nor is it the Kabbalistic Garden of Eden. For the former — *Eden Īlā-āh* — means in one sense Wisdom, a state like that of Nirvāna, a paradise of Bliss; while in another sense it refers to Intellectual man himself, the container of the Eden in which grows the tree of Knowledge of good and evil: man being the *Knower* thereof. . . .

[Eden] was the abode of the “Sons of Wisdom,” the first mind-born sons of the Third Race. Yet it was neither the only one nor the primitive cradle of humanity, though it was the copy of the cradle, verily, of the first thinking *divine* man. It was the *Paradesha*, the highland of the first Sanskrit-speaking people, the *Hēdonē*, the country of delight of the Greeks, but it was not the “*bower* of voluptuousness” of the Chaldeans, for the latter was only the reminiscence of it; and also because it was not there that the *Fall of Man* occurred after the “separation.” The Eden of the Jews was *copied* from the Chaldean *copy*.³

Today, the only pure and direct descendants of the Third Race are the “fallen” and degenerated Australians, whose far-distant ancestors belonged to its seventh subrace.

The present yellow races are the descendants, however, of the early branches of the Fourth Race. Of the third, the only *pure and direct* descendants are, as said above, a portion of the fallen and degenerated Australians, whose far-distant ancestors belonged to a division of the seventh Sub-race of the Third. The rest are of mixed Lemuro-Atlantean descent. They have since then entirely changed in stature and intellectual capacities.⁴

¹ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 171-72

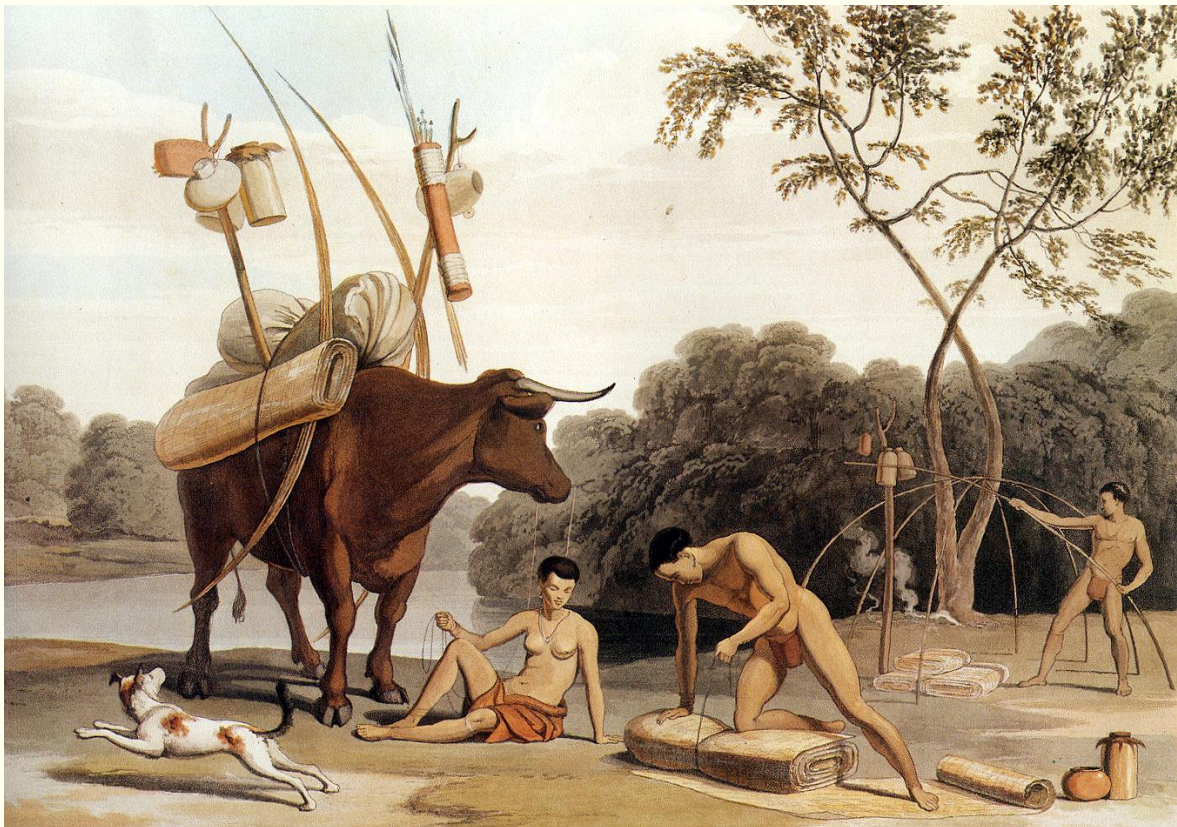
² [However, “Sanskrit, as now known, was not spoken by the Atlanteans, and most of the philosophical terms used in the systems of the India of the post-Mahābhāratean period are not found in the *Vedas*, nor are they to be met with in the original Stanzas [of Dzyan], but only their equivalents.” *Secret Doctrine*, I p. 23]

