

adept lets the lower vehicles go, and stands in his buddhic sheath. He creates thence his body of manifestation.

Each initiation gives more control on the rays, if one may so express it, although this does not adequately convey the idea. Words so often mislead. At the fifth initiation, when the adept stands Master in the three worlds, He controls more or less (according to His line of development) the five rays that are specially manifesting at the time He takes the initiation. At the sixth initiation, if He takes the higher degree, He gains power on another ray, and at the seventh initiation He wields power on all the rays. The sixth initiation marks the point of attainment of the Christ, and brings the synthetic ray of the system under His control. We need to remember that initiation gives the initiate *power on the ray*, and not *power over the rays*, for this marks a very definite difference. Every initiate has, of course, for his primary or spiritual ray one of the three major rays, and the ray of his Monad is the one on which he at length gains power. The love ray, or the synthetic ray of the system, is the final one achieved.

Those who pass away from the earth after the fifth initiation, or those who do not become Masters in physical incarnation, take their subsequent initiations elsewhere in the system. All are in the Logoic Consciousness. One great fact to be borne in mind is that the initiations of the planet or of the solar system are but the preparatory initiations of admission into the greater Lodge on **Sirius**. We have the symbolism held for us fairly well in Masonry, and in combining the Masonic method with what we are told of the steps on the Path of Holiness we get an approximate picture. Let us enlarge somewhat:--

The first four initiations of the solar system correspond to the four "initiations of the Threshold," prior to

the first cosmic initiation. The fifth initiation corresponds to the first cosmic initiation, that of "entered apprentice" in Masonry; and makes a Master an "entered apprentice" of the Lodge on **Sirius**. The sixth initiation is analogous to the second degree in Masonry, whilst the seventh initiation makes the Adept a Master Mason of the Brotherhood on **Sirius**.

A Master, therefore, is one who has taken the seventh planetary initiation, the fifth solar initiation, and the first **Sirian** or cosmic initiation.

At-one-ment, the result of initiation.

A point that we need to grasp is that each successive initiation brings about a more complete unification of the personality and the Ego, and on higher levels still, with the Monad. The whole evolution of the human spirit is a progressive at-one-ment. In the at-one-ment between the Ego and the personality lies hid the mystery of the Christian doctrine of the Atonement. One unification takes place at the moment of individualization, when man becomes a conscious rational entity, in contradistinction to the animals. As evolution proceeds successive at-one-ments occur.

At-one-ment on all levels--emotional, intuitional, spiritual and Divine--consists in conscious, continuous functioning. In all cases it is preceded by a burning, through the medium of the inner fire, and by the destruction, through sacrifice, of all that separates. The approach to unity is through destruction of the lower, and of all that forms a barrier. Take, in illustration, the web that separates the etheric body and the emotional. When that web has been burned away by the inner fire the communication between the bodies of the personality becomes continuous and complete, and the three lower vehicles function as one. You

Cosmic influences and solar initiations.

All that can be done here in dealing with this profound subject is to enumerate briefly some of the cosmic influences which definitely affect our earth, and produce results in the consciousness of men everywhere, and which, during the process of initiation, bring about certain specific phenomena.

First and foremost is the energy or force emanating from the *sun Sirius*. If it might be so expressed, the energy of thought, or mind force, in its totality, reaches the solar system from a distant cosmic center via *Sirius*. *Sirius* acts as the transmitter, or the focalizing center, whence emanate those influences which produce self-consciousness in man. During initiation, by means of the Rod of Initiation (acting as a subsidiary transmitter and as a powerful magnet) this energy is momentarily intensified, and applied to the centers of the initiate with terrific force; were it not that the Hierophant and the two sponsors of the initiate pass it primarily through their bodies, it would be more than he could stand. This increase of mind energy results in an expansion and an apprehension of the truth as it is, and is lasting in its effects. It is felt primarily in the throat center, the great organ of creation through sound.

Another type of energy reaches man from the *Pleiades*, passing through the Venusian scheme to us just as the *Sirian* energy passes through the Saturnian. It has a definite effect upon the causal body, and serves to stimulate the heart center.

A third type of energy is applied to the initiate, and affects his head center. It emanates from that one of the seven stars of the *Great Bear* whose ensouling life holds the same relationship to our Planetary Logos as the Ego does to a human being. This energy, therefore, is seven-fold, and differs according to a man's ray or type.

CHAPTER XIII THE RODS OF INITIATION

The Rods of Initiation are of four kinds:--

1. *Cosmic*, used by a cosmic Logos in the initiations of a solar Logos and of the three major Planetary Logoi.

2. *Systemic*, used by a solar Logos in the initiations of a Planetary Logos. With cosmic initiation we have naught to do; it concerns expansions of realization beyond even the ken of the highest initiate in our solar system. With systemic initiations we are concerned only in trifling measure, for they are on so vast a scale that the average human mind cannot as yet envisage them. Man appreciates these initiations only in so far as they produce effects in the planetary scheme with which he may be concerned. Particularly is this so should the scheme in which he plays his microscopic part be the center in the Logoic body receiving stimulation. When that is the case, the initiation of his own planetary Logos takes place, and consequently he (as a cellular body) receives an added stimulation along with the other sons of men.

3. *Planetary*, used by a Planetary Logos for initiatory purposes, and for the third, fourth, and fifth major initiations, with the two higher. At the planetary initiation the Rod of Power, wielded by the solar Logos, is charged with pure electrical force from *Sirius*, and was received by our Logos during the secondary period of creation, from the hands of that great Entity Who is the presiding Lord of the Lords of Karma. He is the repository of the law during manifestation, and He it is Who is the representative in

the solar system of that greater Brotherhood on **Sirius** Whose Lodges are found functioning as the occult Hierarchies in the different planets. Again, He it is Who, with the solar Logos to assist Him, invests the various Initiators with power, gives to Them that word in secret which enables Them to draw down the pure electric force with which Their rods of office must be charged, and commits to Their keeping the peculiar secret of Their particular planetary scheme.

4. *Hierarchical*, used by an occult Hierarchy for minor initiations, and for the first two initiations of manas by the Bodhisattva.

When man individualized in Lemurian days, it was through the application of the Rod of Initiation to the Logos of our earth chain, which touched into activity certain centers in His body, with their corresponding groups. This application produced literally the awakening of the life to intelligent work on the mental plane. Animal man was conscious on the physical and on the astral planes. By the stimulation effected by the electric rod this animal man awoke to consciousness on the mental. Thus the three bodies were coordinated, and the Thinker enabled to function in them.

All Rods of Initiation cause certain effects:--

- a. Stimulation of the latent fires till they blaze.
- b. Synthesis of the fires through an occult activity that brings them within the radius of each other.
- c. Increase of the vibratory activity of some center, whether in man, a Heavenly Man, or a solar Logos.
- d. Expansion of all the bodies, but primarily of the causal body.
- e. The arousing of the kundalinic fire (or the fire at the base of the spine), and the direction of its upward progression. This fire and the fire of manas, are di-

a member of the Greater Lodge, or Brotherhood, on **Sirius**, being literally the first of the **Sirian** initiations. The fourth initiation is the synthesis of the Initiations of the Threshold in the **Sirian** Lodge. Finally, according to the ray on which initiation is taken, so very largely depends the subsequent path of service.

The Day of Opportunity.

The question might here be asked wherein this information is of value to the student. In illustration of this it would be wise if students would ponder the significance of the coming in of the present Ray of Ceremonial Law or Magic. It is the ray that deals with the building forces of nature, that concerns itself with the utilization of the form intelligently by the life aspect. It is largely the ray of executive work, with the object of building, coordinating and producing cohesion in the four lower kingdoms of nature. It is distinguished largely by the energy which manifests itself in ritual, but this word ritual must not be narrowed down to its present use in connection with Masonic, or religious ritual. Its application is far wider than this, and includes the methods of organization which are demonstrated in all civilized communities, such as in the world of commerce and of finance, and the great business organizations everywhere to be seen. Above all, its interest lies for us in the fact that it is the ray which brings opportunity to the occidental races, and through the medium of this life force of executive organization, of government by rule and order, by rhythm and by ritual, will come the time wherein the occidental races (with their active, concrete mind, and their vast business capacity) can take initiation,--an initiation, we must remember, upon a ray which is temporarily recognized as a major ray. A large number of the initiates and

the Logoi Themselves progress onward, and Their places must be taken.

4. *The Path to Sirius.*

Very little may be communicated about this Path, and the curiously close relation between it and the Pleiades can only be mentioned, further speculation being impossible. The bulk of liberated humanity goes this way, and the prospect holds out glorious possibilities. The seven stars of the Pleiades are the goal for the seven types, and this is hinted at in the Book of Job, in the words, "Canst thou bind the sweet influence of the Pleiades?" In the mystery of this influence, and in the secret of the sun *Sirius*, are hidden the facts of our cosmic evolution, and incidentally, therefore, of our solar system.

5. *The Ray Path.*

It is difficult to know by what other name to call this Path, as so little is known about it. In treading it, a man stays on his own ray, and works thereon in the various kingdoms on all the planes, carrying out the behests of the Lord of the World, and working under His direction. It carries a man to every part of the solar system, yet links him definitely with the synthetic ray. It is a very complex path, for it necessitates a capacity for the most intricate mathematics, and an ability to geometrize in a manner incomprehensible to our three-dimensional brains. This path is taken by the man to whom the law of vibration is of profound importance. He works first in the council chamber of the Lord of the World at Shamballa, manipulating the law of vibration on his own ray. Later he will have his habitat on the planet corresponding to his own ray, and

not on the earth unless he is on the ray of the Planetary Logos holding sway upon the earth. Later again as his evolution progresses he will pass to the sun; then having mastered all connected with vibration in this system he will pass to the cosmic system, going off his own ray (which is but a subsidiary ray of one cosmic ray), on to the corresponding cosmic ray.

Just as the evolution of man in this system is fivefold, so in the above we have enumerated the principal five Paths from which a Master has to choose. The remaining two can only be touched upon still more briefly, for they hold but a very few of the evolving sons of men, owing to the high point of attainment necessitated for their entrance, and the fact that those who enter upon them pass out of the system altogether. They do not lead to *Sirius*, as do some of the other Paths. It will be noted that four groups remain in the system, passing eventually, in dim and distant aeons, to the cosmic planes. One group passes directly to *Sirius*, and the remaining two groups pass directly after initiation to the cosmic planes, with no period of intermediate work on earth, in the system or on *Sirius*. These two Paths are:--

6. *The Path the Logos Himself Is On.*

It will have become apparent to all occult students who have studied with care the world processes in the light of the law of correspondences, that the Logos on the cosmic planes is evolving inner cosmic vision just as man in his lesser degree is aiming at the same vision in the system. This might be called the development of the cosmic third eye. In the physical plane structure of the eye lies hid the secret and in its study may come some revelation of the mystery.

A certain part of the eye is the nucleus of sight, and the apparatus of vision itself; the remainder of the eye acts as a protecting shell, and both parts are required, and neither can exist without the other. So in this greater case only the analogy exists on such high levels that words only blur and dim the truth. Certain of the sons of men, a nucleus who reached a very high initiation in the previous solar system, formed an esoteric group around the Logos when He decided upon further progress. In consequence He formed this system, cosmic desire for incarnation driving Him on. This esoteric group remains with the Logos on the atomic, or first plane of the system, on the subjective inner side, and it corresponds, in an occult sense, to the pupil of the eye. The real home of these great Entities is upon the cosmic buddhic plane.

Gradually, by dint of hard effort, certain Masters have qualified Themselves, or are qualifying Themselves, to take the place of the original members of the group, permitting of Their return to a cosmic center around which our system, and the greater system of **Sirius** revolve. Only one adept here and there has the necessary qualifications, for it involves the development of a certain type of response to cosmic vibration. It means a specializing in the inner sight, and the development of a certain measure of cosmic vision. More of the deva evolution pass to this path than do the human. Human beings pass to it via the deva evolution, which can be entered by transference to the fifth Path, the ray Path. On this latter Path, the two evolutions can merge, and from the fifth Path the sixth can be entered.

7. The Path of Absolute Sonship.

This Sonship is a correspondence on the highest plane to that grade of discipleship which we call "Son of the Mas-

ment by the Logos of the cosmic egoic consciousness, which is His goal of attainment. Of these three, the earth is not one, but Venus has her place corresponding to the emotional permanent atom.

Further still the alignment may be progressed:--in the alignment of our entire solar system with the system of **Sirius** lies a still more remote goal. It is a point far ahead in time, but holds hid the secret of the greater cycle.

it is recognized as imprisoning; always it must be sacrificed and must die so that the life within may speed ever on and up. The path of resurrection presupposes crucifixion and death, and then leads to the Mount whence Ascension may be made. In meditation the value of the life, and the confines of the form, can be appreciated and known, and by knowledge and service can the life be set free from all that limits and trammels.

A Master of the Wisdom is One Who has chosen to stay upon our planet to help His fellowmen.... All Who attain the fifth Initiation are Masters of the Wisdom, but all stay not and work as servers of the race. They pass to other work of greater or equal importance. To the general public the significance of the term lies in the thought that They choose to stay and limit Themselves for the sake of men who are pressing forward on the wave of evolution. Through meditation has the Great One reached His goal and (which is a thing not so oft comprehended) through meditation, or the manipulation of thought matter, and by work on the mental bodies of the race, is the work carried on that aids the evolutionary process.

A Master of the Wisdom is He Who has taken the first initiation that links Him up with the greater Brotherhood on **Sirius**. As afore I have told you, He is an Initiate of the First Degree in the greater Lodge. He has attained an expansion of consciousness that has admitted Him into touch with the solar system in many of its departments. Now He has ahead of Him a vast reach of expansions that will eventually take Him beyond systemic consciousness into something far greater and wider. He has to begin to learn the rudiments of that cosmic meditation that will admit Him into a Consciousness past our conceivable surmise.

contention, and one upon which the Oriental books sound a clear note, must have a basis in fact, and that there is probably an aspect of truth in the assertion. I would personally suggest here that that aspect of truth will be found, not along *physical* lines of interpretation, but along the lines of *consciousness*; that it is the psychic evolution that is going on within all atoms (using psychic in the sense of the subjective consciousness) which is hinted at in these books, and the emphasis is laid upon our having an occult relationship with other solar systems. Here the truth may perhaps be found. The life subjective may be one; the energy flowing between them may be one; but in the physical form lies diversity. Perhaps in the evolution of the intelligence, in the manifestation of love, or group consciousness, and in the development of will or purpose, lies unity, the oneness of the subjective life, and the eventual recognition that within the form, and in the form only, lies separation and differentiation.

The ancient books of the East point out, in considering this subject, that the seven stars of the Great Bear, the seven stars of the Pleiades, and the sun **Sirius**, have a very close connection with our solar system, and that they hold an intimate psychic magnetic relation to our solar Logos.

you have a very marvelous vista opening up. Yet this is, in itself, encouraging; for if we study closely the cell in a physical body, and consider the long road that has been travelled between its consciousness, and that which a man now knows to be his, we have for ourselves the promise and hope of future achievement, and the incentive to persist in our endeavor.

The old books of the East have held secreted for many ages the truth about much which is only now beginning to sink into the consciousness of the Occidental. They taught the radio-activity of matter thousands of years ago, and so perhaps, after all, there may be an equal amount of truth in their teaching about the constellations. Perhaps in the stars that we can see in the distant heavens, and in the life that is evolving within them, we have the objective of our solar Logos, and the influences that are flowing towards him, attracting him towards them, and making him, in due course of time, radioactive. In the Eastern books they say that in the sun *Sirius* lies the source of wisdom, and that the influence or the energy of love emanates from there. Then they say that there is a constellation that is even more closely connected with our solar Logos, the reason being that He is not, as yet, sufficiently evolved so that He can respond completely to *Sirius*, but He can respond to the influence of the seven sisters of

cycle) we shall not be able to conceive of the first aspect of will or power as it really is. We know it now as the will to exist, manifesting through *the matter of the forms* (the Primordial Ray and the Divine Ray), and we know it as that which in some occult manner links the system up with its cosmic center. In a manner inconceivable to us the first Logos brings in the influence of other constellations. When this first aspect is better understood (in the next mahamanvantara) the work of the seven Rishis of the Great Bear⁶⁵ and the supreme influence of *Sirius* will be comprehended; in this present manifestation of the Son, or of the Vishnu aspect, we are concerned more closely with the Pleiades and their influence via the Sun, and, in relation to our planet, via Venus.

This subject of the first Logos, manifesting only in connection with the other two in the system, is a profound mystery, which is not fully understood by even those who have taken the sixth Initiation.

The first Logos embodies the "will to live" and it was through His instrumentality that the Manasaputras came into objective existence in relation to the human and deva hierarchies. In this system, the blending of the Divine Ray of Wisdom and the Primordial Ray of intelligent matter forms the great dual evolution; back of both these cosmic Entities stands another Entity Who is the embodiment of Will, and Who is the utilizer of forms-- though not the forms of any other than the Greater Building devas and the human hierarchies in time and space. He is the animating principle; the *will-to-live* aspect of the seven Hierarchies. Nevertheless these seven Hierarchies are (as says H.P.B.) the sevenfold ray of wisdom, the dragon in its seven forms^{66,67,68}. This is a

⁶⁵"The Hindus place their seven primitive Rishis in the Great Bear. The prototypes or the animating source of the seven Heavenly Men, the planetary Logoi, are considered the seven Existences who function through the seven stars of the Bear."--S.D.,II,668

⁶⁶S.D.,I,100-108.

⁶⁷Subba Rao says in *Five Years of Theosophy*, page 102: "As a general

that location being the place through which flows the force which animates the matter of the sphere. This is true of all spheres, from the solar down to the atom of matter that we call the cell in the body physical. Through the depression in the physical atom flows the vitalizing force from without. Every atom is both positive and negative; it is receptive or negative where the inflowing force is concerned, and positive or radiatory where its own emanations are concerned, and in connection with its effect upon its environment.

This can be predicated likewise of the entire ring-pass-not of the solar system in relation to its cosmic environment. Force flows into the solar system from three directions via three channels:

- a. The sun **Sirius**,
- b. The Pleiades,
- c. The Great Bear.

I would here point out the connection or correspondence in this statement to an earlier one made when speaking of solar radiation, and the channels through which it can be felt. These currents or radiations we call

- a. Akashic.
- b. Electrical.
- c. Pranic.

In considering the occult meaning of what is here suggested, one point in elucidation may be imparted, leaving the working out of the other two relationships to the student. The Pleiades are to the solar system, the source of electrical energy, and just as our sun is the embodiment of the heart, or love aspect, of the Logos (Who is Himself the heart of ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID) so the Pleiades are the feminine opposite of Brahma. Think this out, for much is contained in this statement.

Certain broad statements have been laid down here concerning the rotation of matter, and the results pro-

and Mercury. But more about this is not at this time permissible.

Third. The Rod of Initiation, wielded by the Logos of the solar system, is called among other things, the "Sevenfold Flaming Fire." It was confided to our Logos by the Lord of **Sirius** and sent to our system from that radiant sun. One of its purposes is for use in emergencies. This great talisman has never yet been employed in this particular manner, though twice it was nearly thus used,--once in Atlantean days, and once in the third year of the late war. This Rod of Power is used at the initiation of the seven Heavenly Men on cosmic levels. It is used also in the initiation of *groups*, a thing almost incomprehensible to us. It is applied to the centers of the seven Heavenly Men in the same general way as the lesser Rods are applied to the human centers, and the effects are the same, only on a vaster scale. This, needless to say, is a vast and abstruse subject, and concerns not the sons of men. It is but touched upon, as an enumeration of the Rods of Initiation would be incomplete without some reference to it, and it serves to show the wondrous synthesis of the whole, and the place of the system within an even greater scheme. In all things cosmic, perfect law and order are found, and the ramifications of the plan can be seen on all planes and all subplanes. This greatest Rod is in the care of the first great group of karmic Lords. It might be described as the Rod which carries a voltage of pure fohatic force from cosmic levels. The two lesser Rods carry differentiated fohatic force. This logic Rod of Power is kept within the Sun, and is only re-charged at the beginning of every one hundred years of Brahma.

The reason why the Rods of Power are here discussed is that they have definitely to do with the centers which are *force vortices in matter* and which (though channels

part of the content of the logioic Causal Body, and therefore permeates all manifestation which originates with Him. Hence the accuracy of the statement that cosmic manas originates on the cosmic mental plane, and is a portion of the fire that animates that plane.

Second, in the second solar system, and in connection with the method employed therein, another point merits attention. This fire of mind has its source in a constellation until recently unrecognized by exoteric science as having any relation of an intimate nature to our solar system, owing to its tremendous distance away. *The sun "Sirius" is the source of logioic manas* in the same sense as the Pleiades are connected with the evolution of manas in the seven Heavenly Men, and Venus was responsible for the coming in of mind in the Earth chain. Each was primary to the other, or was the agent which produced the first flicker of consciousness in the particular groups involved. In every case the method was that of a slow evolutionary growth till the consciousness suddenly blazed forth owing to the interposition of force, apparently from an extraneous source,

1. The LogosSolar System**Sirius**
2. Seven Heavenly MenPlanetary Scheme . . .Pleiades
3. Heavenly ManEarth chain Venus

This second method therefore is that which is brought about by the hastening of the evolutionary process through influences from outside; these tend to awaken consciousness, and to bring about the merging of the poles. The first method touched upon was that of the earlier solar system. The method we are now considering is the distinctive one of this solar system and will persist till the end of the mahamanvantara.

That the earlier method was seen in the moon-chain is only evidence of the steadfastness of the Law of Repe-
tition by which every large cycle includes, in its earlier

Hierarchy who go to the composition of this center, and will drop His present form, will turn His attention to another and higher center, and give of His force to the units of a different caliber, from another branch of the human Hierarchy, who respond to the vibration of that center.

It would be well to enlarge here a little on the connection between Venus and the Earth, which is hinted at in some of the occult books, and is somewhat touched upon in this. I have stated that the interaction between the two schemes is due largely to their positive and negative polarity, and I pointed out that a similar relation underlies the relation of the Pleiades and the seven schemes of our solar system, and also the relation of **Sirius** and the system itself. This therefore, sweeps into close interaction three great systems:

1. The system of **Sirius**,
2. The system of the Pleiades,
3. The system of which our sun is the focal point,

making, as we will have noted, a cosmic triangle. Within our system there are several such triangles, varying at different stages; according to their relation to each other, the differentiated force of the different schemes can pass from scheme to scheme, and thus the units of life on the different rays or streams of force become temporarily intermingled. In all these triangles (cosmic, systemic, planetary, and human) two points of the triangle represent each a different polarity, and one point represents the point of equilibrium, of synthesis or merging. This should be borne in mind in studying both the macrocosmic and the microcosmic centers, for it accounts for diversity in manifestation, in forms and in quality.

A correspondence might here also be pointed out which

gift was not of the same nature. The coming in of the Venusian influence to our chain, and to our planet, with the subsequent stimulation of certain groups in the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human, caused a paralleling event of even greater magnitude in the Venus scheme. This affected the sixth Hierarchy, one of the deva Hierarchies, dwelling in the Venus scheme. This stimulation emanated via our sixth chain (or the second according to the angle of vision) and affected a corresponding chain in the Venus scheme. The magnitude of the difference may be seen in the fact that in our case *one globe alone* was affected, whereas the influence of our scheme on the Venusian was such that *an entire chain* was stimulated. This was brought about through the positive polarity of the Heavenly Man of the Earth scheme.

Therefore, enlarging the concept, we can note the fact that our Heavenly Men are the transmitters, via their seven schemes, to the seven stars of the Pleiades. Our solar system is negatively polarized as regards the sun *Sirius*, which influences our entire system psychically via the three synthesizing schemes--Uranus, Neptune, Saturn--the latter, Saturn, being the focal point for the transmission of cosmic manas to the entire seven schemes.

