

Cosmic influences and solar initiations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Pleiades. This group is a most interesting one. If you will go to the dictionary and look up the word "electricity," you will find it suggested that it may be traced back to the star Electra, one of the seven sisters, and supposed by some to be the little lost Pleiad. The Eastern teachers say that in the mystery of electricity is hidden all knowledge, and that when we have fathomed that we shall know all there is to be known. What the relationship of the Pleiades to our solar system may be, it is not possible for us to say, but even our Christian Bible recognizes it, and Job speaks of "the sweet influences of the Pleiades," whilst some of the Oriental Scriptures affirm that the connection lies in sound or vibration. Perhaps the Pleiades are the source of the atomic life of our Logos, the active intelligent aspect, that one which was first developed, and which we might call electrical matter.

Then there is the **Great Bear**. There is much that is interesting said about the relation between the **Great Bear** and the Pleiades in Oriental writings. The seven sisters are said to be the seven wives of the seven stars of the **Great Bear**. Now what is perhaps the truth back of that legend? If the Pleiades are the source of the electrical manifestation, the active intelligent aspect of the solar system, and their energy that which animates all matter, they may perhaps

represent the negative aspect, whose polar opposite, or the positive aspect, is their seven husbands, the seven stars of the **Great Bear**. Perhaps the union of these two is what produces our solar system. Perhaps these two types of energy, one from the Pleiades and the other from the Great Bear, meet, and in their conjunction produce that blazing forth in the heavens which we call our solar system.

The relationship of these two constellations, or rather their subjective relationship, must surely have some basis in fact, or we would not have it hinted at in the different mythologies. There must be something that connects them, out of all the myriads of constellations, with our solar system. But when we endeavor to give it a purely physical application we go astray. If we work it out along the lines of the subjective life, and connect it with energy, quality, or force, we are liable to stumble upon truth, and find out some of the reality which may underlie what appears at first sight to be a senseless fable. Anything that widens our horizon, that enables us to take a broader vision and a clearer view of what is going on in the evolutionary process, is of value to us, not because the accumulation of ascertained facts is of value, but because of what it enables us to do within ourselves; our ability to think in wider and larger terms is increased;

cycle) we shall not be able to conceive of the first aspect of will or power as it really is. We know it now as the will to exist, manifesting through *the matter of the forms* (the Primordial Ray and the Divine Ray), and we know it as that which in some occult manner links the system up with its cosmic center. In a manner inconceivable to us the first Logos brings in the influence of other constellations. When this first aspect is better understood (in the next mahamanvantara) the work of the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**⁶⁵ and the supreme influence of Sirius will be comprehended; in this present manifestation of the Son, or of the Vishnu aspect, we are concerned more closely with the Pleiades and their influence via the Sun, and, in relation to our planet, via Venus.

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

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

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

⁶⁶S.D.,I,100-108.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

through the action of kundalini; it is consequently increasing the vibratory capacity of the centers, which are becoming slowly fourth-dimensional. It is not yet permissible to point out others of the great triangles, but as regards the centers, we may here give two hints:

First. Venus corresponds to the heart center in the body logoi, and has an inter-relationship therefore with all the other centers in the solar system wherein the heart aspect is the one of greater prominence.

Second. Saturn corresponds to the throat center, or to the creative activity of the third aspect.

As evolution proceeds, the other centers attain a more pronounced vibration and the fire (circulating triangularly) will bring them into greater prominence; the two above mentioned, however, are of prime importance at this time. These two, with the lesser triangle of our chain, constitute the focal point of energy *viewed from our planetary standpoint*.

In addition to these some hints in connection with the microcosmic and macrocosmic centers, we might here give the cosmic correspondences at which it is possible to hint.

