

member very carefully that the seven chains of a scheme are the expression of a planetary Logos. The Heavenly Men are expressing Themselves through a scheme of seven chains and the emphasis has been laid unduly, perhaps, upon the dense physical planet in any particular chain. This has caused the fact of the *chain* importance to be somewhat overlooked. Each of the seven chains might be looked upon as picturing the seven centers of one of the Heavenly Men. The idea of groups of Egos forming centers in the Heavenly Men is nevertheless correct, but in this connection the reference is to the centers of force on buddhic and monadic levels.⁸⁸

Some of their names and qualities.

- a. The seven planetary Logoi, or the seven Spirits before the throne.
 - b. The seven Kumaras S. D., III, 59, 327.
 - c. Seven solar deities S. D., I, 114; I, 228; II, 92, 257.
 - d. The primordial seven. S. D., I, 116.
 - e. The seven Builders S. D., I, 152, 153.
 - f. Seven intellectual Breaths. . . S. D., II, 332, note.
 - g. The seven Manus S. D., I, 488.
 - h. The Flames S. D., II, 258.
- They came from previous kalpas . . . S. D., II, 99.
Their nature is knowledge and love. .S. D., II, 275; S. D., II, 619.

The seven sacred planets are:

1. Saturn 2. Jupiter.
3. Mars 4. Sun (substitute for another).
5. Venus 6. Mercury.
7. Moon (substitute for another).

Neptune and Uranus are not here enumerated, nor **Vulcan**.

The orbit of Neptune includes apparently the entire ring-pass-not.

Vulcan is within the orbit of Mercury.

Each one of the Heavenly Men manifests through a chain of seven globes.

All the seven Logoi influence a chain, but one of Them is the incarnating Entity. They influence:

- a. Some globe in chain. . . b. Some plane c. Some round.
- d. Some world period . . . e. Some rootrace f. Some subrace.
- g. Some branch race h. Some group i. Some human unit.

⁸⁸In the *Secret Doctrine*, the Sons of Mind are spoken of as flames. In

Stanza VII, 4, "These are the three-tongued flame of the four wicks. The wicks are the sparks, that draw from the three tongued flame shot out by the seven flames. The spark hangs from the flame by the finest thread of Fohat."

embodies. It became geometrically linked with two other centers, of which Venus was one, and logoi Kundalini--circulating with tremendous force through this adjusted Triangle--brought about that intensification of vibration in the human family which resulted in individualization. We might here enumerate the schemes as a basis for our further work:

The seven planets, centers, or schemes:

1. **Vulcan** (the sun, exoterically considered).
2. Venus.
3. Mars.
4. Earth.
5. Mercury.
6. Jupiter.
7. Saturn.

The three synthesizing planets:

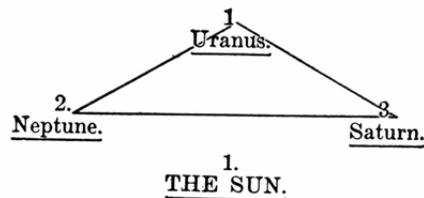
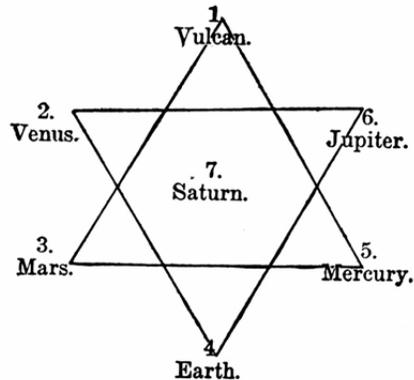
1. Uranus.
2. Neptune.
3. Saturn.

The One Resolver.

The SUN.

I would caution you here against attaching any importance to the sequence followed in numbering these seven schemes, either in connection with their order of development or importance or their position in relation to the central planet, the sun, or to each other. Only two are to be considered numerically accurate *at this stage and in this round*, i.e., our Earth, the fourth scheme, and Venus, the second. Venus is either the second or the sixth scheme, according to whether the schemes are counted mystically or occultly. Inversely, Jupiter will be either the second or the sixth, and it must be remembered that:

- a. The planets Venus and Jupiter are exceedingly closely connected with the Earth, and form eventually an esoteric triangle.
- b. Saturn is the synthesizing scheme for the four planets which embody manas purely and simply, or is the major resolution of the minor four, and eventually for all the seven.



- c. Mercury, the star of the intuition, or of transmuted manas, is, at this stage, considered as the fifth scheme.

Therefore, the Heavenly Men of Venus and Jupiter are magnetically linked with the Heavenly Man of our scheme. The relationship of the Logos of Jupiter and His influence will not be realized nor felt until the sixth

Brahma aspect is fivefold and, with the Vishnu aspect, makes the six, or the pentagon, having Mahadeva or Will in the center of all manifestation.

Second. This fivefold Brahma aspect or the five Kumaras, are in full manifestation, and, with the reflection of the other two aspects, make the seven of our manifested system.

Third. Mercury and Venus are in process of transmutation, and the manasic principle in both these schemes, having reached a high stage of development, is being transmuted into Love-Wisdom. When three fifths of the units (deva and human) that go to the composition of the vehicles of any planetary Logos are entering upon the Path, then the process of transmutation is entered upon. The faculty of MIND is then an instrument for creative use, and not the "slayer of the real," and a barrier to the free life of the Spirit.

Again, it must be noted that Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and **Vulcan** are as yet developing manas, and the stage achieved in each varies, and is not for exoteric publication. The Heavenly Men of these schemes have not yet succeeded in bringing Their bodies to the stage where transmutation on a large scale is possible. They are approaching it, and when the necessary three fifths is reached, then They will begin to transmute on a larger scale. The Earth scheme has about one fifth in process of transmutation in one or other of the globes at this time and **Vulcan** has very nearly two fifths.

We might here point out that though we are concerned primarily with manas in the *human* cells in the body of a planetary Logos, yet we must remember that the deva units in some schemes preponderate. Although from the standpoint of a human being the devas are in no way considered as coming under the influence of manas, as we understand it, yet from another angle they are manas itself, the active creative force, the fifth and the sixth

enmeshed at its densest point, and it works at this time in line with the seventh law. In a mysterious way this law is the reverse side of the first or the Law of Vibration. It is **Vulcan** and Neptune in opposition, which is as yet an almost incomprehensible thing for us. The densest form of expression on the physical plane is after all but a form of synthesis; just as the rarest form of expression on the highest plane is but unity or synthesis of a finer kind. One is the synthesis of matter, and the other the synthesis of life.

This law governs the seventh chain in each scheme; each chain having achieved the fullest expression possible in the scheme, comes under the Law of Death, and obscuration and disintegration supervenes. In a cosmic sense and analogy, it is the law that governs the coming in of pralaya at the end of a system. It is the law that shatters the cross of the cosmic Christ, and places the form of the Christ within the tomb for a period of time.

The Principle of Mutation. In concluding the above information about the laws, it is needful that we all recognize the extreme danger of dogmatizing about these matters, and the risk of laying down hard and fast rules. Much must remain unexplained and untouched, and much also will serve to raise only questions in our minds. Comprehension is as yet impossible. Until fourth-dimensional sight is ours, it will scarcely be possible for us to do more than hint at, and get a passing vision of, the complexity and the interweaving in the system. It is not easy for us to do more than grip as a mental concept the fact that the rays, schemes, planets, chains, rounds, races and laws form a unit; seen from the angle of human vision the confusion seems unimaginable, and the key of its solution to be so hidden as to be useless; yet, seen from the angle of logoc sight,

incarnation in order to carry out a special piece of work. This round will provide no bodies adequate to their need. The next round may do so if the plans proceed as anticipated. In this case the Manasadevas concerned will not individualize animal men as in the previous round, but will stimulate the mental germ in those members of the present human family who--as H. P. B. says--though apparently men, are without the spark of mind.⁴⁰ During the next seven hundred years, these low aboriginal races will practically die out and will not--in this round--reincarnate. They will be *rejected*. In the next round opportunity will again occur, and the Manasadevas will again renew their work of forming individualistic nuclei for the development of self-consciousness. The Egos awaiting opportunity will not, of course, enter in until the human type of that era is sufficiently refined for their purpose. They are concerned with the unfoldment of the sixth petal of the logoc egoic Lotus, and are of such a nature that we can scarcely conceive of them. They are on the line of the Buddhas of Activity, but the above named are free for this mahamanvantara, whereas these particular Egos have yet somewhat to work out. They could only "come in" in the middle of the fifth round, and were a group of initiates who arrested their own evolution (technically speaking) in order to take up a special piece of work on the planet **Vulcan**; therefore, they must return to continue and complete that which has been left undone. Owing to the results of their experience on **Vulcan**, the physical vehicles necessitated is of such an order that they could not at this time, and in this round, incarnate without disaster.

Individualization in the next round will begin to show indications of the third method,--that of the next system.

⁴⁰Such are the Vedddhas of Ceylon, the Bushman of Australia, and certain of the lowest of the African races.

See S.D.,II,206,300,439.

(who caused the individualization of animal man on this planet), to other and previous cycles of evolution, and why we have only dealt with them from the point of view of a mahamanvantara, and of a kalpa. The reason we have not considered specifically the group of Agnishvattas, Kumaras and Rudras connected with the Earth has been because we have handled the entire subject from the planetary standpoint, and not from that of the human family. The student who seeks detailed information as to the Agnishvattas of the Earth chain has but to study the *Secret Doctrine*. We have attempted to carry the thought of the student beyond his own tiny sphere to the consideration of the work of the Manasadevas in the solar system. In every scheme They have Their place, but in some--as in the Jupiter scheme--They are just beginning Their work, and in others--as in the **Vulcan** and Venus schemes--Their work is nearly completed. Venus is in her last round, and has nearly developed her fourth kingdom to perfection, or as much as it is possible in the system. In the Earth scheme, They are in full tide of work, and only in the next round will They demonstrate the height of Their activity. They pass cyclically through the schemes and under Law--the Law of Karma for the planetary Logos, for They are essentially concerned with His Life as it actuates His centers. They come into a scheme on a wave of manasic energy from the head center of the Logos, and in the process of passing through his heart center three things occur:

1. They become differentiated into seven groups.
2. They direct Themselves as streams of energy to some particular scheme.
3. Their contact with a scheme is that which produces the manifestation of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, and leads to the Monads taking form in the three worlds

this is accomplished by means of the material furnished by the lower self. When that lower Personality becomes gradually radioactive, these radiations are attracted to the positive ego and are absorbed into its nature through the activity of the solar Angels.

These three activities are the main work of the solar Pitris where man is concerned. Where the group, and not the individual, is concerned, their work lies along the line of adjusting the egoic units in their groups, and of making them group conscious but this is only possible towards the final stages of evolution when the work of the highest group of Agnishvattas is in order. The middle group who form the nine petals are always the most active. They work in connection with the lower group who are the direct transmitters of energy to the atomic triangle, receiving it from the middle group. More of their work it is not possible to detail, for the work of the Agnishvattas is vast and intricate and differs also in the various schemes in certain particulars. Those who are working in the Uranus, the Neptune, and the Saturn scheme work somewhat differently to those functioning in the Venus, the **Vulcan**, the Mars, the Mercury, the Jupiter, the Earth and the exoteric Saturn scheme, and so do the Manasadevas of the inner round. We should note here that we again have a triplicity of groups, representing a triplicity of force, and herein lies a hint. In the central list of schemes the middle and lower group of Agnishvattas are active. In the others the higher group and middle group hold sway as these planets are the most occult and sacred in manifestation, and are concerned only with egos who are on the Path, and who are therefore group-active. In connection with Uranus, Neptune and Saturn, this might be expected as they are the synthesizing planetary schemes, and provide conditions suitable only for the very advanced stages. They are the "reaping" planets.

force," and its graduates wield the power of cosmic etheric prana.

EARTH--The School of Magnetic Response. Another name given to its pupils is "The graduates of painful endeavor" or the "adjudicators between the polar opposites."

A further hint to be taken in connection with the two names above given, is that its graduates are said to undergo examination upon the third subplane of the astral plane.

VULCAN--The School for Fiery Stones. There is a curious connection between the human units who pass through its halls and the mineral kingdom. The human units on the earth scheme are called in mystical parlance "the living stones"; on **Vulcan** they are called "fiery stones."

JUPITER--The School of Beneficent Magicians. This planet is sometimes called in the parlance of the schools, the "College of Quadruple Force units," for its members wield four kinds of force in *constructive* magical work. Another name given to its halls is "The Palace of Opulence" for its graduates work with the Law of Supply, and are frequently called "The Sowers."

MERCURY--The pupils in this planetary school are called "The Sons of Aspiration" or "The Points of Yellow Life." They have a close connection with our Earth scheme, and the old Commentary refers to this in the words:

"The points of golden flame merge and blend with the four-leaved plant of tender green, and change its color to a tinge of autumn yellow. The four-leaved plant through new and fresh

noisy self-assertion of the United States which leads them to regard their country as the hope of the world have in reality little to choose between them and are all equally indicative of personality control. This is, as you know, a thing to be overcome in all nations and individuals.

