

with by H.P.B.^{58,59} The danger still persists, and greatly handicaps the efforts of Those, Who--working on the inner side--feel that the thoughts of men should be lifted from the study of the ways of physical existence to broader concepts, wider vision, and synthetic comprehension. Indication only is possible; it is not permissible here to give out the transmutative formulas, or the mantrams that manipulate the matter of space. Only the way can be pointed to those who are ready, or who are re-

⁵⁸The difficulty of giving one the Wisdom Religion is dealt with by H.P.B. in the *Secret Doctrine* as follows:--

1. Opinion must be reserved because:--
 - a. Complete explanation for initiates only.
 - b. Only a fragmentary portion of the esoteric meaning given.
 - c. Only adepts can speak with authority.--S.D.,I,188,190.II,55,90.
 - d. The teachings are offered as a hypothesis.--II 469.
2. We must lose sight entirely of:--
 - a. Personalities.
 - b. Dogmatic beliefs.
 - c. Special religions.--S.D.,I,3,4.
3. We must be free from prejudice.--S.D.,III,1.
We must also:
 - a. Be free from conceit.
 - b. Free from selfishness.
 - c. Ready to accept demonstrated truth.
4. We must find the highest meaning possible. S. D. , III, 487.
5. We must be also non-sectarian.--S. D., III, 110.
6. We must remember the handicap of language.--S.D.,I,197,290,293.
7. We must aim to become a disciple.--S.D.,I,188.II,246.III,129.
8. We must eventually develop powers.--S.D.,I518.II,85.
9. We must lead the life of Brotherhood.--S.D.,I,190.
10. We must remember that H.P.B. makes no claim to infallibility.--S. D., II, 25 note, 273. I, 293.

H.P.B.says:--

"I speak with 'absolute certainty' only so far as my own personal belief is concerned. Those who have not the same warrant for their belief as I have would be very credulous and foolish to accept it on blind faith. . . . What I do believe in is:--

1. The unbroken oral tradition revealed by living divine men during the infancy of mankind to the elect among men.
2. That it has reached us unaltered.
3. That the Masters are thoroughly versed in the science based on such uninterrupted teaching."--*Lucifer*, Vol. V, p. 157.

"The Secret Doctrine is no 'authority' *per se*; but being full of quotations and texts from the Sacred Scriptures and philosophies of almost every great religion and school, those who belong to any of these are sure to find support for their arguments on some page or another. There are, however, Theosophists, and of the best and most devoted, who do suffer from such weakness for authority."--*Lucifer*, Vol. III, p. 157.

⁵⁹See Preface and Introduction, *Secret Doctrine*, Vol. I.

results are brought about by the interaction between the basic note of the vegetable kingdom itself, and the note of the race of men who are evolving simultaneously. The union of these two notes is that which produces distinctive vegetation though it should be remembered that when the human note dominates too strongly it is apt to drive out the life of the forms of this second kingdom. The devas who work in this kingdom are a special group, and have a closer and more peculiar relation to it than have the builders or devas in any other kingdom. The transmutative process is effected more easily in the vegetable kingdom than in any other owing to this very factor, and also to the incentive given to this second kingdom and its evolutionary process by the coming of the Lords of the Flame from the second or Venus globe--pre-eminently the globe with which this kingdom has a mysterious connection. If I might express it in other words: the cosmic Entity, Who is the life of the second globe and its informing principle, has a close connection with the solar Entity Who is the informing life of the entire vegetable kingdom. This analogy can be worked out in connection with the other kingdoms, globes and other forms and accounts somewhat for the fact that this fourth^{63,64} globe is above everything else the globe of human evolution in this scheme; it gives also the clue to the mystery of the Presence of the great Kumara Himself upon earth. These thoughts merit close attention.