The Cosmos. Our solar system, with the Pleiades and one of the stars of the **Great Bear**, form a cosmic triangle, or an aggregation of three centers in the Body of HIM OF WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID. The seven stars in the constellation of the **Great Bear** are the correspondences to the seven head centers in the body of that Being, greater than our Logos. Again, two other systems, when allied with the solar system and the Pleiades, make a lower quaternary which are eventually synthesized into the seven head centers in much the same way as in the human being after the fourth initiation.

The Divine Manasaputras,^{13,14} Who are known in the *Secret Doctrine* by diverse names, are the Mind-born Sons of Brahma, the third aspect logoi.

They are the seven planetary Logoi, and are the Lords of the Rays, the seven Heavenly Men. They developed the mind aspect in the first solar system, that in which Brahma was paramount, and in Himself embodied objective existence. This He did in the same sense as that in which the second aspect (the Vishnu or Dragon of Wisdom aspect) is the sumtotal of existence in this the second system.

The cells in Their bodies are made up of the units of the human and deva evolutions in the same manner (only on a higher turn of the spiral) as the bodies of human beings are made up of living organisms, the various animated cells, or the lesser lives. This is a basic fact in occultism, and the relationship between the cells in the human vehicles, and the cells in the bodies of a Heavenly

¹³In the *Secret Doctrine* the Heavenly Men are spoken of as:

1. Agents of creation. They are the totality of manifestation.--S.D.,I,470.
2. They are pre-cosmic.--S.D.,I,470.
3. They are the sumtotal of solar and lunar entities.--S.D.,I,152,470. Compare II, 374.
4. They are the seven Biblical Archangels.
They are the seven Forces or creative Powers.
They are the seven Spirits before the Throne.
They are the seven Spirits of the Planets.--S. D., I, 472, 153.
5. In Their totality They are the Secret Unpronounceable Name.--S. D., I, 473.
6. They are the collective Dhyana Cohans.--S. D., I, 477.
7. They are the seven Kumaras. The seven Rishis.--S.D.,I,493.III,196, 327.
8. They are the Sons of Light.--S. D., I, 521, 522.
9. They are the Hierarchy of creative Powers.--S. D., I, 233.
10. They are the veiled synthesis.--S. D., I, 362.
11. They are our own planetary deities.--S. D., I, 153.
12. They are all men, the product of other worlds.--S. D., I, 132.
13. They are closely connected with the seven stars of the **Great Bear**.--S. D.,I,488. S. D., II, 332. II, 579, 668. S. D., III, 195.
14. They are symbolised by circles.--S. D., II, 582.
15. They are collectively the fallen Angels.--S. D., II, 284, 541.

¹⁴"*The Sons of Mind*: are known by various terms, such as:--"The Manasaputras, the Prajapatis, the Kumaras, the Primordial Seven, the Rudras, the Heavenly Men, the Rishis, the Spirits before the Throne.

find their place within one of the forty nine centers (not groups, for a center may be made up of many groups, corresponding to the different parts) of the seven Heavenly Men.

A Heavenly Man, with His seven centers, forms one center in the body of the solar Logos. I would here point out to you the close connection existing between *the seven Rishis of the Great Bear* and the seven Heavenly Men. The seven Rishis of the *Great Bear* are to Them what the Monad is to the evolving human unit.

VII. WHY IS THE PROGRESS OF EVOLUTION CYCLIC?

This question is one which necessarily appalls us and makes us wonder.

Let us, therefore, deal with it as follows: Certain ideas are involved in the thought of cyclic progression, and these ideas it might pay us well to contemplate.