4. *Manas and the Earth Chain*

We have brought our consideration of our first point, the origin of cosmic and systemic manas, down to certain facts concerning our chain, and have (with the utmost brevity) passed in review the larger aspect of the question. We touched first of all upon the subject of cosmic manas, as it concerned our Logos and the Heavenly Men. Then we considered it more specifically in its relation to the individual Heavenly Men, and finally brought it down to that which more nearly concerns ourselves--

If we link this up with that earlier imparted concerning initiation and the sun *Sirius*, we will have a clue to the triple cosmic Path.

b. The Fourth Kingdom and the Hierarchy of the Planet. Certain facts have already been grasped and realized by the average occult student who has been pondering this teaching with care. He is aware that the juncture of Spirit-matter and mind, or manas, was effected during the third root-race, and that the definitely human family became present upon earth from that date. He knows that this was brought about by the coming, in bodily Presence, of certain great Entities, and he has learned that these Entities came from the Venusian chain, that They achieved the necessary juncture, undertook the government of the planet, founded the occult Hierarchy, and that--though some remain with the chain--the remainder have returned to Their originating source. This in many ways sums up the totality of the present knowledge. Let us briefly enlarge upon it, correct certain erroneous interpretations, and ascertain one or two new facts. We might tabulate these as follows:

First, it should be borne in mind by the occult student that:

- a. This advent signaled the taking of a physical vehicle by the planetary Logos, and was literally the coming of the Avatar.
- b. That this advent was brought about by a definite systemic alignment which involved:
 - The Venus scheme of the system.
 - The Venus chain of the Earth scheme.
 - The Venus globe of the Earth chain.
- c. That the planetary Logos did not come from the Venus scheme but from the Venus chain of His own scheme, the Earth scheme. Owing to systemic

outside the logioic ring-pass-not. It concerns the pranic and akashic fluids and currents.

2. The vibrations of the cosmic astral plane as they affect the physical form of divine manifestation. This involves cosmically the action upon our solar Logos of the emotional quality of other cosmic entities, and concerns the magnetic effect upon Him of their psychic emanation. This, in view of the fact that His dense physical body is not a principle, is of a more potent nature than the first set of vibrations, as is the case also in man's evolution.
3. Vibrations from that which, within the logioic consciousness, is recognized as the logioic Higher Self, or His emanating source. This brings the solar system within the vibratory radius of certain constellations which have a position of profound importance in the general evolution of the system.
4. Vibrations from **Sirius** via the cosmic mental plane.
5. Vibrations from the seven Rishis of the Great Bear, and primarily from those two Who are the Prototypes of the Lords of the seventh and fifth Rays. This is a most important point, and finds its microcosmic correspondence in the place which the seventh Ray has in the building of a thought-form, and the use of the fifth Ray in the work of concretion. All magicians who work with matter and who are occupied with form-building (either consciously or unconsciously) call in these two types of force or energy.
6. Certain very remote vibrations, as yet no more appreciable in the logioic Body than is monadic influence in that of average man, from the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID, that cosmic

in Whose consciousness both our system and our greater center, have a part. It is a unit of His thought, a thought form in its entirety, a concrete whole, and not the differentiated process that we feel our evolving system to be. It is the sumtotal, the center and the periphery, and the circle of manifestation regarded as a unit.

The second law is the *Law of Attraction and Repulsion*. Fundamentally the law describes the compelling force of attraction that holds our solar system to the **Sirian**; that holds our planets revolving around our central unit, the sun; that holds the lesser systems of atomic and molecular matter circulating around a center in the planet; and that holds the matter of all physical plane bodies, and that of the subtle bodies coordinated around their microcosmic center.

The third law is the *Law of Economy*, and is the law which adjusts all that concerns the material and spiritual evolution of the cosmos to the best possible advantage and with the least expenditure of force. It makes perfect each atom of time, and each eternal period, and carries all onward and upward, and *through*, with the least possible effort, with the proper adjustment of equilibrium, and with the necessary rate of rhythm. Unevenness of rhythm is really an illusion of time, and does not exist in the cosmic center. We need to ponder on this, for it holds the secret of peace, and we need to grasp the significance of that word *through*, for it describes the next racial expansion of consciousness, and has an occult meaning.

In the nomenclature of these laws much is lost, for it is well nigh impossible to resolve abstractions into the terms of speech, and not lose the inner sense in the process. In these laws we again have the threefold idea demonstrated, and the correspondence, as might be expected, holds good.

tem of **Sirius**. This law is called by the generic term, the Law of Karma, and really predicates the effect the Sirian system has on our solar system. Each of the two systems, as regards its internal economy, is independent in time and space, or (in other words), in manifestation. We have practically no effect on our parent system, the reflex action is so slight as to be negligible, but very definite effects are felt in our system through causes arising in **Sirius**. These causes when experienced as effects, are called by us the Law of Karma, and at the beginning they started systemic Karma which, once in effect constitutes that which is called *Karma* in our occult and oriental literature.

The Lipika Lords of our system, the systemic Lords of Karma, are under the rule of a greater corresponding Lord on **Sirius**.

We have therefore:

1. The three cosmic laws of Synthesis, Attraction and Economy.
2. The **Sirian** law of Karma.
3. The seven laws of the solar system.

As we have been told, our seven major vibrations are the vibrations of the lowest cosmic plane; there is our habitat. Our Logos Himself, the heart of His system, is on the cosmic astral plane; he is polarized there. Just as the units of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human, are evolving through the use of physical bodies, but are polarized at this time in their astral vehicles, so we have seen that the objective solar system forms the physical body of the Logos, though His polarity is in His astral body. It is significant that in this greater manvantara, the Logos is to take the fourth cosmic Initiation. A hint which may enlighten lies in the correspondence which exists between this statement and the

fourth root-race development, and this, the fourth or astral round.⁸¹

The system of the **Sirian** Logos is on the cosmic mental plane, and in a subtle way, incomprehensible to us, our Logos, with His system, forms a part of a still greater Logos. This does not involve loss of identity, though the matter is too abstruse to express more adequately. It is in this analogy that the basic idea can be found of all teaching given out about the Grand Heavenly Man. The whole conception of these laws is bound up in this idea. We have the three laws of the cosmic higher planes, holding in a synthesis of beauty the greater and the lesser system. Next we have the great law of **Sirius**, the Law of Karma, on the third sub-plane of the cosmic mental plane, which law really controls our Logos, and His actions, in the same way as the ego--in due course of evolution--controls the human personality.

We need to remember that, under the Law of Correspondences, we shall have a relationship in the Cosmos, similar to that existing in the microcosm between the ego and the personality. The suggestion holds much that we might consider with benefit. We must not, however, carry the analogy too far; as we have not yet evolved to where we have planetary consciousness, still less systemic, how can we really expect even to conceive of the ABC of cosmic truth? Just broad hints, wide conceptions, and generalities, are as yet possible. Of one thing we can be sure, and that is that *identity ever remains*.

Let me explain by illustration:

Each one of us, in due process of evolution, forms part of one of the Heavenly Men, Who Themselves form the

⁸¹*The present Round*, which is the fourth, is the one in which desire, or response to contact and sensation is being brought to its fullest expression. In the next round, the fifth, the fifth principle of mind, or manas, will reach fruition.

seven centers in that greater Heavenly Man, the Logos. Yet, though we are merged with the whole, we do not lose our identity, but forever remain separated units of consciousness, though one with all that lives or is. In like manner our Logos loses not His identity, even though He forms part of the Consciousness of the Logos of **Sirius**. In His turn, the **Sirian** Logos forms one of the seven Grand Heavenly Men, who are the centers in the body of ONE OF WHOM NOUGHT MAY BE SAID.

The Laws and the Planes.--We might, while studying the seven laws of the solar system, take them plane by plane, showing certain things--three in all:

1. We might study their effect as they demonstrate on the path of involution.
2. As they manifest on the path of evolution, return.
3. We might also touch on the laws as they effect human and deva organisms that evolve by means of them.

As we do this, we shall gradually get a broad general idea of how this system of ours (the thought-form of the Logos), was gradually built up, how it is controlled and held together, and how numerous and intricate are the interrelations. Certain fundamental hypotheses are assumed, which must form the background for all we would say. We must assume first that a Builder, or some Creative Mind, is working to bring about an ordered production, and is seeking to manifest through a demonstrable objective. The objective universe is but the product of some subjective mind. Next we must posit that the material for the building of this universe lay ready to the hand of the Builder, and that this material itself is the fruit of some previous system, all that is left of some past consummated product. Given, therefore, the Builder and the material, we must next accede

indwelling life free for further progress. All forms are but hindrances and limitations, and ultimately must go, but they have their needed place in the development of the race. Eventually the causal body of the entire race itself disintegrates.

This law governs the crystallization of all forms prior to their shattering in the process of evolution.

It governs the *time* of rebirth, being one of the subsidiary branches of the Law of Karma. Each of the seven subsidiary laws is linked to one of the cosmic laws, or with the **Sirian** Law of Karma. We need always to remember that the consciousness of the cosmic mental plane is the logic goal of attainment, and that the **Sirian** Logos is to our solar Logos what the human Ego. is to the personality. The Law of Karma, or cosmic Fixation, is the law of the cosmic mental plane, and controls the corresponding law in our system.

In the fifth round this law will act as the divider, temporarily crystallizing and fixing into great classes the human Monads, as they evolve. One group then (containing those who will reach the goal), will pass gradually out from under the domination of this law, and will come under the Law of Magnetic Control. The other will remain under the law in a static condition, until in a later period a fresh opportunity will come; old forms will break, and in another mahamanvantara, and in its fifth period, will come the chance for which they will have waited, when they can again swing into the current of evolution and the imprisoned spirits may mount again towards their source.

In an occult sense this law is for us the one with which we are the most intimately concerned. It plays an important part in the hands of the Lords Flame, and is one of Their main factors in controlling the three worlds. Note here an interesting fact, that Venus is the sixth planet (esoterically the second), and is in her

in man. I can elucidate this no further, but the few words here imparted open up a tremendous range of thought, and give the key to much which transpires and which is distressing in solar evolution as well as human.

Second. Those devas who are the sumtotal of the astral light. They are the agents of the karmic lords, who are in themselves deva entities of an inconceivably advanced evolution and who, in their own substance,

1. Record.
2. Produce effects from cause.
3. Direct force.

This particular group of devas emanate from a great force center which we generalize by calling it by the name of the sun **Sirius**. Sirius-kama-manas--the cosmic astral plane and the systemic astral plane--make a close interlocking chain, and form the line of least resistance for a particular type of negative force to pour through.

The Cosmic Physical Plane. This is the force (external and internal) of the solar system itself, and of its environing space. It might be regarded as the pranic forces, pouring through the logoc etheric body (our four higher subplanes) which are positive to the lower three, impregnating these lower three planes (a reflection in substance, or in the Brahma aspect, of the union of Father-Mother) and producing the purely concrete manifestation. This is why the physical vehicle has such control during long stages of man's evolution, for the *force* of this type of energy is necessarily felt more strongly than any other. It is deva force, and substance, which is so close to us as powerfully to delude us. Here lies the mystery of maya, and here is to be found the secret of illusion. Here exists for man the first great stage of the battle for full Self-consciousness, and for identification with the God-aspect, and not with the

substance and the life of those planes. Another group is connected definitely with the causal bodies of all Egos and are of prime importance in this solar system. They come from the heart center and express that force. The third group, corresponding to the throat center, show forth their power on the fourth subplane through the mental units. They are the sumtotal of the power of the Ego to see, to hear and to speak (or sound) in the strictly occult sense.

A hint may here be given to those who have power to see. Three constellations are connected with the fifth logoc principle in its threefold manifestation: **Sirius**, two of the Pleiades, and a small constellation whose name must be ascertained by the intuition of the student. These three govern the appropriation by the Logos of His dense body. When the last pralaya ended, and the etheric body had been coordinated, a triangle in the Heavens was formed under law which permitted a flow of force, producing vibration on the fifth systemic plane. That triangle still persists, and is the cause of the continued inflow of manasic force; it is connected with the spirillae in the logoc mental unit and as long as His will-to-be persists, the energy will continue to flow through. In the fifth round, it will be felt at its height.

In considering the Entities³³ who gave the manasic principle to man we must remember that they are the beings who, in earlier manvantaras have achieved, and who--in this round--waited for a specific moment at

³³A very natural question might here be asked:--Why do we consider this matter of the devas of the middle system (as we might call those connected with this system and with buddhi and kama-manas) in our consideration of thought forms? For two reasons:--One is that all that is in the solar system is but substance energised from the cosmic mental and astral planes, and built into form through the power of electrical Law; all that can be known is but forms ensouled by ideas. Secondly, that in the knowledge of the creative processes of the system, man learns for himself how in time to become a creator. We might illustrate this by remarking that one of the main functions of the Theosophical movement in all its many branches is to build a form which can be ensouled, in due time, by the idea of Brotherhood.

will not deal with Them. Let us again subdivide these groups so as still further to clarify our ideas:

1. *Cosmic Avatars*: They represent embodied force from the following cosmic centers among others:

a. *Sirius*.

b. That one of the seven stars of the Great Bear which is ensouled by the prototype of the Lord of our third major Ray.

c. Our cosmic center.

They represent entities as far removed from the consciousness of Man, as man is from the consciousness of the atom of substance. Thousands of those great cycles which we call "a hundred years of Brahma" have passed since They approximated the human stage, and They embody force and consciousness which is concerned with the intelligent coordination of the starry Heavens.

They have achieved all that man can conceive of as the transcendence of will, of love and of intelligence, and in the synthesis of those three have added qualities and vibrations for which we have no terms, and which cannot be visioned by even our highest adepts. Their appearance in a solar system is very unusual, and is only recognized on the highest two planes. Yet, owing to the material nature of our solar system, Their advent is literally the appearance in a physical form of a spiritual Being Who is fully conscious.

Such entities from *Sirius* appear at the occasion of the initiation of the solar Logos, and They have a peculiar connection with the five Kumaras and through Them (using Them as focal points for force) with the Mahachohan's department in all the occult Hierarchies of the system. Only once has such a Being visited our system, in connection with the appearance in time and space of the five mind-born Sons of Brahma. The effect of such a visit as that of the Avatar from *Sirius* is seen

tory contact possible, and has secured all the intended "realizations" and "revelations"; he can no longer be held imprisoned by the devas. He is free until, consciously and willingly, and in another round, he can return as a member of a Hierarchy to continue His work of service for the little evolved humanity of that distant time. As this concerns the seven paths of opportunity for a Master we will not deal with it here.⁴⁷ This is the great human pralaya.

(4) *Planetary Pralaya*. Man, after these cyclic happenings, is now a conscious part of his group, and a vibrant point in a center in the body of a Heavenly Man, consciously alive and consciously aware of his place in the great whole. This involves a realization as to the center of which he is a point of energy, a knowledge of the type of force he is to transmit, and to manipulate from cosmic levels, and a conscious relation with the six other centers in the planetary Life with which he is associated.

This period of conscious activity in etheric substance (of which the planetary body is formed) persists according to the karma of the planetary Lord, for the unit is now consciously associated with planetary karma, and is a participant in the working out of the will and purpose of the Lord of His Ray. On the higher planes of the system, to which a period of pralaya succeeds that has its beginning towards the end of the seventh round in any scheme or of the fifth if the Law of Persistence of a scheme is working out through cycles of five. I am

⁴⁷The seven Paths upon one of which all must pass:--

Path 1. The Path of Earth service.

Path 2. The Path of Magnet Work.

Path 3. The Path of the Planetary Logoi.

Path 4. The Path to *Sirius*.

Path 5. The Ray Path.

Path 6. The Path of the Solar Logos.

Path 7. The Path of Absolute Sonship.

on physical. The decay of a moon has as great an evil effect upon all that contacts it as a decaying body on earth has upon its surroundings. It is occultly "offensive." This will be more truly apprehended when the etheric double of our moon is studied. As the moon becomes small through the process of disintegration, its effect upon the Earth will be correspondingly lessened, and this stage will be paralleled by a consequent greater freedom from evil impulse of the sons of men. Better conditions among the animals will be another result above all else, and the dying out of that which is noxious in the animal kingdom. By the time the seventh round is reached, the evil effect of the then moon (which will have to all intents and purposes practically disappeared) will be finished. During the fifth round, men will discover how to neutralize any remaining effects through scientific achievement and knowledge of the necessary sounds and mantrams, and thus much evil will be offset. The etheric moon is included in these remarks. The greatest effect of moon conditions is to be seen working out predominantly in the terror, and present distress in the animal kingdom.⁵⁸

A further factor in cyclic computation lies in the effect of the following stars and constellations upon our system and upon any particular scheme within the system:

- a. The Great Bear.
- b. The Little Bear.
- c. The Pole Star, especially where our planet is concerned.
- d. The Pleiades.
- e. The constellation of Capricorn.
- f. Draco.
- g. **Sirius**.
- h. The various constellations and stars of the Zodiac.

⁵⁸Bible. Romans, 8:22.

TABULATION VI

<i>Lives</i>	<i>Goal</i>
1. Planetary Logoi..... The major Three.	Cosmic liberation; the final cosmic Initiations.
2. The minor four planetary Logoi...	Cosmic Initiation, or the first four Initiations.
3. The informing Lives of a planetary globe.....	Manus of a cosmic chain. Not a seed manu, but a periodical manu of lesser degree. This involves an unrevealable mystery, connected with certain Hierarchies of color.
4. The informing life of a kingdom in nature.....	Transference in one of three directions: a. To the line of the solar Pitris. b. To Sirius , as a karmic adjuster. c. To the solar system of the next order to work in connection with the planetary Logos of his own line as ruler of a kingdom or life wave in the system, and not just in a scheme.
5. The solar Pitris.....	The highest three groups will become major planetary Logoi; the lower four groups will become minor planetary Logoi.
6. The human evolution.....	To become the solar Pitris of another cycle. To follow any of the paths earlier enumerated. Those who become solar Pitris, being the bulk of humanity, return to Sirius to be breathed out again into activity.
7. The lunar Pitris.....	To become men. They will in their higher grades pass directly into the animal evolution of the next cycle and so eventually individualize. Their three higher grades will become animal-men, and the lower four will contribute to the quaternic forms of the men of the next creation.
8. The animal evolution.....	Human kingdom.
9. The vegetable evolution.....	The animal kingdom.
10. The mineral evolution.....	The vegetable kingdom.
11. The four higher grades of lesser Builder on all planes.	They will form the manifested double or form of that mysterious third evolution of the next system; that is, the etheric body of the planetary entity. This mysterious life is as yet an unfathomable mystery and one which will not be revealed till the final one of the triplicity of solar systems of our solar Logos.
12. The three lower grades of the lesser Builders.....	The physical body in its densest form of the planetary entity.

1. The cosmic astral plane and the constellation whence emotional and desire energy originates.
2. The cosmic mental plane, and therefore with the constellation **Sirius**.
3. The cosmic buddhic plane, and the constellation of the Pleiades.

Thus can the whole process be worked out, if man carefully studies his own nature, and the law of analogy.

The Devas of the Gaseous Subplane. In dealing with the elementals, or lesser devas, under the manipulatory devas of this extensive group, we are dealing with the devas of fire, and with the fiery essences of substantial nature which can be seen manifesting in myriads of forms. Certain of the subdivisions of this group are known to students, such as:

The Salamanders, or the fiery lives which can be seen by clairvoyants leaping in the flames of a furnace or of a volcano; this group can be subdivided into four groups according to color--red, orange, yellow, and violet--the last of which approximate very closely to the devas of the fourth ether,

The Agnichaitans; this is a term applied to the fiery lives, which are the sumtotal of the plane substance, as seen in the first part of our treatise, and also to the tiny essences which compose the fires of manifestation. As the nature of physical plane electricity is understood and studied, and its true condition realized, the reality of the existence of these agnichaitans will stand revealed.

As the race becomes clairvoyant, as it surely will in a great degree before the close of this rootrace, these gaseous devas will stand revealed, and men will realize that they are working with fiery lives, and that they are themselves closely allied to these lives through the fires of their own bodies. The clairvoyance which is in proc-

periodical appearing and disappearing of all existences, great or small. It is intimately linked with the will aspect of Divinity and with the Lipika Lords of the highest degree and its origin is therefore difficult for us to comprehend. Perhaps all that can be said about it is that it is largely due to certain impulses which (as far as our solar system is concerned) can be traced to the sun **Sirius**. These impulses find their analogy in the impulses emanating in cyclic fashion from the causal body of man, which impulses bring about his appearance upon the plane of maya for a temporary period. A hint may here be given to the earnest student; in the threefold Ego (the lives who form the central bud, the lives of the petals, and the triple group of lives who form the three permanent atoms) is seen a correspondence to the three groups of Lipika Lords who are the karmic cause of solar manifestation, and who control its periodic manifestation. These three groups are related to Their guiding Intelligences on **Sirius**.

The Law of Periodicity is the effect produced by the amalgamation of these two types of force with a third. The two types of force or energy are the activity of the first aspect, the logic will or purpose, and the energy of the second aspect. This purpose is hidden in foreknowledge of the Logos and is completely hidden even from the Adept of the fifth Initiation. The Adept has achieved a comprehension of the purpose of the Son, and for Him there remains the problem to recognize the purpose of the Father. The one is the impulse behind the *forward* movement of all life, and the other the impulse behind its cyclic activity, and this is called spiral cyclic. When this blended dual force is brought in touch with the rotary activity of matter itself, we have the triple activity of the Ego for instance which is rotary-spiral-cyclic, and that which results in the stimulation of the self-contained atom, in the periodical emergence of form, and in the

b. The Seven Sisters, or the Pleiades, and from that one in particular who is occultly termed "the wife" of the planetary Logos whose scheme will eventually receive the seeds of life from our planet, which is not considered a sacred planet, as has before been stated.

c. The sun **Sirius**.

There are other streams of energetic force which have an effect upon the Pilgrim everywhere, but the above enumeration will serve to show the complexity of the subject and the vastness of the scheme of evolution. All these vibratory emanations pass through the sphere cyclically; they come and go, and according to their presence or their non presence and according to the stage of evolution of the emanating Existence will depend the phenomenal character of all life, will depend the nature of any specific period, and the quality of the manifesting Monads. It is the appearance or the disappearance of these waves of life-force (planetary, inter-planetary, systemic, cosmic and inter-cosmic) which sweeps into incarnation the divine pilgrims, and which brings about the cyclic manifestation of such great Lives as the "Silent Watcher" and the "Great Sacrifice"; it is this which causes also the dissolution of a scheme, and its reappearance, and is responsible for the transportation of the life seed from one scheme to another, or from one solar system to another.

In this great tide of forces, the Monads are swept along; their aggregate is termed the "force of evolution," and the life and persistence of the initiatory Being sets the term for their duration. Man is but the plaything of the forces which gather him up and carry him on, just as the atom, in the human frame is but the obedient servant of the man's imposing direction; yet within limits man is the controller of his destiny; within

ascertaining the nature of the work immediately to be done) of the various great lives who inform the globes and kingdoms of nature, with ascertaining the nature of the karmic influences working out in the manifestation of three of the planetary Logoi:

1. Our own planetary Logos.
2. The planetary Logos of our polar opposite.
3. The planetary Logos of the scheme which makes with the two above mentioned a planetary triangle.

Beyond that, They may not go. They progress these various horoscopes for the next stated cycle, and Their records are of profound and significant interest. I would conjure students here to refrain from attempting (in years to come) to form cyclic computations of any kind, for as yet the many constellations which exist only in physical matter of an etheric nature are unknown and unseen. Yet they are potent in influence and until etheric vision is developed, all calculations will be full of error. It suffices for man as yet to master his own dharma, to fulfill group karma, and to dominate what is called 'his stars.'

Like the planetary atom, the solar atom not only rotates on its axis but likewise spirals in a cyclic fashion through the Heavens. This is a different activity to the *drift* or progressive dynamic motion through the Heavens. It deals with the revolution of our Sun around a central point and with its relation to the three constellations so oft referred to in this *Treatise*:

The Great Bear.

The Pleiades.

The Sun **Sirius**.

These three groups of solar bodies are of paramount influence where the spiral cyclic activity of our system is concerned. Just as in the human atom the spiral cyclic

future of any unit or embodied life, manifesting under any of the three aspects.

Another series of files in the records give--under a different formula--information as to what is esoterically called "the heat content" of any unit, "the radiating light" of any form, and the "magnetic force" of every life. It is through this knowledge that the Lipikas control the bringing in, and the passing out, of every Life, divine, superhuman, solar and human, and it is through a consideration of that formula which is the basic formula for a solar system that the physical plane appearance of a solar Logos is controlled, and the length of a cosmic pralaya settled. We must not forget that the Lipika Lords of the solar system have Their cosmic prototypes, and that These have Their feeble and groping human reflections in the great astronomical scientists who endeavor to ascertain facts anent the heavenly bodies, being subconsciously aware of the existence of these cosmic formulas conveying information as to the specific gravity, constitution, radiation, magnetic pull, heat and light of any sun, solar system, or constellation. Many of these in future and remote ages will pass to a full comprehension, and will have the formulas committed to their care, thus joining the ranks of the Lipikas. It is a peculiar line, requiring cycles of careful training in divine mathematics.