³ *ibid.*, II pp. 203-4

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 199 *fn.*

Like the Khoikhoi of South-western Africa, the Malays and Papuans are mixed stock, resulting from the intermarriages of low Atlantean subraces with the seventh subrace of the Third Root-Race. Thus they are of indirect Lemuro-Atlantean descent.

The Malays and Papuans are a *mixed* stock, resulting from the intermarriages of the low Atlantean sub-races with the Seventh sub-race of the Third Root-Race. Like the Hottentots,¹ they are of indirect *Lemuro-Atlantean* descent. It is a most suggestive fact — to those concrete thinkers who demand a *physical* proof of Karma — that the lowest races of men are now rapidly dying out; a phenomenon largely due to an extraordinary sterility setting in among the women, from the time that they were first approached by the Europeans. A process of decimation is taking place all over the globe, among those races, whose “time is up” — among just those stocks, be it remarked, which esoteric philosophy regards as the senile representatives of lost archaic nations. It is inaccurate to maintain that the extinction of a lower race is *invariably* due to cruelties or abuses perpetrated by colonists. Change of diet, drunkenness, etc., etc., have done much; but those who rely on such data as offering an all-sufficient explanation of the crux, cannot meet the phalanx of facts now so closely arrayed.²



Korah-Khoikhoi dismantling their huts, preparing to move to new pastures (1805) Samuel Daniell

¹ [See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khoikhoi>]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 779-80

Holy procreation about to turn into animal gratification, celestial fire into terrestrial.

The generative force, spiritual at the beginning, turned material on the physical plane. Our present mode of procreation began towards the end of the third Root-Race.

Daksha [is] a form of Brahmā, and his son in the *Purānas*. But the *Rig Veda* states that “Daksha sprang from Aditi, and Aditi from Daksha,” which proves him to be a personified correlating Creative Force acting on *all the planes*. The Orientalists seem very much perplexed what to make of him; but Roth is nearer the truth than any, when saying that Daksha is the spiritual power, and at the same time the male energy that generates the gods in eternity, which is represented by Aditi. The *Purānas* as a matter of course, anthropomorphize the idea, and show Daksha instituting “sexual intercourse on this earth,” after trying every other means of procreation. The generative Force, spiritual at the commencement, becomes of course at the most material end of its evolution a procreative Force on the physical plane; and so far the Purānic allegory is correct, as the Secret Science teaches that our present mode of procreation began towards the end of the third Root-Race.¹

The followers of the Lesser Mysteries were allowed to perceive things only through a mist, as it were, “with eyes closed.” But the Initiates or Seers of the Greater Mysteries, “those who see things unveiled,” were taught the true Mysteries of the Zodiac, and the relations and correspondences between its twelve constellations and the ten orifices of the human body.²

Each of our seven physical senses (two of which are still unknown to profane science), and also our seven states of consciousness — *viz*:

- 1 Waking;
- 2 Waking-dreaming;
- 3 Natural sleeping;
- 4 Induced or trance sleep;
- 5 Psychic;
- 6 Super-psychic; and
- 7 Purely spiritual — corresponds with one of the seven cosmic planes, develops and uses one of the seven super-senses, and is connected directly, in its use on the terrestro-spiritual plane, with the cosmic and divine centre of force that gave it birth, and which is its direct creator.