1. *The idea of Repetition.*

This repetition involves the following factors:

a. Repetition in time: The thought of cyclic activity necessitates periods of time of differing length--greater or lesser cycles--but (according to their length) of uniform degree. A manvantara, or Day of Brahma, is always of a certain length, and so is a mahamanvantara. The cycles wherein an atom of any plane revolves upon its axis are uniform on its own plane.

b. Repetition in fact: This involves the idea of a key measure, or sound of any particular group of atoms that go to the composition of any particular form. This grouping of atoms will tend to the make-up of a particular series of circumstances and will repeat the measure or sound when an animating factor is brought to bear upon them. When the vitalizing force is contacting at stated periods a certain set of atoms, it will call forth from them a specific sound which will demonstrate objectively as environing circumstances. In other words,

All Rods of Initiation cause certain effects:

- a.* Stimulation of the latent fires till they blaze.
- b.* Synthesis of the fires through an occult activity that brings them within the radius of each other.
- c.* Increase of the vibratory activity of some center, whether in man, a Heavenly Man, or a solar Logos.
- d.* Expansion of all the bodies, but primarily of the causal,--this also in speaking of all the three types of Entities.

All these results were seen when the Heavenly Man of our scheme took initiation eighteen million years ago. This initiation was brought about--as earlier pointed out--by a peculiar juxtaposition of chains, globes and schemes, and caused such a stimulation of all the latent manasic units within His body that a downflow of pure manas from the planetary manasic permanent atom was possible along the path of the planetary antaskarana--a channel which *exists* in the case of the planetary Logos, and which has not to be built as in the case of man. Along with this juxtaposition came a similar alignment with one of the Pleiades, permitting of manasic influence from that source.^{30,31}

Third, the third method of individualization is the one to be followed in the next solar system, though it will have its faint beginnings in this one. It is not based on latent activity as in the first case, nor in electrical polarity as in the second, but in a peculiar process of "*occult abstraction*" (using the word "abstraction" in its basic sense as "the drawing out" of essence). This occult abstraction is brought about by an effort of the will at present incomprehensible. The first method of individualization

³⁰"The Secret of the Pleiades and of their relation to the Seven Rishis of the *Great Bear*, and therefore to our Seven Heavenly Men, is not yet to be revealed. It is known only in detail to the Chohans of the Seventh Initiation, though the fact that there is such a relation is now exoteric." H.P.B. speaks of it in the *Secret Doctrine*.

³¹See S.D., II, 711, 725, 726.

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

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

of the form, and its evolution for as long as the logioic Ego seeks physical existence.

To carry the simile, or analogy, even further back and thus bear in mind the resemblance between microcosmic and macrocosmic development we have:

1. The seven Spirits who find Their originating incentive on:
 - a. The cosmic lower mental levels.
 - b. The logioic "Jewel in the Lotus."
 - c. The cosmic atmic plane.
2. The seven Heavenly Men are in the line of force from:
 - a. The cosmic astral plane.
 - b. The logioic nine-petalled lotus.
 - c. The cosmic buddhic plane (the seven Rishis of **Great Bear**).
3. The seven Sons of Fohat find their vital force emanating from:
 - a. The cosmic physical plane.
 - b. The logioic permanent atoms (within the causal body).
 - c. The cosmic higher mental levels.

Yet these three are but the expressions of One Existence for behind the Logos in physical incarnation is to be found the logioic Monad, expressing Itself through the logioic Ego, and its reflection, the logioic Personality.

All these spiritual Essences are individualized self-conscious Identities, and the "Fiery Lives" are real, and conscious, vital Existences. Thus we see the Logos manifesting as One Unity yet Three in One; we see the three fold Unity differentiating into the seven great Lives, containing within Themselves all lesser lives.

Another broad differentiation must next be touched upon:

- a. With each other, thus making seven groups who are the sumtotal of the Brahma aspect of our planetary Logos.
- b. With the seven groups who constitute the atomic matter of that scheme which is the polar opposite of ours.
- c. With that particular group in that scheme which is one of the points in a systemic triangle of which our scheme and our opposite scheme are the other two.
- d. With corresponding groups in lesser degree in all the systemic schemes.
- e. With the scheme which corresponds to the first aspect, or the plane of Adi.
- f. With those devas who form the spirit-substance of the manifestation of that particular Rishi of the **Great Bear** Who is the prototype of our particular planetary Logos.
- g. With those devas who form the substance of that one of those esoteric existences who are spoken of in the *Secret Doctrine*¹⁴ as "The wives of the seven Rishis," or the seven sisters, the Pleiades. One of these seven sisters has a close connection with our Heavenly Man, and therefore we have an interesting cosmic interplay as follows:
 1. One of the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**.
 2. One of the seven Sisters, or a Pleiad.
 3. The Heavenly Man of our scheme.

