

SECTION 4 INTRODUCTORY ON INTELLIGENCE

4.1 Introduction

¹The previous greater section, Section One, dealt especially with emotionality, physical reality, and the matter aspect. Section Two now beginning is especially devoted to causal-mental consciousness and its transformation into higher consciousness, and to the consciousness aspect generally.

²The study of the consciousness aspect includes three subjects: 1) the subjective and the objective, 2) the manifestation of collective beings through the solar systemic globe and the planetary globe systems, 3) the evolution of consciousness and, therefore, also the evolution of (spirit =) the will and (matter =) the monad's envelopes.

³The three study subjects mentioned are very comprehensive, of course. To make them more concrete, their main points can be summed up in nine questions: 1) What is the relationship of the Son to the Sun? (LA: the relationship of the expanding solar systemic collective being to its envelope, the solar system) 2) What is evolution and how does it proceed? 3) Why is this solar system evolving according to the principle of duality? 4) What is consciousness and what is its position? 5) Is there a direct analogy between the development of the solar system, a planet, a man, and an atom? 6) What is intelligence and why is the mental principle of such importance? 7) Why is the progress of evolution cyclic? 8) Why is certain knowledge esoteric, and other knowledge exoteric? 9) What is the relationship between the ten 49-globes, the seven sacred planets, the seven globes in a seven-globe, the seven eons in a seven-globe, the seven root-races in a globe period, and the seven subraces in a root-race?

⁴When we are able to answer these nine questions, and have grasped, through their replies, something of the purpose lying behind the evolution of the consciousness of the solar being (with all that is included in the expression "evolution of the consciousness of the solar being"), we shall be in a position to consider the plan more intelligently, and to grasp more accurately the stage immediately ahead, working from our present standpoint.

⁵A curious interest and a far-seeing grasp of the plan of the solar ruler is of no importance to a man, unless he correlates the present with that which he understands to lie in the future, unless he ascertains the point achieved, and sees what work is to be immediately undertaken in this gradual process of attaining full consciousness.

4.2 What is the Relationship of the Son to the Sun?

Who is the Son and What is His Function?

¹Of the two aspects of reality, motion and matter are the original ones, those which exist before the manifestation of the solar system, whereas consciousness is the product or result of manifestation. That is why various systems of thought speak of "spirit and matter", "spirit in this connection referring to the motion, force, or will aspect. The speech of "consciousness and the vehicle of consciousness" can refer only to the ongoing manifestation, since consciousness does not exist before manifestation. Before manifestation, motion and matter are not united in any apposite activity, but are in a state of relative passivity. In manifestation motion interacts with matter in an apposite manner to enable the development of consciousness. Then and only then does life appear as consciousness expressing itself through appropriate vehicles.

²The process of manifestation should be viewed as an energy phenomenon (LA: esoteric symbolism speaks of this in terms of fire): the positive pole (motion) is united with the negative pole (matter), so that they generate the neutral pole (consciousness) between them. In esoteric symbolism this is presented in terms of father (motion) and mother (matter) producing the son (consciousness). As viewed from the objective matter aspect, this union is

about the formation of the solar system in the cosmic physical world (43–49). As viewed from the subjective consciousness aspect, it is about the consciousness development of the solar systemic collective being through the envelope represented by the solar system.

³This trinity of father, mother, and son has a down-scaled counterpart: the three triads and their energies. Thus the esoteric symbol of the third triad is the “father”, the first triad is called the “mother”, and the second triad is termed the “son”. This is connected, of course, with the fact that the third triad is the particular manifestation of the will aspect; the second triad, that of the consciousness aspect; and the first triad, that of the matter aspect. WofM 2.5.19, 2.8.7-9; KofL2 2.4.2, 2.7.3-5; KofL3 4.1.10

⁴Thus the human monad with its three triads is a down-scaling of the three cosmic aspects of reality, a microcosm. Man is a miniature sun, radiating like the sun light, heat, and magnetism, although this radiation still is scant compared to what it will be. Light belongs to the matter aspect; heat, to the motion aspect; and magnetism, to the consciousness aspect.

⁵When the evolutionary monads contained in the solar system have completed their consciousness expansion within the solar system, conquered 43-consciousness and 43-will, this radiation is perfected, speaking in cosmic physical terms. Then the collective of monads will link up with the cosmic centre to which they belong and from whence they have originated.

⁶Thus by the symbol the “son” (Sanskrit *putra* as in *manasaputra*) is meant the collective of monads of evolution and expansion in the solar systemic worlds (43–49). This collective manifests itself through the sun and the ten 49-globes (the “seven sacred planets”).

⁷In a very particular sense, the “son” is the furthest evolved monads within the solar systemic collective. These are the solar ruler and his closest assistants, the solar systemic government. These are cosmic collective selves, who have long ago left such consciousness as is limited to the solar system (43 at the highest). The solar systemic government constitutes collectively the solar ruler’s cosmic causal envelope (29–31). Just as the human monad has not fully activated its causal consciousness (47:1-3) and not perfected its causal envelope, there is a corresponding relationship between the solar ruler and his cosmic causal envelope. Only when the solar systemic government is wholly made up of 29-selves has the solar ruler entered the fourth cosmic kingdom (22–28), and have also lower solar systemic collective beings reached corresponding degrees of perfection, will the solar system have achieved its purpose. Until then the process of solar systemic manifestation will go on.

⁸Our present solar system is but of the fourth order, and exists in cosmic physical matter (43–49). We have the analogy in man: he is of the fourth order, has full objective self-consciousness in the physical world only. Since the gross physical is not considered a “principle” (the organism has no consciousness of its own but is controlled from centres of the etheric envelope), man is said to be fully conscious in 49:4. The fourth ether is the centre of his life in the physical sense. Likewise, the planetary collective beings are self-conscious at least in the corresponding cosmic etheric, world 46. In this connection it is to be considered that the “son” also stands for the middle (49:4 and 46, respectively), what is between the “father” (49:1 and 43, respectively) and the “mother” (49:7 and 49, respectively). As above, so below, is an esoteric law. 6.12.5

⁹It is the task of the “son”, of these collective beings, to gain experience, to make contact with other beings, to develop full self-consciousness, to achieve full mastery or control, to attain “manhood” cosmically, to expand their consciousness (join ever larger collectives). All these stages have to be achieved in cosmic worlds (world 42 and higher), just as man strives for similar goals in solar systemic worlds (43–49).