⁶³The Fourth Round. The present (our) Round being the middle Round (between the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, and the 5th, 6th and 7th) is one of adjustment and final equipoise between Spirit and matter. It is that point, in short, wherein the reign of *true* matter, its grossest state (which is as unknown to Science as its opposite pole--homogeneous matter or substance) stops and comes to an end. From that point physical man begins to throw off "coat after coat," of his material molecules for the benefit and subsequent formation or clothing of the animal kingdom, which in its turn is passing it on to the vegetable, and the latter to the mineral kingdoms. Man having evolved in the *first* Round from the animal via the two other kingdoms, it stands to reason that in the present Round he should appear before the animal world of this manvantaric period. But see the *Secret Doctrine* for particulars.--*Lucifer*, Vol. III, p. 253.

⁶⁴S. D., I, 107.

sciously in the ordered regulated words of the true worker in magic.⁹³

In this connection, therefore, owing to the vital practical value of this section, and to the dangers attendant upon a comprehension of these matters by those who are as yet unready for the work of conscious manipulation of force, it is proposed to impart the necessary teaching under the formula of "Rules of Magic," with certain elucidating comments. In this way, the magical work is fully safeguarded, and at the same time sufficient is imparted to those who have the inner ear attentive, and the eye of wisdom in process of opening.

a. *Black Magicians and White*. Much is said among occult students these days anent white and black magic,⁹⁴ and much that is said is without force, or truth. It has

⁹³Magic.--The very word Magic bears within itself proof of its high origin. The Latin Magus, the Greek Magos, a magician, gives us all those other words that are so indicative of authority, wisdom, superiority. Then we have magnitude, magnificent, magniloquent, to express greatness in position, in action and in speech. With the termination slightly changed the same words become majesty, implying dominion, and again, we have magistrate, anything that is magisterial which again has been simplified into Master, and finally by the process of word evolution has become plain Mister. But the Latin is only a transmitter of words. We can equally follow up the historical development of this root until we reach the Zend where we find it doing duty as the name for the whole priestly caste. The magi were renowned all over the world for their wisdom and skill in occultism and no doubt our word magic is mostly indebted to that source for its present existence and meaning. That we need not pause even here for back of the zend "mag," "looms up the sanskrit, maha, signifying great." It is thought by good scholars that maha was originally spelled magha. To be sure, there is in the Sanskrit the word Maga meaning a priest of the Sun, but this was evidently a later borrowing from the Zend which had originally derived its root from its neighbour the sanskrit.--*Lucifer*, Vol. X, p. 157.

⁹⁴Magic.--The art of divine Magic consists in the ability to perceive the essence of things in the light of nature (astral light), and--by using the soul-powers of the Spirit--to produce material things from the unseen universe, and in such operations the Above and the Below must be brought together and made to act harmoniously.--S. D., II, 538.

Magic is the second of the four Vidyas, and is the great maha-Vidya in the Tantric writings. It needs the light of the fourth vidya (atma-vidya) thrown on it in order to be *White* magic.--S. D., I, 192.

Black Magic is defined by H. P. B. as follows:

- a. Black magic employs the astral light for purposes of deception and seduction, whereas the white magician employs it for purposes of information, and the aiding of evolution.--S. D., I, 274.
- b. Black magic works with opposing poles. The white magician seeks

into and through the human center and have then been seized upon and applied to specific national, racial and political conditions. You are hardly at all affected by the pure idealism which gave them birth and which lies behind them as the motivating (though unrecognized) impulse. You cannot grasp or view these great mental trends as does the Hierarchy. Hence much of your confusion and your difficulty.

If we consider these three great planetary centers and their relationships in tabular form we can get the general idea more clearly in mind:

- I. SHAMBALLA Will or Power Planetary head center,
The Holy City Purpose .. Plan spiritual pineal gland.
Life Aspect.
Ruler:--Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World.
The Ancient of Days.
Melchizedek.
- II. THE HIERARCHY Love-Wisdom Planetary heart center.
The new Jerusalem ... Consciousness.
Group unity.
Ruler:--The Christ.
The World Savior.
- III. HUMANITY Active Intelligence Planetary throat center.
The city, standing
four square Self-consciousness.
Creativity.
Ruler:--*Lucifer*.
Son of the Morning.
The Prodigal Son.