The Lipika Lords, controlling the periodical manifestation of life are, roughly speaking, divided into the following groups, which it might be of interest to note:

1. Three extra-systemic or cosmic Lords of Karma, Who work from a center in **Sirius** through the medium of three representatives. These form a group around the solar Logos, and hold to Him a position analogous to the three Buddhas of Activity Who stand around Sanat Kumara.

in the form of vast lotuses²⁴ or wheels, at the center of which lies hidden that central cosmic Life, we call a planetary Logos. He is the meeting place for two types of force, spiritual or logocic, which reaches Him (via the logocic Lotus on cosmic mental planes) from the seven Rishis of the Great Bear on Their own plane, and, secondly, of buddhic force, which is transmitted via the Seven Sisters or the Pleiades from a constellation called the Dragon in some books, and from which has come the appellation "The Dragon of Wisdom."

A third type of energy is added and, therefore, can be detected in these centers, that of manasic type. This reaches the logocic centers via the star **Sirius**, and is transmitted from that constellation which (as earlier I have

²⁴See Section VIII, *Secret Doctrine* Volume I.

The Lotus is symbolical of both the Macrocosm and of the Microcosm.

- a. The seeds of the Lotus contain in miniature the perfect plant.
- b. It is the product of fire and matter.
- c. It has its roots in the mud, it grows up through the water, it is fostered by the warmth of the sun, it blossoms in the air.

MACROCOSM

The mud. The objective physical solar system.
 Water. The emotional or astral nature.
 Flower on water. Fruition of the spiritual.
 Method. Cosmic fire or intelligence.

MICROCOSM

The mud. The physical body.
 Water. Emotional or astral nature.
 Flower on water. Fruition of the buddhic or spiritual.
 Method. Fire of mind.

"The significance of the tradition that Brahma is born from or in the lotus, is the same. The lotus symbolises a world-system, and Brahma dwells therein representing action; he is therefore called the Kamal-asana, the Lotus-seated. The lotus, again, is said to arise from or in the navel of Vishnu, because the navel of Vishnu or all-knowledge is *necessary desire*, the primal form of which, as embodied in the Veda-text, is: May I be born forth (as multitudinous progeny). From such central and essential desire, the will to live, arises the whole of becoming, all the operations, all the whirls and whorls, of change and manifestation which make up life. In such becoming dwells Brahma, and from him and by him, i.e., by incessant activity, arises and manifests the organised world, the trib huvanam, the triple world. Because first *manifested*, therefore is Brahma *named* the first of the gods; by action is manifestation, and he is the actor; and because actor, therefore is he also sometimes called the preserver or protector of the world; for he who makes a thing desires also the maintenance and preservation of his handiwork, and, moreover, by the making of the thing supplies the basis and opportunity for the operation of preservation, which, in strictness, of course, belong to Vishnu."--*Pranava-Vada*, pp. 84, 311.

ondary. These streams of energy, judged by their effects, are called in human terminology *laws*, because their results are ever immutable and irresistible, and their effects remain unchangeably the same, varying only according to the form which is the subject of the energetic impulse.

Thirdly, the student must bear in mind that the seven planes, or the seven spirillae of the logoiic permanent atom, are not all equally vitalized by the attractive pull emanating from the logoiic lotus via the heart of the Sun. Five of them are more "alive" than the other two; these five do not include the highest and the lowest. The words "the heart of the Sun" must be understood to mean more than a locality situated in the interior recesses of the solar body, and have reference to the nature of the solar sphere. This solar sphere is closely similar to the atom pictured in the book by Babbitt and later in *Ocult Chemistry* by Mrs. Besant. The Sun is heart-shaped, and (seen from cosmic angles) has a depression at what we might call its north pole. This is formed by the impact of logoiic energy upon solar substance.

This energy which impinges upon the solar sphere, and is thence distributed to all parts of the entire system, emanates from three cosmic centers and, therefore, is triple during this particular cycle.

- a. From the sevenfold great Bear.
- b. From the Sun *Sirius*.
- c. From the Pleiades.

It must be remembered that the possible cosmic streams of energy available for use in our solar system are seven in number, of which three are major. These three vary during vast and incalculable cycles.

Students may find it of use to remember that,

- a. The Law of Economy demonstrates as an *urge*,
- b. The Law of Attraction as a *pull*,
- c. The Law of Synthesis as a tendency to concentrate at a center, or to merge.

connotation of the word "Spirit." Pondering upon these matters is (for the average man) not only useless but also dangerous. He has not yet the apparatus of thought necessary for its safe undertaking. It is as if one tried to force a child in the first grade in school to comprehend the differential calculus and the laws of trigonometry.

These seven Paths, when trodden, prepare a man to pass certain cosmic initiations, including those upon the Sun *Sirius*. One hint may here be given. Each of these Paths eventually leads to one or other of the six constellations which (with ours) form the seven centers in the body of the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID. Those adepts therefore who stay for a prescribed length of time upon our planet are a correspondence to those greater initiates who remain for many kalpas within the solar system, taking certain mysterious initiations concerned entirely with solar evolution. Their work is concerned with the system as a center in the body of that Existence Who vitalizes the Logos of our own system.

It might be of value here to list the seven cosmic Paths as follows:³⁵

- Path IThe Path of Earth Service.
- Path IIThe Path of Magnetic Work.
- Path IIIThe Path of the Planetary Logos.
- Path IVThe Path to *Sirius*.
- Path VThe Ray Path.
- Path VIThe Path of the Solar Logos.
- Path VIIThe Path of Absolute Sonship.

³⁵Students must be careful to distinguish in their minds between these seven cosmic Paths and the seven ray Paths upon which all humanity are found and which have been earlier treated in this Treatise. As we have already seen the seven ray paths become three when units upon the four minor rays merge themselves into one of the three major rays. These three form the synthetic ray of Love-Wisdom by the time the sons of men have taken the final systemic Initiations. When this stage is reached and men realise the unity of the solar system not only theoretically but also as a practical reality with which they have identified themselves, then there is borne in upon their consciousness a something which transcends consciousness altogether and which can only be expressed by the limiting word *identification*. This identification is a cosmic and not a systemic process, and is itself sevenfold in nature. This sevenfold process for lack of a better term we call the sevenfold cosmic Path.

It must be borne in mind and no confusion of thought must be permitted that these terms are the generic names given in the mystic parlance of the Lodge of Masters to the seven methods of work, of endeavor and of aspiration whereby the perfected sons of Earth's humanity pass on to specific cosmic Paths or streams of energy, making in their totality one great cosmic WAY.

The seven paths at a certain stage which may not be defined become the four paths, owing to the fact that our solar system is one of the fourth order. This merging is effected in the following way:

The initiates upon Path I "fight their way" on to path VI.

The initiates upon Path II "alchemize themselves" on to path VII.

The initiates upon Path III through "piercing the veil" find themselves upon Path V.

This leaves Path IV to be accounted for. Upon this Path pass all those who, through devotion and activity combined, achieve the goal but who lack as yet the full development of the manasic principle. This being the solar system of love-wisdom, or of astral buddhic development, the fourth Path includes the larger number of the sons of men. In the hierarchy of our planet the "Lords of Compassion" are numerically greater than the "Masters of the Wisdom." The former must therefore all pass to the Sun **Sirius** there to undergo a tremendous manasic stimulation, for **Sirius** is the emanating source of manas. There the mystic must go and become what is called "a spark of mahatic electricity."

These seven Paths are not concerned with nature or the balancing of the pairs of opposites. They are concerned only with unity, with that which utilizes the pairs of opposites as factors in the production of LIGHT. They deal

Symbol.....a colored Cross, with a star at the center, and backed by a blazing sun, surmounted by a Sensa Word.

*Path IV. The Path to **Sirius**.*

This path is of all the Paths the most veiled in the clouds of mystery. The reason for this mystery will only be apparent to the pledged initiate, though a clue to the secret may be gained if it is realized that in a peculiar and esoteric sense the sun **Sirius** and the Pleiades hold a close relation to each other. It is a relation analogous to that which lower mind holds to higher mind. The lower is receptive to, or negatively polarized to the higher. **Sirius** is the seat of higher mind and mahat (as it is called, or universal mind) sweeps into manifestation in our solar system through the channel of the Pleiades. It is almost as if a great triangle of mahatic energy was thus formed. **Sirius** transmits energy to our solar system via that

"...sevenfold brooding Mother, the silver constellation, whose voice is as a tinkling bell, and whose feet pass lightly o'er the radiant path between our worlds and hers."

Within the solar system there is an interesting correspondence to this cosmic interplay in the relation between the Venus scheme, our Earth scheme and the Venus chain in our scheme.

Curiously enough it will be through a comprehension of the human antaskarana, or the path which links higher and lower mind and which is constructed by the Thinker during the process of evolution, that light on this abstruse matter will come. There is (in connection with our planetary Logos) just such an antaskarana, and as He builds and constructs it, it forms part of the fourth Path, and permits the passage of the bulk of our humanity to this

distant objective, and this without obstruction. A clue to the nature of this Path and as to the reason why so many of the human Monads seek this particular stream of energy lies in the right understanding of the above suggestion.

The initiates who tread this way are primarily those of the fourth and the sixth order. As earlier pointed out, this is the Path that the "lords of compassion" most frequently follow, and at this time the Egyptian Master and the Master Jesus are preparing Themselves to tread it. The mystics of the Occident who have come into incarnation during the past one thousand years are a peculiar group of Egos whose impulse is towards this type of cosmic energy. In this system they have developed certain basic recognitions and the "ecstasy" of the occidental mystic is the germ, latent within him, which will some day flower forth into that cosmic rapture for which we have as yet no name.

Comic rapture and rhythmic bliss are the attributes of the fourth path. It is a form of identification which is divorced from consciousness altogether. The reason also why the majority of the sons of men follow this Path lies in the fact of its numerical position. These units of the fourth kingdom, the bulk of the fourth Creative Hierarchy on this fourth globe of the fourth scheme in a solar system of the fourth order are innately compelled to seek this fourth WAY in order to perfect themselves. They are called the "blissful dancing points of fanatical devotion." This is as near as we can get to the true description. They have also been described as the "revolving wheels which turn upon themselves, and find the open door to perfect bliss."

The energy of Path IV reaches us from *Sirius* via the *Sun*. This must be understood as a blind behind which one of the signs of the zodiac veils itself.

The hierarchies concerned with this specific type of

cosmic force hide themselves under the numbers fourteen and seventeen. This will serve as a complete blind to the average reader, but will carry to the pledged chela the hint needed to produce illumination.

The *method* whereby the adept fits himself to pass upon this path is termed that of duplex rotary motion and "rhythmic dancing upon the square."

The *symbol*, which is first given to the pledged disciple to study but which may, however, be described, is a duality of interlocked wheels revolving at a great pace in opposite directions, and producing a unified whole. These wheels are portrayed as manifesting electric blue flame, rotating and revolving with great rapidity around an equal-armed Cross. The Cross is pictured in orange fire with a deep emerald green circle, flaming at the point in the center where the four arms of the Cross meet. The symbolism of these colors links this fourth path to the solar system preceding this one. In that system the *Sirian* influence was more potent than in the present one.

It is not possible to add more to this beyond pointing out that the *quality* gained by the adept who treads this path may not be revealed. He comes under the concentrated influence of the energy which is identified with the planetary antaskarana. It is not permitted, therefore, to state what its specific quality may be, as it would convey too much information to the intelligent reader as to the nature and the objective of our particular planetary Logos.

PATH IV. THE PATH TO SIRIUS

Attributes.....cosmic rapture and rhythmic bliss.

Source.....*Sirius* via the Sun which veils a zodiacal sign.

Hierarchy.....veiled by the numbers 14 and 17.

Method.....duplex rotary motion and rhythmic dancing upon the square.

Eye. In the physical plane structure of the eye lies hid the secret and in its study may come some revelation of the mystery.

A certain portion of the eye is the nucleus of sight and the apparatus of vision itself. The remainder of the eye acts as a protecting shell; both parts are required, and neither can exist without the other. It is so in the cosmic sense also, but the analogy exists on such high levels that words only dim and blur the truth. Certain of the sons of men, a nucleus who reached a very high initiation in a previous solar system, formed an esoteric group around the Logos when He decided upon further progress. In consequence He formed this solar system, desire for cosmic manifestation urging Him on. This esoteric group remains with the Logos upon the atomic or the first plane of the system, on the subjective or inner side, and it corresponds in an occult sense to the pupil of the eye. The real home of these great Entities is upon the cosmic buddhic plane.

Gradually and by dint of hard effort, certain Masters have qualified themselves, or are qualifying themselves, to take the place of the original members of this group thus permitting of Their return to a cosmic center around which our system, and the greater system of *Sirius*, revolves.

Only one adept here and there has the necessary qualities, for the development involves a certain type of response to cosmic vibration. It means a specializing of the inner sight and the development of a certain amount of cosmic vision. More of the deva evolution pass to this Path than do the human. Human beings pass to it via the deva evolution, which can be entered by transference to the fifth, or Ray Path. On this latter Path the two evolutions merge and from the fifth the sixth Path can be entered.

STANZA LXXVII

(From Archive 49)

PATH IV. *The Path to Sirius.*

The mysterious Lhas of the sacred hidden fire withdraw Their thought, emerge from meditation, and all that is--between the first and third--is lost to sight. Naught is. Sound dies away. The Words are lost, for there is none to hear. The colors fade, and every point grows dim.

The ocean passes into quietude. The Mother slumbers and forgets her Son. The Father too retreats within the unknown place where fire lies hidden.

The serpent stretches forth inert. Its coils smother the lower fire and choke the sparks. . . . Silence reigns. The absent Lhas forget the worlds and play at other games. . . . All passes into nothingness. Yet still the Lhas themselves remain.

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The mysterious Lhas of the fivefold force unite Their thought, sink into meditation deep and link the first and third. The worlds emerge, and--rushing into forms prepared--pursue their cycles.

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The twelve-pointed play Their part and are the result of the communion of the One above the Sun with one of the seven wives.

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The Master of the Sacred Heart is He who builds a Path between the sphere whereon His lot is cast

power at all were there not in humanity itself certain instincts upon which these energies can work. It should also be remembered that in Lemurian times their influence was constructive, for in those days, the lesson of sex and the intelligent registering of pain had a place in the schemes of those who were endeavoring to lead animal man into human consciousness--not into soul consciousness or even into self-consciousness in those very early times.

Close to our earth, on the road to rebirth, is a great Life in process of taking etheric form. This Life being on the evolutionary arc and not constituting the life of a decaying shell, is having a real effect in the inauguration of the New Age. This effect is twofold:--through the emanations from the astral body of this great Life the work of breaking down the separative wall of individualism which demonstrates in man as selfishness and in nations as nationalism is carried forward. Through this rapidly integrating etheric body this Life is bringing the etheric body of our planet into a state of increased rapid vibration. Reference will be found in the *Treatise on Cosmic Fire* to an avatar from Sirius who comes to bring about certain planetary effects. This Life is not that avatar but is in the nature of a forerunner--of a St. John the Baptist, who "baptiseth with water (astral emanations) and the Holy Ghost". More information along these lines is not possible, but mention is made of it, as the energies coming from these two factors must be borne in mind.

3. Astral energies emanating from the new sign of the zodiac into which we are now entering, the sign Aquarius. This sign, that of the water-carrier, is a living sign and an emotional sign. It will (through the effect of its potent force) stimulate the astral bodies of men into a new coherency, into a brotherhood of humanity which will ignore all racial and national differences and will

a cave. The Transfiguration and the Crucifixion were enacted on the summit of a mountain or hill, whilst the second initiation, after which Christ entered upon His public ministry, took place in a river, in the plains around Jordan--symbolic perhaps of Christ's mission to live and work down amongst men. The Masonic phrase to "meet on the level" takes on here an added significance. After each mountain experience, the Christ came down again on to the level of daily life and there manifested the effects or results of that high event.

Mithras was born in a cave, and so were many others. Christ was born in a cave and entered, as did all the others, upon a life of service and of sacrifice, thus qualifying for the task of world Savior. They brought light and revelation to mankind and were sacrificed, in the majority of cases, to the hatred of those who did not understand their message, or who objected to their methods. All of them "descended into hell and rose again on the third day." There are twenty or thirty of these stories scattered through the centuries of human history, and the stories and the missions are ever identical.

"The Jesus-story, it will now be seen, has a greater number of correspondences with the stories of former Sungods and with the actual career of the Sun through the heavens--so many indeed that they cannot well be attributed to mere coincidence or even to the blasphemous wiles of the Devil! Let us enumerate some of these. There are (1) birth from a Virgin mother; (2) the birth in a stable (cave or underground chamber); and (3) on the 25th December (just after the winter solstice). There is (4) the Star in the East (Sirius) and (5) the arrival of the Magi (the "Three Kings"); there is (6) the threatened Massacre of the Innocents, and the consequent flight into a distant country (told also of Krishna and other Sungods). There are the Church festivals of (7) Candlemas (2nd February), with processions of candles to symbolize the growing light; of (8) Lent, or the arrival of Spring; of (9) Easter Day (normally on 25th March) to celebrate the crossing of the Equator by the Sun; and (10) simultaneously the outburst of lights at the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. There is (11)

Century, says that 'the ancient people of the Anglian nation', by which he means the pagan English before their settlement in Britain about A.D. 500, 'began the year on December 25th, when we now celebrate the birthday of our Lord'; and he tells us that the night of December 24th-25th 'which is the very night now so holy to us was called in their tongue *Modranecht*, that is to say "Mother's Night" by reason of the ceremonies which in that night-long vigil they performed.' He does not mention what those ceremonies were, but it is clear that they were connected with the birth of the Sun-god. At the time when the English were converted to Christianity in the Sixth and Seventh Centuries the festival of the Nativity on December 25th had been already long established in Rome as a solemn celebration; but in England its identification with the joyous old pagan Yule--a word apparently meaning a 'jollification'--gave it a merry character which it did not possess in the south. This character has survived, and is in marked contrast to its nature amongst the Latin races, with whom the northern custom of feasting and giving Christmas presents was unknown until recent years."⁴⁵

At the time of the birth of Christ, **Sirius**, the Star in the East, was on the meridian line, Orion, called "The Three Kings" by oriental astronomers, was in proximity; therefore the constellation Virgo, the Virgin, was rising in the east, and the line of the ecliptic, of the equator and of the horizon all met in that constellation. It is interesting also to note that the brightest and largest star in the constellation Virgo is called Spica; it is to be found in the "ear of corn" (sign of fertility) which the Virgin holds. Bethlehem means the "house of bread," and there is therefore an obvious connection between these two words. This constellation is also composed of three stars in the shape of a cup. This is the true Holy Grail, that which contains the life blood, the repository of the sacred and the holy, and that which conceals divinity. These are astronomical facts. The interpretation of the symbolism attached from ancient days to these constellations is as old as religion itself. Whence came the signs, and how the

⁴⁵ *The Paganism in Our Christianity*, by Arthur Weigall, pp.236, 237.

of the astrologers. The symbol which stands for the zodiacal sign Leo, is the Lion. This sign is the symbol of individuality, and under its influence the race arrives at self-consciousness and men can function as individuals. Christ, in His teaching, emphasized the significance of the individual and in His life demonstrated the supreme value of the individual, his perfecting, his service and his ultimate sacrifice in the interests of the whole. The constellation Aquila is always regarded as interchangeable with the sign Scorpio, the serpent, and it is therefore frequently used in this connection when considering the fixed cross of the cosmic Savior. Scorpio is the serpent of illusion from which the Christ nature finally frees us, and it is to the illusory wiles of this serpent Scorpio that Adam succumbed in the garden of Eden. The "face of the ox" is the biblical symbol for the sign Taurus, the Bull, which was the religion immediately antedating the Jewish revelation, and which found its exponents in Egypt and in the Mithraic Mysteries. Upon this fixed cross all the world Saviors, not excepting the Christ of the West, have been eternally crucified, as reminders to man of the divine intent based upon the divine sacrifice.

The early Fathers recognized this truth, and realized that the story written in the heavens had a definite relation to humanity and to the evolution of human souls. Clement of Alexandria tells us that "the path of souls to ascension lies through the twelve signs of the zodiac," and the church festivals today are based, not upon historical dates in connection with the outstanding religious figures to which they refer, but upon the times and the seasons. We saw how in the Birth at Bethlehem the date was fixed astronomically nearly four centuries after Christ was born. The combination of Virgo with the Star in the East (**Sirius**), and the Three Kings (symbolized by Orion's belt) was the determining factor. The Virgin was seen in the east, with the line of the horizon passing through her center, and this is one of the factors determining the doctrine of the Virgin birth.

3. The egoic lotus, which (until the fourth initiation) is the heart centre of the monadic life.
4. The Master at the centre of His group.
5. The Christ, the heart centre of the Hierarchy.
6. The life of the Monad which begins to make itself felt at the third initiation.
7. The Lord of Life Himself, the heart centre of Shamballa.

The line of relationship then extends from these onward and outward, and upward (spherically considered) to the *Life* at the very centre of our Earth's "alter ego," the planet Venus, to Jupiter and thence to the solar Lord Himself and on to a point in the Sun, *Sirius*. You can see, therefore, how different this stage is from what might be imagined. It is one which marks a new departure or beginning and a great transition. It is a stage which one enters through the open door of Nirvana, the beginning of the Path of the Higher Evolution. It is a stage which marks a specific location (if such an inappropriate word can be used) of the disciple upon that upward Way which is revealed by the lighted Way; it is the attainment of the innermost point of realisation, called esoterically "within the heart."

I spoke to you elsewhere about world disciples being "close to the Master's heart." This is not the same thing as being "within the Master's heart." One refers to the Master upon the disciple's ray; the other refers to the Christ, the Synthesis within the Hierarchy of all the rays. The world today offers opportunity to all disciples to become world disciples, close to the Master's heart, and to pass rapidly through the earlier stages of discipleship. It offers opportunity to world disciples to begin their approach to the Heart of the Hierarchy, to Christ. It is with this first possibility that you should be concerned, for --as you come closer to your group--you can begin to get that training which will develop in you *world* usefulness. Are the majority of you too old to achieve this? That is for you to say. The soul knows no age and can use its instrument if it makes itself into a suitable and available instrument. Are you too set and too pre-occupied with yourselves to achieve the detachment needed for world service? That is for you to find out and to prove to yourselves. This group has had much opportunity

archy as it transmits love. Love is an energy which must reach the hearts of men and which must fecundate humanity with the quality of loving understanding--*that* is what is expressed when love and intelligence are brought together.

In the *third three lines* we find reference to Shamballa --"the Centre where the Will of God is known"--the centre from whence the Hierarchy draws its life, as it draws its impulse towards service from humanity. You well know that there is indication in these lines that humanity itself cannot as yet grasp the purpose of Sanat Kumara. Only advanced Members of the Hierarchy and initiates of at least the third degree (the first degree of the Lodge on *Sirius*) have any idea as to the nature of the purpose which underlies the Plan. Ponder on that phrasing.

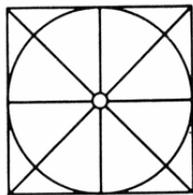
Having invoked the three aspects or potencies of Mind, Love, and Will, in the *fourth three lines* we have indication of the anchoring of all these powers in humanity itself, in "the Centre which we call the race of men." Here and here alone lies the promise of the future and its hope and opportunity. Here and here alone can all the divine qualities--in time and space--express themselves and find fulfillment; here and here alone can love be truly born, intelligence correctly function, and the Will of God demonstrate its effective goodwill. Through humanity, alone and unaided (except by the divine Spirit in every human being), can the "door where evil dwells be sealed." It is not Sanat Kumara who seals that door; it is not the Hierarchy which forces evil back into the place from whence it comes. It is struggling, aspiring and suffering humanity to whom the task is committed and, my brother, humanity is adequate to the task.

This statement is borne ever in mind by Those most potent in using the Invocation; it serves to focus and anchor the invoked energies in the human kingdom. That is Their task. From that point, humanity takes over the undertaking.

This Invocation is also unique in the sense that it invokes all the three divine aspects. It is synthetic in its approach. This is the first time in human history that this has been done. Hitherto the development of mankind did not warrant such an utterance.

a suddenly contacted inspiration; then for the first time the initiate becomes consciously receptive to the energy pouring into the Hierarchy from the Great White Lodge on **Sirius**.

It is at this point of revelation and in relation to this symbol that the initiate eventually stands. Then the "many lines of force within the square become the seven paths of light which claim His choice, leading Him on to the seven-fold Path of initiate evolution." This is the Way of the Higher Evolution of which man knows nothing. The words refer to the seven paths which the Master has to consider and from which He has to choose His future Way. Then the symbol takes on the following form:



"All paths meet at the centre. The many become the seven and the eight. From point to point the lines converge. They stretch from point to point. The outer square, the circle of the One and the point of unity are seen as one, and the Master passes on His way."