4.3 What is Evolution and How Does It Proceed?

¹The method of evolution is that of adjusting (the matter aspect =) the monad's envelopes to (the spirit aspect =) the monad's consciousness and will, so that these envelopes prove entirely adequate as instruments of the expression of this consciousness and of this will. 6.2.10

²*Life Cycles.* The life cycle of the solar systemic collective is given as one hundred years of Brahmā, just as man's life cycle is given in ordinary years the number of which depends on his reaping. During the life cycle of a man, he expresses what is in him at his particular stage, and gradually develops from the fetal stage wherein the causal being just overshadows the future envelopes of incarnation until the period where the causal being takes full possession of them. This latter stage varies with every individual. From that time on the monad seeks a fuller self-consciousness, and expresses itself through the envelopes ever more adequately. Each life or lesser cycle in the great cycle of the causal being makes it possible for the monad to express itself more fully, makes it possible for the monad to better control its envelopes, until there comes a culminating cycle of lives in which the monad in the causal envelope rapidly dominates, and takes full authority over the lower envelopes (47:4–49:7). The envelopes then become wholly adequate; their matter aspect has been fully adapted to the monad's will aspect. Then the monad can either use the envelopes consciously for specific ends or abandon them to be dissolved, and so liberate itself (LA: from all involvement in the lower three worlds, 47–49). WofM 3.28.3, 7.1.5; KofL3 3.11.6

³Expand this idea from man to the cosmic selves, the planetary rulers, in whose envelopes human monads are contained like cells in the organism! The planetary rulers' envelopes of manifestation are the 49-globes. (LA: In particular this is true of the centres of those envelopes, the "planetary centres", which consist of self-conscious monads.) In their worlds, the planetary rulers aim at the same goal as man: the attainment of full self-consciousness and manifestation of their will ("light and heat") through their envelopes. The seven planetary rulers radiate this will-energy consciously and with intense magnetic attraction between them, so that all are included in the common force field.

⁴Expand this thought still further to include the solar ruler and the entire solar system, which is his envelope! His attempt is to find full expression in it, so that his self-consciousness and magnetic will-radiation eventually may be felt beyond limits of the solar system. Both his self-consciousness and his will-manifestation must be perceived by the opposite cosmic pole, that star which is our sun's magnetic opposite.

⁵For the monads participating in the manifestation of the solar system, the objective is to attain objective self-consciousness in their respective worlds, different for the different natural kingdoms to which the monads belong (LA: the subhuman natural kingdoms are not intended here). For the monads of the fourth natural kingdom, human beings, the objective of evolution is to attain self-consciousness and control in worlds 47–49. For the monads of the fifth and sixth natural kingdoms, which monads are part of the planetary collective beings, the objective is to attain the corresponding goals in worlds 45–49 and 43–49, respectively. For the monads making up the systemic collective being, and which are monads of the seventh and eighth natural kingdoms (the second and third divine kingdoms), the objective is to attain the corresponding goals in worlds 29–49.

⁶The position of each natural kingdom and relationship to the others must be borne in mind, for no one can develop without the other.

⁷The solar systemic collective being manifests itself through the Sun and the "seven sacred planets" (= the ten 49-globes, the three greater and the seven lesser), each of which constitutes one of the seven "principles" of this collective being, just as this being in its totality embodies one of the "principles" of a still higher cosmic collective being, the being of seven suns.

⁸A planetary collective being manifests itself through a planet, and constitutes one of the "principles" of the solar being. Each planetary being is likewise developing through seven

“principles” (LA: in this case principles = centres), which are the source of this being’s essential unity with all the other six planetary beings. WofM 9.194.5

⁹Cosmically considered, the solar systemic collective being is developing the second ray, love–wisdom, of the being of seven suns. That is the fundamental quality the solar being has to develop during its present life-cycle. Each planetary collective being, therefore, is developing one of the sub-rays of this fundamental solar second ray. By analogy with the solar being, the planetary being, too, has six subsidiary principles.

¹⁰A human being manifests himself in the physical world through his envelopes. He also (has seven principles =) expresses seven rays, departments, and in each life-cycle he works at their development. He likewise has (his “primary colouring” =) his main department dependent upon (the fundamental principle =) the department represented by the planetary being which is his originating source.

¹¹The number of ten 49-globes, in effect ten planets (LA: since only one globe is active at a time in the 49-globe), depends on the fact that the seven sacred planets eventually unite with the three (LA: the fruits of evolution are transferred to the three), and finally the three merge with the one. PhS 2.49

¹²This can be traced along the line of analogy in the study of the seven rays. These seven rays, which in manifestation are diverse, are eventually synthesized. The minor four are blended into the third major ray, and the three major rays are finally merged into the one synthetic ray, the love–wisdom ray. Thus there are seven rays during the evolutionary process, but three “crowning” rays (summing up the results of the minor seven).

¹³Therefore, of the seven planetary beings, functioning through the seven planets, four eventually unite into one, which merges into the three, and finally the one absorbs the essence of these three. This process takes many eons while the solar system gradually goes into obscurity. The process runs like this: the four planetary beings make two pairs of polar opposites, and then the positive and negative poles unite, so that only two remain, whereupon this pair becomes one. Then the first synthesized being thus produced unites with the planetary being representing the third ray, and so “the fusion will proceed until ultimately unity is reached in the [solar] system, and the Son has accomplished His purpose.”

¹⁴LA: The explanation given above within quotes is too summary and sketchy, as it actually omits to discuss what will happen to two of the seven lesser planetary beings and their 49-globes, that is to say, the ones representing the first and second rays, and also leaves out of consideration the process of the three greater planetary beings and their 49-globes, respectively. Therefore, the presentation needs to be complemented with the following facts. When the four planetary beings mentioned have united into one, and this has merged with the fifth, the one representing the third ray, only three lesser planetary beings remain. In the next step of the process, these three lesser ones merge with the three greater according to the departments they belong to. Subsequently only the three greater planetary beings remain, manifesting themselves through the three greater 49-globes: esoteric Saturn (third department), Neptune (second department), and Uranus (first department). 4.6.12

¹⁵When the entire solar system has been made a unity, the solar ruler will manifest the second ray in the cosmic mental-causal world (29–35). The magnetic radiation of the solar ruler will then touch the periphery of his cosmic opposite with which he is to unite. 4.6.14

¹⁶It cannot yet be given out which sun is the opposite of our solar system. A hint lies concealed in the relationship of the Pleiades to our system, but not until in the zodiacal epoch of Capricorn after the year 4450 will the relationship be more fully explained. 6.3.15

4.4 *Why is the Solar System Evolving Along the Lines of Duality?*

¹The problem of duality is the problem of existence itself, and cannot be solved by the man who refuses to recognize the possibility of two esoteric facts: 1) The entire solar system is the envelope of a being who originates in cosmic worlds outside the limitation of the solar system. 2) Manifestation is periodical and the law of rebirth controls the evolution of man, of the planetary being, and of the solar being

²When scientists recognize these two facts, then their explanations will take a different line and the truth as it is will begin to illuminate their reason. Illumination is the light of the intuition breaking through the barriers that wiseacre reason has erected.

