

# *Celestial Hierarchies of Sentient Beings*



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## *Guiding and Animating Kosmos*

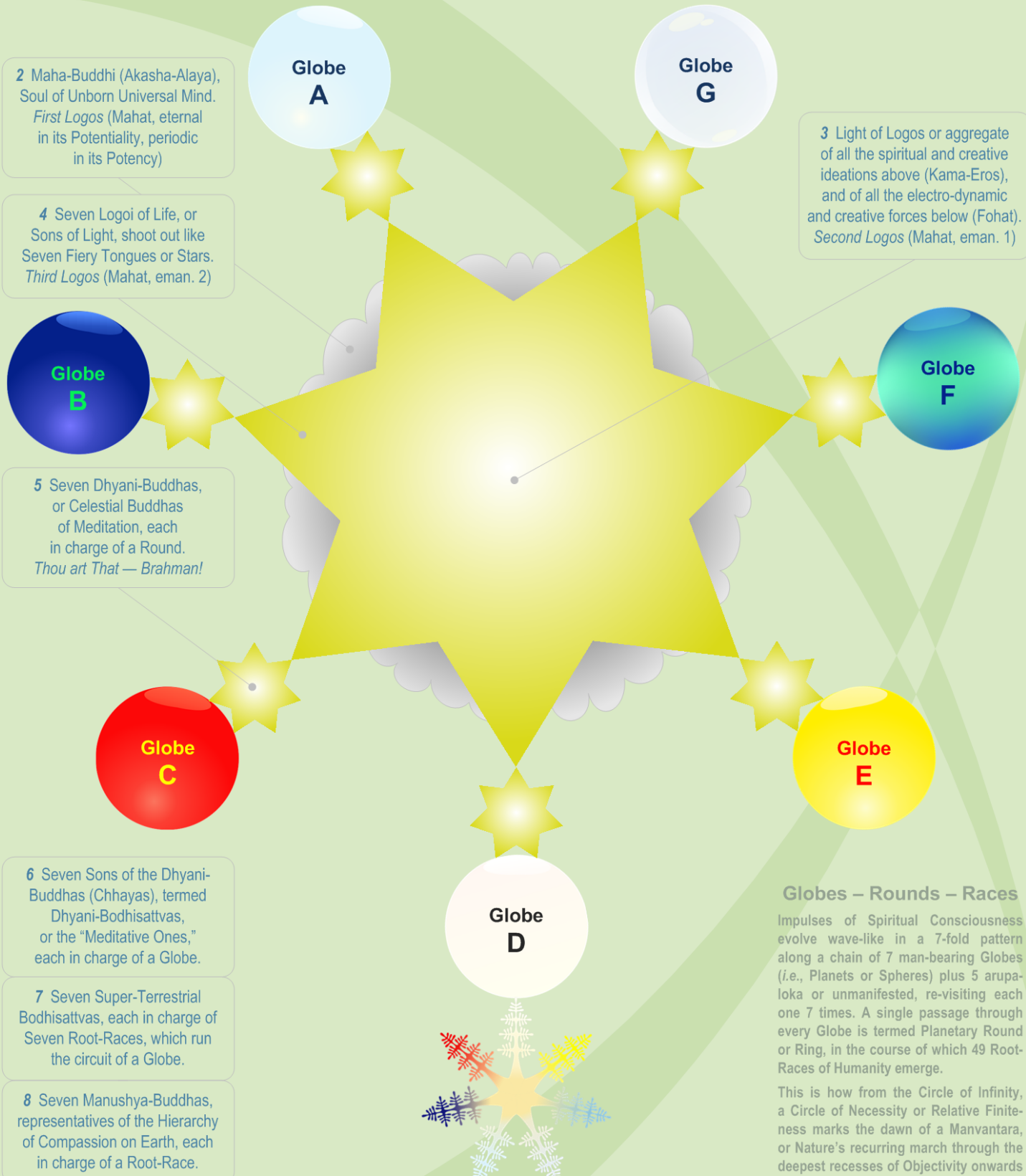
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# UNKNOWABLE FIRST CAUSE

1 Adi-Buddhi or Primeval Universal Mind and Wisdom



2 Maha-Buddhi (Akasha-Alaya), Soul of Unborn Universal Mind. *First Logos* (Mahat, eternal in its Potentiality, periodic in its Potency)

4 Seven Logoi of Life, or Sons of Light, shoot out like Seven Fiery Tongues or Stars. *Third Logos* (Mahat, eman. 2)

5 Seven Dhyani-Buddhas, or Celestial Buddhas of Meditation, each in charge of a Round. *Thou art That — Brahman!*

6 Seven Sons of the Dhyani-Buddhas (Chhayas), termed Dhyani-Bodhisattvas, or the "Meditative Ones," each in charge of a Globe.