This interplay will be threefold and as far as we are concerned just now will involve a transmission of life force through the atomic matter of our planes, circulating in deva substance. This will materially affect certain types of humanity more than others, according to their ray and nature, and this effect will demonstrate in

¹⁴S.D.,II,579-582.

tion of the physical Sun and the physical planets. Though this, from our standpoint, covers an inconceivable vast period of time, to the Logos it is but the brief period of gestation which all bodies undergo. A second momentous occurrence is the appropriation *by the various Prajapatis*,³⁰ or Heavenly Men of their physical bodies--again at varying times and according to their evolutionary stage. This is of later date for the seven than for the three. An idea of the meaning of this distinction can be gleaned by the student, as he studies the process of the incarnating ego.

What do we consequently find? First of all, impulse, or the will-to-be, emanating from the mental plane; then desire, emanating from the astral plane, producing manifestation on the dense physical.

This idea must be extended to the three Logoi or logoiic Aspects and we then have the key to the mystery of the nine Sephiroth, the triple Trimurti.

The other event might be noted,--the appropriation at a still later period in time and space by the individual Monads of their bodies of manifestation.

The pouring in of this force of energy, emanating from the fifth logoiic Principle, brings about two things:

The appropriation by the sevenfold Logos of His dense physical body.

The appearance on the fifth systemic plane of the causal bodies of the human Monads.

or

For the greater Life it was incarnation.

For the lesser lives it was individualization.

This needs pondering upon.

³⁰*Prajapatis*. The Progenitors; the givers of life to all on this earth. They are seven and then ten corresponding to the seven and ten Sephiroth. Cosmically, they are the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**; systemically they are the seven planetary Logoi, and from the standpoint of our planet they are the seven Kumaras.

See S. D., I, 109, 122, 459, 661; II, 33, 36; footnote 80.

kingdoms find their seventh principle in the fourth kingdom in nature, $3+4=7$. When the life of God has circled through these seven kingdoms, then full self-consciousness is achieved from a certain relative standpoint, and the Son is on the way to attainment. This relative perfection has then to be carried on to other stages, but they are stages in which the separated self-consciousness of the Identities concerned (whether human or planetary) must eventually merge itself in universal consciousness.

Certain centers in the bodies logoc and planetary are also stimulated and the Rays (if it might be so expressed) become radioactive. It is this radiation which will eventually bring about conscious group activity, which will lead to interaction between the planets, and which, under the Law of Attraction and Repulsion, will bring about eventual synthesis.

On extra-systemic or cosmic levels, the individualization process produces a corresponding activity in the egoic body of the Logos, and hence increased vibration in that center in the body of the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID, which our Logos represents. It also produces a reaction or "occult recognition" in the prototype of the Septenate, or in the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**, and this reaction in cosmic circles will persist until the end of the mahamanvantara, when the Logos is set free (even though temporarily), from physical plane existence.

It also brings about a setting loose of force from the cosmic mental plane which is cyclic in character. In this round, the fourth, the maximum force of this cycle was felt in the third root race. In the next round, during the fourth root race, and for a very brief period, a fresh cycle will reach its zenith, and will again open the door of individualization in order to permit the entry of certain very advanced Egos who are seeking

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

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

- a. Sirius.
- b. That one of the seven stars of the **Great Bear** which is ensouled by the prototype of the Lord of our third major Ray.
- c. Our cosmic center.

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

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

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

Doctrine,⁴¹ have the privilege of "passing the ring-pass-not"; these are, nevertheless, not avatars for They are Themselves evolving through the administration of karma. It is Their work, and opportunity to progress. An avatar can learn nothing from the place of His appearance. His work is to apply the force of some type of electrical energy to substance in one of its many grades, and thus bring about anticipated results.