Governing Great Britain, therefore, are the following energies, working through the zodiacal signs and the ruling planets:

GREAT BRITAIN

1. Gemini—with its rulers, Mercury, Venus and the Earth. } Nation.
2. Taurus—with its rulers, Venus and Vulcan. }
3. Leo—with its ruler, the Sun. }
4. Libra—with its rulers, Venus, Uranus and Saturn. } Capital.
5. The soul ray—Love-wisdom. 2nd.
6. The personality ray—Will or Power. 1st.
7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming via the planetary rulers:
 - a. Ray 4.--Harmony through conflict, via Mercury, leading to a definite link with Germany (as a study of the earlier tabulation will show). It accounts for the warlike history of Great Britain, but works out at the present time in the harmony of the empire.
 - b. Ray 5.--Concrete Knowledge or Science, via Venus. It is interesting to note that it is this ray which links Great Britain so closely with France and appears nowhere among the influences which affect the German nation. Venus rules Taurus

and Libra as well as Gemini and hence the well developed lower concrete mind of the British nation. The intuitive mind however needs development.

- c. Ray 3.--Active Intelligence or Adaptability, via the Earth and also via the planet Saturn as it appears among the rulers of Libra. Here you have the clue as to why the British Empire covers the Earth, for there is a close connection between the Earth, as a whole, and Great Britain. It links Great Britain also with the third ray personality of France.
- d. Ray 1.--Will or Power, via the planet **Vulcan**. There is in the first ray--as it expresses itself through **Vulcan**--very little of the Destroyer aspect as there is in the planetary influence of Pluto, another agent of the first ray. Again you find in this ruler of Great Britain's Taurian personality, a link with the first ray German, personality. It accounts also for the forging of the chains which tie the Empire together, making it a unity through the will of the people.
- e. Ray 2.--Love-wisdom, via the Sun, the ruler of Leo which governs the soul of London, and which is also a channel for the soul force of the British empire which is essentially that of love-wisdom when given real expression and not controlled and dominated by the Libra influence.
- f. Ray 7.--Ceremonial Order or Organized Ritual, reaching our planet via Uranus and giving to the empire its grounded physical plane control over place and circumstance, its legal fundamentals, in cooperation with Libra, and its love of order and

ITALY

1. Leo—with its ruler, the Sun.
2. Sagittarius—with its rulers, Jupiter, the Earth and Mars. } Nation.
3. Taurus—with its rulers, Venus and Vulcan. } Capital.
4. Leo—with its ruler, the Sun.
5. Soul ray—Ideals, Devotion. 6th.
- 6.¹ Personality. Harmony through conflict. 4th.
7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming through the planetary rulers :
 - a. Ray 2.--Love-wisdom, via the Sun and Jupiter. This again relates Italy to the second ray soul of Great Britain and tends to a basic understanding. I would here point out that in this second ray influence it is the wisdom aspect more than the love aspect which is dominant. Love is in reality, understanding wisdom in active expression.
 - b. Ray 3.--Active Intelligence, via the Earth. It was this Earth influence which, in the past, gave Italy her world dominion and which swayed the Italian personality towards the thought of another worldwide empire.
 - c. Ray 6.--Devotion and Idealism, via Mars. I would remind you that the soul ray of Italy is also the sixth ray. You have, therefore, the influence of Mars dominating Italian and Roman history, and it is this martian tendency which lay at the base of the German Italian axis. It, however, is *not* today the controlling factor.
 - d. Ray 5.--Concrete Knowledge or Science, via Venus. This influence is also dominant in Great

Britain and again closely relates the two countries. Of this there is one curious little instance, which demonstrates an almost uniform working of this scientific bent for the good of the entire world (Venus in relation with Jupiter). That is the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell and the development of the radio by Marconi.

- e. Ray 1.--Will or Power, via **Vulcan**, the forger and the worker in metals whose influence in this case closely associates itself with the undeveloped aspect of the Leonian influence.

In the above hints you may find much that is explanatory and much that will clarify British-Italian relations. The destinies of the two countries are closely allied and together they can potently affect the German race and influence it towards a better adjustment to life and a wiser discrimination. It will require the backing of France, when the soul of that country controls.

We will just look at the controlling factors in one other country, the United States of America, and indicate the influences working at this time which are in process of bringing to an end the adolescent stage in that country and enabling it to come forth in full maturity.

This vast land is ruled by Gemini, linking it therefore closely with Great Britain and also by Aquarius as the ruler of its soul ray. This combination of a sixth ray personality, ruled by Gemini, and a second ray soul (as has Great Britain), ruled by Aquarius, is potent for future power and usefulness. The capital city, Washington, is ruled by Cancer and Sagittarius, and it is this fact which leads the United States to act like the Crab (Cancer) and be preoccupied with its own house which it carries heavily on its back and

7. Indirect influences via the planetary rulers are many, and the rays conditioning this country are consequently many, owing to the mixture of races found there. Of these influences there are eleven in all, for the Earth presents two aspects and the Moon veils both **Vulcan** and Uranus.

- a. Ray 7.--Order and Magic, via Uranus. This influence is inherited from the Atlantean world, which still rules the territorial aspect of the States, which is a remnant of old Atlantis. It is this that produces the many magical, spiritualistic and occult groups which flourish today in the States.
- b. Ray 2.--Love-wisdom, via Jupiter, thus linking the States closely with Great Britain and indirectly with France.
- c. Ray 4.--Harmony through Conflict, via the Moon, veiling in this case the planet **Vulcan**. Vulcan here "forges on his anvil, through fire and blows, that linking network which covers all the nation and makes it hold together." This ray produces the condition which brings together Germany and the States, for the fourth ray is the German soul ray and the first ray, which **Vulcan** transmits via the Moon, links the German soul and personality to the United States. Hence the vast numbers of Germans who come to the States in order to escape from the personality activity of Germany as it expresses itself through its first ray destroyer aspect.
- d. Ray 4.--I enumerate this ray for the second time because it expresses itself here through Mercury,

the Messenger, and emphasizes *the harmony aspect* in contradistinction to the conflict angle which the Moon and **Vulcan** together have precipitated.

It is the Moon-**Vulcan** relation which produces the political conflict which always rages in the States.

- e. Ray 5.--Concrete Knowledge and Science, via Venus. This confers the intelligence which is so marked in the American people and will eventually determine the lines along which their education will run and their religious organizations.
- f. Ray 3.--Active Intelligence or Adaptability, via the Earth, thus 'grounding' the American people and basically making the soil their problem. Hence the prominence of agriculture in the public consciousness and the pre-occupation of the government with cotton problems, the corn belt problem and many other issues of moment.
- g. Ray 6.--Idealism or Devotion, via Mars. This greatly augments the power of the sixth ray personality of the States, thus presenting very real problems in a young people who are apt always to be fanatical and exclusive. Exclusiveness is one of the major weaknesses of the sixth ray type.
- h. Ray 4.--This influence appears, as you see, frequently, but this time it is through the Moon as it veils Uranus. This produces a conflict of a different nature than that which takes place when the Moon veils **Vulcan** or transmits the energy of the fourth ray direct. Uranus is the medium for the 7th ray and the function of its blending with the fourth, via the Moon, is to bring about a magical relationship between the many diverse na-

All the Lords of the rays create a body of expression, and thus the seven planets have come into being. These are their major expressions.

The Sun (Veiling **Vulcan**)

Jupiter

Saturn

Mercury

Venus

Mars

The Moon

The energies of these seven Lives however are not confined to their planetary expressions, but sweep around the confines of the solar system just as the life impulses of a human being -his vital forces, his desire impulses, and his mental energies- sweep throughout his body, bringing the various organs into activity and enabling him to carry out his intent to live his life, and to fulfill the objective for which he created his body of manifestation.

Each of the seven kingdoms in nature reacts to the energy of some particular ray Life. Each of the seven planes similarly reacts; each septenate in nature vibrates to one or another of the initial septenates, for the seven rays establish that process which assigns the limits of influence of all forms. They are that which determines all things, and when I use these words I indicate the necessity of Law. Law is the will of the seven Deities, making its impression upon substance in order to produce a specific intent through the method of the evolutionary process.

A. The Three Rays of Aspect.

We shall now express the ray purpose in the form of an ancient teaching preserved on leaves that are so old that the writing is slowly fading. I now translate it into modern language though much is lost thereby.

and fairies, by those with awakened vision, will come a new light upon sex and upon the function it serves in the interrelation of lives and the creation of forms. With this aspect of this deeply esoteric truth I cannot here deal, for it is the effect of activity in the solar lives of the solar system, and with these we cannot concern ourselves. It is not possible to handle the subject in such a way as to make it of constructive value to the average reader. What is not of immediate esoteric value at this time of world urgency may well be relegated to a later time.

c. THE PLANETS AND THE KINGDOMS

In the vegetable kingdom the influence of Venus is predominant, amazing as this may seem to some occult students. Venus and Jupiter together powerfully influence this world of forms.

It might be of interest to note that all the planets have a close relation to all the kingdoms, but that this relation should not be confounded with the planetary rays or with the fact that some of the planets are considered as "sacred planets" and some are not. I am here using the words "planetary influence" in the same sense as the astrologer uses them, for he is not dealing, either, with the basic planetary rays. It might be stated therefore that the planetary relations in this cycle are as follows:

1. The mineral kingdom.....Pluto and **Vulcan**.
2. The vegetable kingdom.....Venus and Jupiter.
3. The animal kingdom.....The Moon and Mars.
4. The human kingdom.....Mercury and Saturn.
5. The kingdom of souls.....Neptune and Uranus.
6. Synthesizing these five.....The Sun.

There are other planetary influences to be felt, and hidden forces likewise play upon our planetary life, but these are the

major influences bringing about the desired results in the kingdoms of nature under the Plan. It must be remembered that these are the cyclic influences dominant at this time, and that they change from cycle to cycle. For instance, a disciple who is upon the path is strongly influenced by Mercury and by Saturn, but when he begins his training for the first initiation he has to contend with the influences of Pluto and **Vulcan**; the training for the second initiation brings him under Neptunian influences, with Venus and Jupiter contending for control. The link with the vegetable kingdom is then strong, and hence the frequent recognition of "astral perfumes" which the disciple can note. Before the first initiation, the static mineral world within him has been broken up.

At the third initiation, the Moon and Mars struggle to assume ascendancy, and there is his battle-ground. Hence at the great Transfiguration, the body is "transfigured" as the indication of triumph. At the fourth initiation, Mercury and Saturn act as the great translators, and bring the disciple to the door of realization. When the final initiation is taken, it is the activity of Uranus and the in-pouring force of Jupiter that bring about the reorganization which results in the final emancipation. The vastness and complexity of the subject thus become apparent.

In the emergence of color in the vegetable kingdom another vast influence is seen, and the problem of the ray influences becomes still more complicated. In the basic color, green, we have the indication of the potency of Saturn. Esoterically speaking, the vegetable kingdom is upon an advanced stage of the path of discipleship, and hence Saturn and Mars are active. The influence of the latter planet is to be seen in the prevalence of the colors red, rose, yellow and orange in the flowers at this time.

Again, readers would find it interesting to note mentally the relation of growth to the idealism of the sixth ray. They

2. The Ray of the Planet-Earth.

Each of the seven sacred planets (of which our Earth is not one) is an expression of one of the seven ray influences. These seven planets might be enumerated as follows, and the rays working through them are accurately given. The student however must remember three things:

1. That every planet is the incarnation of a Life, of an Entity or Being.
2. That every planet, like a human being, is the expression of two ray forces,-the personality and the egoic.
3. That two rays are therefore in esoteric conflict in each planet.

I but indicate one of the rays, and I do not tell you whether it is the egoic or personality ray of the particular planetary Logos. Too much accuracy and too detailed information is not at this time good for humanity, which is yet too selfish to be entrusted with it.

THE PLANETS AND RAYS		
<i>Sacred Ray</i>		<i>Non-Sacred</i>
1. Vulcan1st ray.	1. Mars	6th ray.
2. Mercury.....4th ray.	2. Earth.....	3rd ray.
3. Venus.....5th ray.	3. Pluto	1st ray.
4. Jupiter.....2nd ray.	4. The Moon.....	4th ray.
5. Saturn.....3rd ray.		veiling a hidden planet.
6. Neptune.....6th ray.	5. The Sun.....	2nd ray.
7. Uranus.....7th ray.		veiling a hidden planet.

I deal here with the major ray cycles and not with the minor cycles. Two rays, you will note, are apparently not expressing themselves through the non sacred planets, the seventh and the fifth. There are only five non-sacred planets. But the reason which makes a planet sacred or not is one of the secrets of a certain major initiation, and I may not further

elucidate here. Suffice it to say that the sacred planets are seven in number, making a totality of twelve planetary manifestations. It will be obvious to the observant reader also that certain sacred planets and certain non-sacred planets have a close relation with each other through the rays which influence them. These are:

Ray I.....	Vulcan	Pluto.
Ray II.....	Jupiter.....	The Sun.
Ray III.....	Saturn.....	The Earth.
Ray IV.....	Mercury.....	The Moon.
Ray VI.....	Neptune.....	Mars.

These relationships will provide a somewhat new field of investigation for astrologers.