7 Seven Super-Terrestrial Bodhisattvas, each in charge of Seven Root-Races, which run the circuit of a Globe.

8 Seven Manushya-Buddhas, representatives of the Hierarchy of Compassion on Earth, each in charge of a Root-Race.

3 Light of Logos or aggregate of all the spiritual and creative ideations above (Kama-Eros), and of all the electro-dynamic and creative forces below (Fohat). *Second Logos* (Mahat, eman. 1)

## Globes – Rounds – Races

Impulses of Spiritual Consciousness evolve wave-like in a 7-fold pattern along a chain of 7 man-bearing Globes (i.e., Planets or Spheres) plus 5 arupa-loka or unmanifested, re-visiting each one 7 times. A single passage through every Globe is termed Planetary Round or Ring, in the course of which 49 Root-Races of Humanity emerge.

This is how from the Circle of Infinity, a Circle of Necessity or Relative Finiteness marks the dawn of a Manvantara, or Nature's recurring march through the deepest recesses of Objectivity onwards and upwards to ever-higher realms of Subjectivity.

Our development is heightened during the 4th Round, in the course of which 7 Root-Races emerge, each one evolving through 7 sub-races. "The term Root-Race applies to one of the seven great Races [e.g., Lemurian, Atlantean, Aryan, etc.], sub-Race to one of its great Branches, and Family-Race to one of the sub-divisions, which include nations and large tribes." (SD II, 198 fn)

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**Adi-Buddhi or Cosmic Ideation**

**Maha-Buddhi or Cosmic Soul, Mahat**

**Fohat or Cosmic Light of Logos and Life**

**Seven Logoi of Life shooting out like 'fiery tongues'**

**Seven Dhyani-Buddhas, each in charge of a Round**

**Seven Dhyani-Bodhisattvas, each in charge of a Globe**

**Seven Super-Terrestrial Bodhisattvas, each in charge of 7 Root-Races**

**Seven Manushya-Buddhas, each in charge of a single Root-Race**

**Humanity at large**



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## HYPARXIS

Seraphim

Cherubim

Thrones

Dominions

Virtues

Powers

Principalities

Archangels

Angels

### Hyparxis of Summit

$$1 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 10$$

[Ten is] the perfect number applied to the "Creator," the name given to the totality of the Creators blended by the Monotheists into One, as the "Elohim," Adam Kadmon or Sephirah — the Crown — are the androgyne synthesis of the ten Sephiroth, who stand for the symbol of the manifested Universe in the popularised Kabbalah. (SD, 1 98 fn)



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## Dionysian Celestial Hierarchy

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# ABSOLUTENESS AIN SOPH

Kether – Crown

Chokmah – Wisdom

Binah – Intelligence, Understanding

Chesed – Mercy, Love, Greatness

Geburah – Power, Justice

Tiphereth – Beauty

Netzah – Firmness, Victory

Hod – Splendour

Jesod – Foundation

Malkuth – Kingdom

The Sephirothal Tree is the Universe, and Adam-Kadmom represents in the West, as Brahmā represents it in India. (SD I, 352)

Left Pillar

**Destruction**

Right Pillar

**Creation**

Middle Pillar

**Harmony**



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## KABBALISTIC HIERARCHY Sephirothal Tree

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

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

Super-terrestrial

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

Sub-terrestrial

**Human Kingdom**  
**Animal Kingdom**  
**Plant Kingdom**  
**Mineral Kingdom**

**Elementals Class I**  
**Elementals Class II**  
**Elementals Class III**



## Related terms

Adityas  
 Agnishvatta Pitris  
 Agnishvattas  
 Asuras  
 Born in the Body of Night  
 Elohim  
 Fashioners of Inner Man  
 Fiery Egos  
 Fire Dhyanis  
 Gandharvas  
 Gods of Will  
 Great Sacrifice  
 Guardians  
 Hierarchs  
 Hyparxis  
 Incorporeal Pitris  
 Initiator  
 Kabeiroi  
 Kapila  
 Kartikeya  
 Kumaras  
 Llas  
 Lords of the Flame  
 Lords of Wisdom  
 Manas  
 Manasa(s)  
 Manasadyanis  
 Manasapitris  
 Manasaputras  
 Manasvin  
 Manus  
 Maruts  
 Mind-Born Ascetics  
 Nirmanakayas  
 Planetary Logos  
 Planetary Spirits  
 Rudras  
 Solar Ancestors  
 Solar Angels  
 Solar Devas  
 Solar Pitris  
 Sons of Ad  
 Sons of Fire  
 Sons of Fire-Mist  
 Sons of Flame  
 Sons of Mahat  
 Sons of Viraj  
 Sons of Will  
 Sons of Wisdom  
 Sons of Yoga  
 Spiritual Dhyanis  
 Vedhas  
 Virgin Ascetics  
 Virgin-Born  
 Watchers Silent  
 Watchers Solitary