Another type of solar avatar, Who can be seen appearing in the schemes, has relation to the heart center of a planetary Logos, and appears on the higher planes (never on the lower) when the heart activity is making itself felt, and when the energizing process is seen to bring about three things:

- a. An expansion of consciousness.
- b. An increase of spiritual light and brilliancy.
- c. Planetary radioactivity.

It is this planetary phenomenon which produces (in connection with the fourth kingdom in nature) the throwing open of the door of initiation to man. Such avatars do not come in connection with any particular Hierarchy but only in relation to the total system. They produce the blending of the colors, and the synthesis of the units in their groups.

At the initiation of a planetary Logos, an avatar may appear in His scheme on the seventh globe from that cosmic center or star which is ensouled by the particular Rishi who (in the constellation of the **Great Bear**) is His cosmic prototype. This is, for the Entity concerned, the taking of a physical form, for our higher planes are but matter from Their standpoint. This has been emphasized frequently, as its significance is not yet sufficiently grasped. By means of the appearance of this Avatar on the seventh globe, the planetary Logos is

⁴¹These are the Lipika Lords. See S.D.,I,157.

His three pupils, having achieved the highest initiation possible in the last great cycle but having as yet (from Their standpoint) another step to take, offered Themselves to the planetary Logos of Their Ray as "focal points" for His force, so that thereby He might hasten and perfect His plans on Earth within the cycle of manifestation. They have demonstrated three out of the four methods. They are *overshadowed* by the planetary Logos, and He works directly as the Initiator (in relation to man) through Sanat Kumara, and with the three kingdoms in nature through the three Buddhas of Activity,--Sanat Kumara, being thus concerned directly with the ego on the mental plane, and His three Pupils being concerned with the other three types of consciousness, of which man is the summation. At the moment of initiation (after the second Initiation) Sanat Kumara becomes the direct mouthpiece and agent of the Planetary Logos. That great Entity speaks through Him and for one brief second (if one can use such a term in connection with a plane whereon time, as we understand it, is not) the planetary Logos of a man's Ray consciously--via His etheric brain--turns His thought upon the Initiate, and "calls him by His Name."

Again the Kumaras are *embodied principles*, but in this connection we must remember that this means that the force and energy of one of the principles of the Logos are pouring through Them via that which--to Them--corresponds to the Monad. Through Them, during Their period of incarnation and voluntary sacrifice, the great Prototype of the planetary Logos begins to make His Presence felt, and force from the constellation of the **Great Bear** faintly vibrates on earth. At initiation, man becomes aware consciously of the Presence of the planetary Logos through self-induced contact with his own divine Spirit. At the fifth Initiation he becomes aware of the full extent of this planetary group influence, and

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

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

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

⁵⁸Bible. Romans, 8:22.

tem. This is equally true of all atoms of all grades, but only in connection with the atom of substance, and to some degree with the human atom, is it in any way possible to ascertain the predisposing causes. Until the mystery of the **Great Bear** is revealed and is known as it is and until the influence of the Pleiades is comprehended, and the true significance of the cosmic triangle formed by

- a. The seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**,
- b. The seven planetary Logoi of our solar system,
- c. The seven Pleiades or Sisters,

is revealed, the karma of the seven sacred planets will remain unknown. All that we can see is its working out in the solar system. The intricacy of the whole subject will be apparent when it is borne in mind that not only do these three groups form a cosmic triangle, but that within that triangle many lesser triangles have to be studied. Any one of the seven Rishis with one of our planetary Logoi and one of the seven Sisters may form a subsidiary triangle, and all must thus be studied.