³The duality of the solar system will eventually be recognized as dependent upon the following factors: 1) existence itself, 2) time and space, 3) the quality of desire or necessity, 4) the acquisitive faculty inherent in life itself.

⁴Having acquisitive faculty, by the means of motion, the monad gathers to itself the material whereby it achieves its desire, whereby it fabricates the form through which it seeks expression, and whereby it confines itself within the prison of the envelope in order to gain experience.

⁵It is correct that this theory takes for granted a mighty intelligence who works thus through an ordered plan, and who consciously takes shape and incarnates in order to carry out specific purposes of his own. (HTL adds here: for his own evolution or expansion.) But this hypothesis is but the rock bottom esoteric fact, yet it is but a partial presentation of the real idea. But owing to the limitations of man at his present stage of evolution, it is sufficient as a working hypothesis.

⁶This being, who is called the solar ruler, is in no sense the same as the personal god of the Christian, who is no more nor less than man himself, expanded into a being of awful power, and subject to the virtues and vices of man himself. The solar ruler is far above man and also above all the hosts of beings in the solar system which are superhuman as well and which have in past eons reached and passed the stage where man is now.

⁷Man stands midway between the monads of the lower evolutionary kingdoms, those monads which in future eons will reach the human stage, and the monads of higher, superhuman kingdoms, and in this middle position lies his problem. He does not partake wholly of the material side of evolution, nor is he wholly the expression of the consciousness aspect or the will aspect. He assumes material envelopes in order to express consciousness and will.

⁸Causal active consciousness (47:1) unites with superessential consciousness (45), and from this union springs essential consciousness (46), which is perfected through evolution.

⁹When the cosmic being assumes form, there is added to the active causal consciousness, which is the product of the previous solar system, a further kind of consciousness, which up to then was only potential: unity consciousness (46). This unity consciousness, also called "love-wisdom", is the ability to love what is objective, the not-self, and ultimately to use with wisdom the form. (LA adds: In this is included the "will" of the second self: 45; the highest kind of will that mankind, actually the causal self, is able to grasp in this solar system.) The will of the third self (43) is incomprehensible to our mankind, it will be comprehensible to mankind only in the next solar system.

¹⁰Mankind is that evolution through which the consciousness aspect is to express itself most perfectly in this "cosmic incarnation" of the solar being. In man, the opposites and the three triads are united. The human evolution is the best expression of the principle of intelligence and might be considered the best representative of the consciousness aspect generally. LA: This refers to the human evolution, not just to mankind. 5.3.31

¹¹The human evolution is of immense importance in the plans of the seven-solar systemic government, and the governments of the six solar systems that are the closest allies of ours watch the progress of this evolution with keenest attention.

¹²The planet Earth represents the turning point or the battleground in the struggle between “spirit” (43–45:3) and “matter” (47:4–49), and our solar system holds an analogous place in the seven-solar system.

¹³Duality produces the manifestation of the solar system and the evolution of consciousness.

4.5 *What is Consciousness and What is its Position?*

¹Consciousness concerns primarily the relation of the self to the not-self, of the knower to the known, of the thinker to the object of thought. All these descriptions presuppose the acceptance of the principle of duality, the principle of objectivity.

²Consciousness is the expression of what might be called the middle point in manifestation. It does not involve entirely the “pole of spirit” (the will aspect). It is produced by the union of the two “poles” (LA: the will or motion aspect and the matter aspect) through the process of interaction and adaptation that is the necessary outcome of it. 4.2.1f

³The following relations should be considered:

<i>First pole</i>	<i>Point of union</i>	<i>Second pole</i>
Shiva (Mahādeva)	Vishnu	Brahmā
Guardians of law (Spirit =) Will	Supervisors of evolution Consciousness	Formers of matter Matter
Father	Son	Mother
Third triad	Second triad	First triad
Self	Relation between the two	Not-self
Life	Realization	Form

⁴The solar system expresses through its evolution the relationship between these three kinds of collective beings. The whole aim of evolution is that the solar systemic being achieves full self-realization, complete self-consciousness, and full and active knowledge. PhS 2.52.1

⁵The three collective beings making up the solar systemic being seek full development by means of each other. The collective being of the will aspect seeks, with the aid of the collective being of the matter aspect (the deva evolution), to develop the collective being of the consciousness aspect (the human evolution).

⁶The corresponding in the human kingdom: by means of its three triad units the first triad (the monad in the first triad) seeks to achieve full self-consciousness in 47–49. (LA adds: This is impossible without the active aid by the second triad, which in practice means the aid by Augoeides. WofM 3.42.2, 9.72.2, 10.2.11, 10.4.7; KofL1 4.2.22; KofL3 18.9.8 Self-consciousness is possible only through causal consciousness, however faint this is at the beginning.)

⁷The monads making up the planetary collective being reach self-consciousness through 47:1-3, 46, and 45. These monads belong to the human evolution and to the deva evolution.

⁸When man achieves, then (the “heavenly man” =) the planetary being achieves, and when the planetary being achieves, then (the “son” =) the solar being achieves.

⁹The goal is self-consciousness in all worlds: man in 47–49, the planetary being in 45–49, the solar being in 36–49.

4.6 *Is there a direct Analogy between the Development of a Solar System, a Planet, a Man and an Atom?*

¹The analogy is never exact in detail but only in certain broad basic correspondences. Between all the four categories of beings, there will be found unchangeable points of resemblance, which during evolution may not appear with the same details. The points of

resemblance might be summed up as follows, starting from the physical atom:

²*An atom* 1) An atom has a spheroidal form containing within itself a nucleus of life. 2) An atom consists of finer atoms, which in their turn consist of still finer atoms, and so on. The physical atom consists of more than fourteen thousand millions of 43-atoms. Yet these component beings together make up a unity. 3) An atom is distinguished by activity, and demonstrates rotary motion, discriminative power, and ability to develop. 4) An atom consists of ten spirals, three greater and seven lesser, which are in process of vitalization, but have not yet attained full activity. Only four of the lesser are functioning at this stage, and the fifth is in process of development. 5) An atom is governed by the law of economy, is coming slowly under the law of attraction, and will eventually come under the law of synthesis. 6) Atoms aggregate with each other to make forms. 7) An atom responds to outer electrical and magnetic stimulation, acting on its matter aspect and consciousness aspect.