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## Hierarchical Ladder of Being after *The Secret Doctrine*

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<b>Hyparxis</b>	Divine
<b>Gods</b>	Spiritual
<b>Demigods</b>	Divine Heroes
<b>Heroes</b>	Outstanding Men
<b>Men</b>	Human Kingdom
<b>Animals</b>	
<b>Plants</b>	
<b>Mineral World</b>	
<b>Hades</b>	Elemental World



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## Platonic Hierarchy of the Earth

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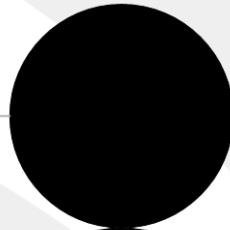


# INTELLECTUAL FIRE

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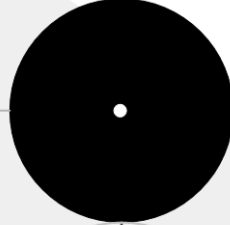
Absoluteness

Universal Principle  
(Των όλων αρχή)



The Perfect Intellectual  
(Το τέλειον νοερόν)

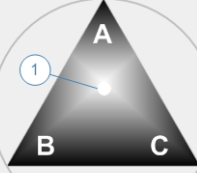
Boundless Power.  
Universal Root  
(Ρίζωμα όλων)



Invisible,  
Inapprehensible Silence  
(Σιγή ακατάληπτος)

Divine World

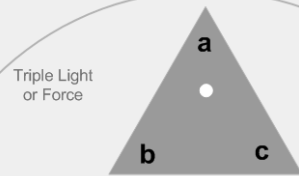
He who has stood,  
stands, and will stand  
(Ο εστώς, στάς, στηρόμενος)



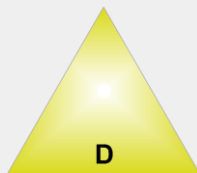
**A** Incorruptible Form <sup>(2)</sup>  
(Αφθαρτος Μορφή)  
**B** Universal Mind  
(Νούς των Όλων)  
**C** Great Thought  
(Επίνοια Μεγάλη)

Middle World

Middle Distance,  
Incomprehensible Air,  
without beginning or end,  
generated by the Spirit  
or the Seventh Power  
(Η εβδόμη δύναμις)  
moving on the Waters  
(Το πνεύμα το επιφερόμενον  
επάνω του ύδατος)



Triple Light  
or Force

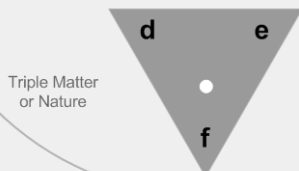


Lord of the  
Middle World

Syzygies

**a** Mind (Νούς) – Heaven  
**b** Voice (Φωνή) – Sun  
**c** Reason (Λογισμός) – Air

**D** The Image from the  
Incorruptible Form, alone  
ordering all things  
(Εικών ες αφάρτου μορφής  
κοσμούσα μόνη πάντα)



Triple Matter  
or Nature

**d** Reflection (Ενθύμησις) – Water  
**e** Name (Όνομα) – Moon <sup>(3)</sup>  
**f** Thought (Επίνοια) – Earth

Lower World

Lower Regions or World of  
Men made by the Angels  
and Powers, who were  
generated by Thought



### Note 1

Unmanifested Triple Aeon

- A Supreme Logos
- B Universal Ideation
- C Potential Wisdom

### Note 2

Paradigm of all forms (Param Rupam),  
treasure-house (θησαυρός) and  
store-house (αποθήκη) of divine truths  
[after Pistis-Sophia].

### Note 3

The Great Power was not called Father  
until Thought (in manifestation becoming Voice)  
named (ονομάσαι) him Father.

## Three Worlds of Being

Simonian	Valentinian	Gunās
Divine	Pneumatic (Spiritual)	Sattva
Middle	Psychic (Soul World)	Raja
Lower	Hylic (Material)	Tamas



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## SIMONIAN AEONOLGY Logic Emanations

For further analysis, see "Hierarchy - Simonian (Notes)" *ibid.*,  
"Mead's Essay on Simon Magus" in our Buddhas and Initiates Series,  
"Hierarchy - Compassionate (Drawing)" in our Masque of Love Series,  
and Diagram in our Secret Doctrine's First Proposition Series.