You will note therefore how peculiarly this Earth on which we live is suited to the development of the incarnating sons of God. Man comes forth, as do all lives within the radius of influence of a solar system, upon the inspiration of love, expressed in wisdom. Love is not a sentiment. Love is the great principle of attraction, of desire, of magnetic pull, and (within our solar system) that principle demonstrates as the attraction and the interplay between the pairs of opposites. This interplay provides every needed grade or type of unfoldment for consciousness. Conscious response is first made to the most potent and to the densest kind of attraction in matter, that of the mineral kingdom. Dense as it is, and heavy as is that type of vibration, it is nevertheless an expression of embryonic love. Response again comes, with greater facility and more true awareness and sensitivity, in the next kingdom, and the consciousness of the vegetable world emerges. But this too is love. It responds more freely and reacts to a far wider range of contacts in the animal kingdom, and the basic instinctual desires emerge and can be recognized. They, in due time, become the motivation of the

REFERENCES TO *THE SECRET DOCTRINE**Ray I.....Will or Power*

Planet.....	Sun, substituting for the veiled planet Vulcan.
Day.....	Sunday.
Exoteric Color.....	Orange. S.D.III. p.478.
Esoteric Color.....	Red.
Human Principle.....	Prana or life-vitality.
Divine Principle.....	The One Life. Spirit. This is regarded as a principle only when our seven planes are seen as the seven sub- planes of the cosmic physical plane.
Element.....	The Akasha. "It is written."
Instrument of Sensation...	The Light of Kundalini.
Bodily location.....	Vital airs in the skull.
Plane governed.....	The logoiic plane. Divine Purpose or Will.
Metal.....	Gold.
Sense.....	A synthetic sense, embracing all. Esoterically, this power is viewed as the life principle seated in the heart.

Ray II.....Love-Wisdom

Planet.....	Jupiter.
Day.....	Thursday.
Exoteric Color.....	Indigo with a tinge of purple.
Esoteric Color.....	Light blue. S.D.III. p.461.
Human Principle.....	The auric envelope.
Divine Principle.....	Love.
Element.....	Ether. "It is spoken." The Word.
Instrument of Sensation...	Ears. Speech. The Word.
Bodily location.....	The heart.
Plane.....	The Monadic.
Sense.....	Hearing. Esoterically, this power is the consciousness or soul principle, seated in the head.

Ray I.....	Uranus.
Ray II.....	Neptune.
Ray III.....	Saturn.

A study of this will make it apparent why Saturn is ever the stabilizer. In this present cycle, the two rays of Power and Love are directing their energies to **Vulcan** and Jupiter, whilst Saturn's attention is turned towards our planet, the Earth.

Thus we have the ten rays of perfection, the vehicles of manifestation of what H.P.B. calls, "the imperfect Gods," the planetary Logoi. See *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, where this is elaborated. Use the Index.

THE RAYS AND THE PLANES

Ray I.....	Will, dynamically applied, emerges in manifestation as power.
Ray II.....	Love, magnetically functioning, produces wisdom.
Ray III.....	Intelligence, potentially found in substance, causes activity.

THE RAYS AND THE SENSES

- Hearing.....7th Ray...Magic.....The Word of Power.
- Touch.....1st Ray...Destroyer.....The Finger of God.
- Sight.....3rd Ray...Vision.....The Eye of God.
- Taste.....6th Ray...Idealism.....The Desire of Na-
tions.
- Smell.....4th Ray...Art.....The Beauty of Reve-
lation.
- The Intellect....5th Ray...Mind.....The Knowledge of
God.
- The Intuition...2nd Ray...Love-Wisdom...Understanding of
God.

THE RAYS OF ASPECT AND OF ATTRIBUTE

The four rays of attribute, which find their synthesis in the third ray of aspect, produce the varying qualities in greater detail than do the rays of aspect. It might generally be stated that the three rays of aspect find their main expression in relation to mankind through the medium of the three periodical vehicles:

Ray I.....	Power.....Life.....Ideas....	The Monad.
Ray II.....	Love-Wisdom.....Consciousness...Ideals...	The Soul.
Ray III...	Active Intelligence...Appearance.....Idols....	The Person- ality.

body to the larger whole. This we will consider later, but I felt the necessity of calling your attention to it at this time.

Another point which should here be noted is that the influence of the moon is purely symbolic in nature and in effect and is simply the result of ancient thought and teaching (descended to us from Lemurian times) and is not based upon any true radiation or influence. In those far off times, antedating even Lemuria and constituting in Lemurian days simply an ancient tradition, the moon appeared to be a living vital entity. But I would have you bear definitely in mind that today the moon is nothing more than a dead form. It has no emanation and no radiation of any kind and, therefore, has no effect of any kind. The moon, from the angle of the esoteric knower, is simply an obstruction in space--an undesirable form which must some day disappear. In esoteric astrology, the effect of the moon is noted as a thought effect and as the result of a powerful and most ancient thoughtform; nevertheless, the moon has no quality of her own and can transmit nothing to the Earth. Let me reiterate: The moon is a dead form; it has no emanation at all. That is why the moon is spoken of in the ancient teaching as "veiling either **Vulcan** or Uranus." This hint or inference has always been here and astrologers would do well to experiment with this suggestion I have made anent the moon and (instead of working with the moon) *let them work with **Vulcan*** when dealing with the undeveloped or average man *and with Uranus* when considering the highly developed man. They would find some interesting and convincing results eventuate.

Students would also do well to remember that the twelve constellations which constitute our particular zodiac are themselves the recipients of many streams of energy coming to them from many sources. These blend and fuse with the

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...	Second Creative Hierarchy (the 11th) Unknown
	{ Libra.	
	<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.

TABULATION IV. THE ORTHODOX ASTROLOGICAL
RELATIONSHIP

CONSTELLATIONS AND PLANETARY RULERS

IN CONNECTION WITH ORDINARY MAN

<i>Constellation</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Related to</i>	
1. Aries.....	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray.....	Scorpio.	Same ruler.
2. Taurus.....	<i>Venus</i>	5th ray.....	Libra.	" "
3. Gemini.....	<i>Mercury</i>	4th ray.....	Virgo.	" "
4. Cancer.....	<i>Moon</i>	4th ray.....	none.	
5. Leo.....	<i>The Sun</i>	2nd ray.....	none.	
6. Virgo.....	<i>Mercury</i>	4th ray.....	Gemini.	" "
7. Libra.....	<i>Venus</i>	5th ray.....	Taurus.	" "
8. Scorpio.....	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray.....	Aries.	" "
9. Sagittarius.....	<i>Jupiter</i>	2nd ray.....	Pisces.	" "
10. Capricorn.....	<i>Saturn</i>	3rd ray.....	none.	
11. Aquarius.....	<i>Uranus</i>	7th ray.....	none.	
12. Pisces.....	<i>Jupiter</i>	2nd ray.....	Sagittarius.	" "

a. The non-sacred planets are italicized.

b. All the rays are represented except the first. This is interesting as the mass of the people move within their horoscopes and the will aspect is latent but unexpressed.

TABULATION V. THE UNORTHODOX ASTROLOGICAL
RELATIONSHIP

CONSTELLATIONS AND PLANETARY RULERS

IN CONNECTION WITH DISCIPLES AND INITIATES

NOTE: In charts connected with the PATH, progress is from

Aries to Pisces through Taurus, etc.

<i>Constellation</i>	<i>Ruler</i>	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Related to</i>	
1. Aries.....	<i>Mercury</i>	4th ray.....	Virgo.	Same ray.
2. Taurus.....	<i>Vulcan</i>	1st ray.....	Pisces.	" "
3. Gemini.....	<i>Venus</i>	5th ray.....	none.	
4. Cancer.....	<i>Neptune</i>	6th ray.....	Scorpio.	" "
5. Leo.....	<i>The Sun</i>	2nd ray.....	Aquarius.	" "
6. Virgo.....	<i>The Moon</i>	4th ray.....	Aries.	" "
7. Libra.....	<i>Uranus</i>	7th ray.....	none.	
8. Scorpio.....	<i>Mars</i>	6th ray.....	Cancer.	" "
9. Sagittarius.....	<i>The Earth</i>	3rd ray.....	Capricorn.	" "
10. Capricorn.....	<i>Saturn</i>	3rd ray.....	Sagittarius.	" "
11. Aquarius.....	<i>Jupiter</i>	2nd ray.....	Leo.	" "
12. Pisces.....	<i>Pluto</i>	1st ray.....	Taurus.	" "

NOTE: In connection with disciples and the zodiacal signs, *Gemini and Libra* are two constellations which--through their rulers--express 5th and 7th ray energy. For some occult reason, they remain unrelated to any other of the signs.

The relation between the other constellations through the planets, as expressing the rays, is as follows:

1. *Taurus and Pisces*, through *Vulcan* and Pluto, are related to *Ray 1*. Transmutation of desire into sacrifice and of the individual will into the divine will.
The World Saviour
2. *Leo and Aquarius*, through the Sun and Jupiter, are related to *Ray 2*. Development of the individual consciousness into world consciousness. Thus a man becomes a world server.
The World Server
3. *Sagittarius and Capricorn*, through the Earth and Saturn, are related to *Ray 3*. The one-pointed disciple becomes the initiate.
The Initiate
4. *Aries and Virgo*, through Mercury and the Moon, are related to *Ray 4*. Harmonizing the cosmos and the individual through conflict, producing unity and beauty. The birth pangs of the second birth.
The Cosmic and Individual Christ
5. *Cancer and Scorpio*, through Neptune and Mars, are related to *Ray 6*. Transformation of the mass consciousness into the inclusive consciousness of the disciple.
The Triumphant Disciple

I would call attention to the fact that in Tabulation IV, the relationship is between the planets which rule, and in Tabulation V the emphasis is laid upon the conditioning ray.

TABULATION VI. PLANETARY RULERS IN 3 TABULATIONS

Constellation	Orthodox	Disciple	Hierarchies
1. Aries.....	Mars.....	Mercury.....	Uranus.
2. Taurus.....	Venus.....	Vulcan.....	Vulcan.
3. Gemini.....	Mercury.....	Venus.....	The Earth.
4. Cancer.....	The Moon.....	Neptune.....	Neptune.
5. Leo.....	The Sun.....	The Sun.....	The Sun.
6. Virgo.....	Mercury.....	The Moon.....	Jupiter.
7. Libra.....	Venus.....	Uranus.....	Saturn.
8. Scorpio.....	Mars.....	Mars.....	Mercury.
9. Sagittarius.....	Jupiter.....	The Earth.....	Mars.
10. Capricorn.....	Saturn.....	Saturn.....	Venus.
11. Aquarius.....	Uranus.....	Jupiter.....	The Moon.
12. Pisces.....	Jupiter.....	Pluto.....	Pluto.

TABULATION VII. UNORTHODOX
CONSTELLATIONS, RULERS AND RAYS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIERARCHIES

Constellation	Ruler	Ray	Related to
1. Aries.....	Uranus.....	7th ray.....	none.
2. Taurus.....	Vulcan.....	1st ray.....	Pisces. Same ray.
3. Gemini.....	The Earth.....	3rd ray.....	Libra. " "
4. Cancer.....	Neptune.....	6th ray.....	Sagittarius. " "
5. Leo.....	The Sun.....	2nd ray.....	Virgo. " "
6. Virgo.....	Jupiter.....	2nd ray.....	Leo. " "
7. Libra.....	Saturn.....	3rd ray.....	Gemini. " "
8. Scorpio.....	Mercury.....	4th ray.....	Aquarius. " "
9. Sagittarius.....	Mars.....	6th ray.....	Cancer. " "
10. Capricorn.....	Venus.....	5th ray.....	none. " "
11. Aquarius.....	The Moon.....	4th ray.....	Scorpio. " "
12. Pisces.....	Pluto.....	1st ray.....	Taurus. " "

NOTE: Aries and Capricorn in conjunction with 7th and 5th ray energy stand alone. The other constellations and rays are related in every case.

- a. Ray 1--Taurus and Pisces, through Vulcan and Pluto.
- b. Ray 2--Leo and Virgo, through the Sun and Jupiter.
- c. Ray 3--Gemini and Libra, through the Earth and Saturn.
- d. Ray 4--Scorpio and Aquarius, through Mercury and Moon.
- e. Ray 6--Cancer and Sagittarius, through Neptune and Mars.

In view of all the above, and starting with the basic fact of the Great Illusion it should be remembered that the

Astrologers will eventually be able to cast the horoscope of the soul, which is sensitive to different combinations of forces to those controlling the personality life. The disciple and the initiate respond distinctively to the incoming influences and their response differs from that of the undeveloped man or the self-centered person. This will have to be recognized. Those who "live below the diaphragm" and who react to the incoming energies through the medium of the lower centers will have a very different type of chart to that of the disciple and initiate. It will require a different mode of interpretation. I have referred to this before and would remind you of some of the points which I made.