Each is also connected with, and under the direct influence of, one of the seven Sacred Planets.³ These belonged to the Lesser Mysteries, whose followers were called *Mystai* [*μυσται*] (the veiled), seeing that they were allowed to perceive things only

¹ *Theosophical Glossary*: Daksha

² [Consult Hieronymus von Mansfeld (*Comp. & Ed.*). *The True Colours of Man*, Gwernymynydd: Philaletheians UK, 2015; v. 17.15.2022; 92pp. This is our fifth Major Work. — ED. PHIL.]

³ See *Secret Doctrine*, I pp. 572-74.

through a mist, as it were “with the eyes closed”; while the Initiates or “Seers” of the Greater Mysteries were called Eoptai [επόπται] (those who see things unveiled).¹ It was the latter only who were taught the true Mysteries of the Zodiac and the relations and correspondences between its twelve signs (two secret) and the ten human orifices.

The difference in the number of orifices between man and woman is merely exoteric.

The latter are now of course ten in the female, and only nine in the male; but this is merely an external difference. In the second volume of *The Secret Doctrine* it is stated that till the end of the Third Root-Race (when androgynous man separated into male and female) the ten orifices existed in the hermaphrodite, first potentially, then functionally. The evolution of the human embryo shows this. For instance, the only opening formed at first is the buccal cavity, “a *cloaca* communicating with the anterior extremity of the intestine.” This becomes later the mouth and the posterior orifice: the Logos differentiating and emanating gross matter on the lower plane, in occult parlance.

The connection between Zodiac and orifices stems from the power of mental procreation that was coeval with the Third Race.

The difficulty which some students will experience in reconciling the correspondences between the Zodiac and the orifices can be easily explained. Magic is coëval with the Third Root-Race, which began by creating through Kriyāśakti and ended by generating its species in the present way.² Woman being left with the full or perfect cosmic number 10 (the divine number of Jehovah), was deemed higher and more spiritual than man. In Egypt, in days of old, the marriage service contained an article that the woman should be the “lady of the lord,” and real lord over him, the husband pledging himself to be “obedient to his wife” for the production of alchemical results such as the elixir of life and the philosopher’s stone, for the *spiritual* help of the woman was needed by the male alchemist. But woe to the alchemist who should take this in the dead-letter sense of *physical* union. Such sacrilege would become black magic and be followed by certain failure. The true alchemist of old took *aged* women to help him, carefully avoiding the young ones; and if any of them happened to be married they treated their wives for months both before and during *operations* as sisters.³

Even in the evolution of the Races we see the same order as in nature and man.⁴ Placental animal man became such only after the separation of sexes in the Third Root-Race. In the physiological evolution, the placenta is fully formed and functional only after the third month of uterine life.⁵

¹ [See the excerpt on the senses and gunas from G. de Purucker’s *Fountain-Source of Occultism*, pp. 240-43, appended at the end of the present Instruction. — Boris de Zirkoff.]

² See *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. II, pp. 456, 461, 465.

³ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. I) XII pp. 532-33

⁴ All the uterine contents, having a direct spiritual connection with their cosmic antetypes, are on the physical plane potent objects in Black Magic — therefore considered unclean.

⁵ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (E.S. INSTRUCTION No. I) XII p. 524

The third and last semi-spiritual, sexless race was also the last vehicle of the divine, innate Wisdom of its Enochs and Seers. The union of Wisdom and Intelligence, the former ruling the latter, is called in the Hermetic texts “the God possessing the double fecundity of the two sexes.”