He has *penetrated* to the centre by passing along the antahkarana which He has Himself constructed. There He *polarises* Himself and takes His stand, and from thence--at the centre of the circle and within the square of service--He *precipitates* the energies and forces which that service demands. From these few hints you can grasp the nature of this symbol and the quality of its meaning, plus the potency of the force which (through its correct apprehension) can carry the initiate-disciple from "the unreal to the Real."

The first formula was basically concerned with the monadic significance of the words "from darkness to Light," leading to vision and illumined purpose; the second formula gives the higher significance to the words "from the unreal to the Real," whilst the third we shall find expresses the true

attitude of the group during initiation *if* the individual members are undergoing different initiations? Is the group integrity imperiled? During the period of initiation, their attitude is one of focused, concentrated and deep meditation in which *the inner attitude is given solely to the concept of Hierarchy*. The disciple is not, at this time, occupied with the Ashram of which he is a part or with any questionings as to the nature of the Ashram into which he is now entering as an initiate--either as an initiate of the Earth initiations or, in the senior grades, as an initiate of the **Sirian** regime. He is --during the first four initiations--entirely centred in consciousness upon the larger Whole wherein the Ashram to which he belongs is a part; he is attentive to the Christ, the Head of the Hierarchy, because He is the Initiator of the first two initiations which always seem to the neophyte of major importance. After the third initiation he is attentive to that "veiled Presence of awful Power Who tests his fitness for working in the will of God." I would ask you to note the peculiar phrasing "working *in* the will of God," and to remember that that Will, centred or focussed in Shamballa, is one of the great basic energies; the initiate has to learn to work in and through that Will. If, therefore, each initiate in the group is conscious of the initiation next to be taken, then subconsciously he eliminates all awareness of outer contacts and stands alone, and yet in group formation, before one or other of the two Initiators. The inflow of dynamic energy which comes to him through the application of the Rod of Initiation becomes a group inheritance and serves to galvanise, integrate and fuse the group into renewed activity and a deeper subjective union.

There is one point which is oft overlooked, but which I gave to you earlier, and that is *the mental approach to initiation*. So much emphasis has been laid upon the love quality of the Hierarchy, on its being the expression of the second divine aspect, that the hierarchical mentality (if I may use such a phrase) is frequently forgotten; yet it is a law--closely related to initiation--that "the work of the initiate is carried forward *winthin* the ring-pass-not of the Universal Mind." I

which the disciple is subjected upon some one or other of the subtler planes, the knowledge of which must gradually seep through into his consciousness. This may be partially true of the first two initiations (the **Sirian** initiations of the threshold), but all the remaining initiations involve the whole man and "three periodical vehicles," producing a steady fusion of these three, an increasing reaction to the Light of the World, and an ability to register in the physical brain (if the initiate is functioning through karma, decision or service in the physical body) that which is undergone; in this registration process the third eye is acutely involved. From the time of the third initiation this third eye is subjected to training and begins to function in the two following ways:

1. It is (in a measure) a correspondence to the concrete mind, with its capacity to interpret environment and experience.
2. It can also act as a lens or a light-gatherer from the inner and higher worlds.

You will note, therefore, the fresh significance that these ideas give to the three stages which accompany the points of revelation: the Stage of Penetration, the Stage of Polarisation, and the Stage of Precipitation. The inferences to be drawn I shall leave you to work out for yourselves after due study of the teaching.

Passing on to the fourth Point of Revelation, we find it covered in the following words:

"Purpose itself is only an energy, released within the Council Chamber at Shamballa. There it must take shape."

This point of revelation carries the initiate to one of the highest points of contemplation; we are here concerned with his sudden apprehension--at the fourth Initiation of Renunciation--of another phase of the divine, conditioning Will. He has begun to recognise and to interpret--even though in

Avatar, working in cooperation with the Master Jesus, and also by the point of evolution reached by the humanity of that time.

We will leave the fifth point of revelation at this time and consider it in our next instruction. It is one of tremendous importance, for it concerns the highest aspect of the Will and covers the synthesis of the energies of the five planes of human and superhuman evolution. This synthesis precedes the work done on the two highest planes of divine unfoldment, and comes to its focus and its full expression at the time of the sixth Initiation of Decision.

PART X

For years we have talked about group initiation, and it remains as yet for you an unsolved problem. The phrase, "group initiation" is only used by the Members of the Hierarchy in reference to the first two initiations--initiations of the threshold, from the angle of the Lodge on **Sirius**. After these two preparatory events, the initiate--at and after the third initiation--reaches the point wherein he "undergoes initiation" in his own right (as the phrase runs), for he can now be trusted to ask nothing for the separated self; his personality is tempered and adjusted to group conditions; increasingly he is manifesting as a soul-infused personality, and the antahkarana is being rapidly created and effectively used. To phrase it otherwise: as the number and expressions of soul-infused personalities grow and initiates of the third degree increase numerically on Earth, what will be the result? Three great happenings will take place with spiritual and focussed intention; they are today taking place, which is the point I wish to bring to your attention; it is this *conscious intention* which confers potency in the life of each disciple and initiate.

1. The Kingdom of God or of Souls, distinguished by the potency and therefore by the aura and radiatory emanation of love, is definitely anchored on Earth, and is pene-

3. Shamballa is the major point of tension upon the planet. It is a tension that expresses loving intelligent will, free from all self-will or mental bias.
4. Shamballa is the major receptive agent upon the planet, from the angle of solar inflow, but at the same time it is the main distributing point of energy, from the angle of the kingdoms in nature, including the fifth kingdom. From the point of tension the life pattern of the planetary Logos and His will become embodied and finally matured through the processes of evolution.
5. Shamballa receives energy from various solar and extra-solar Entities or centres of emphatic and energetic life; i.e., from Venus, from the Central Spiritual Sun, from the current conditioning constellation through which our sun may be passing, from the Great Bear and other cosmic centres. **Sirius**, so important a factor in the spiritual life of the planet, brings its energies to bear direct upon the Hierarchy, and energy from **Sirius** does not normally enter our planetary life via Shamballa.
6. Shamballa is the head centre, speaking symbolically, of our planetary Life, focussing will, love and intelligence in one great and fundamental Intention and holding that focussed point throughout the entire life cycle of a planet. This great Intention embodies current purpose and expresses itself through the medium of the Plan.

These statements may be somewhat familiar to you, but they could provide the six seed thoughts for your meditative work during the coming year. Will you thus consider them? Out of the work which you will accomplish thus in meditation (using the heart centre as a balance for the head) you will greatly enrich the purposed book.

This coming period of deep reflection upon Shamballa, entailing as it will the entire problem of the Will (in its various aspects), of purpose as it works out in the planet, and of will as it conditions the human being, will bring to the fore in your consciousness the various relations existing between the differing aspects of the will: the relation of your individual self-will to the loving plan of the soul, of that will to

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absorb or appropriate the impression so that it becomes a part of Their own "impulsive energy."

This is by no means an easy subject for me to elucidate, and the reasons are two:

1. The members of the Hierarchy (among Whom I have the status of Master)* are Themselves in process of learning this Science of Impression. This They do on the levels of the abstract mind, of the intuition, or of manas and buddhi.
2. The science is as yet without a vocabulary. It is not limited at any stage by thoughtforms but it is limited by word forms; and it is therefore a difficult problem for me to pass on any information anent this subtle mode of communication of which telepathy is in fact but an exoteric externalization.

Impression, as an art to be mastered both from the angle of the impressing agent and of the impressed recipient, is definitely related to the world of ideas. As far as our planetary Life is concerned, there are certain great sources of impression and one or two of them might here be noted; you will thus gain some idea of the subtlety of the whole subject, of its close relation to energy impacts and of its group reception as differentiated from individual reception, as is the case in any telepathic rapport.

1. *The impression of Shamballa* by:
 - a. Members of the Great White Lodge on **Sirius**. The recipients of this impression are the highest Members of the Great Council, presided over by the Lord of the World. So subtle is this im-

*Discipleship in the New Age, I, 777.

This energy emanated originally (as far as our solar system and our planetary scheme are concerned) in the first solar system and is the best proven and the best known energy in manifestation. It is the medium for activity in all forms through which the planetary Logos expresses Himself; it is the result of the activity of the divine Mind, as that peculiar type of divine energy plays upon and through all atoms and upon all atomic forms. The fission of the nucleus of the atom in the past few years is the outer sign or demonstration that humanity has "encompassed" the divine Mind and can now move on to "encompass" the love or the attractive nature of divinity. Ponder upon this statement. I know not what word to use but *encompass* and it is entirely inadequate. A new and deeper esoteric terminology is badly needed.

If you will work with and reflect upon these three fundamental energies and search for their expression within yourself, you will greatly simplify your occult thinking. Let me here make a few more statements which you have perforce to accept hypothetically, but which can nevertheless be substantiated by you if you arrive at an understanding of the Law of Analogy or of Correspondences, and if you will also accept the truism that the microcosm reflects the macrocosm and, therefore, each human being is related to Deity through *essential similarity*.

Statement One.

Dynamic electric energy entered into our planetary sphere from extra-planetary sources and from a point of definite focus upon the cosmic mental plane; this energy was paralleled by a secondary energy from the sun *Sirius*, thus accounting for the dualism of manifestation.

Statement Two.

This energy expanded outward from its central focus (the center called Shamballa) and in this expansion be-

He will be largely instrumental in producing those conditions which will permit of the reappearance upon Earth of the Mysteries of Initiation, of which the Hierarchy is the custodian. He is necessarily connected with the Great White Lodge on *Sirius*. This fact does not, however, concern us now, for we await the coming of a still greater Avatar.

4. *Transmitting Avatars.* These manifestations of divinity appear at those great cyclic moments of revelation when humanity needs the expression of a new truth or the expansion of an old one in order to progress still higher on the evolutionary ladder. These Avatars issue forth in response to demand and are not so much concerned with racial development as They are with the subjective unfoldment of consciousness and with the stimulation of humanity *as a whole*. Of these Avatars the Buddha and the Christ are outstanding examples. They were not only human-divine Avatars, and hence able to link humanity with the Hierarchy, but They were something far greater and more important. They had reached the point where They could act as Transmitters of certain cosmic principles which--focused in Them in an extra-planetary sense--could stimulate the deeply hidden and latent corresponding principle in humanity. They transmitted and brought something from outside the planetary life--from the very Heart of God to the heart of man. The Buddha, because He achieved illumination, stimulated the light in the world, in humanity and in all forms. He served the soul of man. The Christ, because of His stupendous achievement--along the line of understanding--transmitted to humanity, for the first time in human history, an aspect and a potency of the nature of God Himself, the Love principle of the Deity. Prior to the advent of the Buddha, light, aspiration, and the recognition of God Transcendent had been the flickering expression of the human attitude to God. Then the Buddha came and demonstrated in His Own life the fact of God Immanent as well as God Transcendent; the idea of God in the universe and of God in humanity evolved. The Selfhood of Deity

flow in a new and electric fashion from Shamballa, via the hierarchical minority referred to above, and into the large group of Masters and initiates and disciples to whom is committed the task of consolidation. All this constitutes--for the Members of the Hierarchy--a definite process of testing out and of trial, prior to and preparatory to some of the higher initiations.

Again, the Members of the Hierarchy are not only sensitive to impression from the two other planetary centers (Shamballa and Humanity), but They are acutely aware of the Forces of Evil which are fighting furiously against the externalization of the spiritual work. The energy which cosmic evil generates is active along three main channels:

1. From the center of cosmic evil upon the cosmic astral plane. Of this center you can know nothing, and its emanations and its magnetic aura can only be understood and recognized or interpreted by the senior Masters and by initiates of still higher rank. As the potency of the astral plane (which is so familiar to us all) weakens, and glamour and illusion are negated by a rapidly spiritualizing of humanity, the power of cosmic evil will correspondingly weaken and the Forces of Evil will be unable to reach the planet with their present easy effort. It is against the impact of this emanating evil that the Hierarchy stands in protection of humanity. Hitherto it has been the task of Shamballa, working through the Hierarchy, to protect humanity from the "intention to destroy" of the cosmic Forces of Evil, but--in the coming cycle and as a result of the triumph of the Forces of Light in the world war--the potency of Shamballa can be combined with that of the "protecting Agents of Light."

2. From the Black Lodge which is the externalization of the center of cosmic evil on Earth. Just as the White Lodge is the representative or correspondence of the cosmic center of light upon Sirius (the true Great White Lodge), so the Black Lodge is also representative of ancient and cosmic evil. The Black Lodge is also far more advanced in externalization than is the White Lodge, because materialism and matter are,

in this fifth race, love and mind must eventually and mutually reveal each other.

Some of the names given to the Lord of this ray are as follows:

The Revealer of Truth
 The great Connector
 The Divine Intermediary
 The Crystallizer of Forms
 The Three-fold Thinker
 The Cloud upon the Mountain-top
 The Precipitator of the Cross
 The Dividing Sword
 The Winnower of the Chaff
 The Fifth great Judge
 The Rose of God
 The Heavenly One
 The Door into the Mind of God
 The Initiating Energy
 The Ruler of the Third Heaven
 The Guardian of the Door
 The Dispenser of Knowledge
 The Angel with the Flaming Sword
 The Keeper of the Secret
 The Beloved of the Logos
 The Brother from Sirius
 The Master of the Hierophants

This fifth ray has so many names, owing to His close connection with man (since man was originally created) that it has not been easy to choose those which are of the most use in enabling the student to form an idea of the fifth ray characteristics and mission; but the study of the six aphorisms and the qualities which they indicate, will show how potent and important is this ray Lord. These six aphorisms were chanted by His six Brothers at that momentous crisis wherein the human family came into existence and the solar Angels sacrificed themselves. Esoterically speaking, they "went down into hell, and found their place in prison." On that day souls

fluence of the new "schools of thought", so-called. The interpretation of the sensed ideals may be in error, but the power to respond to the new forces is there, and the effect upon the mind and brain is real and lasting. One of the first effects is the stabilizing of emotional reaction.

3. *Influential and potent forces* pouring in at this time from the great stars Betelgeuse and **Sirius**. To these two influences, the disciples of the world in the senior ranks of the New Group of World Servers definitely react, and they produce a stimulation of the heart center (Betelgeuse) and the head center (**Sirius**). The secondary effect of these energies is upon the mineral kingdom, particularly upon that peculiar product, gold, and that enigma, money.
4. *Venusian forces of great potency* are also playing upon our planet. In this connection, I would suggest that astrologers would be well advised to pay more attention to the activity and the influence of Venus. Much emphasis has been laid upon Saturn and Mars in the charts now considered. In the future, equal emphasis will have to be paid to the planet Venus, which in the Aquarian age will supersede Mars as a basic influence.
5. *The forces of the planetary entity* who is beginning to stir in his long sleep, and is therefore causing much of the physical, cataclysmic phenomena of the present time. With this we have naught to do except to register the fact.
6. *The energy of the united Hierarchy of the planet* which has lately made one of its "Great Approaches" to the physical plane. This necessarily entails a more potent and significant and rapid pouring forth of the force of the Hierarchy with the subsequent stimulation of the higher centers in those sons of men who have reached the

energy of any particular constellation and--transmuted and "occultly refined"--eventually find their way into our solar system.

I would like to call attention, at this point, to some comments I made in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* which are apposite and helpful. I am somewhat paraphrasing:

"Astrology is concerned with the effect produced in the substance of the sheaths by the influences, vibrations, etc., of the various planets. These are, esoterically, the influences of the solar centers. The forces, emanating from the solar centers, play upon the planetary centers. . . . This is hidden in the karma of the Heavenly Man. When true esoteric astrology comes into being, more anent this will be given. Astrological students are today only learning the ABC of this stupendous subject and are occupied with the exoteric fringes of that great veil which has been thrown wisely over planetary lore."

(*A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 1051)

The following is a list--incomplete but adequate for our purposes--of the major influences which find their way from far distant Sources into our planetary life and produce definite effects upon individual man and humanity as a whole.

1. The constellation of the Great Bear.
- I. 2. The Seven Sisters of the Pleiades.
3. **Sirius**, the Dog Star.
1. The seven solar systems of which ours is one.
- II. 2. The seven sacred planets of which ours is *not* one.
3. The five non-sacred planets or "hidden" planets.

personality, the third divine aspect. They thus exemplify the *will-to-know*.

I would have you remember that I am talking entirely in terms of consciousness and of the responses and reactions of the individual to the forces which impinge upon him. The effect of the emanation of our planet, the Earth, is a correspondence to the effect of that aggregate of atoms and molecules which we call the dense physical body and of its response to the pull and the attraction of any or all of the subtler bodies.

As regards the influence of the seven solar systems, I should suggest (more I cannot do) that they are linked up astrologically with the constellations, the Great Bear, the Pleiades, and **Sirius**. They are intimately related to them, but their exact effect is a transmitted one and cannot be noted as producing noticeable results, as yet, upon humanity and the other kingdoms in nature. The effect of the three great constellations also cannot be noted by individual man until such time as he becomes conscious of the monadic vibration, after the third initiation. There are many potent influences playing upon our solar system and the planet all the time but--as far as man is concerned--his response apparatus and his mechanism of reaction remain what is called "occultly unresponsive," for they are not yet of a quality which will permit any noticeable recognition, either in the dense or subtler vehicles or even by the soul. Later in the evolutionary process, recognition and response will come, but for all astrological purposes and recognizable produced effects, they may be regarded today as non-existent except as they react upon the fourth kingdom of nature as it constitutes a living unit in the body of the planetary Logos. As little conscious effect is produced by these forces as the effect of a

Unconscious reaction will of course exist, but it will be on a general or mass scale, and much of it pours through to us from these distant constellations, via the fifth Creative Hierarchy. This Hierarchy, being on the verge of liberation, is to be found on the intellectual level of consciousness and can, therefore, be used as a focal point and a transmitter of the higher energies to our solar system and to the planet. If you make a careful study of the chart of the twelve Creative Hierarchies, page 34, you will note that this Hierarchy is influencing, and is influenced by, the seventh Ray of Magical Order and of Ceremonial Organisation. The basic function of this ray is to relate spirit and matter and produce the manifested form. The sign of the zodiac with which it is closely connected is that of Cancer, the Crab, which is a mass sign and one of the "gates" into manifested life.

The following information anent the Hierarchies may prove useful. It has been gathered from various sources.

I might here remind you that the seven planes of our solar system are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane. The four Creative Hierarchies which have achieved liberation are now to be found focussed upon the cosmic astral plane; hence their potency even when out of manifestation. The fifth Creative Hierarchy exists on the highest etheric level and will join the other four Hierarchies when the sixth Creative Hierarchy has measured up to cosmic opportunity and is itself nearing liberation. The following is a tabulation showing some of the astrological relationships in connection with

1. The constellation of the Great Bear.
2. The Pleiades or the Seven Sisters.
3. **Sirius**.
4. The seven solar systems.

and of generalization, it might be noted that the seventh Hierarchy is the life or energy found at the heart of every atom, its positive aspect, and the sixth Hierarchy is the life of the forms of all the etheric bodies of every tangible object. The function of this Hierarchy is well described in the words of the *Old Commentary*:

"The devas hear the word go forth. They sacrifice themselves and out of their own substance they build the form desired. They draw life and the material from themselves, and yield themselves to the divine impulse."

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pages 1196-1207

TABULATION III

I. DYNAMIC ENERGY		Electric Fire
1. Sirius	{ Cancer Saturn	Fifth Creative Hierarchy, (the 8th) Unknown
	{ Capricorn	
	<i>The Cardinal Cross</i>	
2. The Great Bear	{ Aries Sun, veiling Vulcan... Libra.	Second Creative Hierarchy (the 11th) Unknown
	<i>The Cardinal Cross</i>	
3. Pleiades	{ Gemini Mercury	Fourth Creative Hierarchy (the 9th) Unknown
	{ Sagittarius	
	<i>The Mutable Cross</i>	
All the above energies are called into play as far as man is concerned during the major initiations and upon <i>the Path of Initiation</i> .		
II. MAGNETIC ENERGY		Solar Fire
4. The 7 solar systems	{ Taurus Mars	Third Creative Hierarchy (the 10th) Unknown
	{ Scorpio	
	<i>The Fixed Cross</i>	

All the above energy is called into play as far as man is concerned whilst he is in training as a disciple and upon *the Path of Discipleship*.

NOTE: It is not revealed through which signs of the zodiac the first or twelfth Creative Hierarchy pours forth its energy.

gies (five major and seven minor which are in reality, and apart from astral reversion due to the Great Illusion, seven major and five minor) will be of value. These work out into human expression via the Lords of the twelve signs and the twelve planetary Rulers. These twelve basic energies emanate from the seven stars of the Great Bear (transmitted through seven stars of the Little Bear); two of them come from **Sirius** and three from the Pleiades. This set-up (if I may use such an unorthodox term) will be the condition of the major solar sphere of influence at the end of the Great Age of Brahma, as it is esoterically called. In the "interim or interlude of evolution" (which is the inadequate translation of an occult phrase given to a world cycle in the Masters' Archives) these energies are stepped down into forces and are literally sixteen all told--from the angle of manifestation, I would remind you--and make literally: $7 + 7 + 2 = 16 = 7$. In these numbers the mystery of our evolutionary process lies hid. Always, however, the emphasis must be laid upon the Rays of Energy and Quality as they pour through the zodiacal constellations and the planets. The new astrology therefore is necessarily based upon an understanding of the rays. The following tabulation is fundamental in its implications in this connection and upon it all that I have to say will be based.

Seven stars of the Great Bear are the originating Sources of the seven rays of our solar system. The seven Rishis (as They are called) of the Great Bear express Themselves through the medium of the seven Planetary Logoi Who are Their Representatives and to Whom They stand in the relation of prototype. The seven Planetary Spirits manifest through the medium of the seven sacred planets.

Each of these seven Rays, coming from the Great

compare the symbolism and the underlying truth connected with the lesser and the greater zodiacs and with their twelve month and their 25,000 year cycles. They bear out much that I have given you anent the soul, influenced by the esoteric planets eventually, and the personality, influenced by the orthodox planets. The greater zodiac is symbolic of the soul and the lesser of the personality. In the personality cycle, the lesser zodiac conditions the personality career and the twelve planetary houses are of dominant importance. Later the influence of the twelve signs supercedes the influence of the planets.

I would like also to emphasize--perhaps unnecessarily--that **Sirius**, the Great Bear and the Pleiades work through the medium of the twelve constellations, pouring their influences through nine of them in particular, but that these major constellations are not part of the zodiac with which we are concerned. They, with the seven solar systems of which ours is one, are the ten constellations connected with a still greater zodiac which is not conditioned by the numerical significance of the number twelve. Hence ten is regarded as the number of perfection. There is confusion in the minds of some of the less learned students (astrologically considered) on this point.

It is rather difficult for you also to grasp that the involutionary process for all the kingdoms of nature is related to the passage of the soul (this time the anima mundi or world soul) from Aries to Pisces, via Taurus and not vice versa. The anima mundi on the involutionary arc proceeds this way and not as the personality proceeds. The anima mundi passes to Pisces at the close of every great cycle and not to Taurus. It emerges into outer manifestation in Cancer, the sign of mass or group life, of mass or

the Holy Spirit, implicit in the Mutable Cross, is closely allied to the previous solar system, and the energy of that divine aspect is practically entirely occupied with manipulating the forces inherited from that system and inherent in the very nature of substance itself. This divine aspect is to the whole general divine manifestation what the lower nature (form life or personality in the three worlds of human evolution) is to the soul where an individual human being is concerned. As regards these three Persons of the divine Trinity, we might say that:

1. Aries is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity, the will aspect.
2. Leo is the focal point for the expression of the second aspect, the love-wisdom or consciousness aspect. This, primarily where humanity is concerned.
3. Virgo is the focal point for the expression of the third aspect, that of active intelligence. In that sign the highest function of matter is symbolized.

The four signs--Aries, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius--are related to the following stars which are not numbered in the twelve signs of the zodiac; they constitute another field of relationships:

Aries to one of the two stars, found in the constellation, the Great Bear, which are called the two Pointers.
 Leo to Polaris, the Pole Star, found in the Little Bear.
 Scorpio to **Sirius**, the Dog Star.
 Aquarius to Alcyone, one of the seven Pleiades.

There is little that I can tell you in connection with the energies pouring into the four zodiacal signs from these distant though potent points of outgoing energy; they are part of the life expression of an Identity, immeasurably su-

necessity of achieving *alignment* is portrayed for us in the symbolism of the sky and when it has been achieved then there is a direct inflow of divine energy and man is linked up in a new and creative manner to sources of divine supply. Astrologers will do well (in connection with the horoscopes of disciples and particularly of initiates) to consider the two Pointers and the Pole Star. They are mysteriously connected with the three aspects of incarnated man--Spirit, soul and body. More than this it is not permitted to me to convey to you. I may, however, give you another hint. These three stars are embodiments of the three aspects of divine will. It is the *three aspects of all expressions of divinity in manifestation which underlie the Science of Triangles*. This I will later elaborate.