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## **“Invisible Stars”**

Milky Way

## **Walking or Numberless Stars**

Seraphim

## **Sphere of 1122 Stars**

Cherubim

## **Saturn**

Ruled by the Thrones

## **Jupiter**

Ruled by the Dominions

## **Mars**

Ruled by Virtues

## **Sun**

Solar God of all Nations

## **Venus**

Ruled by the Principalities

## **Mercury**

Ruled by Archangels

## **Moon**

Watched by Angels



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## **Syrian Hierarchy of the Stars**

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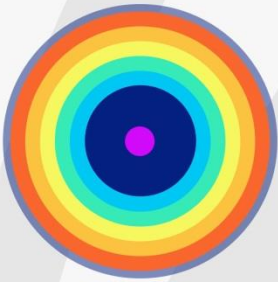
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*Si*



*Do*



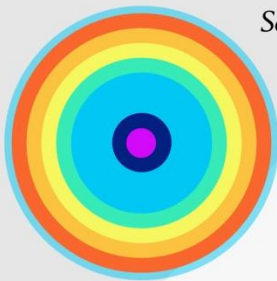
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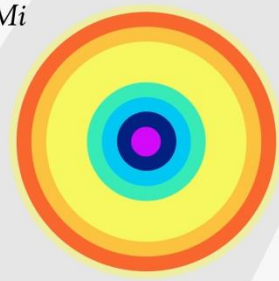
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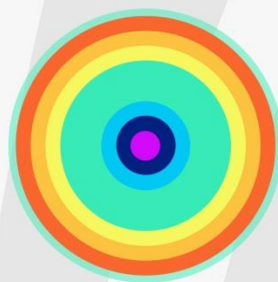
*Re*



*Sol*



*Mi*



## *Rootless Roots of Colours and Sounds*



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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

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

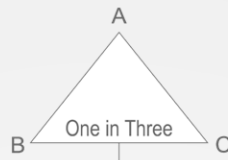
Atman, although exoterically reckoned as the seventh principle, is no individual principle at all, and belongs to the Universal Soul; it is the Auric Egg, the Magnetic Sphere round every human and animal being.

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

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.



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

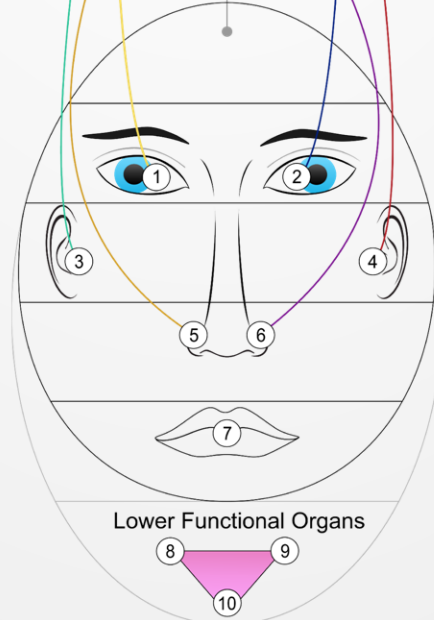
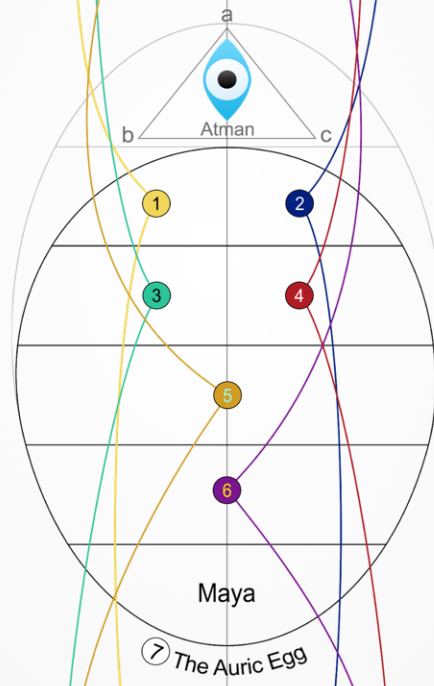
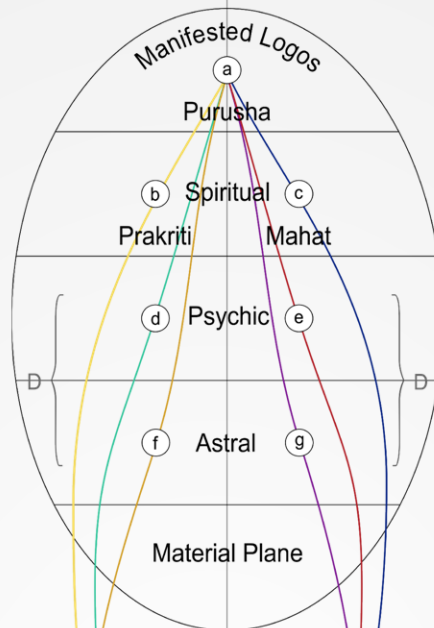
a. b. c.