What say the old sages, the philosopher-teachers of antiquity. Aristophanes speaks thus on the subject in Plato's *Banquet*:¹

Our nature of old was not the same as it is now. It was *androgynous*, the form and name partaking of, and being common to both the male and female. . . . Their bodies were round, and the manner of their running circular.² They were terrible in force and strength and had prodigious ambition. Hence Zeus *divided each of them into two*, making them weaker; Apollo, under his direction, closed up the skin.

Meshia and Meshiane were but a single individual with the old Persians.

They also taught that man was the product of the Tree of Life, growing in androgynous pairs, till they were separated at a subsequent modification of the human form.³

In the Book of the Generations (*Tōledōth*) of Adam, the verse “God created (*bārā*, brought forth) man in his image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them,” if read esoterically will yield the true sense, viz.: “The *Elōhīm* [Gods] brought forth from themselves [by modification] man in their image . . . created they *him* [collective humanity, or *Adam*], male and female created *he* [collective Deity] them.”⁴

The mystery of inactive and active, separating and separated androgynes will now be explained.

This will show the esoteric point. The *sexless* Race was their first production, a modification *of* and *from* themselves, the pure spiritual existences; and this was Adam *solus*. Thence came the *second* Race: Adam-Eve or Yōd-Havāh, inactive androgynes; and finally the *Third*, or the “*Separating* Hermaphrodite,” Cain and Abel, who produce the Fourth, Seth-Enos, etc. It is that Third, the last semi-spiritual *race*, which was also the last vehicle of the divine and innate Wisdom, ingenerate in the Enochs, the Seers of that Mankind. The *Fourth*, which had tasted from the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil — Wisdom united already to earthy, and therefore *impure*,

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² Compare Ezekiel's vision (ch. i) of the four divine beings who “had the likeness of a man” and yet had the appearance of a wheel, “when they went, they went upon their four sides . . . for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheel.” [Drawing from the same Series herein presented on page 57 below. — ED. PHIL.]

³ See Dr. Wilder's Essay: *The Primeval Race Double-Sexed*.

⁴ Eugibinus, a Christian, and the Rabbis Samuel, Manasseh ben Israel, and Maimonides taught that “Adam had *two* faces and *one* person, and from the beginning he was both male and female — male on one side and female on the other [like Manu's Brahṁā], but afterwards the parts were separated.” The one hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm of David recited by Rabbi Jeremiah ben Eleāzār is evidence of this. “Thou hast *fashioned* me behind and before,” not *beset* as in the Bible (verse 5), which is absurd and meaningless, and this shows, as Dr. Wilder thinks, “that the primeval form of mankind was androgynous.”

intelligence¹ — had consequently to acquire that Wisdom by initiation and great struggle. And the union of Wisdom and Intelligence, the former *ruling* the latter, is called in the Hermetic books “the God possessing the double fecundity of the two sexes.” Mystically Jesus was held to be man-woman. See also in the *Orphic hymns*, sung during the Mysteries, we find: “Zeus is a male, Zeus is an immortal maid.”² The Egyptian Ammon was the goddess Neith, in his other half. Jupiter has female breasts, Venus is bearded in some of her statues, and Ilā, the goddess, is also Sudyumna, the god, as Vaivasvata’s progeny.

The name *Adam*, [says Professor A. Wilder] or man, itself implies this double form of existence. It is identical with *Athamas*, or *Thomas* (Tamil, *Tam*), which is rendered by the Greek *Didymos*, a twin; if, therefore, the first woman was formed subsequently to the first man, she must, as a logical necessity, be “taken out of man” . . . and the *side* which the *Elōhīm* had taken from man, “made he a woman” [*Genesis* ii]. The Hebrew word here used is *tzala*, which bears the translation we have given. It is easy to trace the legend in Berosus, who says that *Thalath* (the *Omoroka*, or Lady of Urka) was the beginning of creation. She was also Telita, the queen of the Moon. . . . The two memorable twin births of *Genesis*, that of Cain and Abel, and of Esau and Jacob, shadow the same idea. *The name Hebel is the same as Eve*, and his characteristics seems to be feminine. “Unto thee shall be his desire,” said the Lord God to Cain, “and thou shalt rule over him.” [*Gen.* iv, 7] The same language had been uttered to Eve. “Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”³