Another triangle of energy also appears: Aries, Leo and Polaris, and they are doubly connected through the medium of the Pointers.

Scorpio is under the influence or inflowing energy of **Sirius**. This is the great star of initiation because our Hierarchy (an expression of the second aspect of divinity) is under the supervision or spiritual magnetic control of the Hierarchy of **Sirius**. These are the major controlling influences whereby the cosmic Christ works upon the Christ principle in the solar system, in the planet, in man and in the lower forms of life expression. It is esoterically called the "brilliant star of sensitivity." You have therefore:

Polaris--The Star of Direction--governing Shamballa.

Later, another Pole Star will take the place of Polaris, owing to the interplay of forces in the universe and the general shift and movement. But the name and quality of this star will only be revealed at initiation.

Sirius--The Star of Sensitivity--governing the Hierarchy.
Alcyone--The Star of the Individual--governing humanity.

You can see from the above how the entire plan of this Treatise is gradually unfolding. It was necessary for me to indicate to you the nature and the purpose of the three divine centers--Shamballa, the Hierarchy, and Humanity --before I could make this part of the teaching clear to you, or before I could point out the nature of the energies pouring from distant constellations and zodiacal signs into our planetary scheme.

Scorpio is the great constellation which influences the turning point both in the life of humanity and the life of the individual human being. For the first time in the history of both mankind and disciples the energy of **Sirius**, pouring into the seven groups which form our planetary Hierarchy evokes a response. I would remind you of a basic fact in the evolutionary process which astrology will eventually prove scientifically and past all controversy. This is the fact that energies and forces are pouring upon our system and our planetary lives ceaselessly, potently and cyclically. Yet they are only regarded today as existing when definite response is evoked. They come from all kinds of sources, extraneous to our system and planetary schemes, but until man responds and registers them both scientists and astrologers fail to recognize them and they are as if they were not. This is a point to bear in mind as I continue to teach you, for I may indicate some sources of active energy which may as yet be unknown to you as playing upon our system and its contents. The difficulty will not be because of my inaccuracies but will be owing to the lack of sensitivity in the mechanism of response which mankind and disciples are at present utilizing.

You have consequently in connection with the path of discipleship the following lines of "influential energy":

1. **Sirius**--working in a sevenfold manner through the seven rays and their seven groups as these constitute the active Hierarchy.
2. The Fixed Cross--a fusion of four major energies, pouring into our solar system, on to our planet and through humanity.
3. Scorpio--an aspect of the Fixed Cross, of peculiar and specialized potency upon the Path of Discipleship and preparing, with its tests and trials:
 - a. The process of re-orientation, whereby a man mounts the Fixed Cross and leaves the Mutable Cross.
 - b. The disciple for the first, second and third initiations. After the third initiation, its peculiar testing potency is no longer felt.
4. The Hierarchy.--The distributing agency to the various kingdoms in nature.
5. Mars and Saturn.--Both these planets are exceedingly potent in connection with initiation into the life of the Hierarchy; Mars is potent in relation to Scorpio and Saturn in relation to Capricorn. This involves the intensified activity of the 6th and the 3rd rays and their energies, and when these are rightly employed there comes liberation from form control and the release of the conscious individual.

Again, astrologers would do well to work with this line of fused forces, studying its implications and effects in the life of the disciple.

- b. Three systemic initiations of which Christ has two.
- c. One cosmic initiation which relates a man to **Sirius**.

The relation of Virgo to eight signs has, therefore, a definite bearing on these matters and the nine united potencies play their part in developing the Christ life in the individual and in the mass of men.

From this group of signs and their attendant constellations, three are omitted. These are Leo, Libra and Capricorn. These three signs are all *signs of crisis* and indicate the progressive influence of the other nine and the situations which evolve out of their activity. They are the testing points in the process of the play of energies from the other nine signs as these energies affect individual aspirants. They are:

1. Leo.--*The Crisis of Individualization*. This shows itself in two stages as:
 - a. Diffused inchoate power.
 - b. Personality integration.

It signifies the emergence of personality and preparation for the Christ experience. It is self-consciousness and the lower synthesis.

2. Libra.--*The Crisis of Balance*. The emergence of the sense of self-direction and equilibrium. It is the point of equilibrium between soul and form. It signifies the emergence of free choice. It is consciousness of duality and the effort to balance the two.
3. Capricorn.--*The Crisis of Initiation*. This exists in five stages and signifies the emergence of the dominating Christ life. It means the higher synthesis and the con-

lated to Scorpio, whose numbers upon the zodiacal wheel are the same as those of Leo, being five and eight. You have, therefore, the formation of the triangle to which I earlier referred: Leo-Scorpio, leading to initiation in Capricorn.

As we are upon the subject, one other point might be touched upon here. August, which is ruled by Leo, is the month of the Dog-star, or of *Sirius*, which thus brings *Sirius* into close relation to Leo. Leo, in the cosmic sense (and apart from our solar system altogether) is ruled by *Sirius*. *Sirius* is the home of that greater Lodge to which our fifth initiation admits a man and to which it brings him, as a humble disciple. Later, when the new world religion is founded and is working, we shall find that the major, monthly festival in August, held at the time of the full moon, will be dedicated to the task of making contact, via the Hierarchy, with *Sirian* force. Each of the months of the year will later be dedicated (through accurate astrological and astronomical knowledge) to whichever constellation in the heavens governs a particular month, as *Sirius* governs Leo. This I shall later elaborate in the papers to be written anent the new "Approaches" to spiritual reality.

Mercury again comes, at this point, into our discussion, and you thus have the formation of an esoteric quaternary, affecting powerfully the major quaternary of man--spirit, soul, mind and brain. This energy brings about an interrelation and an inner awakening which prepares the aspirant for initiation. This higher quaternary is *Sirius*-Leo-Mercury-Saturn. You have, therefore:

<i>Sirius</i>	<i>Leo</i>	<i>Mercury</i>	<i>Saturn</i>
Spirit.....	Soul.....	Mind.....	Brain.
Life.....	Quality.....	Illumination.....	Appearance.
Inhalation.....	Interlude.....	Exhalation.....	Interlude.

The above tabulation gives you the clue to the basic reality and necessity of meditation as practiced by the disciple and the initiate. This may not be apparent to you at first sight and I may not further expand these suggestions, but the directed reflection of the illumined mind may bring insight to you in time. The influence of *Sirius* is not consciously felt until after the third initiation when the true nature of the spirit aspect begins to dawn upon the liberated, intuitive perception of the initiate. For the advanced initiate in this sign, and after the third initiation, *Sirius* becomes a major life factor. He begins to respond to its vibration because he now rules the Sun and the Moon and is controlling those two planets, for that is what the Sun and the Moon have become to him--simply planets to be ruled. This is a great mystery and I simply state the fact. *Sirius*, Leo, the Sun, the Moon and Mercury are now the influences with which the initiate is concerned. The influences of *Sirius*, three in number, are focused in Regulus, which is, as you know, a star of the first magnitude and which is frequently called "the heart of the Lion." There is more real occultism hidden in the names given to the various stars by astronomers down the ages than has yet been realized, and here you have a case in point.

It will be apparent to you (given a little thought) that the Sun, as it veils Neptune, produces a potent effect upon the personality, symbolized for us here by the astral body, whilst Uranus (which is also veiled by the Sun) symbolizes the effect of the soul upon the personality. Hence the activity of the seventh ray, which is--from one angle--the lowest aspect of the first ray. Hence you have also the underlying idea of:

1. The awakening of the personality to soul control and contact, with a true expression eventually, in the three worlds, of soul-will, desire and intent.
2. The awakening of the seventh center, the center at the base of the spine, by the soul working through the first or highest head center and producing (as a consequence) the surging upwards of the kundalini fire. This, in its turn, produces fusion with the higher forces. When this takes place the three major centers in the body are

<i>The Head</i>	<i>The Heart</i>	<i>The base of Spine</i>
Central spiritual Sun.....	The heart of the Sun.....	The physical Sun.
Sirius.....	Mercury.....	Saturn.
The Sun.....	Uranus.....	Neptune.

As the above alignment corresponds to a very high stage of initiation, it will not be possible to grasp all the implications, but enough may be apparent to reveal the underlying theme and purpose of the great work.

Several major triangles of force were active when individualization took place and the "Lions, the divine and tawny orange Flames" came into being and thus humanity arrived upon the planet. I would touch here briefly upon one triangle: The Sun (second ray), Jupiter (second ray) and Venus (fifth ray). It will be apparent to you that we here have another sphere of influence of major importance, governed by Leo. It is a triangle to which H.P.B. refers in *The Secret Doctrine*, the influence of which she was endeavoring to elucidate. So potent was the influence of this triangle that its effect upon the Moon was to denude her of life by drawing out all the "seeds of life," thus destroying her influence, for it was undesirable where humanity was concerned.

such as I have here noted when referring to the six-pointed star of humanity, and of this Science King Solomon's Seal is the well known symbol. These stars, triangles and squares are found in all horoscopes--human, planetary, systemic and cosmic--and constitute the life pattern of the particular Being under investigation; they determine the time of manifestation and the nature of the emanations and influences.

The squares or quaternaries relate to material appearance or form expression; *the stars* concern the states of consciousness, and *the triangles* are related to spirit and to synthesis. In the archives of the esoteric astrologers connected with the Hierarchy, charts are kept of those members of the human family who have achieved adeptship and upwards. They are composed of superimposed squares, stars and triangles, contained within the zodiacal wheel and mounted upon the symbol of the Cardinal Cross. The squares, having each of their four angles and points in one or other of four zodiacal constellations, are depicted in black; the five-pointed star is depicted yellow or golden color and its five points are in contact with five of the constellations on the great wheel; the triangles are in blue and have, above each point of the triangle, an esoteric symbol, standing for the constellations of the Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades. These symbols may not here be revealed but indicate the point of spiritual consciousness achieved and the responsiveness of the initiate to these major cosmic influences. A glance at these geometrical charts will indicate in a moment the status of the initiate, and also the point towards which he is striving. These charts are fourth dimensional in nature and not flat surfaces as are our charts. This is an interesting piece of information but of no value, except in so far that it indicates synthesis, the fusion of spirit, soul and body, and the point of development. It

of the Seven Fathers and the other planted in the field of the Seven Mothers (these two constellations are sometimes called the Seven Brothers and the Seven Sisters. A.A.B.). Thus for aeons, the Great One stood, His consciousness intuned, aware of three but not of four. Intent, with suddenness, He heard a sound go forth..... Arousing to that cry, He stretched Himself, reached forth both arms in understanding love, and, lo, the Cross was formed.

"He heard the cry of the Mother (Virgo), of the Seeker (Sagittarius), and of the submerged Fish (Pisces). Then, lo, the Cross of change appeared, though Gemini remained the head. This is the mystery."

In this occult statement is hidden one reason why Gemini is regarded as an air sign, for it is cosmically related (as are Libra and Aquarius, the other two points of the airy triplicity) in a most peculiar way to the Great Bear, to the Pleiades and to **Sirius**. The relation is essentially a sixfold one, and here you will find a hint as to the resolution of the pairs of opposites--involving as these three constellations do the three ideas of opposition-equilibrium-synthesis or universal fusion. It might be stated that:

1. Gemini--forms a point of entrance for cosmic energy from **Sirius**.
2. Libra--is related to and transmits the potencies of the Pleiades.
3. Aquarius--expresses the universal consciousness of the Great Bear.

It might be profitable to you to bear in mind at this point what I have often told you, that the great White Lodge on

Sirius is the spiritual prototype of the great White Lodge on Earth, of which modern Masonry is the distorted reflection, just as the personality is a distorted reflection of the soul. I would also remind you again of the relation between Gemini and Masonry to which reference has frequently been made.

A close consideration of what I have said above will serve to emphasize in your consciousness the importance of this constellation, Gemini, and the inner significance of the Mutable Cross. All the constellations on this Cross mark points of change or are the custodians of those energies which produce the needed periods of re-orientation, preparatory to fresh developments and new activities. It might be of interest if I pointed out that:

1. The Mutable Cross--brings about those conditions which will produce *great periods of change* in the life of the planet, of a kingdom in nature or of a human being. Mercury plays a part in this.
2. The Fixed Cross--brings about, as a sequence, to these inner changes, certain *great points of crisis* which are unavoidable and present definite opportunity. Saturn is dominant in bringing this about.
3. The Cardinal Cross--is responsible for bringing about certain *great points of synthesis*, as a consequence of both change and crisis. Jupiter is responsible for the focusing of energies at this point.

I will enlarge upon this later, but the above will give you (even in this brief form) certain positive ideas of great importance, and will indicate certain situations which can be looked for in the lives of those whose Sun is in one or other of these signs and on one or other of these Crosses.

(established by the activity of these two rulers) between the third kingdom of nature, the animal kingdom and the kingdom of God or of souls, the fifth kingdom in nature, thus producing the fourth or human kingdom. Between these two the influences play from Sagittarius to Gemini and vice versa. It was the activity of Venus--under the influence of Gemini--which produced the great crisis of the individualization when the two kingdoms "approached" each other. Venus, Mercury and the Earth then set up a magnetic field which made the intervention of the Great Lodge on Sirius and the dual stimulation of Gemini effective in producing significant results of which the fourth kingdom in nature is the expression. The fact that Gemini is the third sign and embodies what is called "a third potency" enabled it to reach, with its force, the third kingdom and produce that reaction which resulted in the individualizing or the humanizing of its higher forms of life. You will note that Venus is also the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn, thus showing the power of the mind and its place and purpose in connection with both the major human crises. Individualization and Initiation. It relates humanity in a unique way to Gemini. In the coming world religion this fact will be noted and in the month of June, which is essentially the month in which the influences of Gemini are peculiarly strong, due advantage will be taken in order to bring man nearer to the spiritual realities. Just as Venus was potent in producing the relation of such pairs of opposites as the fifth kingdom of souls and the third kingdom (the synthesis of the sub-human kingdoms) leading to a Great Approach between soul and form, so in the new world religion this fact will be recognized. Appeal will be made to the Forces which can utilize this planetary potency in order to work out the divine plan upon the Earth. It is because Venus thus

error and sinfulness, by past Karma and emerging idealism (responsive to the development of the intellect and the appearance of the intuition)--is basically the result of much greater and vaster combinations of force currents in macro-cosmic relations.

Briefly it might be said that the following cosmic and systemic causes are responsible for the present world crisis and the present difficult world situation:

1. A welling up of magnetic force on Sirius, which produces effects upon our solar system and particularly upon our Earth, via the Hierarchy.
2. A shift in the Earth's polarity, due to the pull of a great cosmic center. This powerfully affects the Earth's orientation and is responsible for the present earthquakes, and for the volcanic eruptions and the many earthquakes during the past one hundred and fifty years.
3. The great sweep of the sun around the *greater zodiac* (a period of 250,000 years, or a complete round) came to an end when the sun entered Pisces over two thousand years ago. This process of passing out of, or entering into, a particular sign and cyclic influence covers a period of five thousand years where this greater round or cycle is concerned. This period of five thousand years covers the complete cycle of transition until complete freedom to function under the inspiration of the new sign is completed. We are therefore not yet free from incidental turmoil.
4. The passing of our Sun out of the sign Pisces into the sign Aquarius is another of the conditions bringing about the present confusion. This confusion of forces in the solar system is notably affecting our planet. In the process of passing from sign to sign, as for instance

If students will bring this idea to the study and understanding of the astrological triangles and will refuse to lose sight of the related triple energies, they will greatly simplify their studies. The microcosm, when known, holds ever the clue to the Macrocosm. The Macrocosm eternally reflects itself in man, the microcosm, and hence man has within himself the possibility and the potentiality of total comprehension.

Therefore, in all the many triplicities which we shall study, we shall find correspondences to the monad, the soul and the personality in man; we shall find one line of the triangle embodying determining and dominating force and two lines which--during a particular cycle--are conditioned by it. For instance, you have an interesting illustration of this in the nature of fire, esoterically understood, in its triple expression in time and space during a cycle of manifestation, for--as you know--the Ageless Wisdom teaches that there is:

1. Electric fire.....will.....monad.....Initiatory fire.
2. Solar fire.....love-wisdom....soul.....Qualificatory fire.
3. Fire by Friction....activity.....personality....Purificatory fire.
Intellectual.

I point out this triplicity as it is one which is familiar to you and at the same time constitutes a good illustration of a basic law.

1. Triangles of Energy--Constellations.

Lying behind all the many interlocking triangles in our solar system and conditioning them to a very large extent (though today more potentially than expressively) are three energies coming from three major constellations. They are the emanations from the Great Bear, from the Pleiades and from *Sirius*. It might be pointed out that:

1. The energies coming from the Great Bear are related to the will or purpose of the solar Logos and are to this great Being what the monad is to man. This is a deep mystery and one which even the highest initiate cannot yet grasp. Its seven-fold unified energies pass through *Shamballa*.
2. The energies coming from the sun, *Sirius*, are related to the love-wisdom aspect or to the attractive power of the solar Logos, to the soul of that Great Being. This cosmic soul energy is related to the Hierarchy. You have been told that the great White Lodge on *Sirius* finds its reflection and a mode of spiritual service and outlet in the great White Lodge of our planet, the *Hierarchy*.
3. The energies coming from the Pleiades, an aggregation of seven energies, are connected with the active intelligent aspect of logocic expression, and influence the form side of all manifestation. They focus primarily through *Humanity*.

Connected with this major triangle and affecting powerfully our entire solar system is a triple inter-relation of great interest which has a special and peculiar relation to humanity. This triangle of forces relates one of these major constellations, one of the zodiacal signs and one of the sacred planets within our solar system.

First Triangle:

The Pleiades.....Cancer.....Venus.
Humanity.

Second Triangle:

The Great Bear.....Aries.....Pluto.
Shamballa.

Third Triangle:

Sirius.....Leo.....Jupiter.

Hierarchy.

I wonder if you can grasp at least partially and symbolically the fact that these triangles must not be thought of as *placed*, static and eternally the same, or even as three dimensional. They must be regarded as in rapid movement, revolving eternally in space and ceaselessly moving onward and as of fourth and fifth dimensional extension. There is no way of depicting them or of bringing them visually to your attention, for only the inner eye of vision can imagine their progression, position or appearance. These three major triangles are only partially as yet in expression as far as our solar system is concerned and only one point of the great triangle--as for instance one point of the Great Bear--constitutes with Aries a related line of force; only one point of Aries--within itself or within its own range of interplay with Leo and Capricorn (see Tabulation VIII) is related to Pluto. Therefore the entire cosmic web and solar system is an intricate, constantly moving, interwoven series of triangles wherein each point of a triangle emanates three lines or streams of energy (nine in all); it is likewise responsive to and receptive of the energies--likewise triple in nature--which lie within its periphery or sphere of influence and vibratory activity.

It is useless for students to attempt to unravel this aggregation of interlacing streams of energy. All that is now possible for man with his present equipment is to accept hypothetically these statements anent certain major triangles which affect humanity and seek to prove their effect and to endeavor to arrive at some understanding of that intricate, interwoven network which he himself possesses and to which

overlap and touch, presenting on a tiny scale a condition analogous to the contacting and interlocking series of triangles such as those referred to above.

Behind these concepts of the relation existing in time and space between the constellations of the Great Bear, the Pleiades and the sun, Sirius, and our solar system, there exists, it must be remembered, an immense series of interlocking triangles between the stars which compose these constellations *interiorly* and our solar system. You have, therefore, a relationship between:

1. The seven stars, composing the Great Bear.
2. The seven stars, composing the Pleiades, sometimes called the seven "sisters" or "wives" of the Rishis or informing Lives of the Great Bear.
3. The sun, Sirius.

These compose major triangles of force and all are held within the radius of the Life of that Great Being Whose expressed, manifested intention is brought into being through the medium of these three related groups and our solar system. As hinted by me in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, these four groups of stars constitute the manifested aspect or personality of a great and unknown Life.

I seek in this connection to give only a general picture because, with these cosmic triangles, I have no intention to deal. We will only consider those constellations within the greater zodiac which are known by astrologers to have a definite effect upon humanity and our planetary life.

Therefore, in studying these triangles, we will make (for our guidance) certain rules which, under the Law of Analogy, may facilitate our comprehension of the underlying meaning and truths.

interested in the presentation to strive to see the general picture I am seeking to present and to grasp somewhat the relative synthesis which underlies all manifestation. Starting from that which is today accepted, be willing to move on from there into *new fields of possibility and of sensed probability*. Time will justify the information I ask you to accept as hypothesis.

Next I will deal with an analysis of three groups of triangles which are of major importance to humanity *at this time* and which follow upon information earlier given. These groups of triangles emanate energies which reach through space to the individual man and, therefore, cannot be ignored. They are:

The Great Bear Leo.....	The Pleiades Transmit energy viaCapricorn.....	SiriusPisces
These transmit energy via		
Saturn.....	Mercury.....	Uranus
Reaching the following centers		
Planetary head center.....	Planetary ajna center.....	Planetary heart
From thence to		
Disciple's head center.....	Disciple's ajna center.....	Disciple's heart center
and eventually control		
The base of the spine.....	The throat center.....	the solar plexus

I will also take up with you some of the points and indications which are hinted at in Tabulation IX, relating to the twelve signs of the zodiac, to be found on page 423. Certain major streams of conditioning energies will be seen related to each other and to our Earth and these fall into two groups:

1. The ray energies which we are told emanate from the Great Bear in seven great out-raying streams of force.

Within this sumtotal of active, qualified energies, we have (working out today) influences and impulses from three major constellations. These pour through certain other related constellations and planets into the three major planetary centers: Shamballa, the Hierarchy and Humanity. It is with these three centers I would seek to deal and to them and their inter-relations continually make reference. I would ask you to bear in mind that these energies are transmitted from one point to another, or pass through with transmuting effect from one center to another thus bearing their own vibratory quality but carrying also that of the center of transmission. In the transit of energy from a major center to a human being and when the energy is finally *grounded* in the disciple's center, you will notice that it is then a fusion of six energies. These three groups of energies (each of them a fusion of six) make the dominating energies, controlling the human being, to number eighteen; this holds the clue to the mystery of the "mark of the beast" which is 666. This is the number of the active intelligent man and distinguishes his form nature from his spiritual nature which is 999. These three lines or streams of energy in man may be listed as follows:

I.	II.	III.
<i>Will. Purpose.</i>	<i>Love-Wisdom.</i>	<i>Active Intelligence</i>
Spirit.	Consciousness.	Form
1. The Great Bear.....	Sirius.....	The Pleiades.
Cosmic.	Cosmic.	Cosmic.
2. Leo.....	Pisces.....	Capricorn.
Zodiacal.	Zodiacal.	Zodiacal.
3. Saturn.....	Uranus.....	Mercury.
Systemic.	Systemic.	Systemic.
4. SHAMBALLA.....	HIERARCHY.....	HUMANITY.
Earth.	Earth.	Earth.
Planetary head center.....	Planetary heart center.....	Planetary ajna center.

3. The eye of Shiva--the all-seeing eye, the eye which directs the will and purposes of Deity.

These three are, in reality,

1. The eye of the Father--carrying light from the Great Bear.
2. The eye of the Son--carrying light from **Sirius**.
3. The eye of the Mother--carrying light from the Pleiades.

and it is this latter "light energy" which is necessarily peculiarly active when the sign of Taurus is dominant in any planetary and individual horoscope.

In some unusual manner (from the human angle), all that concerns the development of mankind has been--down the ages--expressed by him in terms of illumination and knowledge, in terms of sight and of the entrance of light, thus leading to revelation and (incidentally) to the true theme of astrological interpretation. From this peculiar angle, therefore, we can approach the great Triangles with which we are today concerned and deal also with their significance in terms of Light. This significance and approach can be summed up in the following stanzas from the *Old Commentary* which--if studied carefully--will throw much light upon the theme of this particular subject:

I.

"The sevenfold light of the Father brought from chaos into the ordered day His purpose and His plan. The seven supreme Gods bent to this purpose and with united will ordained the Plan.

The Bear and the Lion met together and laid their plans

in conformity with the plan and with the purpose of their controlling Lord. They called on Father Time (Saturn. A.A.B.) for aid and strength and he responded to their triple call. To this call likewise the Eternal Youth responded (Sanat Kumara, Lord of Shamballa); He set Himself anew to learn the plan, aided by Father Time yet unaffected by the Lord of Time for He Himself was timeless, though not the Lives which He enfolded in His thought and Plan.....