In connection with the karma of the solar Logos, the subject is even more abstract and incomprehensible. It lies hidden--not in the seven constellations--but in the three constellations which concern the three bodies of His Personality and which in themselves are but manifestations of a central LIFE past our concept and our recognition. It concerns the manifestation in time and space of the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID, and Whose relationship to the solar Logos finds a faint analogy in that of the planetary Logos to man, the human unit. It profits not to extend the thought any further.

We are but seeking to emphasize the fact of the interdependence of all atoms and forms, to lay stress upon the reality of the variety of influences which play upon all

thought. The "Transmitters of the Word" on the atomic subplane of each plane are devas of vast power and prerogative who may be stated to be connected with the Father aspect, and embodiments of electric fire. They are all fully self-conscious, having passed through the human stage in earlier kalpas. They are also corporate parts of the seven primary head centers in the body of a solar Logos or planetary Logos.

Though connected with the Father aspect, they are nevertheless part of the body of the Son, and each of them, according to the plane which he energizes, is a component part of one or other of the seven centers, either solar or planetary--planetary when only the particular center is concerned, systemic when that center is viewed as an integral part of the whole.

Each of these great lives (embodying deva energy of the first degree) is an emanation from the central spiritual sun in the first instance and from one of the three major constellations in the second instance. Systemically they fall into three groups: Group 1 includes those transmitters of the Word who are found on the three lower subplanes of the plane Adi, or the logoc plane. Group 2 comprises those great builders who transmit the Word on the three next systemic planes, the monadic, the atmik and the buddhic. Group 3 is formed of those who carry on a similar function in the three worlds of human endeavor. Fundamentally they are also emanations from one of the seven stars of the **Great Bear** in the third instance.

In these triple emanatory forces may be found the origin of all that is visible and objective and through their agency our solar system takes its place within the greater cosmic scheme, and a certain basic cosmic fire is formed. They are the sumtotal of the head, the heart and the throat centers of the solar Logos, and their correspondences will be found within a Heavenly Man, a hu-

cycle, be adjusted, and so much planetary karmic evil be "worked off." All the above must be interpreted in its esoteric sense and not its exoteric.

Cosmic evil from the standpoint of our planet consists in the relation between that spiritual intelligent Unit or "Rishi of the Superior Constellation" as He is called (who is the informing Life of one of the seven stars of the **Great Bear**, and our planetary prototype) and one of the forces of the Pleiades.⁹⁶ Students need here to remember that the "seven sisters" are occultly called the "seven wives" of the Rishis and that the dual forces (resultant from that relationship) converge and play through that one of the planetary Logoi who is the Logos of any particular planet, and is the "reflection" of any specific Rishi. In this relation, at present lacking perfect adjustment, lies the mystery of cosmic evil as it makes itself felt in any particular planetary scheme. Again, when the heavenly triangle is duly equilibrated, and the force circulates freely through

- a. One of the stars of the **Great Bear**,
- b. The Pleiad involved,
- c. The planetary scheme concerned,

then again cosmic evil will be negated, and a relative perfection achieved. This will mark the attainment of primary perfection, and the consummation of the greater cycle.

Cyclic evil, or tertiary evil, lies hid in the relation between the globes in any particular scheme, two of them ever being in opposition until equilibrated by force emanating from a third. Students will only apprehend the significance of this teaching as they study the pairs of opposites in their own cycles, and the equilibrizing work of the Ego.

A fourth type of evil growing out of the above finds

⁹⁶S.D.,II,579-581

sance of the planetary individual purpose, which is not revealed until the later initiations.

11. The inherent energy of the solar atom itself has likewise a rhythmic effect upon the individual Monad, and though it only reaches the monad via the greater centers of Existence yet it has its effect upon one and all. This is another factor not sufficiently recognized.

12. Finally, the energy of the greater life (in which our solar system but forms a part) has to be reckoned with, and the impulses emanating from the cosmic Logos, the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID reach the monadic lives and produce stimulation or retardation according to the nature of the cosmic ideation. These are necessarily entirely outside the ken of average man and are only touched upon as no tabulation would be complete without them.