These three centers are closely interrelated and must be thought of in their entirety as expressions of divine livingness, as embodying three great stages in the unfoldment of God's plan and as constituting the three major centers in the body of the "One in Whom we live and move and have our being." Students who have studied as you have can relate if they so choose, these three centers to the three solar systems, referred to in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*--

1. In the first solar system, the center which is *Humanity*

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The second time was at the time of the struggle in Atlantean days between the "Lords of Light and the Lords of Material Expression."

This little known divine energy now streams out from Shamballa. It embodies in itself the energy which lies behind the world crisis of the moment. It is the Will of God to produce certain racial and momentous changes in the consciousness of the race which will completely alter man's attitude to life and his grasp of the spiritual, esoteric and subjective essentials of living. It is this force which will bring about (in conjunction with the energy of love) that tremendous crisis--imminent in the human consciousness--which we call the second crisis, the *initiation* of the race into the Mystery of the Ages, into that which has been hid from the beginning

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Life Aspect

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2. THE HIERARCHY.....Love-Wisdom.....Planetary Heart center
The New Jerusalem...Unity.....At-one-ment

Group Consciousness

Ruler: The Christ
The World Saviour

3. HUMANITY.....Active Intelligence...Planetary Throat Center
The City, standing
foursquare.....Creativity

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The Prodigal Son

This Shamballa energy now for the first time is making its impact upon humanity directly and is not stepped down, as

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in the sense that that word conveys today. Who, therefore, if the facts are of such ancient import, shall say that I speak with accuracy, or establish the right or wrong nature of my conclusions? I but present the facts as I know them from my access to records more ancient than any known to man.

The personality ray, the material form ray of the Jewish people, is the third ray. Their egoic ray is the first. Their astrological sign is Capricorn, with Virgo rising. Mercury and Virgo play a prominent part in their destiny. These clues should suffice to give to the advanced student and astrologer those salient points which will give him light upon their strange history. Because of this third ray influence, you have the tendency of the Jew to manipulate forces and energies, and to "pull strings" in order to bring about desired ends. As a race, they are natural law makers, and hence their tendency to dominate and govern, because their egoic ray is the first. Hence also the constant appearance of the goat in their history, and their teaching about the virgin mother who should give birth to the Messiah.

In every grouping,--whether in heaven or on earth--there is always evidenced a tendency by some units in the group to revolt, to rebel and to show some form of initiative different to that of the other units in the same grouping. When our solar universe came into being, we are told in the allegorical language of the ancient scriptures, there "was war in Heaven"; "the sun and his seven brothers" did not function with true unanimity; hence (and herein lies a hint) our Earth is *not* one of the seven sacred planets. There is, as we know, the ancient legend of the lost Pleiad, and there are many such stories. Again, in the council chamber of the Most High, there has not always been peace and understanding but at times, war and disruption; this is made abundantly clear by several of the stories in the Old Testament. Sym-

bologically speaking, some of the sons of God fell from their high estate, led, at one time, by "Lucifer, Son of the Morning." This "fall of the angels" was a tremendous event in the history of our planet, but was nevertheless only a passing and interesting phenomenon in the history of the solar system, and a trifling incident in the affairs of the seven constellations, of which our solar system is but one. Pause and consider this statement for a moment, and so readjust your sense of values. The standard of happenings varies in importance according to the angle of vision, and what (from the angle of our Earth's unfoldment in consciousness) may be a factor of prime importance and of determining value may (from the angle of the universe) be of trifling moment. The affairs of an individual are, to him, of momentous import; to humanity, as a whole, they are of small concern. It all depends upon which unit holds the center of the stage in the drama of life, and around which central factor the happenings, trivial or important, pursue their cyclic way.