Thus the pristine bi-sexual unity of the human *Third* Root-Race is an axiom in the Secret Doctrine. Its virgin individuals were raised to “Gods,” because that Race represented their “divine Dynasty.” The moderns are satisfied with worshipping the male heroes of the Fourth Race, who created gods after their own sexual image, whereas the gods of primeval mankind were “male and female.”⁴

Third Race men began separating in their prenatal shells or eggs, and issuing out of them as distinct male and female babies.

Almost sexless, in its early beginnings, [Humanity’s Third Race] became bisexual or androgynous; very gradually of course. The passage from the former to the latter transformation required numberless generations, during which the simple cell that issued from the earliest parent (the two in one), first developed into a bisexual being; and then the cell, becoming a regular egg, gave forth a unisexual creature. The Third-Race-mankind is the most mysterious of all the hitherto developed five Races. The mystery of the “How” of the generation of the distinct sexes must, of course, be very obscure here, as it is the business of an embryologist and a specialist, the present work giving only faint outlines of the process. But it is evident that the units of

¹ See the union of *Hokhmāh*, Wisdom, with *Bināh*, Intelligence, or Jehovah, the *Demiurge*, called *Understanding* in the *Proverbs* viii, 5. Unto men *Wisdom* (divine occult Wisdom) crieth: “Oh, ye simple, understand Wisdom; and ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.” It is *spirit* and *matter*, the *nous* and the *psychē*; of the latter of which *James* (iii, 15) says that it is “earthly, sensual, devilish.”

² Cory, *Ancient Fragments*, 1832, p. 290; Aristotle, *De mundo* (Peri kosmou), 7, 1-4

³ Wilder, *op. cit.*

⁴ *Secret Doctrine*, II pp. 133-35

the Third Race humanity began to separate in their prenatal shells, or eggs,¹ and to issue out of them as distinct male and female babes, ages after the appearance of its early progenitors. And, as time rolled on its geological periods, the newly born sub-races began to lose their natal capacities. Toward the end of the fourth *sub-race*, the babe lost its faculty of walking as soon as liberated from its shell, and by the end of the fifth, mankind was born under the same conditions and by the same identical process as our historical generations. This required, of course, millions of years.²