13. There is also to be borne in mind the play of energy which emanates from any one of those "Twelve signs of the Zodiac" with which astrology concerns itself. This type of force is primarily concerned with planetary stimulation, with the planetary Logoi, and is hidden in Their cyclic karma,--a karma which of course will incidentally involve those monads and devas which form Their bodies and centers.

14. We must not ignore the three great waves of energy which sweep cyclically through the entire solar system from:

- a. The seven stars of the **Great Bear**. The strength of these vibrations depends upon the closeness of the connection and the accuracy of the alignment between any particular Heavenly Man and His Prototype. The mystery here is profound; it is connected with the stage in evolution of the "imperfect gods" and the objective of the planetary deities.

tion, due, to the gradually increasing responsiveness of the planetary Logos to His heavenly Prototype, whereby influences from the **Great Bear** draw, or occultly "attract," the attention of the Logos, and bring Him more into line with a greater impulsive Will. This shifting causes disruption in His lower manifestation, which is a condition on the cosmic Path of Initiation analogous to that undergone by a disciple.

The planetary atom revolves upon its axis and comes periodically under influences which produce definite effects. These influences are, among others, those of the moon, and of the two planets which lie nearest to it on either side--nearer and farther away from the Sun. The moon's influence is exceedingly strong, and has a curious resemblance (as far as the *physical* planet is concerned) to the "Dweller on the Threshold," which has such a familiar and potent effect upon the human atom. The resemblance must not be strained, for it should be borne in mind that the moon has no effect upon the Heavenly Man Himself, as His stage of evolution negates such a thing, but that the influence felt is by the planetary Entity--the sumtotal of the elemental essences of the planet. Scientific occult students will learn much anent the planetary scheme when they consider the influence of the moon's *karmic* pull upon the earth, coupled with the effect of the two neighboring planets, occultly understood.

Second, the planetary atom also revolves orbitally around its solar center. This is its expression of rotary-spiral-cyclic action, and its recognition of the divine central magnet. This brings it under the constant impression of other schemes, each of which produces effects upon the planet. It likewise brings it under the inflowing streams of energy from what are termed the zodiacal constellations which reach the planetary scheme via the great center, the Sun. It will be apparent to any student

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

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

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

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

The **Great Bear**.

The Pleiades.

The Sun Sirius.

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

liberated Dhyān Chohan the mystery of that which lies beyond his own solar Ring-Pass-Not is hid.

Certain influences indicate to Him and certain lines of force demonstrate to Him the fact that some constellations are knit with His system in a close and corporate union. We know that the **Great Bear**, the Pleiades, Draco or the Dragon are in some way associated with the solar system but as yet we know not their function nor the nature of the other constellations. It must also be remembered that the turning of our tiny systemic wheel, and the revolution of a cosmic wheel can be hastened, or retarded, by influences emanating from unknown or unrealized constellations whose association with a systemic or a cosmic Logos is as mysterious relatively as the effect individuals have upon each other in the human family. This effect is hidden in logoi karma and is beyond the ken of man.

The wheels in order of their importance might be enumerated as follows:

The wheel of the universe, or the sumtotal of all stars and starry systems.

A cosmic wheel, or a group of seven constellations.

These are grouped according to:

- a. Their magnitude,
- b. Their vibration,
- c. Their color,
- d. Their influence upon each other.

These cosmic wheels, according to the esoteric books, are divided into forty-nine groups each comprising millions of septenary constellations. For purposes of study by the Adepts, they are each known by a symbol, and these forty-nine symbols embody all that can be apprehended ament the size, magnitude, quality, vibratory activity, and objective of those great forms through which an Existence is experiencing. The Chohans of high de-

many and varied sources which might be briefly enumerated as follows:

- a. From the seven Rays, via the seven subrays of any specific monadic ray.
- b. From the triple aspects of the planetary Logos as He manifests through a scheme.
- c. From what are called "the sevenfold divisions of the logioic Heart," or the sun in its sevenfold essential nature, as it is seen lying esoterically behind the outer physical solar form.
- d. From the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**; this pours in via the Monad and is transmitted downward, merging on the higher levels of the mental plane with seven streams of energy from the Pleiades which come in as the psychical force demonstrating through the solar Angel.