³*A Man*. 1) A man has a spheroidal form, with a nucleus of life at the centre. By this is meant his causal envelope, the truly human envelope, and its centre. 2) The human form consists of atoms, which are all influenced by the monad's vibrations according to the monad's level of development. As seen from higher worlds a man appears as a sphere (or spheres) of differentiated matter, vibrating at definite frequencies and demonstrating definite colours. 3) A man is distinguished by activity in one or more of worlds 47–49, and shows forth “rotary motion”, or cycles of incarnation, discriminative capacity, or the power to choose experience and gain from these choices, ability to evolve, to increase vibration and to make contact with others. 4) A man (the monad following the human evolution) contains within himself three “major principles” (the three triads) and seven “lesser principles” (the seven envelopes of atomic matter, 43–49), ten altogether. Just as in the atom only four spirals are vitalized and active, and the fifth one is in process of being activated, so in present man only four envelopes are active (the etheric, emotional, mental, and triad envelopes), whereas a fifth (the causal envelope) is in process of being conquered by the monad. 5) A man is governed by the law of attraction, has evolved through the law of economy, and is coming under the law of synthesis. The law of economy governs the material process with which man is not consciously concerned. The law of attraction governs his connection with other people or groups. The law of synthesis is the law of his second self in becoming. WofM 9.88.12 6) Man finds his place within the group. Causal groups and the planetary beings are formed by collectives of human and of deva monads. 7) Man responds to outer electrical and magnetic stimulation. Electrical stimulation affects the etheric envelope. Magnetic stimulation, emanating from his causal group, acts upon his causal envelope. When having become a second self, he will receive magnetic stimulation (LA: 45:1–47:1) from the planetary being of which he is a part.

⁴*A Planetary Being*. 1) Each planetary being is likewise spheroidal in shape and comprises an entire 49-globe. The gross physical globe of the lowest seven-globe is analogous to man's organism. Each 49-globe, consisting of seven seven-globes, is the expression of a monad, who occupies it, as does a man his envelopes, for purposes of manifestation and in order to gain experience. 2) Just as a human envelope consists of atoms and molecules, so the planetary being consists of deva and human monads, who vibrate to the key note of the planetary ruler, and who respond to it. All are held together and vitalized by the will of the planetary ruler. As seen from cosmic worlds a planetary being appears as a sphere of life, which includes within its radius of influence the entire 49-globe. The planetary being vibrates at a certain frequency, which can be estimated by the activity of the life pulsating at the centre of the sphere. The entire 49-globe has a certain colour, and has a life-cycle of a definite length within the life of the solar system. 3) A planetary being is distinguished by its activity in the three worlds of the second self (45, 46, and 47:1), in the same way as a man is distinguished by his activity in the mental, emotional, and physical worlds. Eventually a man is self-conscious in all three worlds, but the planetary being is fully self-conscious in all its three worlds, 45–47:1. Every

forward movement or increased vitality in mankind in the three lowest worlds, is paralleled by an analogous activity in the groups of which the planetary being is composed. The planetary being shows rotary motion, or cyclic activity, within the various globes that make up the 49-globe. The planetary being demonstrates the ability to discriminate, or the power to choose and thereby to gain experience. Intelligence is the faculty of understanding, choosing and discarding, thus attaining knowledge and self-consciousness. The monads of the planetary being developed that faculty in earlier eons, and now their purpose is to utilize it to achieve certain specific goals. The planetary being has the ability to evolve, to gain knowledge, to increase consciousness and the capacity to vibrate and to make contact. The development of this faculty proceeds from centre to centre as it does in man, and as it does in the case of the atomic spirals. The aim of the planetary beings is to achieve such a consonance in their mutual contact that eventually they can merge their different collective consciousnesses into one, retaining simultaneously full self-consciousness and self-identity. 4) A planetary being comprises three major principles – will, unity (love–wisdom), and intelligence – and their manifestations through seven minor principles. Together they make ten, of which the seven minor in time merge into the three major, and the three into the one. Each planetary being has its primary (colouring or principle =) ray or department, as has man and the atom. Man primarily belongs to the department of the planetary being in which he is a unit. The atoms in man’s envelopes primarily belong to the department of his causal envelope. This belonging to a department manifests itself, among other things, in the different frequencies of the atomic spirals. Only four of the seven “principles” in the planetary beings are as yet manifesting themselves to any extent. In one of them the fifth principle is adequately developed, while certain others are in process of perfecting the fourth. In our planetary being the fifth principle is in process of awakening to life. Its fourth principle in this fourth eon, and on this fourth globe, is awakened, though not functioning as it will in the fifth eon. Much of the trouble present in the planet at this time arises from the coming into activity of this fifth principle, which will be completed and transcended in the fifth eon. 5) A planetary being is governed by the law of attraction, has transcended the law of economy, and is rapidly coming under the law of synthesis. Note the gradual stepping-up of the control from the atom to the planetary being: the law of economy is the primary law of the atom, whereas the law of attraction is coming into control of it, and the law of synthesis is but slightly asserting itself over it. The law of attraction is the primary law of man, whereas the law of economy is a secondary law for man, governing the matter of his envelopes, and the law of synthesis is steadily beginning to be felt. The law of synthesis is the primary law of a planetary being, the law of attraction has full sway, the law of economy is transcended. The gross physical body (LA: cosmic gross physical, 47–49, is intended here) is not a principle for a planetary being, hence this being has transcended the law of economy. The law of attraction governs the process of form building. The law of synthesis is the law of his being. 6) A planetary being is finding his place within the solar system, and is seeking to realize its position among the seven and its unity with them. 7) A planetary being responds to outer stimulation: electrical stimulation emanating from the solar being and the other planetary beings, and magnetic stimulation emanating from sources outside the solar system. Magnetic stimulation of the atoms of man’s physical envelopes emanates from man’s emotional envelope, and later from his 46-envelope. Magnetic stimulation of man emanates from planetary centres in world 46, and later from such centres in world 44. Magnetic stimulation of a planetary being emanates extra-solar-systemically, from the cosmic emotional (36–42). The united effect of these stimulations induces steady internal development.