1. Disciples upon the Path of Discipleship are strongly influenced by *Mercury and Saturn*--one bringing illumination and the other offering opportunity.
2. At the various initiations, the influence of the planets affects the candidate in a totally different manner than earlier. Cyclically the energies from the constellations pour through the planetary centers.
 - a. At the first initiation, the disciple has to contend with the crystallizing and destroying forces of *Vulcan and Pluto*. The influence of Vulcan reaches to the very depths of his nature, whilst Pluto drags to the surface and destroys all that hinders in these lower regions.
 - b. At the second initiation, the candidate comes under the influence of three planets--*Neptune, Venus and Jupiter*. The three centers--solar plexus, heart and throat--are actively involved.
 - c. At the third initiation, *the Moon* (veiling a hidden planet) and *Mars* bring about a fearful conflict,

1. Centers and Triangles of Force

There are, as you well know, five non-sacred planets, and seven which are regarded as sacred. These twelve planetary lives (with their own cycles, points of crisis and moments of polarization) are closely related to the seven centers. The five centers up the spine are related to the five non-sacred planets, but in unevolved or average man, are focussed almost entirely upon the astral plane and in the astral body. It should be noted that:

1. Two of the non-sacred planets (the Earth itself and the Moon) are connected with two centers which in the highly evolved man are not of dominating importance:
 - a. The spleen receiving pranic emanations from the planet on which we live and concerned with the etheric and physical bodies and their physical relation.
 - b. A center in the chest related to the thymus gland. This center becomes inactive in the advanced man but has a connection with the vagus nerve, prior to the awakening of the heart center.
2. Two of the other non-sacred planets--Mars and Pluto--function in connection with the sacral center (Mars) and the solar plexus (Pluto). This latter planet becomes active in the life of the man who is "becoming alive in the higher sense, his lower nature passes into the smoke and darkness of Pluto, who governs the lesser burning ground, in order that the man may live in truth in the higher land of light."
3. The Sun (standing here for **Vulcan**, which is a sacred planet) governs a center in the front of the throat which is related to the para-thyroids and not to the thyroid

gland, which is related to the throat center. This center in the front of the throat falls into disuse as the creative period of throat activity begins. It acts as a "mediator" between the higher and the lower creative organs (between the sacral and the throat centers) and leads eventually to that creative activity which is consciously that of the functioning soul. **Vulcan** was one of the first creative workers among men. He was also related to "Cain who killed his brother." The symbolism underlying these ancient myths will be easily interpreted by the intuitive student.

Some of the tasks which I propose to undertake in this section of our *Treatise on the Seven Rays* are as follows:

1. Consider why five of the seven rays express themselves through two sets of planets--sacred and non-sacred--and also which centers these two groups of rays govern. Thus we shall relate:
 - a. The seven centers in man's etheric body
 - b. The seven centers of the fourth Creative Hierarchy of which the seven races are the expression.
 - c. The seven planetary centers.
 - d. The seven and the five planets which are the centers of energy in the solar system, responsive to the energy of the twelve zodiacal constellations.

These planetary centers will be studied from two angles:

- a. From the orthodox angle.
 - b. From the angle of discipleship and initiation.
2. Consider the energies of the three major constellations as they each pour through three of the zodiacal constellations, thus forming great interlocking triangles of

Bear, are transmitted into our solar system through the medium of three constellations and their ruling planets. The following tabulation makes this clear but must be interpreted only in terms of this present turn of the Great Zodiacal Wheel (25,000 years):

TABULATION VIII

<i>Ray</i> (<i>Esoteric</i>)	<i>Constellations</i>	<i>Planets</i> (<i>Orthodox</i>)	<i>Planets</i>
I. Will or Power.....	Aries, The Ram..... Leo, the Lion..... Capricorn, the Goat.....	Mars..... Sun..... Saturn.....	Mercury. Sun. Saturn.
II. Love-Wisdom.....	Gemini, the Twins..... Virgo, the Virgin..... Pisces, the Fishes.....	Mercury.... Mercury.... Jupiter.....	Venus. Moon (veiling a planet) Pluto.
III. Active-Intelligence.....	Cancer, the Crab..... Libra, the Scales..... Capricorn, the Goat.....	Moon..... Venus..... Saturn.....	Neptune. Uranus. Saturn.
IV. Harmony through Conflict.....	Taurus, the Bull..... Scorpio, the Scorpion.... Sagittarius, the Archer....	Venus..... Mars..... Jupiter.....	Vulcan . Mars. Earth.
V. Concrete Science.....	Leo, the Lion..... Sagittarius, the Archer.. Aquarius, the Water- carrier.....	Sun..... Jupiter..... Uranus.....	Sun. Earth. Jupiter.
VI. Idealism. Devotion.....	Virgo, the Virgin..... Sagittarius, the Archer.. Pisces, the Fishes.....	Mercury.... Jupiter..... Jupiter.....	Moon. Earth. Pluto.
VII. Ceremonial Order.....	Aries, the Ram..... Cancer, the Crab..... Capricorn, the Goat.....	Mars..... Moon..... Saturn.....	Mercury. Neptune. Saturn.

It will be obvious to you how much correlating work and how much readjustment of ideas will be needed as the new astrology is worked out into practical usefulness and eventually substituted for that now holding sway. This new astrology really embodies five sciences:

the sign of world service, leading to death and liberation in Pisces. Uranus is the planet through which zodiacal energy flows, in connection with the Creative Hierarchies upon our planet, from one of the stars of the Great Bear. It is these relationships with which esoteric astrology deals, and from them the universal can be grasped and the particular understood. The human being in his eventual recognized group relationships is of more importance than appears in his individual life, which the orthodox horoscope seeks to elucidate. It only determines his little destiny and unimportant fate. Esoteric astrology indicates his group usefulness and the scope of his potential consciousness.

I would remind you here that frequently when the ruler of a sign is given as the Sun or the Moon I shall speak of one of the hidden planets, Uranus or **Vulcan**. These are interchangeable in their use and it is difficult to tell to which the esoteric planet refers unless you have been told. Hence my above reference to Uranus.

In connection with Aries, which expresses or is the agent primarily of the first Ray of Will or Power, the ray of the destroyer, it should be stated that first ray energy comes from the divine Prototype in the Great Bear, that it becomes transmuted into the force and activity of the planetary Logos of the first ray, and works out as His triple activity under the guidance of the three ruling planets-- Mars, Mercury and Uranus.

Mars embodies sixth ray force which leads to idealism, destructive fanaticism frequently, struggle, strife, war, effort and evolution. God's idea in Aries becomes the concrete plan in Capricorn whether that objective is the full flower of the planetary life in all its forms, the ambition of a personality working out its own ideas and ambitious worldly projects or the spiritual aspiration (worldly ambi-

having lost the consciousness which permits contact with the spirit of the planet (sub-human consciousness, and which was the basis of animism) and having not yet developed the consciousness which permits him to enter into the Life and Mind of the planetary Logos, has dealt only with the second division and that in its lowest aspect.

Two other points might here be touched upon, and for their understanding you will have to accept my statements as temporary hypotheses at least, for you are in no position to know them as truth for yourselves. Exoteric astrology has said and it is widely accepted that **Vulcan**, Uranus, Pluto and Neptune do not govern signs but only have affinity with them. I am touching upon this here because we are going to consider the planet Pluto in relation to Pisces. This affinity has only stated a partial truth and is only temporarily true from the standpoint of the modern astrologer. Their existence has only been inferred or discovered within the last two or three centuries though it has always been known to the Hierarchy. I have indicated to you the signs of which they are the rulers and the astrology of the future will accept my statement and work with these planets. Much earlier in human history, they had to accept the fact of Mars and Mercury as rulers of zodiacal signs in a hypothetical manner, and then start to prove the accuracy of the hypothesis. Ancient astrology was obviously incomplete but until man became patently responsive to the influences which come to him from Uranus or Pluto, for instance, which affect the soul life far more than they do the personality life, they remained undiscovered except by trained esotericists. Today, humanity is rapidly responding to the higher spiritual influences and, therefore, we can look for the discovery of increasingly subtle forces.

From this it will be apparent how important and powerful is this sign. Through its orthodox ruler, Jupiter, that force is brought to bear which "brings all together" and--in this case--relates the two fishes and binds them together in a functioning relationship. It is the activity consequently of the second ray force which relates soul and form and brings the two together, and this magnetic potency is peculiarly descriptive of the activity of Pisces. From another angle and in a dual sign, this can also be seen working out in Gemini. In Pisces, there is demonstrated the captivity angle of relationship and the two fishes are unable to escape from each other; in Gemini there is also a definite relationship between the two brothers but there is no connecting band, and in that relationship is latent free choice and free determination. In connection with a lesser duality found in every human being, that of head and heart, of mind and love, and of will and wisdom, the work of Jupiter is to develop these two qualities and bring them into synthetic interplay. Eventually there has to be the complete fusion of love and mind before a world savior can manifest and function efficiently, and this is pre-eminently the final result of the forces of the Mutable Cross, as they work out the qualities *released by the planets* active in Pisces, Sagittarius, Virgo and Gemini. These planets are:

Orthodox--Jupiter and Mercury.

Esoteric--Pluto. The Earth. The Moon (hiding **Vulcan**) and Venus.

As you know, Pluto stands for death or the region of death; the Earth stands for the sphere of experience; the Moon or **Vulcan** stands for the glorification, through purification and detachment, of matter, and Venus stands for the emergence of the love principle through the directing power of the

mind. Students will find it interesting to work out the implications for themselves. Orthodox astrology assigns only two planets to these four signs, which in itself indicates a definite interplay. Jupiter and its influences indicate that the way of incarnation is the "beneficent" method of evolutionary unfoldment and that the way of love-wisdom (2nd ray) is the way for humanity to go. Mercury indicates that the line of least resistance for humanity is harmony through conflict, for Mercury expresses the fourth ray energy which is buddhic, intuitional and expressive of the Christ, as Mercury and the Sun are one. But the esoteric planets are more explicit in their inferences and man appears, when ready for their influence, to be responsive in a fourfold way which he is not in the earlier stages. They embody the recognitions and the reactions which condition man's consciousness when he is preparing to transfer off the Mutable Cross and mount the Fixed Cross. He comes, therefore,

1. Through Venus--under the power of mind, transmuted into wisdom through the instrumentality of love.
2. Through the Moon--under the bondage of form in order through form experience to achieve release and the "uplift of matter" in **Vulcan**.
3. Through the Earth--under the influence of planetary experience (which is different to individual experience) in order to transmute his personal consciousness into group awareness.
4. Through Pluto--under the destroying power of death --death of desire, death of the personality and of all which holds him between the pairs of opposites, in order to achieve the final liberation. Pluto or death never destroys the consciousness aspect.

Mercury and the Sun are One. Through Mercury, the mind is illumined and relation is established between personality and the soul. As Mercury, the Sun--the mediator--shifts to a still higher plane and is no longer mediator between two different stages in consciousness but between life and consciousness itself: this is a very different matter and effects the higher understanding. This will necessarily be incomprehensible to you at present for it is not a mediator-ship between differences but a fusion of what is already related. Are you any the wiser for that statement?

The same symbolic mode of interpretation must govern also our understanding of the three decanates. Both Leo and Sapharial give a list of the decanates and between them there is much resemblance but there is, however, an important difference. Leo approaches the closer to the esoteric interpretation of astrology whilst Sapharial is purely exoteric. According to Sapharial, the three decanates are governed by Saturn--Jupiter--Mars, presenting opportunity to work off karma and to be successful in so doing and indicating the method employed, that of conflict and of war. Leo gives us Jupiter, the Moon and Mars. He indicates, therefore, the success which is incident to proved discipleship and consequent readiness for initiation, the seeing of the vision with which Jupiter rewards the disciple, and the experience which **Vulcan** confers. Vulcan has been hitherto hidden, but its influence has steadily superseded all lunar control, for the personality or form side of life is lost to sight in the radiance of the Sun, the soul. The light of Vulcan and the light of the Sun are one light and these three--Mercury, **Vulcan** and the Sun--stand for a synthesis and a radiance which eventually dims the light of Mercury and it "falls" into the background and **Vulcan** too becomes invisible and only the Sun remains. We have consequently a

of the esoteric planets, and these begin to have a dominantly esoteric effect. In Capricorn, for instance, the influence of Saturn is both exoteric and esoteric; in Taurus, **Vulcan** has both an esoteric and hierarchical effect, whilst in Leo the Sun rules all three--the exoteric, the esoteric and the hierarchical life. This we will study somewhat later in this section and when we come to the consideration of the constellation Leo. Planetary influences are unusually potent in Aquarius during this world cycle because it is, in a peculiar way, a culminating sign for the majority of people who proceed from Aries to Pisces upon the Fixed Cross. A rare few consummate the experience of life upon the three Crosses in the sign Pisces, and so become world saviors. They know then, and only then, the highest aspect of the first ray as it expresses itself through the activity of Death. The bulk, however, of the world initiates climax their experience in Aquarius and become liberated world servers. They turn their backs upon all further progress for themselves in this cycle and on all satisfaction of their own spiritual aspiration and become carriers of the water of life to humanity, joining thus the ranks of the Hierarchy. Those who achieve in Pisces and make the higher and further grade in their development pass into that center to which we have given the name of Shamballa, but the bulk of the initiates and disciples remain attached to the second center, that of the Hierarchy of Service.

Aquarius is pre-eminently a sign of constant movement, of changing activity and recurrent mutations, and the symbol for the sign is expressive of this state of activity. It is, therefore, a sign in which the significance of cycles is mastered and understood by the initiate. The results of the valley experience (to use the well-known language of the mystics of all ages) and of the mountain top with its vision

<i>Path</i>	<i>Rays</i>	<i>Planets</i>	<i>Constellations</i>
Evolution.....6 and 4...	Mars. Mercury.....	Aries. Gemini. Cancer.	Virgo. Scorpio.
Discipleship.....3 and 5...	Venus. Saturn.....	Gemini. Sagittarius.	Capricorn.
Initiation.....1 and 7....	Vulcan . Uranus	Pluto.....	Taurus. Libra. Pisces.