Within the radius of power and life which is the expression of the fourth kingdom in nature, the human, there was to be found a correspondence to that "assumption of independence" and to that "breaking away" which characterized the major grouping. Back in later Lemurian times, a group of men of high development, from the point of view of that time, and numbered among the then disciples of the world, took issue with the planetary Hierarchy, and broke away from the "law of the initiates." It was a time wherein the emphasis of the teaching was upon the material side of life, and where the focus of attention was upon the physical nature and its control. The *Old Commentary* expresses what happened in the following terms, and as you read the measured cadences of that ancient script, it would be wise to try and realize that the phrases are referring to that *group of*

-Mercury is Budh, Wisdom, Enlightenment or 're-awakening' in the divine science." (I. 513.)
4. "Mercury is the Lord of Wisdom." (II. 31.)
 5. "Mercury is still more occult and mysterious than Venus. It is:
 - a. Identical with Mithra.
 - b. The perpetual companion of the Sun of Wisdom.
 - c. The leader and evocator of souls.
 - d. One with the Sun." (II. 31.)
 6. "Mercury heals the blind and restores sight, mental and physical." (II. 571.)
 7. "Mercury is sometimes represented:
 - a. As three-headed, because one with the Sun and Venus.
 - b. As a cube, without arms because the 'power of speech and eloquence can prevail without the assistance of arms and feet.'" (II 572.)
 8. "The fifth race is born under Mercury." (the Aryan race. A.A.B.) (II. 32.)
 9. "Mercury is the elder brother of the Earth." (II. 48.)
 10. "Mercury receives seven times more light than any other planet." (II. 570.)
 11. "Buddhi and Mercury correspond with each other and both are yellow and radiant golden-colored. In the human system the right eye corresponds with Buddhi and the left eye with Manas and Venus or Lucifer." (III. 447. 448.)
 12. "Mercury is called Hermes; and Venus, Aphrodite and their conjunction in man on the psycho-physical plane gives him the name Hermaphrodite." (III. 458.)

of THAT which overshadows Sanat Kumara as the soul overshadows the personality.

b. A stream of energy coming from the sun, Sirius; this enters directly into the Hierarchy and carries with it the principle of buddhi, of cosmic love. This, in a mysterious way, is the principle found at the heart of every atom.

The life principle follows the line of 1.3.5.7, whilst the buddhic flow follows the line of 2.4.6. Thus atma-buddhi becomes the blended reality which is brought to full unfoldment as evolution proceeds. The energy of Sirius by-passes (to use a modern word) Shamballa and is focused in the Hierarchy. Its effect is not felt until after the third initiation, though the Masters use this energy whilst training disciples for the second, the fourth and the sixth initiations.

4. The entire work of the Great White Lodge is controlled from Sirius; the Ashrams are subjected to its cyclic inflow; the higher initiations are taken under its stimulation, for the principle of buddhi, of pure love (i.e., love-wisdom) must be active in the heart of every initiate prior to the initiation of the great decision; it is therefore only initiates of the fifth, sixth and higher initiations who can work consciously with the potent buddhic "livingness" which permeates all Ashrams, though unrecognized by the average disciple.

5. This Sirian influence was not recognized, and little of it was definitely focused in the Hierarchy, until Christ came and revealed the love of God to humanity. He is the expression par excellence of a Sirian initiation and it is to that high place He will eventually go--no matter what duties or hierarchical obligations may take Him elsewhere between that time and now. The Buddha was originally to have chosen the fourth Path but other plans confront Him now and will probably claim His choice.

6. Sanat Kumara is not on the Sirian line but--to speak in symbols, not too deeply veiled--**Lucifer**, Son of the Morning, *is* closely related, and hence the large number of human beings who will become disciples in the Sirian Lodge. This