⁵*A Solar Being.* A solar being is equally spheroidal in shape. It comprises the entire solar system with all its globes and groups of involutory and evolutionary monads. In the solar system, the Sun holds a position analogous to that of the nucleus at the centre of the atom.

The sphere encloses the seven 49-globes with the synthesizing three, the ten which together make the manifestation of the solar being. The Sun is the physical body (LA: cosmic physical body, 43–49). The seven lesser 49-globes hold a position in the solar system analogous to the position of the seven seven-globes (chains) within each such 49-globe, and to the position of the seven globes within each seven-globe. In regularly recurring cycles, the “life” (the bulk of involutory and evolutionary monads in manifestation) is more active in one such globe than in the other six – this being true of both the greater and the lesser global systems – yet the analogies are not exact.

⁶The cosmic physical centres of the solar ruler are the 49-globes. Each such centre penetrates with its energies the entire solar system. The whole of the solar systemic manifestation is characterized by the ray of the solar ruler, the second ray. The solar system rotates in time through the great solar cycle and in space around its central pole.

⁷The solar being, the sum total of all manifestation in the seven solar systemic worlds, is characterized by its activities in all those worlds. This sevenfold vibratory rhythm in 43–49 can be felt in the cosmic emotional world (36–42), with a faint response in the cosmic causal-mental world (29–35).

⁸The solar being is characterized by:

⁹1) Cyclic activity in the ten 49-globes.

¹⁰2) Discriminatory capacity demonstrating in the choice of matter needed for manifestation. That discriminatory capacity was determined by cosmic sowing and reaping, vibratory capacity, responsive quality, and numerical factors involved in cosmic mathematics. The solar ruler represents cosmic causal-mental consciousness and will. Through the use of this faculty he seeks to build his cosmic causal envelope (29–31).

¹¹3) The ability to develop, to increase vibration, and to gain full cosmic self-consciousness.

¹²The solar being comprises three greater beings, and their differentiation into seven lesser beings. These make the ten ultimately perfected ones (the collective beings of the ten 49-globes), which subsequently are synthesized into the one perfected globe-being, characterized by unity consciousness and unity will. This ultimate being is of the same primary ray as the solar ruler himself. Each of the seven departmental types is developed in one of the seven 49-globes and by the seven planetary rulers and planetary governments. Only four of these types are as yet manifested to any extent. 4.3.11-15

¹³The solar ruler is governed by the law of synthesis. He holds all in synthetic unity. The solar systemic collective being is governed by the law of attraction. The material form of the solar system is governed by the law of economy. The solar ruler is coming under another cosmic law as yet incomprehensible to men, which law is revealed to the highest initiates only.

¹⁴The solar ruler is in process of ascertaining his place within the greater system in which he holds a place analogous to that of a planetary ruler in a solar system. He seeks first to achieve full cosmic self-consciousness (LA: cosmic essential self-consciousness, 22–28), secondly to find his polar opposite, thirdly to merge with that polar opposite. 4.3.15f

¹⁵The solar ruler is distinguished by his responsiveness to outer stimulation. This is stimulation emanating from other solar systems, and controlling largely the action of our system. This is also stimulation emanating from certain cosmic centres in worlds 22–28. It is their united effect which induces steady development.

4.7 What is Intelligence? Why is the Mental Principle of such Importance? Who are the Manasaputras?

¹A detailed explanation of these problems is not possible at the present stage of mankind’s development, can be given only to causal selves (initiates of the third degree), and even to them only gradually. A detailed knowledge of the laws governing this handling of energy can

be safely imparted to the individual only when he has adequately constructed the bridge between the causal and the mental. Only when the first triad is under the control of the second triad can the individual be trusted with this knowledge. Then he has oriented his activity to unselfish work according to the planetary government's plan for evolution. 6.3.21

²Man, in essence, is the second triad (LA: in fact not the second triad, but Augoeides, who uses this as his instrument) demonstrating through a gradually evolving form, the causal envelope, and utilizing the first triad as a means to contact the lower three worlds. All this has for its purpose the development of perfect self-consciousness. Above the second triad stands the third triad, incomprehensible to the first self in the physical world (LA: the monad in the first triad). The solar ruler's stands to the higher three planetary rulers as the third self stands to the first self. WofM 10.3.1-3

³The causal envelope is to be built with the power of intelligence. It is the manifestation (LA: in the worlds of man) of the second triad and the third triad. (HTL: Before this happens, it exists as a nucleus only.) The ultimate seven will be realized when essential (46) and causal-mental consciousness (47) are merged. This is a hint at a clue to the mystery of the eighth sphere: When mentality becomes unduly developed and ceases to unite the first triad with the higher two triads, it forms a sphere of its own. This is the greatest disaster that can overtake the human monad.

⁴The various systematizations of "man's seven principles" presented in CF 261-266 are passed over, since these systematizations are based on the inadequate theosophical presentation. The only comment made about this is that the theosophical distinction of the etheric envelope and prana as two different principles is based on "prana" having reference to the physical atomic envelope (9.7.4).

⁵The formation of globes is sevenfold in evolution, ninefold during obscuration (LA: expansion), and tenfold at dissolution. The 49-globes are at first the seven lesser ones, then come three synthesizing ones. These are the ten centres of the solar ruler. (LA: The envelopes of man and of other evolutionary beings are the microcosmic analogies of the macrocosmic globes: the solar system, the 49-globes, the seven-globes.) Man's first two synthesizing envelopes are the etheric envelope and the causal envelope, and his last synthesizing one is the envelope of the third triad. His first two synthesizing centres are the heart centre and the throat centre, then the crown centre is the last synthesizing centre. WofM 4.3.3, 9.17.9

⁶Consciousness development is about developing potential unity consciousness (second and third self consciousness) through intelligence, mental-causal consciousness. This proceeds in a macrocosmic scale through the seven planetary collective beings whose constituent monads have either first self, second self, or third self consciousness and who appear objectively through their forms, the seven 49-globes. In the planetary being evolution proceeds through the seven groups of monads belonging to the human evolution (LA: and the deva evolution) who form the consciousness centres of the planetary being. These groups are developing intelligence (47); through intelligence they develop unity consciousness (46 and higher), and can be objectively contacted in the seven seven-globes of the 49-globe. Also man develops intelligence – causal consciousness – and appears objectively through some one of his envelopes.