You will notice from the above tabulation one or two interesting points. These should be carefully considered by all astrologers after determining the approximate place of the subject upon the evolutionary path in one or other of its three divisions. First, that the constellation Gemini appears twice on account of its close connection with the fourth Creative Hierarchy. Second, that during the period of the Mutable Cross five constellations are concerned with the experience of man upon the path of daily life, of constant rebirths and of karmic difficulty. Four of them lead to Scorpio, in which sign comes the point of the reversal of the wheel.

Third, that on the Path of Discipleship three constellations control and lead up to the activity of Capricorn, at which time initiation becomes possible.

Fourth, on the Path of Initiation the activity of all the three Crosses is felt simultaneously through the medium of the "released powers" of Taurus, Libra and Pisces. You will note also that the first ray influence, expressing through Pluto and **Vulcan**, is only felt in a positive manner upon the Path of Discipleship. This first ray potency has only lately been experienced by humanity as a whole as it neared the stage of being the world disciple, and vast numbers relatively stood upon the Path of Discipleship and Probation. Hence the recent discovery of Pluto and the sensed power of **Vulcan**, veiled by the potency of Mercury and hidden behind the planet.

perior to and more advanced than our solar Logos. A few hints may, however, be of service to the truly esoteric astrologer who may study these pages, particularly where Scorpio is concerned. Scorpio, at this particular stage of human evolution, governs the Path of Discipleship. You will note here also how Leo-Scorpio-Aquarius form a peculiar triangle of force, but of this I will later deal in Chapter III under the heading, The Science of Triangles.

Aries is, as might be expected, closely connected with the Great Bear but peculiarly so with one of the stars called The Pointers; these point to the Pole star which is at this time a major "star of direction." Direction, will, purpose and plan are all connected with the solar Logos and with His evolutionary undertakings in connection with the many lives manifesting in the vehicle of expression which we call the solar system. All these respond to the influences of the first ray which is, to all intents and purposes, the energy of divine embodied will, which has been esoterically described as "unavoidable directed purpose." Within our solar system, *Vulcan* and *Pluto* are expressions or custodians of this first ray energy and are, as I have told you, esoteric planets. The first indication of the true spiritual will only begins to manifest upon the Path of Discipleship--hence the late discovery of these two planets (late in point of time and from the angle of human knowledge) for it is only in this Aryan race period that humanity is to any large extent beginning to manifest evidence (and as yet it is no more) of a reaction or a response to the spiritual will of deity as it comes to our planet and hence to us via *Aries*, *Vulcan* and *Pluto*. You have, therefore, the following direct line of will energy:

1. *The Pointer* furthest from the Pole Star in the constellation of the Great Bear. This is, esoterically speaking,

a great reservoir or focal point for divine energy, carrying out God's purpose. The Pointer nearest to the Pole Star is expressive of a lower aspect of the will, which--in speaking of humanity--we call self-will.

2. *Aries*, in which the will to create or to manifest makes its appearance and the great divine experiment is initiated.
3. *Vulcan* and *Pluto* are related to the two Pointers and are only now beginning, in any definite and clear manner, to affect human response. Their effect has been planetary in its nature up to date and has not hitherto been at all effective in either the fourth or the second kingdoms in nature.
4. *Shamballa*, the Custodian of the Plan for our planet.

Leo is the sign wherein the consciousness of individuality is developed, utilized and finally consecrated to divine purpose. It is related to *Polaris*, the Pole Star (found in the Little Bear) and it is also peculiarly susceptible to the influence of that Pointer in the Great Bear which is the nearest to the Pole Star. Esoterically speaking, the Pole Star is regarded as the "star of re-orientation" whereby the art of "refacing and recovering that which is lost" is developed. This eventually brings a man back to his originating source. It might, therefore, be correctly inferred that this Pointer and the energy emanating from it guides humanity upon the involutory path, and is constantly active in its influence upon the man who is still upon the Mutable Cross. Then the energy of the Pointer furthest from the Pole Star begins to make its presence felt and a sense of right direction or guidance is registered by the disciple upon the Path, and such guidance (when followed) leads man nearer to the Hierarchy. It is here that the divine

human family (being the hierarchical planet in Scorpio), and through Neptune which rules Cancer, thus governing expression upon the physical plane. In this connection the Moon is given as the orthodox ruler and the hierarchical rule of Aquarius. I would here remind you that the Moon is usually regarded as "veiling" or "hiding" some planet and of these there are three which the Moon may be veiling. Here the intuition of the astrologer and of the esoteric student must be called out. These planets are **Vulcan**, Neptune or Uranus. These three create and influence certain aspects of the Mother principle, which nourish and feed the life of the inner divine reality until the time comes when the Christ child is brought to the birth. They determine or condition the physical, astral and mental natures, thus creating the personality. They form a triangle of immense creative potency, upon which theme I will later enlarge when dealing with the Science of Triangles. The point which I am here making is that through the influence of Mercury and Neptune the group consciousness of the individual is developed, so that through the tests in Scorpio and the experience in Aquarius the disciple emerges *on the physical plane* into the position of a world server; all world servers are decentralized workers and are governed by the need and the reactions of the mass or group. That is one of the reasons why, when in training, disciples are absorbed into a Master's group which is integrally a collection of individuals who are imbued with the group idea and are learning increasingly to react to it. In this world period and in a peculiar manner, as far as the race (Aryan) to which the Western world belongs, Neptune is known esoterically as the Initiator. In certain ancient formulas, the great Teacher of the West and the present world Initiator, Christ,

1. AriesCardinal CrossInitiating impulse.....Life.
2. CancerCardinal CrossFocused impulse.....Incarnation.
3. ScorpioFixed CrossReversing impulse.....Return.
4. AquariusFixed CrossGroup impulse.....Service.

These are signs 1-4-8-11. These numbers in themselves are most significant for they are the signs of will-desire, of human expression, of the Christ principle and of initiation. There is no need for me to enlarge upon this fourfold theme and the truth of its implied teaching, for it is obvious and clear and the history of the soul is sealed up in these numbers.

I would like to touch upon another interesting point which will serve to demonstrate the potency of Scorpio and its energies in the life of the disciple. Scorpio is one of the four arms of the Fixed Cross of the heavens, as you well know. Upon that Cross, the correctly poised man stands right at the center where the four arms meet and, therefore, at the point where the energy of all the four signs and of their ruling planets can pour through him and evoke the needed reactions, produce the conditions wherein test is possible and so bring about the necessary reversal of the life currents in the man's nature and place him upon the reversed wheel. The planets which will rule and condition him in some aspect or other of his nature are:

<i>Planet</i>	<i>Sign</i>	<i>Ray</i>	<i>Schools</i>
1. Venus	Taurus	5th.....	Orthodox
2. Vulcan	Taurus	1st.....	Hierarchical.Esoteric
3. The Sun	Leo	2nd.....	All three
4. Mars	Scorpio	6th.....	Orthodox and Esoteric
5. Mercury	Scorpio	4th.....	Hierarchical
6. Uranus	Aquarius	7th.....	Orthodox
7. Jupiter	Aquarius	2nd	Esoteric
8. The Moon	Aquarius	4th	Hierarchical

From this tabulation, it will appear that the influence of only one ray, that of the third Ray of Active Intelligence,

due time be brought under the influence of the purifying water in Scorpio. Baptism by water (a name for the second initiation) needs a preparatory period of testing and purification, and this the experience in Scorpio is intended to give. Likewise, fire and air (Aquarius and Leo) must also be blended and thus the four elements as well as six out of the seven rays must all play their part in conditioning the man in Scorpio for the final stages of the Path.

The place of the planets in this sign is also most revealing and in line also with the general purpose of the experience in Scorpio, as outlined above. Uranus is exalted in Scorpio; the power of Venus is lessened in this sign, whilst the Moon falls. What do these facts symbolically portray? Let me see if I can make the beauty of these implications clear to you.

Uranus is the planet whose characteristics are the scientific mind, which, at this stage of the disciple's career, means that he can begin to live the occult life and the way of divine knowledge can take the place of the mystic way of feeling. It means also that knowledge can be transmuted into the way of wisdom and of light. This necessarily brings in the will aspect or the influence of the first ray (**Vulcan**) blended with the seventh ray (Uranus) producing the desired manifestation upon the physical plane. Uranus, therefore, initiates a new order of life and conditions and this--when developed in the life of the disciple--in its turn produces an understanding of the causes of things as they are, and the desire to change the old order and the old orientation into the new. This produces the reversal of the wheel. This can be seen happening today most clearly in connection with humanity and with world processes. Carried forward to its logical conclusion, the influence of Uranus finally produces an unfolded spiritual consciousness in contradistinction to

The rulers of this sign are three in number:

1. Mercury--This is the orthodox ruler. It signifies the versatile energy of the Son of Mind, the soul. It is interchangeable for the Sun (Son) and stands for the Mediator or intermediary, between the Father and the Mother, between Spirit and Matter, and yet is the result of the union of these two.
2. The Moon (**Vulcan**).--This is the esoteric ruler. The significance of this is similar to that of the orthodox ruler. The Moon (or fourth ray energy) is here seen as an expression of first ray energy, manifesting through **Vulcan**. The Moon rules the form and it is the will of God to manifest through the medium of form.
3. Jupiter.--This is the hierarchical ruler and rules the second Creative Hierarchy, that of the Divine Builders of our planetary manifestation. (See the tabulation re the Hierarchies). This is the seventh Creative Hierarchy as well as the second, if the five unmanifesting Hierarchies are counted; in the significance of two and seven much of the mystery underlying these Hierarchies will be revealed.

Through these three planetary rulers the energies of the fourth ray pour, governing the mind through Mercury and the physical form through the Moon; the energies of the first ray, expressive of the will of God, begin their control of the self-conscious man (unfolded in Leo) and the energies of the second ray, embodying the love of God, pour through into manifestation. Will, love and harmony through conflict--such are the controlling forces which make man what he is and such are the governing and directing energies which use the mind (Mercury), the emo-

tional nature, love (in Jupiter) and the physical body (the Moon, or esoteric will) for purposes of divine expression and manifestation. It will be obvious to you that the task of Mercury in connection with humanity has gone forward most satisfactorily and has brought humanity to its present point of evolution upon the probationary path; that the energy of **Vulcan** is potently making its presence felt, and hence the struggles going on upon the planet between the men of will--selfish and ambitious--and the men of goodwill who are desirous of the good of the whole. When the human Hierarchy is fully awakened to spiritual and not simply material possibilities, then the work of Jupiter will immediately intensify and this beneficent ruler will lead the human family into the ways of peace and progress.

Virgo is definitely related, through the medium of the various planetary rulers, to eight other signs of the zodiac and it is, therefore, with these eight signs that we are concerned because they produce an inter-related synthesis of nine signs (including Virgo). In this inter-related numerical synthesis and fruitful inter-relation lies hid the entire history of human progress and the secret of the process of divine manifestation. It is of value here to remember certain points which are:

1. Nine is the number of man. The fourth Creative Hierarchy is in reality the ninth, if the five unmanifested Hierarchies are included in our enumeration. The human Hierarchy is only the fourth among the seven which are in active or manifested expression.
2. Nine is the number of initiation as far as humanity is concerned. There are:
 - a. Five major planetary initiations which a man can take.

the Path of Discipleship and the earlier stages of evolutionary development. The initiate is responsive to planetary, systemic and certain cosmic influences and becomes--if I might so express it--a lens through which "the many lights which are energy itself" can stream and thus be focused upon our planet. To these energies, the initiate tunes his consciousness and thus becomes a planetary server.

The other point upon which I might here touch is that certain of the rays express themselves through two planets. For instance, the fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict reaches us both through the Moon and through Mercury, whilst the first Ray of Will or Power reaches us through **Vulcan** and through Pluto. The real reason for this is one of the secrets of initiation and is hidden in the destiny of the fourth Creative Hierarchy and in the will-to-manifest of the Lord of our Earth, Who is Himself upon the third Ray of Active Intelligence; of Him it is said that "when the third great energy is related to the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the mystery of the perfected Seven will be understood." One of the more obvious of the significances of this statement is to be found in the unfoldment of intelligence and love in the initiate, at which time of manifested expression and at the last major initiation, he will be responsive to the synthesis of energies which emanate from the "seven spirits before the throne of God." These are the representatives of the seven Rishis of the Great Bear and Their other pole, the seven Sisters of the Pleiades, symbolically recognized as the seven wives of the Rishis of the Great Bear. Here again, in relation to our solar system, do we find another great triangle of energies, of which the focal points on our Earth are the seven Spirits before the Throne. With this triangle we shall later deal; I simply want to refer to it here:

light" and the Christ-child out of the womb of time and of the flesh into the light of day and of manifestation, then the task of that great center we call humanity will be accomplished. Ponder on this for the significance of esoteric astrology will emerge more clearly in your minds if you can understand this fourfold activity of Mercury and the interrelation of these four signs of the zodiac--connected as they are with the logioic Quaternary.

It is in this sign also that the Moon in its own right of antiquity and of ancient thoughtform control, and also as veiling both **Vulcan** and Neptune, connects the force of Virgo with the energies of Taurus, of Cancer and of Aquarius. This is of peculiar importance for it relates the form building aspect with the consciousness aspect which, at a high state of development, produces the manifestation of the Christ principle or Christ-child. It has been said esoterically that four of the names by which the Christ Avatar is ever called are:

1. The Desire of All Nations.....Taurus.....Fixed Cross.
2. He Whom the masses sense or He Whom they anticipate.....Cancer.....Cardinal Cross.
3. He Who is, for Her, the purpose of existence.....Virgo.....Mutable Cross.
4. He Who shows the light and gives the water...Aquarius...Fixed Cross.