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.



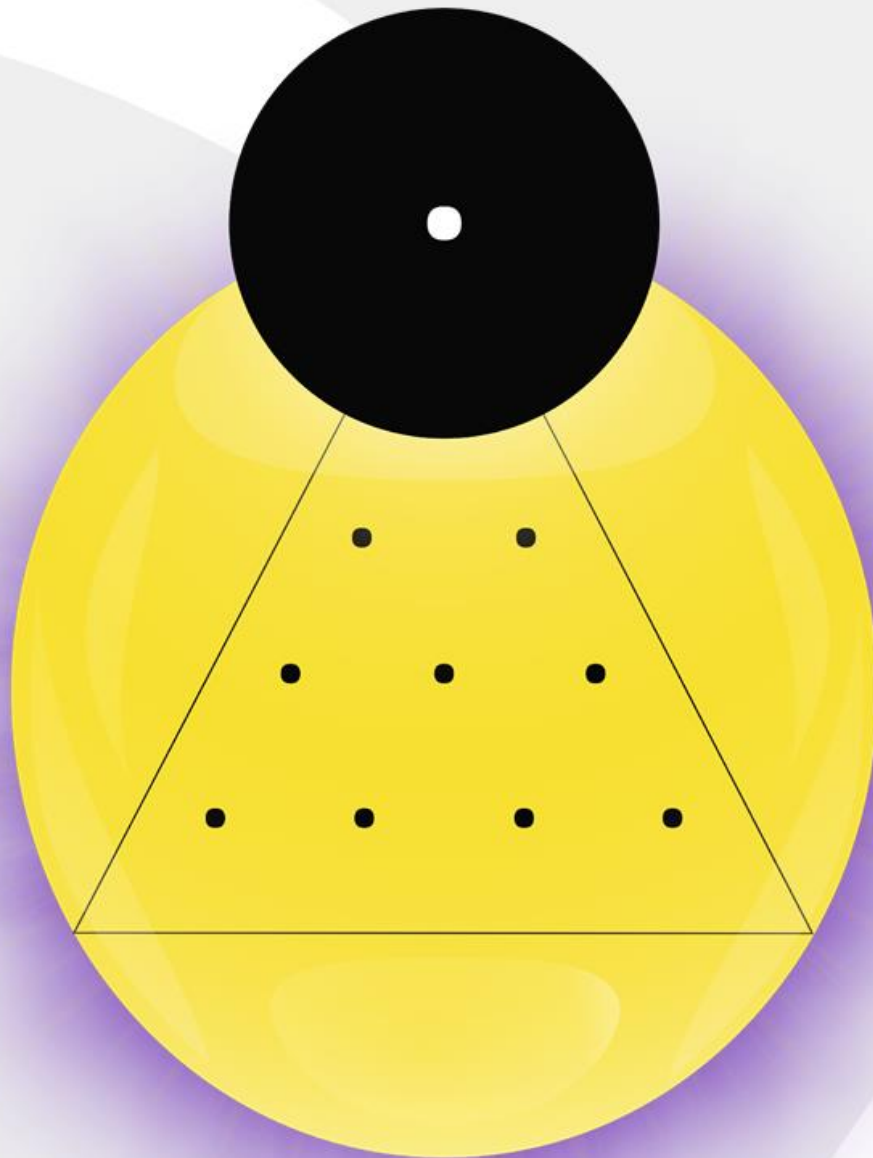
2. [Upper] Manas, Left Eye

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.



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## THE PYTHAGOREAN TETRACTYS

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### **From The Masque of Love Series.**

- APPARITIONS OF THE BLESSED ONES
- DESCENT AND ASCENT OF THE SAVIOURS OF THE WORLD
- DIVINE LOVE IS LYING ALONE IN CONCEALED POTENTIALITY
- ORPHEUS' HYMN TO LOVE
- THE MASQUE OF LOVE