⁷Consciousness development is the main enterprise of the solar being, the planetary being, and man. By expedient application of intelligence, the evolutionary process has the result that active intelligent unity consciousness (46) is developed. Just as objectivity is dual – form and vital energy – so subjectivity is dual – intelligence and unity and the combination of the two in this solar system produces consciousness. Will (AAB: spirit) alone is unity and is undivided. Will is able to use the results of evolution only when the dual evolution of matter and consciousness (LA: up to and including world 45) is consummated. 1.2.17

⁸Intelligence is in reality the ability of a planetary or solar collective being to think, to act,

to build, and to develop the faculty of active unity consciousness. The corresponding is true of man as well. Intelligence is the means by which consciousness development, understanding, and expedient activity become possible.

⁹Finally: Who are the manasaputras? The manasaputras are the seven planetary beings. Their predecessors in the first solar system developed intelligence (47), just as the present planetary beings develop unity consciousness (46 and 45). They are huge collectives of human and deva monads, like an organism is a huge collective of cells.

¹⁰Just as the human being has a semi-permanent causal envelope, but manifests himself through his lower envelopes in the worlds of the first triad (47:4–49:7), so the planetary being has a semi-permanent 44-envelope, but manifests itself primarily in the worlds of the second self (45:4–47:3). Man realizes his potential participation in the planetary being only when he is developing causal consciousness.

¹¹The groups of causal envelopes are the lowest forms through which the planetary being manifests itself, just as the organism is the lowest form through which the human being manifests himself. The planetary being has its consciousness mainly centred in world 44.

¹²The solar being has its consciousness mainly focussed in the cosmic causal-mental world (29–35) and is manifesting itself through the three lower cosmic septenaries of worlds (29–35, 36–42, 43–49) just as man manifests himself in the corresponding systemic worlds (47–49). Therefore, the seven worlds of the solar system (43–49) are in the same relation to the solar being cosmically as the etheric envelope and the organism (49:1-7) is to a human being. The solar being vitalizes the matter of those seven worlds and is fully conscious in them. Worlds 43–46 together form the lowest envelope of the solar being, since worlds 47–49 (LA: more exactly, 47:4–49:7) “are not considered a principle”. World 46 of the solar system is consequently the fourth cosmic ether. 4.10.10

¹³The planetary beings form seven centres in the solar being. Each of them expresses one type of the solar being’s force manifestation. Through their causal groups in the causal world, human beings form one or other of the seven centres of a planetary being.

¹⁴The solar being forms one centre in a still greater, cosmic being. Human beings therefore find their place within one of the 49 centres (not groups, for a centre may be made up of many groups, which are different parts) of the seven planetary beings.

¹⁵A planetary being, with its seven centres, forms one centre in the solar being. There is reason here to point out the close connection existing between the seven solar beings of the Great Bear and the seven planetary beings. The seven “rishis” of the Great Bear are to the seven planetary beings what the Protogonos is to the human monad in the first triad.

4.8 Why is the Progress of Consciousness Evolution Cyclic?

¹Cyclic progression implies repetition in time, repetition of force, and repetition in space. Repetition in time means that certain cycles of definite length recur. An eon is always of a definite length, and so is the manifestation of the solar system. Repetition of force implies that a certain definite composition of atoms that is activated again and again by an incoming factor will issue energy of the same particular kind, which will express itself in a particular combination of circumstances. These will be similar each time, but to the extent that the evolutionary monad using the atomic composition as its envelope develops its consciousness, the quality of the energy issued will be enhanced. Repetition in space is connected with the law of reaping, which is really the law that governs the matter of the solar system, and which commenced its work in the previous solar system. LA: This is true also in lesser scales. The present 49-globe and seven-globe “repeat” the preceding ones and have taken over some of their reaping.

²Repetition of cyclic action is governed by two laws or, more accurately, by one law, primarily, and by a subsidiary law. The primary law is the law of attraction and repulsion, and

the subsidiary law is the law of periodicity (rebirth). Cyclic evolution is entirely the result of the activity of matter (form) and of will, of active matter and forming will. Every form has an inherent life. Every life constantly reaches out after the similar life inherent in other forms. When will and form sound the same note, evolution will cease. When the note sounded by the form is stronger than that of will, forms attract each other. When the note sounded by will is stronger than that of form, will repels form. The stages of manifestation might be expressed as follows: the period of the domination of the form note is that of involution; the period of the repulsion of form by will is that of evolution in the three worlds of man (47:4–49:7); the period of the attraction of will and will, and the consequent withdrawal from form is that of discipleship. The period of domination of the note of will is that of the higher worlds of the solar system (43–46).

³To the mutual relation of the tones may be attributed all that occurs in the world cycles, and evolution may be described as the process in which the note of will gradually overcomes all the others.

⁴The law of attraction demonstrates the power of will, while the law of repulsion governs the form. Will attracts will throughout the greater cycle. In lesser cycles, will temporarily attracts matter. The tendency of will is to unite with will, whereas form repulses form, which thus brings about separation. But during evolution intelligence comes in as a third factor, and when balance is the goal, an interaction between will and form is obtained, and the result is the ordered cycles of the planet, of the human being, and of the atom. Thus, through repetition, is consciousness developed from responsive faculty. This faculty the monad has to exercise in every world and kind of matter where it has still something to learn. That is why cyclically repeated action is a law, and recurring rebirth is the method of its application. When the consciousness of all the monads of all seven solar systemic worlds has become coordinated as part of the consciousness of the solar ruler, then, and only then, will cyclic evolution cease. Then rotary movement in every world of the solar system, 43–49, will be so uniform as to set up action in worlds 36–42.

⁵There are two kinds of cyclic motion: rotation on an axis and revolution in an orbit round a centre. An atom and a planet present examples of these motions, and the corresponding motions occur in greater and lesser scales where man, the planetary beings, and the solar being are concerned. *Rotation on an axis*: Man's different envelope consciousnesses rotate, as it were, round the central consciousness of the monad during an incarnation, and the seven root-races rotate round the planetary being during a globe period (LA: and the ten 49-globes rotate round the solar being during the existence of a solar system). *Revolution in an orbit*: The cycle of the human monad from the one incarnation to the next, the "incarnation" of the planetary being as the revolution of the bulk of monads round the seven globes of the seven-globe during one eon, and the revolution of the solar system in its orbit round its cosmic centre.

⁶Cyclic events always involve consciousness as well. Each cycle implies a certain state of consciousness, and the change of cycle means a transition from one state of consciousness to another. The cosmos is a huge aggregation of states of consciousness. The ever longer cycles are there to enable the monads to acquire ever higher kinds of consciousness: from the cycles and consciousness of the atom to those of man, the planetary being, and the solar being.