All these signs indicate forms of consciousness, which are conditioned and manifested by the energies of these signs, performing cyclically and ceaselessly their appointed task. They, therefore, are primarily concerned with the stage of discipleship and the manifestation of a solar disciple. Hence the two energies which come from the Fixed Cross. This is consequently one of the intermediate crosses which relate the major three and there are many such.

Virgo is related to Taurus through **Vulcan** which brings in what might be called the *endurance* aspect of the will-to-be which carries the incarnated Son of God through the experiences of the dark time wherein the personality becomes the Mother in the stage of gestation, through the period of infancy upon the physical plane and through the stage of adolescence until the initiate attains full maturity. This necessitates persistence, endurance and continuity of effort and is one of the characteristics imparted or stimulated by energies pouring from **Vulcan**. You can realize that these are first ray attributes and are the reverse side of those usually emphasized, namely, death or the activity of the Destroyer aspect. Taurus is an expression of the third unmanifested Hierarchy and of this Hierarchy we know nothing beyond the fact that it is concerned with the light which liberates from death. Therefore, you have:

Taurus--Illumination.

Vulcan--First ray or endurance.

Third Creative Hierarchy--Liberating Light.

Virgo--The Christ-life, latent and unexpressed (as is the 3rd Creative Hierarchy).

The Moon--The form nature, the substance of the flame which lights the way.

A vast field of psychological research in connection with all the constellations, the planets and Hierarchies is indicated above, but it is of too vast a nature for me to consider in this treatise. It will constitute the astrology of the future and will begin to be understood when group awareness and continuity of consciousness are established among men. However, as a form of mental gymnastics and as indicating possibilities, the concept is of use to you for it widens your

is hidden in the revelation which comes to the man who has taken the third initiation. It is connected naturally with the Spirit or first aspect of divinity, or with the Monad and with the expression of the divine consciousness. Until a man has, however, taken this initiation, he profits not from anything that I could tell him in this connection. For its impartation also, words are useless and in fact do not exist.

As I have told you, Virgo is regarded by the esoteric teachers of the Hierarchy to be identified with the third aspect of divinity, with the mother principle and is believed to be the director of the energies, developed and recognized in the first solar system. It is for this reason in this solar system that Virgo is subjected predominantly to the influence of the second, fourth and sixth ray energies through Jupiter (second ray) the Moon and Mercury (fourth ray) and Neptune (sixth ray). The Moon and Mercury together indicate the activity of the higher and lower mind and are, therefore, related to the third Ray of Active Intelligence which controlled the first solar system. There is consequently only one planet, **Vulcan**, which is distinctly and purely first ray energy. These are points which advanced astrologers will later elaborate but which at the present time mean little.

There is another point in connection with the planetary influences which I would like to mention here because it emphasizes again the synthetic position of Virgo and its contribution as a major focal point for the distribution of energy to the fourth Creative Hierarchy. Jupiter rules four signs and each of them represents a different element out of the four which are expressing themselves in the three worlds of human evolution. The following tabulation will make this somewhat clearer:

or of destruction; it forges the chains which bind or creates the key which unlocks the mystery of life; it is this forging process, with its consequent clamor, which is going on at this time in a most potent manner. **Vulcan** controls the anvil-like processes of time and strikes the blow which shapes the metal into that which is desired, and this is true today as never before.

He it is who is forging the way for the coming Avatar Who will--at the right moment--come forth, embodying in Himself the Will of God which is the divine will-to-good, to peace through understanding, and to right relations between men and between nations.

The Taurian influence must now be regarded as being of exceeding potency today, particularly from the angle of the subjective spiritual values; it is Taurus which is the ruler and the guiding influence of that which is occurring everywhere.

I would like here to call your attention to the fact that this sign is a synthetic sign in the sense that it brings expression of an inner urge of some definite nature upon the physical plane. This it does, because its basic quality demonstrates *as desire* in the mass of men and *as will* or directed purpose in the disciple or the initiate. It manifests as stubbornness in the average man (and this is literally willful adherence to personality aims) or as intelligently expressed will--actuated by the impulse of love--in the advanced man. This connotes adherence to soul purpose. People who are Taurians naturally and by natal inclination would do well to consider this statement and thus test all their major determining activities by the question: Is my present attitude, my work or intention actuated by personality desire or am I working and planning directly under soul urge and incentive? This should give the keynote of all Taurian

the one in which the human being reaches the depths or attains the heights. Taurus is the dominant stream of energy upon this Fixed Cross where average man is concerned. The energy let loose through this Cross is stupendous in its effects, producing finally the great reversal and renunciation. In this Cross, Taurus is the Initiator for it "impulses the Will," producing movement and momentum. You have (if I may repeat earlier implications) the following conditions and correspondences in connection with the three Crosses:

1. The Cardinal Cross.....Spirit.....Will.....Shamballa.
2. The Fixed Cross.....Soul.....Consciousness.....Hierarchy.
3. The Mutable Cross.....Form.....Activity.....Humanity.

The initiate is one who is in process of relating consciously and effectively all these three within himself. Man the essential triangle of energy, man the square, man upon the Cross, and finally, man the five-pointed star! In these four simple symbolic forms lies the whole history of the fourth kingdom in nature. The triangle and the star are subjective expressions of a fixed consciousness, focused in reality, whilst the square and the Cross are objective expressions of the man focused outwardly.

We come now to a brief study of the Rulers of this sign. As Taurus is so close, esoterically speaking, to the sign Aries which--in this world cycle--is the sign of beginning, it constitutes, relatively speaking, a very complex aggregation of forces, being related not only to Aries with its cosmic contacts, but also to the Pleiades and the Great Bear. Yet at the same time, it is very simple in its expression for it is governed by only two planets. Venus is its exoteric ruler and **Vulcan** its esoteric and hierarchical ruler. We touch upon one of the mysteries of the Ageless Wisdom. Venus

and walked again upon the plains of Earth and from that time "the woman knew Him not." Form had no further hold upon him for He had overcome it in the depths. Into the cave of Initiation, the light of resurrection streams when the stone at the entrance is rolled away. From life in the form to the death of the form--deep in the rocky place, down in the crypts of the Temple--the human being goes. But into that same place, the new life streams, bringing fresh life and liberation; old things pass away and the darkness becomes light.

Sex is then seen to be in truth only the relation of the lower nature to the higher Self; it is then lifted up into the light of day in order that man may reach complete union with divinity. Man discovers that sex (which has hitherto been a purely physical function, carried on sometimes under the impulse of love) is elevated into its rightful plane as the divine marriage, carried out and consummated upon the levels of soul awareness. It is this great truth which lies beyond the sordid story of sex expression, of sex magic and the distortions of modern Tantric magic. Humanity has stepped down the symbolism and in its thoughts debased sex to an animal function and failed to lift it up into the realm of symbolic mystery. Men have sought through physical expression to produce the inner fusion and harmony which they crave and this cannot be done. Sex is but the symbol of an inner duality which must be itself transcended and wrought into a unity. It is not transcended by physical means or rituals. It is a transcendence in consciousness.

The esoteric ruler of Taurus is **Vulcan**, the forger of metals, the one who works in the densest, most concrete expression of the natural world (from the human angle). He is the one who goes down into the depths to find the material upon which to expend his innate art and to fashion

that which is beautiful and useful. **Vulcan** is, therefore, that which stands for the soul, the individual, inner, spiritual man; in his activity we find the key to the soul's task upon the eternal round of the wheel of life. You will remember how Hercules upon the Fixed Cross had to fashion his own weapons before he succeeded in the struggle. This is in reality a reference to the art of **Vulcan** who rules the inner man and guides his fashioning.

Vulcan also rules nations at a certain stage of embryonic soul expression, such as the present, and governs their activities, fashioning the instruments of war when war and conflict are the only means whereby liberation can come, though woe betide those through whom wars come. **Vulcan** then takes hold and--since the Middle Ages--has brought the mineral kingdom, "the depths from which supply must come," under human control. In the present war, **Vulcan** is concerned along with Venus in the relation of man to man, and of man to the mineral kingdom. Venus, the mental energy of humanity, establishes relation between man and man, between nation and nation whilst **Vulcan** establishes relation between the fourth kingdom in nature and the first. **Vulcan**, as we shall see later, is governed by the first ray, and the first ray and the first kingdom are definitely bound together. This, therefore, brings in the Shamballa force and you consequently have an esoteric triangle of energy--will, humanity and the mineral kingdom. They have a very close rapport with each other, both from the angle of the Plan and from the expression of material selfishness. Hence the great use of minerals (iron, copper, etc.) in the World War II. It is literally a war in which the mineral kingdom is used against the human. Humanity had gone down into the caves and the depths of concretion and is ready now for an upward shift or move, this time consciously taken

and taken all together. This is a most difficult situation for the average man to comprehend but the entire problem of the conscious use of that which exists upon the planet and also its destructive usage is tied together into one most critical situation. Part of the solution will come along similar lines and of this the prophecy now coming into the racial awareness that there are those "who sleep in the caves of the earth who will arise and bring liberation" has reference. But be not too literal in interpretation for "that which is of the earth can also be found in the sky".

Hierarchically also the ruler is **Vulcan**, conditioning the planet and determining the fact that man is the macrocosm of the microcosm and that the fourth kingdom fashions or conditions all subhuman kingdoms.

It is the subjectivity of this sign which makes the understanding of it so difficult. It will not be until humanity has grasped the nature of the will that the true significance of the Taurian influence will be grasped. Both the sign, Aries, and the sign, Taurus, are concerned with the initial impact of energy upon form or of energies upon the soul. Man today is becoming slowly aware of the distinction to be found between the opposites and is grasping vaguely the true nature of desire. But he is still in the vale of illusion and--whilst there--cannot see with clarity. One of the first opposites which the disciple has to grasp is that of the subjective and the objective worlds.

Three signs are also closely connected with initiation. The hidden secret of Aries, Taurus and Gemini is revealed at three successive initiations:

1. *The secret of Aries* is the secret of beginnings, of cycles and of emerging opportunity. At the third initiation, the initiate begins to understand the life of the spirit or the

versal, which is the hallmark of the initiate and the true expression of the spiritual life.

When we come to a consideration of the esoteric ruler of Taurus, we find ourselves confronted by **Vulcan**, one of the veiled and hidden planets and one which is, therefore, little known or understood. I have earlier referred to Vulcan as the Fashioner of divine expression. In a peculiar sense, the energy which streams from **Vulcan** is fundamentally the strength and potency which sets the world evolutionary process in motion; it bodies also the energy of the first ray, that force which initiates or begins and that which also destroys, bringing about the death of the form in order that the soul may be set free.

Vulcan is the ray or planet of isolation for, in a peculiar sense, it governs the fourth initiation wherein the depths of aloneness are plumbed and the man stands completely isolated. He stands detached from "that which is above and this which is below." There comes a dramatic moment when all desire is renounced; the will of God or the Plan is seen as the only desirable objective but as yet the man has not proved to himself, to the world of men or to his Master whether he has the strength to move forward along the line of service. There is revealed to him (as there was revealed to the Christ at the fourth great initiatory crisis in His life) some definite, active undertaking which embodies that aspect of the will of God which it is his peculiar function to appropriate and make possible of expression. This has been called in the Christian phraseology, "the Gethsemane experience." The Christ, kneeling beside the rock (symbolic of the depths of the mineral kingdom and of the activity of **Vulcan**, the fashioner), raises His eyes upward to where the light of revelation breaks forth and knows at

that moment what it is He has to do. Such is the test of **Vulcan**, ruling Taurus, of the soul, ruling desire, of the Son of God, fashioning His instrument of expression in the depths, grasping the divine purpose and so bending the will of the little self to that of the greater Self. The depths have been reached and there is no more to be done. The light from the eye of the Bull which with ever increasing radiance has guided the struggling soul must give place eventually to the light of the Sun, for **Vulcan** is a substitute for the Sun; it is spoken of sometimes as being veiled by the Sun and at others it stands for the Sun itself. It stands between the man and the Sun, the soul. Therefore, we have in this connection three symbols of the light:

1. Taurus.--The eye of illumination or light. The Bull's eye. Illumination. Exoterically--the physical Sun.
2. **Vulcan**.--The one who reveals that which is deeply hidden and brings it up into the light. Esoterically--the heart of the Sun.
3. The Sun.--The great Illuminator. Spiritually--the central spiritual Sun.

Thus from every angle, illumination remains the theme of this sign.

We have somewhat considered the rays and their effect and relationship as they, through Taurus and its rulers, pour their force and energy into individual man, or into humanity as a whole. The two rays which directly affect the sign are, as we have seen, the fifth (through Venus) and the first (through **Vulcan**). These two when viewed in combination with the Earth (which is an expression of the third ray) demonstrate a most difficult combination of rays, for all are along the line of the first Ray of Energy:

Ray 1.--The ray of Will or Power.

Ray 5.--The ray of Concrete Knowledge.

Ray 3.--The ray of Active Intelligence.