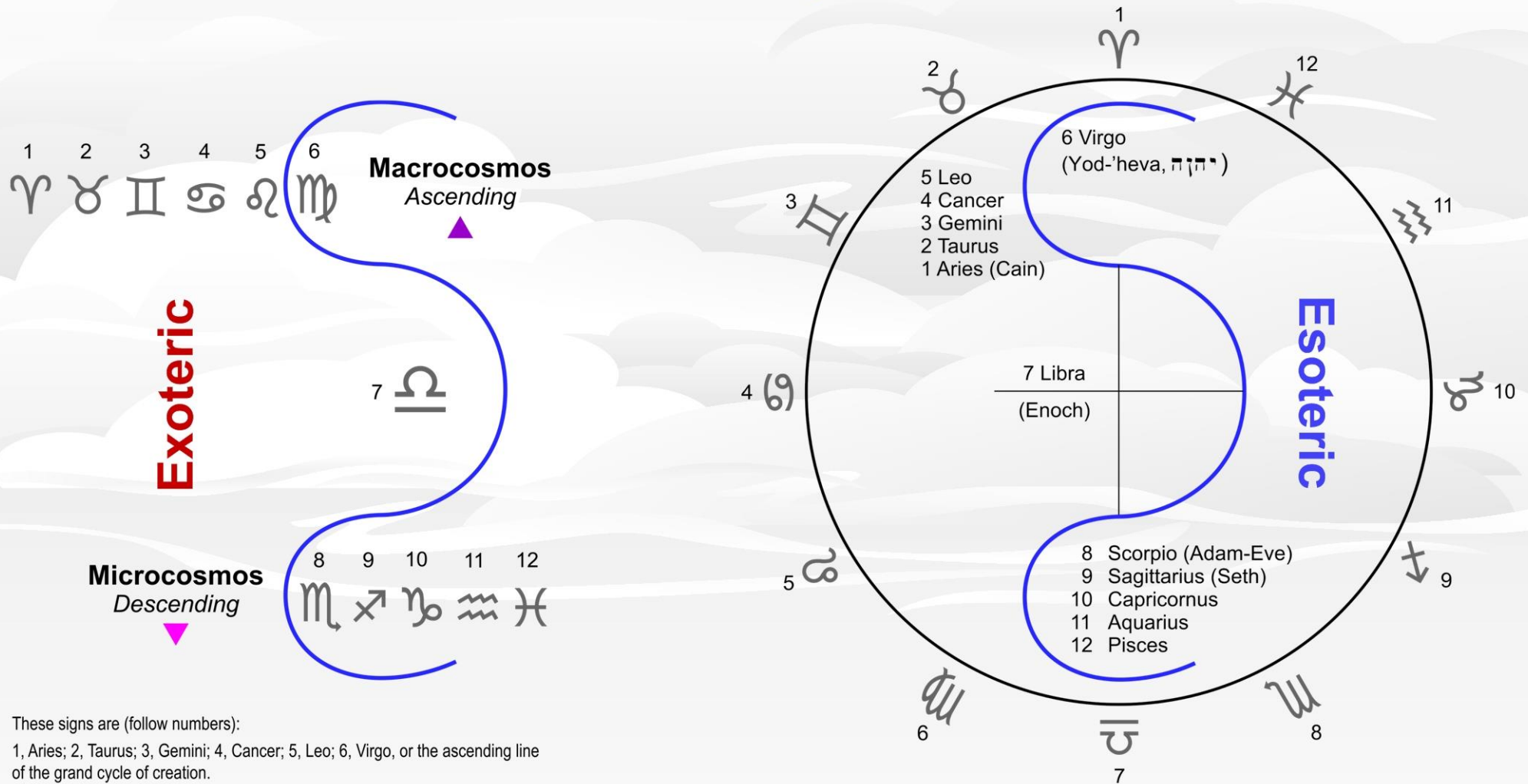


Leda and the Swan by Leonardo da Vinci, Wilton House, Salisbury, England

¹ The “fables” and “myths” about Lēda and Jupiter, and such like, could never have sprung up in people’s fancy, had not the allegory rested on a fact in nature. Evolution, gradually transforming man into a mammal, did in his case only what it did in that of other animals. But this does not prevent man from having always stood at the head of the animal world and other organic species, and from having preceded the former. [Look up “Bestride the Bird of Life,” in our Secret Doctrine’s First Proposition Series. — ED. PHIL.]

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 197

The Wheel of Ezekiel



These signs are (follow numbers):

1, Aries; 2, Taurus; 3, Gemini; 4, Cancer; 5, Leo; 6, Virgo, or the ascending line of the grand cycle of creation.

After this comes 7, Libra — "man," which, though it is found right in the middle, or the intersection point, leads down the numbers:

8, Scorpio; 9, Sagittarius; 10, Capricornus; 11, Aquarius; and 12, Pisces.

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Separation of the sexes begun.

The primitive rite of covenanting by inter-transfusion of blood began in the Third Race, in commemoration of the separation of the sexes, and was firmly established in the Fourth.

The arcane doctrine teaches that the “blood” rites are as old as the Third Root-Race, being established in their final form by the Fourth Parent race in commemoration of the separation of androgynous mankind, their forefathers, into males and females. G. Massey is a strict scholar, who holds only to that which is made evident to him, and ignores the Occultistic division of mankind into Races, and the fact that we are in our Fifth Root-Race, and would, of course, refuse to carry mankind back into *pre-Tertiary* times. Yet his researches and the fruit of his life-labour, corroborate, by their numberless new facts revealed by him, most wonderfully, the teachings of the “Secret Doctrines.”