Then the triple light which came from the Bear in His high place, from Leo in his lesser place and from Saturn in his little place poured into the planetary place of power. Shamballa was informed. The Lord of Life and of the World took action.....

The little one within the greater Whole (the individual human disciple. A.A.B.) likewise responded to the triple light but not until the cycles passed and passed again. Late in the day of time Shamballa sent a call relayed from voice to voice and rolling forward on the O.M. The disciple, hearing that sound, lifted his head; an impulse from the base mounted in time and space. Leo within the heart and head shouted aloud and stood whilst Saturn did his work..... and thus the twain were one.

II.

The central light of **Sirius** shone through the eye of the Sun; the vision came. The light of wisdom penetrated into the waters and cast the radiance of the Heavens into the depths. At this attractive call, the goddess rose unto the surface (the fish-goddess, the symbol of Pisces. A.A.B.) and welcomed the light within the depths and grasped it as her own. She saw the Sun, having seen her Sun, and from

that day the Sun has never left her. There is no darkness. There is always light.

And then the heavens within the ring-pass-not responded to the light from **Sirius** which, passing through the sea of Pisces, lifted the fishes into the heavenly sphere (Uranus) and thus a lesser triple light appeared, the radiant sun of suns, the watery light of Pisces, the heavenly light of Uranus. This light descended on the waiting sphere and lit the galaxy of little lights upon the Earth. A Hierarchy of Light emerged from its own place; the planet was alight.

III.

The little one upon that little world responded slowly to that light until today the little world of men begins to throb in rhythmic unison. Changes are wrought. The cosmic heart, the heart systemic and the little heart of man begin to beat as one and as this beat pulsates with greater strength it blends a lower note (that of the solar plexus. A.A.B.) within itself, removes its harshness and its note of fear and thus it ends illusion. And then again the two are one.

IV.

The seven Mothers blend their light and make it six (refers to the lost Pleiad, A.A.B.) and yet the seven still are there. Their light is different from the other lights. This light evokes response from that which shouts aloud: 'I am the densest point of all the concrete world (Capricorn. A.A.B.). I am a tomb; I also am the womb. I am the rock which sinks itself into the deep of matter. I am the mountain-top on which the Son is born on which the

Sun is seen and that which catches the first rays of light. To me a Messenger comes forth (Mercury. A.A.B.) and says 'the Dayspring from on high is on the way, sent by the Father to the Mother.' Upon his way unto this nether star we call the Earth he stopped at a bright sun where shines the light of love (**Sirius**. A.A.B.) and there received the accolade of love. So thus he brings bright gifts to man. For he is man himself and from these three (The Pleiades, Capricorn, Mercury. A.A.B.) Man takes a nature which is his today. Son of the Mother, born from the tomb and showing after birth the light which he has taken from them all.

Then to the lower three he turns and to these souls in prison he in time becomes a Messenger. Thus does the Lord of Mercury repeat himself. The Son descends again into the place of earth and iron. Again he knows His mother.

And thus the little one upon the littlest sphere becomes the greatest God. From the directing center of his life on Earth he toils and works and carries out the Plan. (The ajna center is the directing center. A.A.B.) He too awakens to the need and from the chosen place (the throat center. A.A.B.) he utters forth the Sound which in time becomes the Word. And then the three are twain and these are One."

Again and repeatedly, students must remind themselves that we are considering the impact of energy upon energy units (all qualified and producing appearance) and with the response of those energy units to the streams of force which reach them from "the furthest center." It is in the development of response to distant points of contact and

emanating sources of energy that the needed sensitivity is produced. Sensitivity, generally speaking, is of a threefold nature:

1. Sensitivity to that which is found within oneself. This, when the consciousness is adequately self-sufficient, opens a door for the entrance of energies coming from the "middle center." I speak in symbols and for those whose knowledge of cosmic location and of points in time and space will enable them to comprehend; to the uninitiate, I simply say, "Respond to soul impact."
2. Sensitivity to that which emanates from the "centers left behind" or to those streams of vital energy which lie active and focused below the threshold of the waking consciousness. They stir the threads of memory; they draw backward the glances (and there lies magic in the energy of the eye) of the onward moving Point, the Pilgrim on his way; they condition through ancient habit the responsiveness of the units in the form.
3. A developed sensitivity which emerges from the "furthest center" at first unconsciously employed and later consciously directed and attuned--a fully magnetic and attractive sensitivity. Forget not that true interplay imposes the condition of reciprocity and that the two points or termini of a line eventually vibrate in unison.

A consideration of a hint given earlier as to the symbolism and significance of the three eyes available for man's use will be found illuminating and their relation to the heart and throat will prove evocative of knowledge. They relate to the three centers above referred to and in their wider connotation relate to the three planetary centers: Humanity, Hierarchy and Shamballa; further back still lies a relation to the cosmic centers of the Great Bear, *Sirius* and

bring about divine intervention. The intervention desired should come *via the Hierarchy*, if it is not to be too destructive in its effect. The last major intervention in Atlantean days came via Shamballa and resulted in the partial destruction of entire continents and lands.

These three triangles of energy can, therefore, be seen as basic and determining in all planetary affairs and event-producing. I have consequently chosen to consider them in our efforts to comprehend this basic astrological science.

2. *Triangles of Force--Planets.*

At the same time, it will be obvious to you that, in relation to these simple triangles, certain interlocking triangles also emerge, as for instance the zodiacal triangle of *Leo-Pisces-Capricorn* and the allied planetary triangle of *Saturn-Uranus-Mercury*. These two triangles pour their six streams of force into our three planetary centers at this time, vitalizing and stimulating the planetary triangle of *Shamballa-Hierarchy-Humanity*. Behind these three stands a cosmic triangle, emanating three streams of energy which pour into and through the three lesser triangles, thus potentially affecting every kingdom in nature. This cosmic triangle is that of the *Great Bear-Sirius-the Pleiades*. This paragraph simply summarizes the preceding pages and indicates the relation between four triangles of energy.

There are one or two subsidiary points which are of interest to the esoteric astrologer and these we might briefly list in connection with these *effective* triangles, using the word "effective" to imply conditioning and potent in results. In this present world cycle all results are of unusual significance and also unusually emphasized in human consciousness.

tiny" is far from right. They believe--sometimes sincerely--that all that should be done is simply to wait for results to appear and for karma and destiny to fulfill itself. Then and not till then, all will be well. But they forget that karma fulfills itself in relation to the form nature upon which it expends its energy and that where there is a static condition and a quiescent attitude, the process moves but slowly; the life then within the form fails to experience the needed, forceful awakening; inevitably then there lies ahead a repetition of the process until the time comes when activity and response is evoked. This then *leads to resistance to the apparent karmic necessity and this brings about liberation*. Only through resistance to evil (and in this world period and in this kali-yuga, as the Eastern teachers call it, it is an essential basic attitude) can karma be brought to an end. The law of matter still governs in the three worlds of human experience and "fire by friction" must burn up that which veils the steadily increasing brilliance of solar fire. It is the recognition of "solar fire"--as it shows itself in a transcendental idealism and radiance--by the unintelligent idealist, and his simultaneous refusal to cooperate in this period of karmic necessity, that is prolonging the difficult and cruel situation and leading him individually to sink deep into glamour. The simplification of the world's problem in terms of matter comes through a recognition of the essential dualism underlying events. I commend this thought to all students, suggesting that they base optimism on the long range vision, endorsed by the Heavens and corroborated by the activity of the stars, and thus feel sure of the ending of this immediate tragic situation.

It is interesting to note that the seventh Ray of Ceremonial Law and Order works through Uranus which is today the transmitter of *Sirian* force via Pisces to the Hier-

will become apparent to the student that the combination of the influences of *Sirius*, Leo and Uranus has been much needed at this time to foster and bring about those conditions which will enable mankind, under the steady influence of the Hierarchy, to take the first initiation and "give birth to the Christ," thus revealing and bringing to the light of day the inner, hidden, spiritual Man. It is in Leo that man undergoes the preparatory stages of this first initiation. He finds himself and becomes self-conscious; then he arrives at the stage of intelligent discipleship; he formulates a conscious inner programme or purpose under the steady pressure of the life of the indwelling Christ; he begins to exhaust and deny the demands and desires of the lower nature. This cycle of experience is followed by a painful life of conscious re-orientation--a cycle wherein he achieves balance and begins to "stand in spiritual Being" as a result of constant trial and testing. Finally he stands ready for *the ordeal and the accolade of fire, preceding the first initiation*. At that final stage, Humanity today stands. When (as is now the case) the influence of Uranus is added to the other influences and the seventh ray is at the same time entering into a major cycle of activity on the Earth, there is then present the energy needed to precipitate the crisis of initiation and produce a great rhythmic awakening. Astrologers would find it of interest to note similar combinations in the individual horoscope.

It must not be forgotten that Leo marks the height of achievement for the *human* soul, and this is today stimulated by the Shamballa force now flowing into the center of humanity. This inflow will continue its critical work until in the Aquarian Age, so rapidly coming into expression, the one-pointed attitude of the Leo person (or shall I call it

It can be noted how this combination of energies when playing upon Germany's soul Ray of Harmony through Conflict and her first ray personality, on the Ray of Power and the Destroyer (responsive to Shamballa) is responsible for much of the present conflict, for the reason that the reaction of that country (under the influence of its present rulers) has been in terms of the material aspect and not of the spiritual.

Students would find it useful to re-read some of the foregoing instruction anent the signs Leo-Pisces-Capricorn, so as to familiarize themselves with the nature, quality and influences which this great triangle (see page 435) expresses and through which humanity is being led at this time forward along the path of return. In this connection it is well also to remember that the series of triangles with which we have been dealing refer to and produce changes in the human consciousness. Another series of triangles was also given (on page 416) involving the Great Bear, *Sirius* and the Pleiades. These triangles concern the spiritual aspect of the planetary life and of humanity, as well as of the other kingdoms in nature. Humanity is of peculiar importance in relation to these triangles because it is the destiny of humanity to transmit life to the subhuman kingdoms. With these triangles of supernal forces I shall not deal because conscious response to their influence will not be possible till the time cycle of the third initiation arrives. I simply mention this influence so that you will realize that there is no real contradiction or discrepancy. Still another enumeration of the triangles of energy emanating from the three major constellations are given earlier by me (on page 435) and this again is correct and not a contradiction. In this group of three sets of triangles--making nine all told --with their interlocking analogies and lesser triangular relationships and with also their points of fusion, you have

We might consequently state that the forces of:

1. *Cancer--Capricorn--Saturn* (which are an expression of *Sirian* energy) enable the aspirant to tread the Path of Purification, of Probation. These energies focus and qualify the energy of the Great Lodge of the Most High in that distant Sun. They pour through the Hierarchy upon the mass of men and enable the unit in that mass to "isolate himself and turn his back upon the past and find his way on to that section of the Path wherein he learns to *feel*."
2. *Gemini--Sagittarius--Mercury* (which are an expression of the Pleiades) enable the Probationary Disciple to pass on to the Path of Accepted Discipleship. He is then becoming increasingly intuitive and entirely one-pointed whilst the nature of the pairs of opposites is clearer to him. The relation of the Mother-aspect (as embodied in the Pleiades) and of the Christ-child, hidden within the form of the personality, is realized and the inner, spiritual man institutes the process of initial identification with the spiritual entity on its own plane; the little self begins to react consciously and with increasing frequency to the higher Self. The man "presses forward on that Path wherein he learns to *see*."
3. *Aries--Libra--The Sun* (which are an expression of the Great Bear) bring about that focusing of energy in the life of the disciple which makes it possible for him to function consciously and with intention upon the Path of Initiation. He enters the realm of the formless worlds because Aries, the sign of beginnings makes this possible; through the potency of Libra, he has succeeded in achieving that point of balance which makes the final escape from the pairs of opposites possible. He now

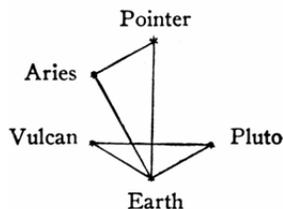
the Seven Rays is intended for the instruction of disciples at the close of this century and during the post-war period. Again I would also point out that I stated earlier that this science must always be approached from the angle of the three basic energies: i.e., those coming from the Great Bear, from the Pleiades and from **Sirius**; because (conditioned by time and space) these three types of energy pour through the three major centers, Shamballa, the Hierarchy and Humanity.

My problem has been to choose which of the myriad interlocking triangular relationships I would take up with you and thus present this science in such a manner that it would prove of real interest. The inner web of light which is called the etheric body of the planet is essentially a web of triangles and when the evolutionary process is completed, it will have been organized. At present a pattern of squares is the major construction of the web but this is slowly changing as the divine plan works out. The etheric webs of the sacred planets are largely triangles whilst that of the Sun is that of interlaced circles. The effort on Earth today (as seen by the planetary Logos) is to bring about a transformation of the web of the planet and thus slowly change the existing squares into triangles. This is done by the creation of division, by the application of the Law of Separation, but also by the recognition, in consciousness, of duality, the application of directed motion and the appearance of two triangles in the place of one square. When this has taken place, the perceiving consciousness recognizes identity and the rule of the square is ended. These words were once spoken to me by an ancient seer who bisected the square esoterically, thus forming two triangles and united them in a fresh manifestation to form a Star of Life. Ponder on this.

Christ consciousness; they mark critical points in the soul's experience--points of integration wherein the soul is consciously at-oning itself with the form and at the same time with spirit. I said the *soul's experience* not the experience of the man upon the physical plane. When the experience undergone in Virgo is consummated in Pisces and the tests of Scorpio have led to illumination in Taurus, then the effect of these four energies (Virgo, Pisces, Scorpio, Taurus) will be to make man the true triangle, expressing the three divine aspects or energies as they come from the three major conditioning constellations: the Great Bear, the Pleiades and **Sirius**.

I could fill many volumes with the indications of the various triangles as they are discovered to be related in time and space. Under the will of Deity and the unalterable energy at the heart of the manifested zodiac, they produce the changes in consciousness which make man divine at the close of the world cycle. But the theme is too vast and all I seek to do is to point the way towards a new science and towards those *esoteric* combinations of energies which will, when recognized, enable humanity to make more rapid progress, fuse and blend the energies of the three planetary centers and transform our Earth (*through the agency of human thought, reacting to zodiacal influence*) into a sacred planet. It is, therefore, the influence and combination of energies as they affect the aspirants and disciples of the world which must suffice for any increased understanding; with these I shall gradually deal and I shall also in the final part of this section give you an exegesis of the tabulation. In that tabulation is given the relation between the rays and the constellations and this is basic in its implications.

Certain of the forces with which we are dealing govern



This is one of the most interesting and informing astrological symbols I have given you and indicates a most momentous relationship. You have here two major and three minor energies brought into close relation; this is analogous to the two major rays and the three minor rays which condition a human being in manifestation. These are the five energies which concern the informing life of our planet. They produce, in humanity, conscious evolution, direction and the founding of Shamballa upon the Earth. They are the five energies connected with the will-to-be, but from the consciousness angle and not the material expression of manifestation. Their activity and united influence in the realm of consciousness produced the appearance of another triangle: Leo, Polaris and another of the Pointers and these two groups form an interlocking directorate, potentially effective in the evolution of consciousness.

You have, therefore, through these related triangles, the appearance of Shamballa and Humanity--the two poles of divine expression--will and activity.

We come now to another triangle, the activity of which produces the manifestation of Hierarchy--the intermediary between Shamballa and Humanity: Scorpio, Sirius and Mars. These, in relation to our Earth, produce the four streams of energy (initiating and transmitting) which lead humanity towards discipleship and initiation.

When the work of all these triangles has been concluded,

- b. *The Logos of a non-sacred planet* is becoming inclusive in His consciousness to all that is found within the solar ring-pass-not. He is establishing an esoteric "understanding relation" with all that lives within the body of manifestation of a solar Logos and is likewise registering a sensitive response to the quality of the Life which informs the Sun, Sirius. He has taken three cosmic initiations.
- c. *The Logos of a sacred planet* transcends the knowledges, reactions and responses which are purely those of the solar system, is conscious of or vitally responsive to the life of Sirius and is beginning to respond consciously to the vibratory influences of the Pleiades. You need here to bear in mind in this connection that the Pleiades--though they are regarded as embodying the matter aspect in manifestation--are in reality and literally the expression of that Principle of Life which we call vitality, prana in its various stages or degrees, ether or substance.

The Logos of a sacred planet has taken five cosmic initiations.

- d. *The Logos of a solar system* is esoterically called the "Sacred Triangle of all-inclusive Force" because this great Being includes within His focused awareness the fields of expression of the Great Bear, the Pleiades and Sirius. They are to Him what the heart, the head and the throat centers are to the developed initiate on this planet. He has taken those initiations of which the highest initiate upon our Earth has no faintest conception. Forget not, that I have told you elsewhere that there are divine aspects and divine characteristics which are

(impulse is not the correct term) coming from the cosmic astral plane.

3. The will which conquers death is an outpouring from the cosmic mental plane.

From these three cosmic planes (embracing the sacred personality of the Logoi, solar and planetary) come the united energies of the three constellations which control and energize our solar system: The Great Bear, the Pleiades and **Sirius**; these work through the medium of the seven rays and these in turn express themselves through the twelve constellations which form the great zodiacal wheel. The Lords or ruling Powers of these twelve sources of light and life "step down" the potency of these three major energies so that our solar Logos can absorb them; they "tune out" those aspects of these three Potencies which are not suited to our systemic life at this point in the evolutionary process, just as the Hierarchy upon our little planet tunes out or steps down the energies from Shamballa. These three major energies in a mysterious manner express themselves through the seven rays just as all triplicities subdivide into septenates, yet preserve their identity. These seven energies, emanating from the major three and transmitted via the twelve constellations, are embodied in the seven sacred planets and are represented on our Earth by the seven Spirits before the throne of God (the symbol of synthesis). This tremendous inter-relation is embodied in one great process of: *Transmission. Reception. Absorption. Relation and Living Activity. The method is one of Invocation and Evocation.* In these two sentences, you have one of the most important clues to the whole evolutionary process; the key to the mystery of time and space, and the solution of

these various bodies upon each other will remain at its present stage--an unrevealed secret." (C.F. 795.)

8. Energy in the universe can be differentiated as follows:
 - "1. Inter-cosmic--affecting constellations.
 2. Inter-planetary--affecting planets.
 3. Inter-chain--affecting the chains in a planetary cycle.
 4. Inter-globular--producing interchange of force between the globes of a chain.
 5. Inter-sectional--affecting the transference of force between the kingdoms in nature.
 6. Inter-human--interplay between men.
 7. Inter-atomic--passage of force between atoms." (C.F. 1029.)
9. "There must also be borne in mind the play of energy which emanates from any one of the twelve constellations or signs of the zodiac, with which astrology concerns itself. This type of force is primarily concerned with planetary stimulation, with the planetary Logoi, and is hidden in Their cyclic karma--a karma which will incidentally involve those monads and devas which form Their bodies and centers." (C.F. 1052.)
10. "These three groups of solar bodies (The Great Bear, the Pleiades and **Sirius**) are of paramount influence where the spiral cyclic activity of our system is concerned. Just as in the human atom, the spiral activity is egoic and controlled from the egoic body, so in connection with the solar system these three groups are related to the Logoiic Spiritual Triad--atma-buddhi-manas--and their influence is dominant in connection with solar incarnation, with solar evolution and with solar progress." (C.F. 1058.)

- Planets there are many more in the solar system." (S.D.I. 718, note.)
16. "The spirit of the planet is as much a creator in his own realm as the Spirit of the heavens (i.e. the form life and the soul life of the planet. A.A.B.)." (S.D.II. 500.)
 17. "The seven planets are the Sun's brothers and not his sons." (S.D.I. 483.)
 18. "The Planetary Spirits, are the informing spirits of the stars in general and of the planet especially. They rule the destinies of men who are all born under one or other of their constellations." (S.D.I. 153.)
 19. "Each of the planets (of which seven only are called sacred because ruled by the highest Regents or Gods)a septenary"...(S.D.I. 176.)
 20. The following tabulation is suggestive:
 - a. God the Father--1st Logos--Electric Fire. Great Bear. Sun.
 - b. God the Son--2nd Logos--Solar Fire--**Sirius**. Venus and Mercury.
 - c. God the Holy Spirit--3rd Logos--Fire by friction--Pleiades. Saturn (C.F. 96.)
 21. "*The planetary Spirit* is another term for the Logos of a planet, Who is one of the "seven Spirits before the Throne of God" and therefore one of the seven Heavenly Men. He is on the evolutionary arc of the Universe and has passed many stages beyond the human. *The planetary Entity* is on the involutory arc and is a very low grade entity. He is the sum total of all the elemental lives of the planet." (C.F.105, note.)
 22. "The seven sacred Planets are composed of matter of

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6. "The Pleiades are to the solar system the source of electrical energy and, just as our sun is the embodiment of the heart or love aspect of the Logos (Who is Himself the heart of the One about Whom Naught may be Said), so the Pleiades are the feminine opposite of Brahma." (The third aspect. Page 156.)
7. "Our solar system, with the Pleiades and one of the stars of the Great Bear, form a cosmic triangle or an aggregation of centers in the body of the One about Whom Naught may be Said." (182.)
8. "Two other systems, when allied with our solar system and the Pleiades make a lower quaternary" (182.)
9. "The sun, **Sirius**, is the source of the Logoic mind (manas) in the same sense that the Pleiades are connected with the evolution of mind in the seven Heavenly Men and Venus was responsible for the coming of mind to the Earth." (347.)
10. "**Sirius**, the Pleiades and our Sun form a cosmic triangle." (375.)
11. "The Pleiades are negatively polarized to our seven schemes." (377.)
12. "Our seven planetary Logoi are transmitters, via Their seven schemes to the seven stars of the Pleiades." (378.)
13. "Three constellations are connected with the fifth logoic principle in its threefold manifestation: **Sirius**, two of the Pleiades and a small constellation whose name must be intuitively ascertained." (699.)
14. "Three great waves of energy sweep cyclically through

the entire solar system from.....the Seven Sisters, the Pleiades, from that one in particular who is occultly termed "the wife" of the planetary Logos whose scheme will eventually receive the seeds of life from our planet which is not considered a sacred planet." (1052.)

15. "Cosmic evil.....consists in the relation between that spiritual intelligent unit or "Rishi of the Superior Constellation," as He is called (Who is the informing Life of one of the seven stars of the Great Bear) and our planetary Prototype and one of the forces of the Pleiades.....The Seven Sisters are occultly called the "seven wives" of the Rishis....." (990.)

SIRIUS

References from The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "**Sirius** was called the 'dog Star.' It was the star of Mercury, or Buddha, called the "Great Instructor of mankind." (S.D.II. 391.)
2. "The sun, **Sirius**, is the source of the Logoi mind (manas) in the same sense as the Pleiades are connected with the evolution of mind in the Seven Heavenly Men and Venus is responsible for the coming in of mind in the Earth chain." (T. on C.F. 347.)
3. "**Sirius**, the Pleiades and our Sun form a cosmic triangle." (375.)
4. "Our solar system is negatively polarized as regards the sun **Sirius**, which influences our entire system psychically, via the three synthesizing schemes: Uranus, Neptune and Saturn." (378.)

5. "Vibrations reach us from **Sirius**, via the cosmic mental plane." (553.)
6. "The Lords of Karma on our system are under the rule of a greater Lord of Karma on **Sirius**. We are governed by the **Sirian** Lord of Karma." (570.)
7. "The consciousness of the cosmic mental plane is the goal of attainment for our solar Logos and the **Sirian** Logos is to our solar Logos what the human Ego (or soul) is to the human personality" (592.)
8. "Three constellations are connected with the fifth logoi principle in its threefold manifestation: **Sirius**, two of the Pleiades and a small constellation whose name must be intuitively ascertained." (699.)
9. Cosmic Avatars ".....represent embodied forces from the following cosmic centers: **Sirius**, and that one of the seven stars of the Great Bear which is ensouled by the Prototype of the Lord of the third Ray, and our own cosmic center." (723.)
 - a. Only one Being (from **Sirius**) has visited our system and that was at the time of individualization.
 - b. They only appear usually and normally at the initiation of a solar Logos. (723.)

THE PLANET--JUPITER

References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "Jupiter.....is a deity who is the symbol and prototype of..... ritualistic worship. He is the priest, sacrificer, suppliant and the medium through which the prayers of mortals reach the Gods." (II. 49. Note.)
2. Jupiter is regarded as the "throne of Brahma." (II. 829.)