⁷Time is a cycle, the duration of that process of attraction and repulsion through which consciousness develops. In man's life, too, this is easily seen in how the individual contacts other people, for these contacts are governed very largely by his likes and dislikes, attraction and repulsion the causes of which exist in form itself. Only when the form is transcended, and will seeks out will, does repulsion cease. When this happens, evolution in the solar system will cease and pralaya will be brought about.

⁸Space, too, is connected with consciousness and its utilization of matter. For a collective

being – the planetary or solar being – is the globe within which it is active: the 49-globe or the solar system. On a lesser scale man repeats the process in his little sphere, the totality of his envelopes. KofL2 2.33.2

⁹Both man and the planetary being are in physical manifestation, man in solar systemic physical (49) and the planetary being in cosmic physical (43–49) manifestation. Both are developing physical-etheric consciousness; man, solar systemic (49:3,4); and the planetary being, cosmic (43–46). Both are working to control their physical envelopes – solar systemic and cosmic, respectively – and through them their environment. Both work in, with, and by, electro-magnetism. Both work under laws, the law of reaping in particular, which is the law of forms. Both work through forms, that is, envelopes, worlds, and globes, which have seven centres and are made up of countless lesser beings. Both demonstrate attraction and repulsion. By means of electro-magnetic attraction both man and the planetary being gather the material they need for their incarnation and manifestation, respectively.

4.9 Why is Some Knowledge Exoteric and Other Knowledge Esoteric?

¹Some knowledge deals with such reality, and its energies, as the normal individual cannot ascertain, in contradistinction to the reality that is perceptible to the normal individual, which is the receiver of those energies. Therefore whole ranges of facts are outside the range of what can be ascertained by others than those who have acquired objective consciousness beyond the physical world, and so the majority of mankind is protected from a premature knowledge of those higher energies.

²The goal of evolution is the acquisition of consciousness in all worlds, but owing to the low degree of mankind's consciousness development the physical world is the only world where as yet mankind has reached conscious control. The knowledge which deals with the five lower physical molecular kinds, 49:3-7, is exoteric. During the sixth and seventh root-races, 49:2 and 49:1, respectively, will be mastered, and the entire mass of knowledge which deals with the gross physical and etheric matter, and with the pertaining energies, will be easily available to man, and concern only his five physical senses. So far the knowledge of the matter aspect of the physical world. 7.8.46

³Knowledge of the life evolving through the physical forms, thus the consciousness and motion aspects, will for a considerably longer time be esoteric (HTL: until the next eon), as also will the apprehension and comprehension of all three aspects in the emotional and mental worlds. What is said here refers to ordinary people, not to initiates. The uninitiated are obliged to attain knowledge by means of the five physical senses, by experience and experiment in the physical world. Animals, too, acquire knowledge in the same manner, and the difference between animal and (uninitiated) man lies in the ability of the man to remember, apprehend, anticipate, and utilize the fruits of past experience. An animal likewise has only instinct and instinctive memory, uses the solar plexus, the organ of instinct; whereas man uses the brain.

⁴All knowledge that can be acquired by instinct and by mental consciousness (47:4-7) functioning through the physical brain can be considered as exoteric. As man eventually reaches a higher stage, his mental consciousness is more rapidly developed. Little by little causal consciousness begins to function, and eventually supersedes mentality. Causal consciousness then utilizes the physical brain as a receiver, but at the same time develops the etheric centres in the head, and transfers its activity from the brain to those centres. For the mass of mankind, this will be effected during the sixth and seventh root-races (LA: and of course only for those who are in incarnation at that time). This is paralleled in the animal kingdom by the gradual transference from the solar plexus centre as a centre of activity to the rudimentary brain, which is gradually developed by the aid of intelligence.

⁵Esoteric knowledge thus concerns those consciousness domains which the individual has

not yet conquered and brought under his control. When this is more generally realized, the endeavour of all knowers will be to reach and attract to them all the people who are ready for a corresponding expansion of consciousness. This is the manner in which the planetary hierarchy works. By that attraction and the response of those human monads who are ready, the causal group, or a particular centre of the planetary being, is coordinated. On a lesser scale something corresponding to this happens between animal monads that are ready to causalize and human beings who are the elder brothers of the animals.

4.10 What is the Relation between the Ten 49-Globes, the Seven Sacred Planets, the Seven Globes of a Seven-Globe, the Seven Eons in a Seven-Globe, the Seven Root-Races in a Globe Period, and the Seven Subraces in a Root-Race?

¹The entire middle part, comprising sections 4–20, has to do with how the consciousness of a planetary being develops, how this being (a collective being made up of second selves) applies the knowledge gained to acquire love–wisdom (46 and 45) through intellect (LA: the higher, causal intellect, 47:1-3)

²Where the human kingdom is concerned, this means that the present human monads – the future second selves – simultaneously as they acquire the higher intellect acquire incipient group consciousness. This work is done through discipleship and the initiations. It is being done in that the lower mental consciousness is transmuted into higher mental (causal), and the causal into essential (46), later superessential (45) consciousness. Three stages can be distinguished: aspirantship up to the first initiation, the lower discipleship up to the third initiation, the higher discipleship up to the fifth initiation. After the fifth initiation (as a 45-self), the monad is self-conscious in worlds 45–49 and also in the particular planetary centre of which it is a part. KofR 7.22.12

³For the monads who consciously are parts of the planetary beings the object is to attain full self-consciousness in all seven solar systemic worlds, 43–49: first perfect second selves, then third selves. This carries them to the seventh initiation. This work is done during the fourth, fifth, and sixth eons of the seven-globe. Perfected third selves (43-selves) strive to reach the first cosmic kingdom (36–42), join the planetary government and receive impressions from the solar systemic government, a work that is done during the seventh eon.

⁴The planetary beings are not equally advanced. The planetary government of Venus has conquered world 38 and has its focus in world 37. Our planetary government has conquered world 40, strives after full control in world 39, which it will attain only in the fifth eon. Human beings at different developmental stages strive to conquer the corresponding worlds of the lowest septenary series (43–49), thus 47 corresponds to 40, 46 corresponds to 39, etc.

⁵The task of the solar being is to attain full consciousness in worlds 43–49, which is achieved through perfecting the consciousness and energy contact with five of the seven planetary beings. It is the task of the solar systemic government to establish a contact with the seven-solar systemic government, so that it can function as a centre in the seven-solar system with full consciousness. This can be achieved when all seven planetary governments are fully conscious in worlds 36–42.