The Theosophists are reminded that the “seven souls” are what we call the “seven principles” in man. “Blood” is the *principle* of the Body, the lowest in our septenary, as the highest is “Ātma,” which may well be symbolized by the Sun; Ātma being the light and life in man, as the physical sun is the light and life of our solar system.¹

The first man and woman, the biblical Enoch, appeared in the fifth sub-race of the Third Root-Race.

Though we apply the term “*truly human*,” only to the Fourth Atlantean Root-Race, yet the Third Race is almost human in its latest portion, since it is during its fifth sub-race that mankind *separated* sexually, and that the *first man was born* according to the now normal process. This “first man” answers in the Bible to Enos or Henoch, son of Seth (*Genesis iv*).²



Variant of Leda and the Swan (detail)

¹ *Blavatsky Collected Writings*, (FOOTNOTES TO “BLOOD-COVENANTING”) VIII p. 251-52

² *Secret Doctrine*, II p. 715 *fn*.

Fourth Root-Race: The Atlantean

Synoptic overview.

The Fourth Root-Race has been the subject of a monograph, *Rise and Demise of Atlantis*, first published in 2006 as part of our Integrative Theosophical Studies Online Series 4 on Anthropogenesis. It can be found in our Major Works and in [Google Books](#). The subject matter is further amplified and supplemented in our Atlantean Realities Series. There now follows an abstract from that monograph.

Atlantis was a global configuration of islands covering of what is now the mid-Atlantic Ocean, as well as portions of the Pacific, and had islands even in the Indian Ocean. Europe and America were connected by a land passage, of which Iceland, Madeira, and the other Atlantic islands are remnants.

Atlantis and its illustrious "Fourth Race" inhabitants sunk 856,000 years ago, coinciding with the elevation of the Alps.

Titans and Cyclopes of old belonged to the Atlantean Race. Progressively, the human frame consolidated and symmetrised. Two front eyes developed but the "seers" sinned and lost the third. After the separation of the sexes, Karma forced the creative gods to incarnate in mindless men. Then, sight and speech developed, for, language is coeval with reason. Humanity had passed the middle point in the Great Cycle. The door for further monads entering the human kingdom closed and the balance struck. Many of us are now working off the effects of the evil karmic causes produced by us in Atlantean bodies.

Prometheus is the pre-eminent Atlantean hero and philanthropist. He bestowed to animal man divine mind. But the gift was abused and became a curse. The mystery of the Fourth Race "falling" into matter explained: Angels fell but not Man. Eminent Atlanteans are still kindling the Promethean fire. Zoroaster, Ulysses, Noah, Kabeiroi, Telchines, and other heroic figures are none other than mankind's divine instructors and true benefactors.

Atlantis was a land of beautiful and strong giants. Their initiates commemorated images of the five Races in stone for the instruction of future generations. Though perfected in materiality, they degenerated in spirituality. Black magic, bestiality, selfishness, and self-adoration spelled the demise of that proud race.



Pivotal attributes of the first four Root-Races.