THE PLANET--NEPTUNE

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "Neptune does not really belong to our system, in spite of its apparent connection with the Sun. The connection is imaginary." (S.D.I. 129. Note.)
2. "Among the secret orbs or star Angels.....Neptune was not included." (S.D.I. 629.)
3. "Neptune is the God of reasoning." (S.D.II. 840.)
4. "Sirius influences our entire solar system psychically via the three synthesizing schemes--Uranus, Neptune and Saturn." (C.F. 378.)
5. "There is a peculiar group of Beings connected with a certain constellation and the lesser Dragon who have their habitat on Neptune and work with the sixth principle in the solar system." (C.F. 534.)
6. "The Law of Sacrifice and Death is.....in a mysterious way the reverse of the first law, that of Vibration. It is Vulcan and Neptune in opposition which is as yet an almost incomprehensible thing to us." (C.F. 597.)
7. "No man begins to coordinate the buddhic vehicle until he comes under the influence of Neptune.....When this happens, his personality horoscope will show this influence as dominant." (C.F. 899.)
8. "The Neptunian scheme governs one of the three paths of return and gathers to itself eventually all those egos who attain primarily through handling sixth ray energy" (C.F. 899.)
9. "Neptune--
 - a. Presides over and makes possible the 2nd initiation.
 - b. Is one of the major synthesizing planets.

resolution for the minor four and eventually for all The Seven." (C.F. 370.)

14. "Sirius influences our entire solar system, via the three synthesizing schemes, Uranus, Neptune and Saturn." (C.F. 378.)
15. "Saturn is the focal point for the transmission of cosmic mind to our entire seven planetary schemes." (C.F. 378.)
16. "The Saturn scheme is esoterically regarded as having absorbed the 'frictional fires' of solar space." (C.F. 1154.)

THE PLANET--THE SUN

References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "The sun is a central star and not a planet." (S.D. I. 126. Note.) (Therefore when it is included among the planets, as it is, it is simply because it stands for or veils a hidden planet.)
2. The sun is merely one of those suns which "are sunflowers of a higher light." It is "dwelling in the vehicle of a God or of a host of Gods, like millions of other suns." (S.D.I. 319.)
3. "The sun is the storehouse of vital force which is the noumenon of electricity" (S.D.I. 579.)
4. "The sun was not a sacred planet." (S.D.II. 26.)
5. "The sun.....has its growth, changes, development and gradual evolution." (S.D.I. 667.)
6. "The sun is matter and the sun is spirit." (S.D.I. 820.)
7. "The sun is a great magnet." (S.D.I. 541.)
8. "The solar substance is immaterial." (S.D.I. 542.)
9. "The sun (i.e. the solar system) has Alcyone in the Pleiades for the center of its orbit." (S.D.I. 545.)

mystery.....It was enacted by the Sons of the Fire-Mist and of Light." (S.D.III. 271.)

THE PLANET--URANUS

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "Uranus was known by the ancients under another name." (S.D.I. 126.)
2. "Cronus (time).....is represented as mutilating Uranus.....Absolute time is made to become finite and conditioned." (S.D.I. 450.)
3. "Among the three secret orbs or Star Angels, Uranuswas not included." (S.D.I. 629.)
4. Uranus.....personified all the creative powers and is synonymous with Cronus. (S.D.II. 281. 282.)
5. "Uranus was unknown to the ancients and they were forced to reckon the sun amongst the planets..... Uranus is a modern name but one thing is certain, the ancients had a mystery planet which they never named. This 7th planet was not the sun but the hidden divine Hierophant." (S.D.III. 330.)
6. "Uranus is now being stimulated." (C.F. 357.)
7. "Is one of the three synthesizing planets and **Sirius** influences our entire solar system via Uranus, Neptune and Saturn." (C.F. 378.)
8. "Uranus is the home of 'fire electric'." (C.F. 1154.)

THE PLANET--VENUS

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "Venus.....has no satellite.....and is far older than the Earth." (S.D.I. 180. S.D.II. 35.)

2. Venus is "the little sun in which the solar orb stores his lights." (S.D.II. 27.)
3. "Light comes through Venus who receives a triple supply and gives one-third to the Earth.
 - a. Therefore the two are called 'twin sisters.'
 - b. The Spirit of the Earth is subservient to Venus." (S.D.II. 33.)
4. "Venus is the most occult, powerful and mysterious of all the planets.
 - a. Its relation with the Earth is the most prominent.
 - b. It presides over the natural generation of men.
 - c. It is called the 'other sun.'
 - d. It is the Earth's primary or spiritual prototype." (S.D.II. 33-35.)
5. "The planetary Logos of Venus loved the Earth so well that He incarnated and gave it perfect laws which were disregarded and rejected." (S.D.II. 38.)
6. "Every sin committed on Earth is felt in Venus. Every change in Venus is reflected on Earth." (S.D.II. 35.)
7. "Venus.....is the light-bearer of our Earth, in both the physical and mystic sense." (S.D.II. 36.)
8. "It is with the Regent of Venus (the planetary Logos) that occult mysticism has to deal." (S.D.II. 36.)
9. "Humanity (which appeared in Lemurian days).....is said to be under the direct influence of Venus." (S.D. II. 27.)
10. "The sun **Sirius**, is the source of the Logoic mind (manas) in the same sense as the Pleiades are connected with the evolution of mind in the seven Heav-

2. Taurus is regarded as the central group of the Milky Way.

NOTE: The Pleiades as the central group of the Bull and Alcyone, one of the 7 pleiades, is supposed to be the star around which our universe revolves.

VIRGO, THE VIRGIN--THE SIXTH SIGN OF THE ZODIAC
References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "One of the most esoteric cycles is based upon certain conjunctions and respective positions of Virgo and the Pleiades." (II. 454.)
"Virgo is inseparable from Leo and the Pleiades and the Hyades."

VENUS

In the second solar system, and in connection with the method employed therein, another point merits attention. This fire of mind has its source in a constellation until recently unrecognized by exoteric science as having any relation of an intimate nature to our solar system, owing to its tremendous distance away. *The sun "Sirius" is the source of logoiic manas* in the same sense as the Pleiades are connected with the evolution of manas in the seven Heavenly Men, and Venus was responsible for the coming in of mind in the Earth chain. Each was primary to the other, or was the agent which produced the first flicker of consciousness in the particular groups involved. In every case the method was that of a slow evolutionary growth till the consciousness suddenly blazed forth owing to the interposition of force, apparently from an extraneous source.

1. "The Logos.--Solar System. **Sirius**.
2. Seven Heavenly Men--Planetary scheme. Pleiades.
3. Heavenly Man--earth chain. Venus."
(Cosmic Fire, page 347.)

The Fourth Kingdom and the Hierarchy of the Planet

"Certain facts have already been grasped and realized by the average occult student who has been pondering this teaching with care. He is aware that the juncture of Spirit-matter and mind, or manas, was effected during the third root-race, and that the definitely human family became present upon earth from that date. He knows that this was brought about by the coming, in bodily Presence, of certain great Entities, and he has learned that these Entities came from the Venusian chain, that They achieved the necessary juncture, undertook the government of the planet, founded the occult Hierarchy, and that--though some remain with the chain--the remainder have returned to Their originating source. This in many ways sums up the totality of the present knowledge. Let us briefly enlarge upon it, correct certain erroneous interpretations and ascertain one or two new facts. We might tabulate these as follows:

- First, it should be borne in mind by the occult student that:
- a. This advent signaled the taking of a physical vehicle by the planetary Logos, and was literally the coming of the Avatar.
 - b. That this advent was brought about by a definite systemic alignment which involved:
 - The Venus scheme of the system.
 - The Venus chain of the Earth scheme.
 - The Venus globe of the Earth chain.

synthesis, and of the wonderful correlation of all that is in process of evolution.

Perhaps some idea may be gained if we remember that, in an occult sense, Venus is to the Earth what the higher Self is to man.

The coming of the Lords of Flame to the Earth was all under law and not just an accidental and fortunate happening; it was a planetary matter which finds its correspondence in the connection between the mental unit and the manasic permanent atom. Again, as the antahkarana is built by individual man between these two points, so--again in a planetary sense--is a channel being built by collective man on this planet to its primary, Venus.

In connection with these two planets, it must be remembered that Venus is a sacred planet and the Earth is not. This means that certain of the planets are to the Logos what the permanent atoms are to man. They embody principles. Certain planets afford only temporary homes to these principles. Others persist throughout the mahamanvantara. Of these Venus is one." (C.F. 298.)

"It would be well to enlarge here a little on the connection between Venus and the Earth, which is hinted at in some of the occult books, and is somewhat touched upon in this. I have stated that the interaction between the two schemes is due largely to their positive and negative polarity, and I pointed out that a similar relation underlies the relation of the Pleiades and the seven schemes of our solar system, and also the relation of *Sirius* and the system itself. This, therefore, sweeps into close interaction three great systems:

1. The system of *Sirius*.

so, in the case of a Heavenly Man, or of a solar Logos, a similar event occurs. Such an event transpired in this round in relation to the center which our planetary Logos embodies. It became geometrically linked with two other centers, of which Venus was one, and logioic Kundalini--circulating with tremendous force through this adjusted Triangle--brought about that intensification of vibration in the human family which resulted in individualization." (Cosmic Fire, pp. 368-9.)

"A hint may here be given to those who have power to see. Three constellations are connected with the fifth logioic principle in its threefold manifestation; *Sirius*, two of the Pleiades, and a small constellation whose name must be ascertained by the intuition of the student. These three govern the appropriation by the Logos of His dense body. When the last pralaya ended, and the etheric body had been coordinated, a triangle in the Heavens was formed under law which permitted a flow of force, producing vibration on the fifth systemic plane. That triangle still persists, and is the cause of the continued inflow of manasic force; it is connected with the spirillae in the logioic mental unit and as long as His will-to-be persists, the energy will continue to flow through. In the fifth round, it will be felt at its height." (Cosmic Fire, p. 699.)

"The heart of the Sun, and its relation to the lower and higher mental bodies, producing that peculiar manifestation we call the causal body. In this connection it must be remembered that the force which flows from the heart of the Sun, works through a triangle formed by the Venusian scheme, the Earth and the Sun.

to clarify this matter, and with that we shall now concern ourselves.

Rule IV.

Let the group see that all the eighteen forces die down and that the lesser lives return unto the reservoir of life. This they must bring about through the evocation of the Will. The lesser wheels must not for aye revolve in time and space. Only the greater Wheel must onward move and turn.

This is a rule peculiarly related to the fourth Creative Hierarchy, embodying its goal as the Aryan rotrace can sense and approximate it. It is peculiarly related also to the quaternary to which we give the name "personality," composed of a vital or etheric body, a sumtotal of emotional states and a mind, plus that integrated something which we call the whole man. Rightly understood and followed, this rule reveals the nature of the fourth plane or fourth state of consciousness, that of buddhi or the plane of pure reason, the intuition. From the angle of the higher initiate, this rule is related to the activity of Monad, Soul and body within the planetary Life, and covers a great mystery and an entire system of relationships of which man in the three worlds is a dim and uncertain shadow. Some clue to the higher quaternary dealt with in this rule will emerge dimly in your consciousness (more is not yet possible) if you will attempt to realize the following:

1. The Monad relates the initiate to the Will of God, to the Council at Shamballa, to forces active on the planet Pluto, and on another planet which must remain nameless, and also to the Central Spiritual Sun.
2. The Soul relates the initiate to the Love of God, to the consciousness aspect of Deity, to the Hierarchy as a whole, entering it through the Ashram of the Master Who has aided him to take initiation, to the planets Venus and Mercury, to the Sun **Sirius**, and to the Heart of the Sun.
3. The Personality relates the initiate to the Mind

archy are a part; They are to that spiritual group what the New Group of World Servers is to Humanity. I know not how else to express this truth to you.

The seventh kingdom in nature is that of the Lives Who participate in full capacity of understanding with the group of Beings Who are the nucleus of the Council at Shamballa. Around the Lord of the World this group pivots; Their consciousness and state of being is only dimly understood by the most advanced Members of the Hierarchy, and the relation of these Lives to the Lord of the World is similar, and yet fundamentally different, to the relation of the Members of the Hierarchy to the three Great Lords--the Christ, the Manu and the Mahachohan. Through these three Lords pours the energy which streams from Shamballa, transmitting the purpose and motivating the plan of Sanat Kumara--His Life Plan. What you call "the Plan" is the response of the Hierarchy to the inflowing purposeful will of the Lord of the World. Through Sanat Kumara, the Ancient of Days (as He is called in the Bible), flows the unknown energy of which the three divine Aspects are the expression. He is the Custodian of the will of the Great White Lodge on **Sirius**, and the burden of this "cosmic intention" is shared by the Buddhas of Activity and those Members of the Great Council Who are of so elevated a consciousness and vibration that only once a year (through Their emissary, the Buddha) is it safe for Them to contact the Hierarchy.

I am seeking only to point to a wider horizon than that usually registered by disciples and I use these broad analogies to expand your point of view. By so doing I can convey to the enlightened person a sense of synthesis, of purposeful planning and of planetary integrity. This great spiritual structure of Being, of Life and of Direction is something that the disciples and initiates of the world need --at this time--in their effort to stand steady under the pressure of world events, and in their determination to cooperate unwaveringly with the moves and plans made by the world Directors, that "Society of illumined and organ-

greater advancement than he; the "Supernal Three," the "Radiant Seven," the "Lives embodying the forty-nine Fires," the "Buddhas of Activity," and certain "Eternal Spirits" from such centers of dynamic spiritual life as **Sirius**, or from the constellation which at any one time forms a triangle with our Sun and **Sirius** and a Representative from Venus are of greater--far greater--advancement. Otherwise, all initiates of the sixth degree, and a few of the Masters Who have undergone specialized training because They are upon the first Ray of Will or Power (the ray conditioning Shamballa itself), form part of the Great Council. Many Masters and Chohans, however, after serving upon the planet in various capacities, working with the Law of Evolution, pass out of our planetary life altogether.

All the above information concerning the Lives which are far in advance of the disciples of the world contains little of moment for you, except in so far as it falls into a diagrammatic pattern of our planetary life and purpose, and enabling you, therefore, to get a faint glimpse of a synthetic theme and purpose to which all evolving lives must and will eventually conform.

It must ever be borne in mind that the great theme of LIGHT underlies our entire planetary purpose. The full expression of perfect LIGHT, occultly understood, is the engrossing life-purpose of our planetary Logos. Light is the great and obsessing enterprise in the three worlds of human evolution; everywhere men rate the light of the sun as essential to healthy living; some idea of the human urge to light can be grasped if you consider the brilliance of the physically engendered light in which we live when night arrives, and compare it with the mode of lighting the streets and homes of the world prior to the discovery of gas, and later of electricity. The light of knowledge, as the reward of educational processes, is the incentive behind all our great schools of learning in every country in the world and is the goal of much of our world organization; the terminology of light controls even our computation of time. The mystery of electricity is unfolding gradually before our rapt

and to recognize "cosmic glamour," and will give him the hidden key to the world of feeling and of sentiency, of which our feeling-response and our emotional and intuitional sensitivity are but the dim and distorted reflections. This is a factor of some importance to have in mind if a right sense of proportion is to be developed. The initiate has learnt on earth that the astral plane is in fact non-existent--at least for those of the higher degrees of initiation. This knowledge constitutes the first step towards the comprehension of the secret of negation, towards a true understanding of the basis of the ever-existent pairs of opposites, and towards the knowledge which lies behind the significance of negation. The above sentence is in all probability of little meaning to you, but it nevertheless contains a truth for which the trials, experiences and initiations of planetary existence prepare the initiate. They endow him with those qualities which will enable him to contact cosmic evil and yet remain untouched, eventually to play his part in bringing the Black Lodge and its Brotherhood to an unholy finish. The roots of the Black Lodge are on the cosmic astral plane, as the roots of the White Lodge and its Brotherhood are on the cosmic mental plane; this is, in reality, only for the time being and in order to see certain organized activities upon the star **Sirius** perfected and carried to a consummation. This has oft been hinted in my writings.

"The Way of the Higher Evolution" leads to the cosmic astral plane, and the goal which carries a man there is the transcendent vision accorded at some of the higher initiations; the quality which enables him to work as a creative factor in the great White Lodge is the developed buddhic faculty. It is upon the "wings of Sound" that he travels, to use a well-known though little understood metaphor. This can only be when he can

4. Hear the O.M. as it is sounded forth by Him Who stands and waits at the very center of the Council Chamber of the Lord.

These are grave and solemn thoughts, and of small use to the average reader. It is essential, however, that he avoid the concept that the attainment of the highest initiation upon this planet marks the end or the consummation of a great and final stage. It only marks the beginning of significance. This is a statement of esoteric value. Just as the attainment of physical control sets the neophyte free for the learning of higher lessons in preparation for the major initiations, so the surmounting of the conditions presented by the seven planes of our planetary life sets the initiate (such as the Buddha or the Christ) free for still higher and more important conditioning circumstances. Their real work as Members of the White Brotherhood is on the point of beginning, and the true purpose of the existence of the Great White Lodge begins faintly to dawn upon Their entranced and amazed understanding. It is of real value to us, therefore, to endeavor to grasp the continuity of revelation and the vast future or vista of unfolding wonder which, stage by stage, grade by grade and plane by plane, unfolds before the initiate-consciousness.

We enter here into a consideration of realms of advancement of which even advanced humanity has no faintest idea; we are touching upon goals and objectives which confront the advanced Members of the Hierarchy; we are dealing with ideas and concepts for which we have no adequate terminology and which are of such a nature that the human mechanism of thought proves incapable of registering them. What, for instance, do the words or phrases, "Divine purpose, Shamballa, the Lord of the World, states of registration or awareness which have no relation to sentience as it expresses itself through consciousness, the Lodge on Sirius" and similar concepts convey to you? I would venture to suggest that in reality, they represent nothing, and this because the goal of all who read these words is contact with the soul, recognition of and by the Hierarchy, and initiation. If I say to you that the words "the O.M., as it is sounded forth by Him Who stands within the confines of Shamballa" signify that the one Sound, rounded and full,

Shamballa and of the universality and the livingness of whatever is meant by the word "Being." He knows and is beginning to express that pure Being as pure will in activity.

When the third initiation is taken the initiate becomes aware, not only of the significance of the command to Know and of his innate ability to Express the will nature of the monad in carrying out the Purpose of Shamballa, but that (through his fused personality-soul) he is now in a position to "make revelation" to the Hierarchy that he is en rapport with the monadic source from which he originally came. He can now obey the command to Reveal, because the Transfiguration is consummated. He is not now revealing the soul only, but all the three aspects now meet in him and he can reveal the life aspect as will and not only the soul aspect as love or the matter aspect as intelligence. This is, as you know the first major initiation from the angle of the greater Lodge on Sirius, because it is the first initiation in which *all* the three aspects meet in the initiate. The first two initiations--oft regarded by humanity as major initiations--are in reality minor initiations from the *Sirian* point of view because the relation of the man "under discipline and in training" is only a *tendency*; there is only a developing recognition of the Father and a slowly growing response to the monad, plus an unfolding sensitivity to the impact of the will aspect. But in the third initiation these developments are sufficiently present to merit the phrase, "revelation of the glory," and the Transfiguration initiation takes place.

At the fourth initiation the destroying aspect of the will can begin to make its presence felt; the soul body, the causal body, the Temple of the Lord, is destroyed by an act of the will and because even the soul is recognized as a limitation by that which is neither the body nor the soul, but that which stands greater than either. The awareness of the perfected man is now focused in that of the monad. The road to Jerusalem has been trodden. This is a symbolical way of saying that the antahkarana has been constructed and

by the Hierarchy from the Great White Lodge on **Sirius**. They contain the clue to the evolutionary process, hidden in numbers and in words; they veil the secret of man's origin and destiny, picturing for him in rite and ritual the long, long path which he must tread. They provide also, when rightly interpreted and correctly presented, the teaching which humanity needs in order to progress from darkness to Light, from the unreal to the Real and from death to Immortality. Any true Mason who understands, even if only to a slight degree, the implications of that in which he participates will recognize this most ancient of Oriental prayers, giving the key to the three degrees of the Blue Lodge. I mention here the Masonic purpose because it is closely related to the restoration of the Mysteries and has held the clue--down the ages--to that long-awaited restoration, to the platform upon which the restored teaching can be based, and the structure which can express, in powerful ritual and in organized detailed rites, the history of man's moving forward upon the Path of Return.

The Mysteries will be restored in other ways also, for they contain much besides that which the Masonic rites can reveal or that religious rituals and ceremonies can disclose; they contain within their teaching and formulas the key to the science which will unlock the mystery of electricity--that mystery of which H.P.B. spoke; though much progress has already been made by science along this line, it is as yet only embryonic in nature, and only when the Hierarchy is present visibly on earth, and the Mysteries of which the Masters are the Custodians are given openly to man, will the true secret and nature of electrical phenomena be revealed.

The Mysteries are, in reality, the true source of revelation, and it can be only when the mind and the will-to-good are closely blended and conditioning human behavior that the extent of the coming revelation will be grasped, for only then can humanity be trusted with these secrets. They concern those capacities which enable the Members of the Hierarchy to work consciously with the energies of the planet and of the solar system and to control forces within the

to the loving Will of God (to use a trite Christian phrase) the black brother cannot respond; his aims are different. You have here the true meaning of the oft-used and misunderstood phrase, "the parting of the ways."

But both groups of aspirants (the black and the white) stand before the door of initiation and take the needed steps to open it on two similar occasions. Both overcome glamour after the second initiation, and see their way clearly ahead; but their goals emerge as widely different; one treads the broad way which leads ever deeper into matter and materialism, into darkness and "black power"; the other leads to the straight and narrow way, to the razor edged path which leads into light and life. One group has never freed itself from the principles which governed the first solar system. They were principles entirely related to matter and substance and were at that time and in that period (so remote that the number of years of distance can be stated only in super-astronomical figures) the conditioning factors for the initiation of the time. Certain units of humanity--then existent--were so completely conditioned by these material principles and so *deliberately* unready for moving on to the comprehension of another set of principles (more expressive of the divine nature) that they remained of "fixed and selfish material purpose" and a *planned* distortion of the divine will was intelligently created by them. You have here a hint as to the nature of evil and a clue to a part (though only a part) of the mystery to be noted in the statement that evil and good are reverse aspects of the same one reality, and evil is that good which we should have left behind passing on to greater and more inclusive good. Forget not that the black magicians of today were the initiates of a previous solar system. When the door of initiation is ready to open for the third time, the parting of the ways takes place. Some follow selfish intention and the fixed determination to remain with the separative condition of matter; and to others, the divine will is clearly impressed upon them and becomes the motivating power in their lives. It was under instructions from the Great White Lodge on **Sirius** that the door remains

closed the third time to the dark brothers. Evil, as we understand it, has absolutely no place on **Sirius**.

To the black magician, at this third opportunity, the door of initiation presents an insuperable barrier and obstacle; to the true spiritual neophyte, the door connotes "overcoming." We shall not consider further the approach of the black brothers to that door, but shall confine ourselves to a consideration of the initiations of the Great White Lodge.

This door of initiation is connected with the great problem of what H.P.B. calls the "mystery of electricity"; the door is itself an electrical phenomenon essentially. Having said this, even if you do not understand my meaning you can, however, grasp the possibility that (being electrical in nature) it can easily present an obstructing force, a repelling energy to the approach of the aspirant; this is the correct way to look at it. It is only when the electrical energy of which the door is constituted and that of which the man is constructed at any particular time synchronize and vibrate in unison that the aspirant can pass through to greater light. This gives you a somewhat new and rather abstruse definition of initiation. Nevertheless, as science arrives at a better understanding of the human being as an electrical unit of power and light, and of his triple mechanism as created of three aspects of electricity, a truer comprehension of the significance of initiation will eventuate. The three fires of which all things are made are electrical in nature and--speaking symbolically--it is only when "fire by friction" is dominated by "solar fire" that the first four initiations can be taken, culminating in the fifth initiation in which these two fires are subordinated to "electric fire" emanating from the monad and giving a new revelation. This monadic process begins at the third initiation. It might be added that the third initiation (culminating in the Transfiguration) is taken on the three higher levels of the mental plane, and that it is therefore upon the fourth level of the mental plane that the aspirant first of all stands before the door, seeking initiation. That electrical unit or phenomenon of electricity

His decision will (with one exception) take Him away from all that He has hitherto known.

The majority of the Masters then enter into realms wherein They are needed to "impart, strengthen and enlighten that which is already fused, already strong and already full of light, but which needs that which He brings in order to express the all-encompassing whole."