This combination tremendously increases the already difficult task of the Taurian subject. Only indirectly does the second Ray of Love-Wisdom and its subsidiary line of energies appear and, therefore, love and wisdom are often noticeably lacking in the person born in this sign. Such a man will have much self-love, self-esteem, self-respect and a good deal of selfish centralization or personality focus. He will be intelligent but not wise; aspirational but at the same time stubborn and set so that his aspiration does not take him very far very rapidly. He will move spasmodically and in wild rushes; steady measured progress upon the Way is very hard for him. He finds it difficult to apply practically the knowledge gained. It is apt to remain a mental acquisition and not a practical experience. He will be almost painfully conscious of duality but, instead of its producing a struggle for unity, it produces often a set and static depression. He will be destructive because "bull-headed" and because the hammer aspect of **Vulcan** will be dominant. Because he has a measure of light--his power to be thus destructive will distress him.

He needs to grasp the spiritual side of Venus which emphasizes that the Son of God who is the Son of mind is the instrument of God's love; he must learn, therefore, to transmute knowledge into wisdom. He must transcend the destructive side of **Vulcan** and so of the first ray and instead work as a "fashioner of souls," including his own. He must aim at clear seeing, pure joyful will and the death of personality desire. Such is the goal of the Taurian disciple.

Through the three other arms of the Fixed Cross and their three streams of divine energy, the force of love can be brought indirectly to bear upon the man born in Taurus. The rulers of two of these signs, Leo and Scorpio, include the Sun (second ray), Mars (sixth ray) and Mercury (fourth ray). The Sun and Mars are esoteric rulers of Leo and Scorpio and Mercury is the hierarchical ruler of Scorpio. Uranus is the orthodox and Jupiter the esoteric ruler of Aquarius. The Moon is also present but again veils **Vulcan**, whose influence we have already considered. The only ray influence lacking is that of the third ray and basically that is present also as it is the ray of Earth. Therefore, in this important sign, the Taurian person is under the influence--directly or indirectly--of all the seven rays for the reason that desire, leading to final illumination, motivates them all. Such is the amazing situation which faces the man--particularly the disciple or the initiate--who is born in this sign. Such constitute the difficulties with which he is confronted but such also bring about his immense opportunity for progress.

It will be apparent to you that a whole new field of study will open before the astrologers of the New Age and fresh light on this greatest of all sciences will be available when the investigator can determine the relative age of the person or of the group whose destiny is to be determined and whose horoscope is being cast. Each of these signs will eventually have to be considered in such cases from:

1. The angle of the unevolved man who will be centered
 - a. In one or other of his vehicles.
 - b. In the integrated personality, prior to the Path experience.

In these, the *Mutable Cross* controls.

tution" whilst the four which come after Scorpio prove to be signs of discipleship and initiation. This is on the reversed wheel and the implications along the same line on the ordinary wheel can easily be applied by you.

It is the recognition of these goals and a grasp of the Taurian problems which will make clear to you the position of the planets in this sign. I would remind you again that the exaltation of a planet in any particular sign, its fall within the sphere of influence of a sign as well as the lessening of a particular planetary influence in any sign cycle (making it what has been technically called "in detriment") is purely symbolic of the effects of energy as it impinges upon the form-nature, meeting resistance or non-resistance, evoking response or non-response, according to the caliber of the planetary instrument subjected to the impact. In this sign the Moon is exalted. Symbolically this means that the form side of life is a powerfully controlling factor and one with which the man must ever reckon. The Moon is the Mother of the form and in this case veils or hides **Vulcan**-- which might be expected. The Moon, therefore, stands here for the fashioner or moulder of the form, bringing in both the feminine and masculine aspects of form-building, the dual functions of Father-Mother. This is a point for astrologers to remember. This process of interplay brings about two phases of the needed fashioning:

1. A process wherein is created a form of great potency in which self interest and personality aims and desires are the motives bringing about activity. The Moon and Taurus activity.
2. The processes, self-applied by the awakening Taurian, wherein the form nature is fashioned anew and moti-

vated in a different manner and so is "raised up into Heaven" and thus irradiated and glorified. The **Vulcan** and Taurus activity.

The exaltation of the form, ruled by the Moon, can be traced throughout the entire zodiac and provides in itself an interesting and progressive story with which I have not at this time the intention to deal. It is told by the various women who figure in the different constellations and around them some day the *astrology of the form* will be built. There is Cassiopea, Venus, Coma Berenice, Andromeda and one or two others, as well as Virgo, the Virgin, the most important of them all. I can only indicate here a field of thought and of astrological investigation hitherto untouched but I have not time for the interpretation of this vast and profitable field of knowledge. "Our Lady, the Moon" is related to all these and before the great disruption in an earlier solar system which led to the Moon becoming a dead planet, the energies of these stars and certain of the planets which were produced through their activity, were all focused in and transmitted by the Moon in a most mysterious yet powerful manner. Through desire translated into terms of spiritual will, the form is esoterically "exalted" and of this fact the exaltation of the Moon in Taurus is a symbol. To this the ordinary astrological symbol of the Bull's horns testifies. This is the crescent Moon and also the symbol of the destructive nature of the form life of the Bull. Forget not that in this connection the destruction or death of the form and the ending of form influence thereby is the goal of the process which changes desire into aspiration.

Uranus, the planet of the hidden mystery and one of the most occult of the planets "falls" in this sign, producing

will enable him finally to be responsive to all impacts and to every type of divine energy. This capacity is indestructible and is itself a divine focus of energy which must and will without fail carry forward the good undertaken under the inspiration of The Great Architect of the Universe. He fashions all things to a divinely foreseen end and in this sign--through His agents, Venus and **Vulcan**, typifying the form and the soul--will lead man from the unreal to the real.

planetary Gods manifest through the medium of the seven sacred planets. Each of these seven rays is transmitted into our solar system through the medium of three constellations and their ruling planets.

TABULATION IX.—A COSMIC SERIES OF INTERRELATED TRIANGLES

(The Rays, Constellations and Planets)

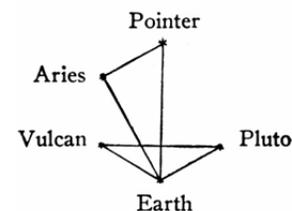
Ray	Constellations		Planets	
	Orthodox	Esoteric	Orthodox	Esoteric
I. Will or Power	{ Aries	Mars	Mercury	
	{ Leo	The Sun ..	The Sun	
	{ Capricorn ..	Saturn	Saturn	
II. Love-Wisdom	{ Gemini	Mercury ...	Venus	
	{ Virgo	Mercury ...	The Moon	
	{ Pisces	Jupiter ...	Pluto	
III. Active Intelligence	{ Cancer	The Moon..	Neptune	
	{ Libra	Venus	Uranus	
	{ Capricorn ..	Saturn	Saturn	
IV. Harmony thro' Conflict	{ Taurus	Venus	Vulcan	
	{ Scorpio	Mars	Mars	
	{ Sagittarius ..	Jupiter ...	The Earth	
V. Concrete Science	{ Leo	The Sun ...	The Sun	
	{ Sagittarius ..	Jupiter ...	The Earth	
	{ Aquarius	Uranus ...	Jupiter	
VI. Idealism. Devotion	{ Virgo	Mercury ...	The Moon	
	{ Sagittarius ..	Jupiter ...	The Earth	
	{ Pisces	Jupiter ...	Pluto	
VII. Ceremonial Order	{ Aries	Mars	Mercury	
	{ Cancer	The Moon ..	Neptune	
	{ Capricorn ..	Saturn	Saturn	

At this time, I purpose to trace certain major conditioning streams of energy, as they proceed forth from their emanating source--via certain constellations and planets--to the Earth and, from within the radius of the Earth, reach the individual disciple, again via certain major planetary

humanity in a peculiar manner and the effect of their influence is to bring about the at-oning of the three planetary centers.

There are four constellations, as you know, which convey the required energies which will make humanity divine. They are Aries, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius. I need not enter into an analysis of them as this was covered when we studied each of them earlier and separately. I would, however, like to point out that each of these constellations is closely connected, as a transmitter of energy, with certain stars, lying outside our zodiac altogether, thus connecting our tiny planet with certain great focal points of energy.

Aries, the initiator of impulses (either the impulse to incarnate or the impulse to return to the originating source) is closely in touch with one of the stars in the Great Bear to which we give the name "Pointer" in common parlance. This Pointer is a "major star of direction" because through it (in this world cycle) flows the will to unify and to bring about synthesis. This is the force which brings about the fusion or integration of the personality, the at-one-ment of personality and soul, the unification of humanity or the Great Approach of the Hierarchy to Humanity. It will produce also the integration of our Earth into the body of the "sacred planets" and the consequent establishing of a triangle of force composed of the Pointer, Aries and our Earth. This triangular relationship will have a potent effect upon the solar system as well as upon the planet itself and is also one of the factors producing the shift in the Earth's axis. Related to this triangle is a secondary one within our sun's orbit, composed of **Vulcan**, Pluto and the Earth. In the Archives of the Great Lodge this is referred to symbolically as:



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,

definite fusion is taking place. Two divine aspects are in process of intimate relation. The disciple brings about this relationship within his little system, and the planetary Logos on a far larger scale within His range of influence and control. In this process He carries with Him all the four kingdoms in nature. For both these lives--microcosmic and macrocosmic--this fusion produces Transfiguration, the third initiation. The Logos of a sacred planet has carried the divine work further along and is occupied with the task of synthesizing into one unit of conscious response and activity, the higher divine aspect, that of the Monad, the will aspect. When this is accomplished, will, love and intelligence are blended and spirit, soul and body are at-one. Then the quality of the divine expression will be divine purpose, impelled by will, motivated by love and carried forward with intelligence.

Astrologers should here note that, in their work, they have not duly taken into consideration (when dealing with the twelve houses or mansions of the soul) whether the planet is sacred or not. The effect of the influences of a sacred planet or a non-sacred one are very different, for one will affect primarily the life in the three worlds whilst a sacred planet will aid in the processes of affecting the fusion of soul and body, of consciousness and form; it will also produce the quickening of the intuition (the spiritual soul) which is the lower aspect of the Monad. The sacred planets are, as you know, seven in number:

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. Vulcan | 4. Jupiter |
| 2. Mercury | 5. Saturn |
| 3. Venus | 6. Neptune |
| 7. Uranus | |

ray, rules the fifth house or mansion of the soul, the causal body in this case; the force of Leo is also involved, the force of the self-conscious soul. The spiritual man, aware of his identity says in this house: "I am the eternal cause of all relation. I am and I exist." The dualism of the second ray is first realized in the fifth house by man, the embodied fifth principle.

Pluto, transmitting first ray energy, rules Scorpio, the sign of discipleship, of the man ready for the fusion brought about through the influence of the sacred planets, and governs the house of major separations and of death. "The arrow of God pierces the heart and death takes place." But in this connection it must be remembered that death is definitely brought about by the soul. It is the soul which shoots the arrow of death. (The upward pointing arrow is the astrological symbol of Pluto.)

It is only in the present cycle that the Sun and Moon "veil" certain planets and are the exoteric symbols for certain esoteric forces. As evolution proceeds, the planets will not be veiled. Their influences will not be so remote. At present the mechanism of the majority of the human family is not tuned to the reception of the rays from **Vulcan**, Uranus or Neptune whilst Pluto at present only evokes response from groups or from those disciples who are enough evolved rightly to respond. The three veiled planets --**Vulcan**, Uranus and Neptune are all sacred planets, embodying first, seventh and sixth ray energies. **Vulcan** is never an exoteric ruler and only comes into real activity when a man is on the Path, whilst Uranus and Neptune are rulers of the eleventh and twelfth houses, and govern Aquarius and Pisces. The implications will be clear to you.

It is not my intention to deal with the houses in detail. Modern astrologers have worked this out relatively satis-

not possible until such time as the astrologer is sure of the two major rays of the subject.

Certain basic assertions can nevertheless be made:

1. All the centers are governed by one or other of the rays.
2. The rays use the planets as transmitting agencies and we know which rays--in this world cycle--are related to the different planets. As given earlier, they are as follows:

Sacred Planets

1. **Vulcan**.....1st ray
2. Mercury.....4th ray
3. Venus.....5th ray
4. Jupiter.....2nd ray
5. Saturn.....3rd ray
6. Neptune.....6th ray
7. Uranus.....7th ray

Non-Sacred Planets

1. Mars.....6th ray
2. The Earth.....3rd ray
3. Pluto.....1st ray
4. The Moon.....4th ray
(veiling a hidden planet)
5. The Sun.....2nd ray

3. Ordinary humanity is ruled by the exoteric planets; advanced humanity, disciples and initiates by the esoteric planets.
4. The Sun sign--with the exoteric planetary rulers--rules the personality, indicates inheritance and equipment and is a summation of that which has been, thus providing the background.
5. The rising sign, with the esoteric planetary rulers, indicates soul purpose and points the way to the future, offering opportunity.
6. The horoscope, built around the Sun sign, is adequate for ordinary humanity. The exoteric planets rule and the man lives within the limitations of the twelve houses.
7. The horoscope built up around the rising sign, with the esoteric planets ruling, will convey the destiny of the

investigating astrologer will find that the complexities of the problem will disappear and the details fall into obvious position and in such a manner that the sumtotal will appear in a blinding light of surety. At present students cannot see the wood for the trees, as the proverb says, and that proverb is right. These sciences are mutually interpreting.