Race	Watcher	Procreation	Appearance	Cognition	Speech	Demise	Parallels
1. Shadows (Chhayas), Astral Sons of Yoga, Self-existent and Self-born. (Adam 2 of Genesis. Adam 1 is Kadmon, Heavenly Man or Second Logos.)	Watched by the Sun, Lunar Ancestors (Pitris), or Lords of the Moon, gave their body.		Ethereal, "moon-coloured," phantom-like. Neither type nor colour, and hardly an objective, though colossal form.	Unintelligent, mindless (amanasa), i.e., mind not yet awakened.	Speechless, because mindless.	Neither flood nor fire could destroy them. They disappeared in the second race without either begetting it, procreating it, or dying.	Ātma / Hearing / Aether (Inner or noetic hearing dwarfed to outer, or mere physical, in the early Fifth Race.)
2.1 Early Second, Fathers of the Sweat-born.	Watched by Brihaspati-Jupiter.	Sexless (devoid of sex, i.e., latent hermaphrodites), by fission.	Boneless giants, i.e., soft-boned semi-human monsters.	Weak spark of intelligence.	Chant-like vowel sounds.	But their "Sons," the Second Root-Race, could be, and were so, destroyed.	Buddhi / Touch / Air (The "odd" eye was the only seeing organ.)
2.2 Late Second, Sweat-born race begins.		Asexual (no distinct sex, i.e., inactive hermaphrodites), by budding.					
3.1 Early Lemurian, Sweat-born race continues. Sons of Passive Yoga produced unconsciously by the Second Race. (Adam and Eve.)	Watched by Sukra-Venus.	Still asexual, amoeba-like, by exudation of vital fluid, the drops of which coalesced to form an oviform ball, nourished from without.	One-eyed (i.e., organ of objective sight. Not the third eye of Fourth Race Initiates, the "Sons of Cycles" or Cyclopes, which is the reverse.)	Still mindless, hence sinless.	Slight improvement on the sounds of Nature, on the cry of gigantic insects, and of the first animals that, however, were hardly nascent.	Second sub-race of First Race came to an end in the second sub-race of the Third.	
3.2 Middle Lemurian, Egg-born androgynous.		Bisexual (partaking of the attributes of both sexes, i.e., separating hermaphrodites), nourished from within.	Three-eyed, four-armed, with light yellow-gold complexes. Bones solidified.	Awakening intelligence. Lowest point in the arc of descent reached. Axle of the wheel tilted.	Speech was no better than a tentative effort. Communicated by thought-transference.	First Root-Race came to an end altogether. For, men had lost their balance.	
3.3 Late Lemurian, Womb-born race of men and women begins.	Solar Ancestors (Pitris), or Sons of Mind (Manasaputras), gave their mind.	Separation of sexes begun in the fifth sub-race, foreshadowing the "fall" of Spirit.	Stature begins decreasing. Twin physical eyes now prominent.	Intelligence about to be succumbed to temptations of personal desires (Kama).	Monosyllabic speech of vowel pattern mixed with hard consonants.		Higher Manas / Sight / Fire (i.e., light. Third eye became a gland.)
4. Atlantean, Womb-born race continues. (Adam 3 of Genesis.)	Watched by Soma-Moon.	Separation of sexes completed and thus creation of the first human species accomplished, but at a high cost: "The whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth." (Romans viii, 22)	Two-eyed, two-armed, red-yellow at first, larger in size than now, with body symmetry peaking in the middle of the race; brown-white, later. Together with the yellow races, they form the bulk of present-day humanity.	Intelligence fully awakened. Acquired knowledge of good and evil. At the middle point of the race, karmic balance was struck. No more animal monads can now enter the human kingdom.	Agglutinative languages developed, followed by inflectional speech, root of Sanskrit and first true language; now the mystery tongue of Fifth Race Initiates.	Black magic, bestiality, and self-adoration spelled the demise of that proud race by rising waves. "They perished to the last man, the soil sinking under their feet and the earth engulfing those who had desecrated her." (Comm.)	Lower Manas / Taste / Water. (Twin eyes, organs of objective sight, now fully developed. Third eye continues functioning till nearly the end of the race.)

Suggested reading for students.¹⁶¹



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¹⁶¹ Students should be fully conversant with the metaphysical concepts and learning aids set out in our Secret Doctrine's Propositions Series 1 and 2. — ED. PHIL.

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- THE VISIBLE SUN IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM IS A BALL OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCES,
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- THERE IS NOTHING GREATER THAN THE DIVINING STRAWS AND THE TORTOISE
- VITALITY AND DISSOLUTION IN THE GRAND CYCLES OF EXISTENCE