I have to leave you with these words as food for reflection as there is little further that I may say upon this point. In any case and for all *deciding* groups of Masters, the work with the Hierarchy is over, except for the few Who choose Path I. Part of the mistake which the Buddha made was connected with this subject of decision. He loved humanity so much that He felt He could not and did not choose the Path which He was in reality ordained to follow; He chose instead the Path of Earth Service--which was not His Path at all. This He knows and will in due time pass on to His rightful Path. This little incident will demonstrate the complete freedom of choice which distinguishes the sixth initiation.

The seven Paths are, as you know from your study of *Initiation, Human and Solar* the following:

1. The Path of Earth Service.
2. The Path of Magnetic Work.
3. The Path of Training for Planetary Logoi.
4. The Path to **Sirius**.
5. The Ray Path.
6. The Path on which our Logos is found.
7. The Path of Absolute Sonship.

In that first book which I wrote for the world, I gave a simple definition of the exoteric significance of these Paths--so simple as to convey but little. I wrote then for the general public. I will now endeavor to convey some of the deeper meanings, writing as I do for advanced disciples and for initiates who--reading between the lines and understanding the symbolism involved--will comprehend according to their point in evolution.

of Earth Service. The major ray of our solar system is that of love-wisdom, and there is no better field on which to master the preliminary stages of that divine unfoldment and receive the needed development and education than on the Earth.

On the Earth, the Masters have overcome glamour and illusion, and for Them no astral plane exists. Now ahead of Them, and owing to Their freedom from these "bewilderments," will come the opportunity to enter into the Heart of God, the center of pure love, and from that center to tread the way of love. All these seven Paths lead either to the cosmic astral plane or to the cosmic mental plane, according to the decision made at the sixth initiation. Upon the cosmic astral plane there is no glamour, but instead a great vortex of energy--the energy of pure love--under the domination of the Law of Attraction. It might be stated that:

Path 1. The Path of Earth Service leads to the cosmic astral plane.

Path 2. The Path of Magnetic Work leads to the cosmic astral plane.

Path 3. The Path for Training for Planetary Logoi leads to the higher levels of the cosmic mental plane.

Path 4. The Path to **Sirius** leads to the cosmic astral plane.

Path 5. The Ray Path leads to the cosmic mental plane.

Path 6. The Path the Logos Himself is on leads to the cosmic buddhic plane.

Path 7. The Path of Absolute Sonship leads to the cosmic mental plane.

Three Paths, therefore, lead to the realm of loving attractive energy; one Path leads to its higher correspondence, the cosmic level of pure reason; three lead to the realm of divine Mind. Four of the Paths relate the advancing Master to the Heart of the Great Life Who functions through this solar system, and three to His Mind nature. All of them lead the initiate eventually to the Central Spiritual Sun.

in comparison with that given in the earlier volumes of this Treatise, but they are not so in reality. The Master of the fifth initiation, even if now He does not at that time make His decision, faces intelligently and with some understanding of the choices to be made, the sixth initiation and its decisions. He begins to take also the particular training, and to this the teaching in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* now applies. He is shewn the newer opportunity, the modes of decision, and the limitations which are no longer legitimate. I would like to point out here that these changes are a cause of deep joy to the Hierarchy and to the Great Lives in the Council Chamber at Shamballa, for they indicate the strength and potency of Sanat Kumara's success and the incredible progress made in the consciousness of humanity as a consequence; this will lead also to future paralleling decisions on the physical plane in human affairs; this deeply spiritual and mysterious success (mysterious because the human mind knows naught about it) was also the reason for the violent attempt of the Forces of Evil to gain control, and their resultant failure.

4. The Path to **Sirius**

I have frequently hinted in my various books that the Sun, **Sirius**, is closely related to our planetary Life; much is known in the Hierarchy anent this connection, and the particular relationship of this fourth Path to humanity, the fourth kingdom in nature, but little can be communicated to the general public. I may, however, tell you certain things which may make your imaginative rangings (if I may use so strange a phrase) creatively profitable to you.

This great Sun which is to our solar Logos what the Monad is to the spiritual man, has a peculiar part to play where our Earth is concerned. It might be considered by those with a sound sense of occult proportion that our tiny planet with its planetary Logos (one of the "imperfect Gods" of *The Secret Doctrine*) would be too small to enter in the slightest way into the consciousness of that Supreme Illumined Entity Who is greater even than our Solar Logos.

Such, however, is the case. There is a relationship of very ancient date between our Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, and the Lord of **Sirius**, and this exists in spite of the fact that our planet is not a sacred planet. It might be added that our planet is, in the immediate cycle, owing to the factors I have lately considered with you, rapidly passing out of this category, and on the inner planes and subjectively considered is a sacred planet; the effects of this transition from non-sacred to sacred have not fully demonstrated themselves objectively. The mystery of this relationship *is* partially revealed at one of the higher initiations and it is then realized by the initiates that there is a good and adequate reason for the relation and that the following esoteric events, relations and happenings are simply consequences:

1. The majority of liberated humanity, and therefore a large number of the initiates who have to make decision, choose this way to the cosmic center.

2. The relationship as it expresses itself is between the Hierarchy and **Sirius**, and not between Shamballa and that stupendous Sun. The energy evoked in response to this relationship enters the Hierarchy via the Heart of the Sun, creating as a consequence a triangle of spiritual energy of enormous potency. You have, therefore:

Sirius

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The Hierarchy * * Heart of the Sun

3. As progress is made in the course of taking the higher initiations, it becomes apparent to the initiate that two major streams of energy enter our planetary life:

a. A stream of energy coming from the cosmic mental plane and from that focal point which is to Sanat Kumara what the egoic lotus, the soul, is to the spirit man; it carries the life principle of our planet and centers itself in Shamballa. From there it is dispersed throughout all forms upon the planet and we call it LIFE. It must be remembered that this life principle embodies or is impregnated with the will and purpose

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

is the true "Blue Lodge," and to become a candidate in that Lodge, the initiate of the third degree has to become a lowly aspirant, with all the true and full initiations awaiting him "within the sunshine of the major Sun."

7. None of the above facts indicates divergence of view between Shamballa and the Hierarchy, nor do they signify cleavage or differing aims and goals. The whole subject is reflected in such minor relations on Earth as those between:

- a. The Spiritual Triad and the Personality.
- b. The mental unit and the manasic permanent atom.
- c. Atma-Buddhi.
- d. The Christ and the Buddha.

The above somewhat uncorrelated items of information will give you a general idea of the significant connection between our unimportant little planet and that vast expression of divinity, the Life which is manifesting through **Sirius**; it is an expression which is organized and vital beyond anything man can vision and which is free to a completely unlimited extent, again beyond the power of man to comprehend. The principle of freedom is a leavening energy which can permeate substance in a unique manner; this divine principle represents an aspect of the influence which **Sirius** exerts on our solar system and particularly on our planet. This principle of freedom is one of the attributes of Deity (like will, love and mind) of which humanity knows as yet little. The freedom for which men fight is one of the lowest aspects of this cosmic freedom, which is related to certain great evolutionary developments that enable the life or spirit aspect to free itself from the impact, the contact and the influence of substance.

It is the principle of freedom which enables Sanat Kumara to dwell on the Earth and yet stand free from all contacts, except with Those Who have trodden the Path of Liberation and now stand free upon the cosmic physical plane; it is that which enables the initiate to achieve a state of "isolated unity"; it is that which lies behind the Spirit of Death and forms the motivating power of that great releasing Agency; it is that which provides a "pathway of power"

between our Hierarchy and the distant sun, **Sirius**, and gives the incentive towards the "culture of freedom" or of liberation which motivates the work of the Masters of the Wisdom; it is that which produced the ferment and the vortex of conflict in far distant ages and which has been recognized in the present through the results of the Law of Evolution in every kingdom in nature; this is that which "substands" or lies under or behind all progress. This mysteriously "exerted influence," this "pulling away" from form (as we might simply call it), emanates from **Sirius** and for it we have no name; it is the law of which the three cosmic laws--the Laws of Synthesis, of Attraction and of Economy--are only aspects. None of these three subsidiary laws imposes any rule or limitation upon the Lord of the World. The Law of Freedom, however, does impose certain restrictions, if one can use such a paradoxical phrase. It is responsible for His being known as the "Great Sacrifice," for (under the control of this law) He created our planetary life and all that is within and upon it, in order to learn to wield this law with full understanding, in full consciousness, and yet at the same time to bring release to the myriad forms of His creation.

The Law of Economy affects humanity as a whole today throughout every phase of its life; the Law of Attraction is beginning to gain some control, particularly in the work which the Hierarchy undertakes to do; and many initiates and senior disciples are becoming aware of the significance of the Law of Synthesis and are reacting to its impact. Later on, when moving to one of the seven Paths, the Master will work with the Law of Freedom. This is not, as you may well surmise, its true name, for in the last analysis, freedom and liberation are *effects* of its activity. This unique and mysterious law governs the Life and the Lives upon **Sirius**, and it is to that unknown "sphere of functioning and intelligent activity" what the Law of Economy is to our planet--the lowest of the laws controlling existence in planetary form.

This Law of Economy includes, as you know from my earlier writings, many lesser or subsidiary laws; it might therefore be stated that this Law of Freedom also does the

same. Until more divine attributes are realized as existing and recognized as aspects, it is not possible for the name of the law which embodies the Law of Freedom to be given, for there is no word in our language adequately available. The above information will, however, link **Sirius** and our little planet, the Earth, in your minds.

Masonry, as originally instituted far back in the very night of time and long ante-dating the Jewish dispensation, was organized under direct **Sirian** influence and modeled as far as possible on certain **Sirian** institutions and bearing a slight resemblance also to our hierarchical life--as seen in the light of the Eternal Now. Its "Blue Lodge" with its three degrees is related to the three major groups of Lives on **Sirius**, for there are there no kingdoms of nature, such as we possess; these groups receive all Those Who choose the fourth Path, and train Them in the mode of existence and the type of livingness which is found on **Sirius**. This will make it plain to you that the least developed of the **Sirian** Lives are--from our standpoint--all of Them initiates of very high degree. Masonry is, therefore, connected in a peculiar way with the fourth Path. Down the ages, the Masonic tradition has been preserved, changing its nomenclature from time to time, reinterpreting its Words of Power, and consequently getting further and further removed from its original beauty and intent.

The time has now come, under cyclic law and in preparation for the New Age, for certain changes to be worked by Masons with spiritual understanding. The present Jewish coloring of Masonry is completely out of date and has been preserved far too long, for it is today either Jewish or Christian and should be neither. The Blue Lodge degrees are entirely Jewish in phrasing and wording, and this should be altered. The Higher Degrees are predominantly Christian, though permeated with Jewish names and words. This too should end. This Jewish coloring is today one of the main hindrances to the full expression of Masonic intention and should be changed, whilst preserving the facts and detail and structure of the Masonic symbolism intact. Whatever

form the new nomenclature will take (and this change will inevitably come) that too will pass away after due service rendered. Thus the cyclic transformation will proceed until such time as the bulk of humanity, standing upon the fourth Path, will pass through the initiatory process on **Sirius**, of which our E. . . A. . . degree is a faint reflection.

5. *The Ray Path*

The history of evolution upon the Earth, from the angle of humanity is one of progress, emphatic revolutionary decisions and climaxing crises. Without such a history we should not realize the progress made and the steady though gradual growth of sensitive response to environment, to contact and to impressions--mental and spiritual. The history of evolution is in reality and from the occult point of view the history of the freeing of the spirit by the mode of steadily developing forms which--in orderly unfoldment and at the demand of spirit--meet its requirements in any particular cycle and at every stage of growth, consequent upon the response of substance to spiritual impact and impression.

This impact and this impression relate to the bringing together of substance and spirit, of form and matter, and is also closely connected with the cyclic appearance of the rays, with their varying ray influences, qualities and *intentions*, for they all contribute to the evolutionary process as they cycle in and out of manifested expression. It should be recognized that each ray Lord, whilst following His own path of development, has certain qualities to express and certain aspects of life to unfold and manifest. The effect of these intentions of the ray Lords or Lives upon our planet is, from Their angle, purely incidental and takes place without planning, being due to definite cyclic, circulatory and cosmic activities wherein They are eternally engaged. Their intention and purposes are not therefore in any way related to humanity--a fact which men are apt to forget.

It is, however, with these ray intentions that the Initiate of the sixth degree is occupied when He passes on to the fifth or Ray Path. His decision and the intention of the ray

effected in the following way:

The initiates upon Path I "fight their way" on to Path VI.

The initiates upon Path II "alchemize themselves" on to Path VII.

The initiates upon Path III through "piercing the veil" find Themselves upon Path V.

This leaves Path IV to be accounted for. Upon this Path pass all those who, through devotion and activity combined, achieve the goal but who lack as yet the full development of the manasic principle. This being the solar system of love-wisdom or of astral-buddhic development, the fourth Path includes the larger number of the sons of men. In the Hierarchy of our planet the "Lords of Compassion" are numerically greater than the "Masters of the Wisdom." The former must therefore pass to the sun **Sirius** there to undergo a tremendous manasic stimulation, for **Sirius** is the emanating source of manas. There the mystic must go and become what is called "a spark of mahatic electricity."

These seven Paths are not concerned with nature or the balancing of the pairs of opposites. They are concerned only with unity, with that which utilizes the pairs of opposites as factors in the production of LIGHT.

PATH I. EARTH SERVICE

Attributes.....Wise compassion.

Source.....Constellation of the Dragon, via Libra.

Method.....Twelve cosmic Identifications.

Hierarchy.....The sixth.

Symbol.....A green dragon issuing from the center of a blazing sun. Behind the sun and overtopping it can be seen two pillars on either side of a closed door.

Quality gained....Luminosity.

PATH II. PATH OF MAGNETIC WORK

Attributes.....Responsiveness to heat and knowledge of rhythm.

Source.....An unknown constellation, via Gemini.

Method.....The entering of the burning ground.

Hierarchy.....The third and fourth.

Symbol.....A funeral pyre, four torches, and a fivefold star mounting towards the sun.

Quality gained....Electrical velocity.

PATH III. PATH OF TRAINING FOR PLANETARY LOGOI

Attributes.....Cosmic vision, deva hearing and psychic correlation.

Source.....Betelgeuse, via the sign Sagittarius.

Hierarchy.....The fifth.

Method.....Prismatic identification.

Symbol.....A colored cross with a star at the center and backed by a blazing sun, surmounted by a Sensa Word.

Quality gained....Cosmic etheric vision or septenary clairvoyance.

PATH IV. THE PATH TO SIRIUS

Attributes.....Cosmic rapture and rhythmic bliss.

Source.....**Sirius** via the Sun which veils a zodiacal sign.

Hierarchy.....Veiled by the numbers 14 and 17.

Method.....Duplex rotary motion and rhythmic dancing upon the square.

Symbol.....Two wheels of electric fire, revolving around an orange Cross, with an emerald at the center.

Quality gained....Unrevealed.

PATH V. THE RAY PATH

Attributes.....A sense of cosmic direction.

Source.....The Pole Star via Aquarius.

Hierarchy.....The first and the second.

Method.....A process of electrical insulation and the imprisonment of polar magnetism.

Symbol.....Five balls of fire enclosed within a sphere. Sphere is formed of a serpent inscribed with the mantram of insulation.

Quality gained....Cosmic stability and magnetic equilibrium.

PATH VI. THE PATH OF THE SOLAR LOGOS

Not given.....Not given.

PATH VII. THE PATH OF ABSOLUTE SONSHIP

Not given.....Not given.

Initiation IX. Refusal. Freedom from all possible forms of enticement, particularly with reference to the *higher* planes. It must constantly be remembered (and hence my constant reiteration) that our seven planes are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane.

This goal of freedom is in reality the main incentive to tread the Path of Return. One of the most spiritually exciting things taking place in the world today is the use, in every country, of the word FREEDOM; it was that great disciple, F.D. Roosevelt, who "anchored" the word in a new and more universal sense. It now has a fuller and deeper meaning to humanity.

Initiation III. The Transfiguration

There is no need for me to enter into the symbolic details anent this initiation. The whole theme is adequately dealt with in a book written by A.A.B. entitled *From Bethlehem to Calvary*--a book to which I gave my approval and endorsement as presenting the subject of the five initiations in a form suitable for the Christian West. I would like to recall to you the fact that this third initiation is in reality the first of the major initiations and is so regarded by the emanating Source of our planetary Logos, Sanat Kumara, and in the two great planetary centers, Shamballa and the Hierarchy. I refer to that stupendous Source of our entire planetary life, the sun **Sirius**, and to the Lodge of Divine Beings Who work from this heavenly Center.

The first two initiations--regarded simply as initiations of the threshold--are experiences which have prepared the body of the initiate for the reception of the terrific voltage of this third initiation. This voltage is passed through the body of the initiate under the direction of the planetary Logos, before Whom the initiate stands for the first time. The Rod of Initiation is used as the transferring agent. The second initiation freed the initiate from the astral

understanding of occult, scientific knowledge. He works then as a scientist, and for this reason all the three key-notes of his life as an initiate--before and immediately after the third initiation--are conditioned by and directed by the mind; the mental plane becomes the field of his major endeavor as a server.

Again you see that I am presenting you with no glamorous picture of the initiatory process but only one of hard work, constant effort and strenuous mental and spiritual living. There is much here for you to consider, and what I have here given warrants sound reflection and much thought. It is my earnest hope and wish that you may realize that the teaching here given can be appropriated by you and that the initiatory process is one that eventually you will understand and in which you will participate.

Initiation IV. The Great Renunciation or Crucifixion

This initiation of renunciation (called "The Crucifixion" by Christian believers) is so familiar to the majority of people that I am hard put to it to say that which will arrest your attention, and thus offset a familiarity which necessarily lessens the importance of the theme in your consciousness. The idea of crucifixion is associated in your minds with death and torture, whereas neither concept underlies the true meaning. Let us consider some of the significances connected with this fourth initiation.

The sign of the Cross--associated in the Western world with this initiation and with the Christian faith--is in reality a cosmic symbol, long ante-dating the Christian era. It is one of the major signs to be found in the consciousness of Those advanced Beings Who, from the distant sun, **Sirius**, the seat of the true Great White Lodge, watch over the destinies of our solar system, but Who pay particular attention (why They do so is not yet revealed) to our relatively little and apparently unimportant planet, the Earth.

The word "crucifixion" comes from two Latin words signifying to "fix on a cross" (I have asked A.A.B. to look this word up in the dictionary so that you can have a sense

of surety). The cross referred to in reference to this particular initiation is the *Cardinal Cross of the heavens*. It is to this cross that the disciple shifts at the fourth initiation, from the *Fixed Cross of the heavens*. This fixed cross is the one on which he has been crucified from the moment he found himself upon the Path of Probation and passed from thence on to the Path of Discipleship. On that Path--having transcended the world of phenomena and established an unbroken contact with the Monad, via the antahkarana--he renounces the *Mutable Cross of existence in the three worlds* (the world of appearances), and after a period of time he transfers from that cross on to the Fixed Cross, which is set up in the World of meaning where he has steadily learnt to dwell. This covers the period of the first three initiations. Now, being liberated through renunciation, he needs no longer to undergo the tests, trials, and difficulties which crucifixion on the Fixed Cross inevitably entails; he can now take his place upon the Cardinal Cross, with all its cosmic implications and opportunities which are then conferred. This--as far as the individual is concerned--is necessarily symbolic and figurative in its teaching. As far as the Heavenly Man is concerned, however, the application is not symbolic. It is far more factual. From the angle of the supreme Masters on **Sirius**, our planetary Logos, Sanat Kumara, is still on the Fixed Cross; He mounted the Mutable Cross in the first solar system; the Fixed Cross still holds Him in this solar system "fixed in His place"; in the next solar system, He will transfer Himself to the Cardinal Cross, and from "thence return to that High Place from whence He came." You can see, therefore, why I emphasize the fact that these three crosses are simply symbols of experience in relation to the individual disciple. Let us consider this a little more closely:

1. *The Mutable Cross* governs the three worlds and the astral plane in particular. On this cross the average man is "crucified" until he achieves the needed experience and consciously reorients himself to another phase of unfoldment.

during the next fifty years (though with lessening effects of discomfort, if right attitude is assumed) can also be related to these three words. I do not wish you to infer that mankind is, in fact, undergoing these initiatory experiences. The renunciation is being *imposed* by circumstances and is not a free undertaking; the moving onward is the result of a somewhat inchoate and uncontrolled momentum and is not the effort of a liberated soul. The revelation which is to come will be the result of hierarchical activity, focused through the Christ, though not presented by His coming; it will come as a result of His work and hierarchical activity.

All these initiations have their lower correspondences, and the one we are to consider at this time is no exception; all of them can appeal to the aspirant as embodying for him some immediate goal, but the concept is only preparatory in its nature; this can be illustrated by pointing out that the Great Renunciation becomes possible because, for many lives, the disciple has learnt to renounce and--when treading the Path of Initiation--to renounce *consciously* and with a formulated purpose. In the same manner, the sixth Initiation of Decision also becomes possible because the initiate has, since his affiliation with the Hierarchy, learnt to make right choice, and his ability to do that emerges out of his effort whilst on the Probationary Path and on the earlier stages of the Path of Discipleship to make correct choices and spiritually motivated decisions. I am pointing this out because, as we now begin to study the final four initiations (which are far beyond the understanding of even the advanced disciple), it will not be waste of time; in spite of a lack of true comprehension, qualities and attributes and certain needed lessons will be indicated to the true aspirant, and these he can *now* begin to develop.

I would like first of all to point out that the sixth initiation is to the Master Who stands before the planetary Logos what the second initiation is to the disciple; the fifth Initiation of Revelation and the sixth Initiation of Decision are the higher correspondences to the first two initiations which are regarded by the Lodge on **Sirius** as initiations of the

all activity conferring that spiritual sensory perception which makes the initiate aware--in a universal sense--of all that concerns the sphere of influence of the Will of God. This demonstrates particularly at the eighth Initiation of Transition. In the ninth Initiation of Refusal, this heightened spiritual perception is presented to us under the word "Existence," for existence is a livingness coupled with awareness which "finds its own place and the spiritual house of its Being which is the true home of all Beings, but of this--our planetary forms know naught." This the initiate has at last learnt to find, after the struggle with evil in himself, after the struggle with materialism and with evil in the human family, and after his struggle to aid in the "closing of the door where evil dwells" and his refusal to make any contact (even with good intention) with cosmic evil.

The planetary Lodge of Masters has absorbed Him and, at the final initiation, the Great Lodge on *Sirius* has recognized Him and with the Black Lodge of Adepts He will have nothing to do. He will mitigate its evil effects and will struggle to offset its results, but He knows that the final overcoming of cosmic physical evil must be undertaken by Existences much further advanced than even the Members of the Council Chamber at Shamballa; certain solar Entities and certain great Lives from *Sirius* are dealing with the problem.

The theme of the living consciousness of the planetary Logos is forever and unchangeably the great Hierarchy of Being, that chain of life in which the smallest link is of importance, and the greatest link is related to the smallest through the electrical interplay of spiritual energy. There is naught--from one important angle of life--but Hierarchy, linking sun with sun, star with star, solar system with solar system, planet with planet and all planetary lives with each other. The major keynote of every single planetary initiation, even to the very highest, is RELATIONSHIP. What other qualities may be revealed to the Initiate on other paths we know not, but the goal of all endeavor upon our planet is right relations between man and man

FIVE GREAT SPIRITUAL EVENTS

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You (A.A.B.) have asked me what I considered the most important and significant events from the spiritual angle at this present time. This question highlights a theme which is exceedingly apposite, following as it does upon what I have just given anent the Great Renunciation (see pages 602-614) and its consequent revelation or (as the Christian churches call them) the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. The Christian resurrection is, however--from the angle of the great Lodge on *Sirius*--only a minor one and a passing resurrection, though the revelation subsequently accorded is lasting and permanent in its effects.

There are five great spiritual events in which all humanity is today sharing, and two which will take place later, when the first five have established their lasting effects.

These events are based upon a forced and not upon a spontaneous renunciation (as is the case in the true experience of the Renunciation Initiation); they will lead nevertheless to a revelation which is imminent in its dawning and which will confront humanity before so very long.

The war of 1914-1945 is over; its aftermath of suffering, famine, selfish reactions, suspicion and unseemly struggle for supremacy is equally as bad as the past war; the effects are more lasting, because the war has been largely transferred to the mental plane. The physical effects of war are far more easily obliterated than are the mental effects. The great question with which the Hierarchy is today faced is: Will the race of men succeed in renouncing their present material objectives and so prepare the way for a great revelation? The Coming of the Christ Himself is *not* the revelation which is to be accorded, but He will simplify the thinking of men so that a widespread illumination and