⁶Just as each one of the seven major centres of man’s etheric envelope expresses a type energy, so the same is true of the seven 49-globes in the solar system and the seven seven-globes in each 49-globe. The purpose of this system of centres is not primarily the perfection of the form but the development of consciousness through the differentiation of the departmental energies: from individual consciousness to group consciousness and from group consciousness to god consciousness. LA: by “god” is meant the dominant of the globe system or of the centre, KofR 1.13.2, 1.32.3, 2.16.7, 4.7.3.

⁷The relation of the individual monad to the next group, of the group to the aggregate of

groups, and of all aggregates to the dominant monad of the globe; all of this is governed by the law of attraction, the law of unity.

⁸The groups regarded as envelopes, the globe systems, represent the matter aspect. The monads making up the group and their development represent the consciousness aspect. The dominant monad, the globe ruler, represents the will aspect.

⁹Man, the lowest kind of self-conscious being, is a unit within a group. A planetary being is a coherent self-conscious group, and in its turn a unit within the group formed by the solar being. The solar being, in its turn, has a position in relation to the cosmos that is analogous to man's position in relation to the entire solar system, is only a unit within an immense group.

¹⁰The seven planetary beings are to the solar ruler, the dominant monad in the solar being, as the seven major centres of the etheric envelope are to the human monad. A study of the analogy between the cosmic physical world, the seven worlds of the solar system (43–49), and the solar systemic physical world (49:1-7) will clarify this relation. 4.7.12

¹¹Three of these planetary beings – solar systemic centres – therefore correspond to the lower three etheric centres in man – the basal, sacral, and solar plexus centres – and have their analogies in the solid, liquid, and gaseous matter of the physical world. These three lower solar systemic centres are at present the object of the solar systemic government's attention as receivers of cosmic kundalini.

¹²One of those centres corresponds to man's solar plexus and is the synthesizer of the energies of the lower three.

¹³The centre which is analogous to man's basal centre, the reservoir of kundalini, is more permanent than the other two.

¹⁴The four higher solar systemic centres, the planetary beings who in the solar ruler are the counterparts of man's crown, frontal, throat, and heart centres, correspond cosmically to 43–46, and solar systemically to 49:1-4.

¹⁵That planetary being, solar systemic centre, whose source of energy is in world 46, is in this fourth eon a vital factor in planetary evolution.

¹⁶When the planetary being of the Earth 49-globe has succeeded in vitalizing his heart centre, in directing the force of planetary kundalini away from the lower three centres to this fourth and middle centre, a new cycle will begin, and much of the present distress will be ended. This work has just barely begun, but when it is done, the result in connection with mankind in incarnation will be that the sexual urge will be largely redirected to emotional and mental creation, crime and other license due largely to the sexual urge will be reduced seventy-five per cent, and energetic interaction between the Earth and two other gross physical planets will be perfected, so that man will pass at will from one to another.

¹⁷The coming of the lords of flame to the Earth was all under law. It was an interplanetary relation analogous to the relation between the first triad mental molecule and the second triad mental atom. The Earth mankind represents the mental molecule; and the Venus planetary being, the mental atom. Just as man builds the antahkarana between the two triads, so our mankind built a channel to Venus. In this connection it must be remembered that Venus is a sacred planet and the Earth is not. In contradistinction to the non-sacred planets, the sacred planets function as principles of the solar ruler, corresponding to the triad units in man.

¹⁸Three of the sacred planets, namely Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn, represent at this time the three chief departments, whereas the other four express departments 4–7. Mercury, the Earth and Mars are closely allied to these three.

¹⁹The connection between Venus and the Earth is also seen in numbers, in this case the number four. The lords of the flame arrived to the fourth 49-globe, to its fourth seven-globe, and its fourth globe, in the fourth eon.

²⁰The development of the planetary beings is by no means uniform. The problem before each of them is dissimilar, and it is impossible for man to perceive how far they have reached

in their work. Venus is in the fifth eon, and the Venusian planetary being is further progressed than that of the Earth.

²¹The relationship between the 49-globes, seven-globes, eons, races, etc. principally lies in the fact that all these manifestations bear the same relationship to a planetary being as incarnations do to a human being. All of this has to do with cycles of evolution of different length.

²²The cycles in the evolutionary process of all these beings may be divided mainly into three groups, though necessarily these groups can be extended into septenates and into multiples of seven.

²³In connection with the solar being the cycles might be called: one hundred years of Brahmā, a year of Brahmā, and a day of Brahmā (eon). One hundred years of Brahmā (72,000 eons) is the duration of the solar system.

²⁴In connection with a planetary being the corresponding three cycles are the 49-globe cycle, the seven-globe cycle, and the eon. Within the eon are numerous lesser cycles such as the globe period, the root-race period, the subrace period, and the branch race period. In order to understand even superficially to what extent the planetary ruler can be said to manifest himself through a root-race, for instance, one must keep in mind that the totality of human and deva monads in the planet make the cosmic etheric envelope of the planetary ruler, whereas the subhuman kingdoms make his cosmic gross physical envelope. (LA: the expression “human monads” has reference also to the monads of the human evolution who have passed to the fifth or sixth natural kingdom.) The latter are divided into monads of evolutionary kingdoms and monads of elemental kingdoms. The monads of involution in our planet in their totality make up envelopes of the “spirit of the Earth”.

²⁵In connection with man the corresponding three cycles are the third triad cycle, the second triad cycle (the causal cycle), and the first triad cycle, or the incarnation.

²⁶Man’s incarnations run in groups of fours and sevens, and follow the usual evolutionary sequence in differentiation (one becomes many), balance (through the law of reaping), synthesis (many become one again), and obscuration (liberation).

²⁷All incarnations are not of equal importance. From the point of view of the second self, some are practically negligible, others count; some are of importance analogous to the incarnation of a planetary self in a globe, or through a root-race.

²⁸The causal cycles run in groups of sevens and of threes, and the same is true of the cycles of a planetary being or of the solar being.

²⁹The third triad cycles run in groups of ones and of threes.

³⁰If the general principle of these cycles is studied in relation to the 49-globes and other globe systems, some further clarity may be gained as to the purpose underlying all these manifestations. It should be borne also in mind that for man and planetary being the purpose of evolution through manifestation is the attainment of self-consciousness, the acquisition of permanent faculty, and the setting in motion of causes which necessitate certain definite effects. And just as man is faced with the task of reaching beyond his limitation as a man, and to do this he wanders the way of the disciple, so the monads of the planetary being (the second and third selves) are faced with an analogous task: upon the conclusion of their expansion in the worlds of the solar system (43–49) to enter cosmic expansion (1–42).

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