During the life cycle of humanity through which we are now passing, in the relation between the centers and the rays and, therefore, between the centers and the planets, it will be found that the centers are governed by the following rays:

AVERAGE MAN--EXOTERIC PLANETS

1. Head Center.....first ray.....Pluto
2. Ajna Center.....fifth ray.....Venus
3. Throat Center.....third ray.....Earth
4. Heart Center.....second ray.....Sun
5. Solar plexus Center.....sixth ray.....Mars
6. Sacral Center.....seventh ray.....Uranus
7. Base of Spine.....first ray.....Pluto

DISCIPLES. INITIATES--ESOTERIC PLANETS

1. Head Center.....first ray.....**Vulcan**
2. Ajna Center.....fifth ray.....Venus
3. Throat Center.....third ray.....Saturn
4. Heart Center.....second ray.....Jupiter
5. Solar plexus Center.....sixth ray.....Neptune
6. Sacral Center.....seventh ray.....Uranus
7. Base of Spine.....first ray.....Pluto

To these rays must be added (in both groups of human beings) the fourth ray which governs humanity itself as a center in the body of the planetary Logos, thus bringing all the ray influences into a sevenfold stream of energy, playing upon the lower self in the three worlds or upon those who are entering into or are a part of the fifth kingdom in nature. Intensifying the problem for humanity as a whole is the problem of the individual within that whole. To the influences to which he is subjected as an individual through his

TABULATION X			
Ray	Constellations	Planets Ortho- dox	Planets Esoteric
I. Will or Power	Aries.	The Ram ... Mars	Mercury
	Leo.	The Lion ... The Sun	The Sun
	Capricorn.	The Goat ... Saturn	Saturn
II. Love-Wisdom	Gemini.	The Twins .. Mercury	Venus
	Virgo.	The Virgin .. Mercury	The Moon
	Pisces.	The Fishes .. Jupiter	Pluto
III. Active Intelligence ..	Cancer.	The Crab ... The Moon	Neptune
	Libra.	The Scales ... Venus	Uranus
	Capricorn.	The Goat ... Saturn	Saturn
IV. Harmony through Conflict	Taurus.	The Bull ... Venus	Vulcan
	Scorpio.	The Scorpion .. Mars	Mars
	Sagittarius.	The Archer .. Jupiter	The Earth
V. Concrete Science	Leo.	The Lion ... The Sun	The Sun
	Sagittarius.	The Archer .. Jupiter	The Earth
	Aquarius.	The Water Carrier .. Uranus	Jupiter
VI. Devotion. Idealism ..	Virgo.	The Virgin .. Mercury	The Moon
	Sagittarius.	The Archer .. Jupiter	The Earth
	Pisces.	The Fishes .. Jupiter	Pluto
VII. Ceremonial Order ..	Aries.	The Ram ... Mars	Mercury
	Cancer.	The Crab ... The Moon	Neptune
	Capricorn.	The Goat ... Saturn	Saturn

We are considering the expression of the Shamballa force in term of Will, i.e., of divine purpose, latent in the mind of God since the beginning of time and the dawn of creation. In God's mind, that idea is seen whole and complete. In manifestation it is a gradual, self-revealing evolutionary and demonstrated activity. We know somewhat of the intelligence aspect of God. It is revealed in the living activity of substance. Of the love of that Great Thinker, we are learning slowly and its revelation has reached the stage where the human mind can contrast its

the fourth ether and the planetary Logoi (the seven Heavenly Men) whose bodies the planets are, function normally on the fourth plane of the system, the bud-dhic plane." (C.F. 121.)

23. "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. This is one of the distinctions between a sacred and a non-sacred planet." (C.F. 299.)
24. "Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and **Vulcan** are still developing the mind principle." (C.F. 403.)
25. "Those who are working in the Uranus, the Neptune and the Saturn scheme work somewhat differently to those functioning in the Venus, the **Vulcan**, the Mars, the Mercury, the Jupiter, the Earth and the exoteric Saturn scheme, and so do the Manasadevas (the solar Angels) of the inner round. We should note here that we again have a triplicity of groups, representing a triplicity of forces and herein lies a hint. In the others, the higher group and the middle group hold sway as these planets are the most occult and sacred in manifestation, and are concerned with egos who are on the Path, and who are therefore group-active. In connection with Uranus, Neptune and Saturn, this might be expected as they are the synthesizing planetary schemes, and provide conditions suitable only for the very advanced stages. They are called the 'reaping' planets." (C.F. 777.)
26. "Mercury and Venus, the Sun and the Moon constitute the 'Guardian angels of the four corners of the Earth.'"

Such "blinds" are frequent and necessary in the occult teaching but they will be used less and less as humanity becomes more spiritually perceptive.

Seven great psychological Lives, qualified by seven types of life force, are manifesting through the medium of seven planets. Five other Lives express themselves through five planets, of which two remain to be discovered.

1. The Sun (Substituted for **Vulcan**)
2. Jupiter
3. Saturn
- I. 4. Mercury
5. Venus
6. Mars
7. The Moon (Substituted for Uranus)
8. Pluto
- II. 9. Neptune
10. The Earth
11. Undiscovered
- III. 12. Undiscovered

This is the Exoteric division.

The Kingdoms of Nature and the Planets. In this cycle:

1. The mineral kingdom--Pluto and **Vulcan**
2. The vegetable kingdom--Venus and Jupiter
3. The animal kingdom--The Moon and Mars
4. The human kingdom--Mercury and Saturn
5. The kingdom of souls--Neptune and Uranus
6. Synthesizing these five--The Sun

The Seven Planets, Centers or Schemes

1. **Vulcan**--the sun exoterically considered.
2. Venus.
3. Mars.
4. The Earth.
5. Mercury
6. Saturn.
7. Jupiter.

The Three Synthesizing Planets

1. Uranus--8.
2. Neptune--9.
3. Saturn.

The One Resolver

The Sun.

The first one given above will be regarded as accurate for this world period and will be the basis of our astrological teaching. The informing Lives of the seven sacred planets are called by the following names:

1. The seven Planetary Logoi.
2. The seven Spirits before the throne.
3. The seven Kumaras.
4. The seven solar Deities.
5. The primordial Seven.
6. The seven Builders.
7. The seven intellectual Breaths.
8. The seven Manus.
9. The Flames.
10. Lords of Love, Knowledge and Sacrifice.

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.

c. Is an absorbing or abstracting planet.

d. Is connected with the perfecting process." (C. F. 899.)

10. "Neptune is the repository of the 'solar flames'." (C. F. 1154.)

THE PLANET--PLUTO

References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "Pluto is a deity with the attributes of the serpent. He is a healer, a giver of health, spiritual and physical and of enlightenment." (S.D.II. 30. Note.)
2. "Under the legend, Orpheus seeks in the kingdom of Pluto, his lost soul. Krishna rescues from Pluto his six principles, (II. 30) being the seventh himself..... he is the perfect initiate, the whole of his six principles merging into the seventh." (S.D.III. 142.)

THE PLANET--SATURN

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "Saturn, the father of the Gods, has been transformed from Eternal Duration into the limited period." (S. D.I. 451.)
2. "Jehovah was identified with Saturn and **Vulcan**." (S.D.I. 632.)
3. "In time the planet Saturn became reviled by those who worshipped other Gods." (S.D.I. 631.)
4. "Saturn was connected with Lemuria." (S.D.II. 812.)
5. "Venus, Jupiter and Saturn might be considered *from*

16. "Venus, Jupiter and Saturn might be considered *from the standpoint of the present time* as the vehicles of the three super or major principles. Mercury, the Earth and Mars are closely allied to these three but a hidden mystery lies here." (C.F. 299.)
17. "In the human system, the right eye corresponds with Buddhi and Mercury and the left eye with manas and Venus." (S.D. III. 447. 458.)
18. "In the middle of the fifth round, the Logos of Mercury will, with the Logos of Venus and of our Earth form a temporary triangle of force." (C.F. 371.)
19. "Venus and Jupiter are closely connected with the Earth and form eventually an esoteric triangle." (C.F. 370.)
20. "Venus, being in the fifth round, had the mind principle coordinated and developed and four minor mental aspects had been synthesized and the buddhic aspect was being provided with a means of expression through the medium of the fifth principle." (C.F. 376.)
21. There are three planetary schemes in....."which manas is manifested and two in which already Buddhi is manasically demonstrating. Of these two Venus is one....." (C.F. 377.)
22. "Venus is in her last round and has nearly brought the fourth kingdom to perfection." (C.F. 742.)

THE PLANET--VULCAN

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "Jehovah was identified with Saturn and **Vulcan**." (S.D.I. 632.)

2. "**Vulcan** is within the orbit of Mercury." (C.F. 206. Note.)
3. "The Law of Sacrifice and Death is 'in a mysterious way' the reversal of the first law, that of Vibration. It is **Vulcan** and Neptune in opposition, as yet an incomprehensible idea to us." (C.D. 597.)
4. "In **Vulcan**, the sons of Mind have nearly completed their work." (C.F. 742.)

CAPRICORN--TENTH SIGN OF THE ZODIAC

References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "The Dhyanis were connected with the Crocodile and their abode in Capricornus." (I. 239.)
2. "Capricorn is the 10th sign of the zodiac.....and has in it 28 stars." (II. 609. 612.)
3. "There is a mystic connection between the names *Makara* and *Kumara*.
 - a. It means and is connected with the pentagon.
 - b. It represents five-fold man and therefore the five kumaras.
 - c. It is related to the Ocean God.
 - d. It personifies solar fire." (II. 609. 610.)
4. "Capricorn is connected with the birth of the spiritual microcosm and with the death of the physical universe." (II. 612.)
5. "When the sun passes away behind the 30th degree of Capricorn and will reach no more the sign Pisces, then the Night of Brahma has come." (II. 612.)

correspondence to the permanent atoms in the human being, so the middle evolution between these two (God and man) is the Heavenly Man, whose body is made up of human and deva monads, and Who has likewise His permanent atoms. Always the three higher principles can be distinguished in importance from the four lower." (Cosmic Fire, p. 299.)

"Those who are working in the Uranus, the Neptune, and the Saturn scheme work somewhat differently to those functioning in the Venus, the **Vulcan**, the Mars, the Mercury, the Jupiter, the Earth and the exoteric Saturn scheme, and so do the Manasadevas of the inner round. We should note here that we again have a triplicity of groups, representing a triplicity of force, and herein lies a hint. In the central list of schemes the middle and lower group of Agnishvattas are active. In the others the higher group and middle group hold sway as these planets are the most occult and sacred in manifestation, and are concerned only with egos who are on the Path, and who are therefore group-active. In connection with Uranus, Neptune and Saturn, this might be expected as they are the synthesizing planetary schemes, and provide conditions suitable only for the very advanced stages. They are the 'reaping' planets." (Cosmic Fire, p. 777.)

"The planets Venus and Jupiter are exceedingly closely connected with the Earth, and form eventually an esoteric triangle." (Cosmic Fire. p. 370.)

"Each of the planets--of which seven only were called sacred--whether known or unknown, is a *septenary*, as is also the chain to which the Earth belongs....." (S.D.I. 176.)

"The Dense Physical Planets:

Earth	4th Chain	4th Globe
Jupiter	3rd Chain	4th Globe
Saturn	3rd Chain	4th Globe
Mars	4th Chain	4th Globe
Vulcan	3rd Chain	4th Globe
Venus	5th Chain	5th Globe
Mercury	4th Chain	5th Globe

(Cosmic Fire, p.373.)

PLANETS, RAYS AND ESOTERIC TEACHING

Uranus (7th) --*The School of Magic* of the tenth order. It is sometimes called 'the planet of the violet force,' and its graduates wield the power of cosmic etheric prana.

Earth (3rd) --*The School of Magnetic Response*. Another name given to its pupils is 'The graduates of painful endeavor' or the 'adjudicators between the polar opposites.' Its graduates are said to undergo examination upon the 3rd subplane of the astral plane.

Vulcan (1st) --*The School of Fiery Stones*. There is a curious connection between the human units who pass through its halls and the mineral kingdom. The human units on the earth scheme are called 'the living stones'; on the **Vulcan** they are called 'fiery stones.'

Only when these four interrelated systems are viewed as one integrated whole and as the four aspects of one vital circulatory system will the truth emerge. Only as they are acknowledged to be the four major distributing agents of the combined rays of the individual man will the true nature of material phenomena be grasped. It might be added here that:

1. The etheric vehicle from the circulatory angle, is governed by the Moon, as it veils **Vulcan**.
2. The nervous system is ruled by Venus.
3. The endocrine system is governed by Saturn.
4. The blood stream is governed by Neptune.

These four systems are in reality the manifestation of the four aspects of matter in its lowest or purely physical expression. There are other aspects of expression of the fundamental substance, but these are the four of greatest importance.

Each of these is essentially dual, and each duality corresponds to the ray of the soul or of the personality. Each is therefore both positive and negative; each can be described as a unit of resistant force and of dynamic energy; each is a combination of certain aspects of matter and substance--the matter being the relatively static aspect, and the substance the relatively fluid or quality-endowing agent. Their interplay, relationship and unified function are an expression of the One Life Principle, and when they have reached a point of perfected fusion or synthesis or coordinated activity there then appears that "life more abundantly" of which Christ spoke and of which we, as yet, know nothing. The four aspects of matter produce the correspondence also to the four divine attributes as well as to the three divine aspects.