All these various streams of energy are passed through certain groups or centers, becoming more active and demonstrating with a freer flow as the course of evolution is pursued. As far as man is concerned at present, this energy all converges, and seeks to energize his physical body; and direct his action via the seven etheric centers. These centers receive the force in a threefold manner:

- a. Force from the Heavenly Man and, therefore, from the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear** via the Monad.
- b. Force from the Pleiades, via the solar Angel or Ego.
- c. Force from the planes, from the Raja Devas of a plane, or fohatic energy, via the spirillae of a permanent atom.

It is this fact which accounts for the gradual growth and development of a man. At first it is the force of the plane substance, which directs him, causing him to iden-

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

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

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

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

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

MACROCOSM

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

MICROCOSM

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

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

brothers," and the "first flower on the human plant." The symbol of this Hierarchy is the Golden Lotus with its twelve petals folded.

It should be remembered that this Hierarchy is literally the sixth, for five hierarchies have passed on, being the product of the earlier system, that wherein Intelligence or Manas was the goal. The five liberated hierarchies are in their totality the sumtotal of manas. It is the Hierarchy which is the fifth in order, and which we are told is in process of achieving final liberation, or taking its fourth Initiation, which is the cause of certain phenomena upon our planet which has merited our planet being called the "Star of Suffering." There is a karmic link between the animal kingdom and the fifth Creative Hierarchy of the earlier system which makes itself felt in man in the necessary crucifixion of the animal physical nature, particularly along sex lines. We must remember that the hierarchies work under the Law of Attraction; it is the law of the Builders.

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Method V. Sutra 37. Sacral center.

The chitta is stabilized and rendered free from illusion as the lower nature is purified and no longer indulged.

Method VI. Sutra 38. Throat center.

Peace (steadiness of the chitta) can be reached through meditation on the knowledge which dreams give.

Method VII. Sutra 39. Heart center.

Peace can also be reached through concentration upon that which is dearest to the heart.

These should be carefully considered, even if no details of procedure can here be given. Only the principle and the law involved can be considered by the student. It should be remembered also that all these centers have their correspondences in the etheric matter found in the region of the head and that it is when these seven head centers are awakened that their counterparts are also safely awakened. These seven head centers correspond in the microcosm to the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**, the prototypes of the seven Heavenly Men, and the centers above enumerated relate to the energy of the seven Heavenly Men Themselves.

It is not necessary to enlarge here upon these centers beyond indicating the following:

1. The aspirant may regard each center symbolically as a lotus.

2. This lotus is formed of energy units moving or vibrating in a specific manner and these vibration-waves assume the forms we call the petals of the lotus.

seven and the twelve upon which all our creative processes are built.

3. The meaning of the twelve labors of Hercules in their relation to man, the microcosm.

4. The purpose of our planet, gained by the adept through an understanding of the triplicity formed by:

- a. The Pole Star,
- b. Our Earth Planet,
- c. The **Great Bear**.

Other meanings are available to those who hold the key, but the above will suffice to show the deep, though esoteric significance attached to these brief words.

29. By concentrated attention upon the center called the solar plexus, comes perfected knowledge as to the condition of the body.

In the commentary upon Book I Sutra 36, the various centers were enumerated and their qualities given. In this section of the book, five of these centers are mentioned and they are the five which most closely concern the aspirant, and which are the most dominant in the fifth or Aryan race, being awakened but not unfolded in the fourth race. These are:

1. The center at the base of the spine.....4 petals,
2. The solar plexus center.....10 petals,
3. The heart center.....12 petals,
4. The throat center.....16 petals,
5. The head center.....1000 petals.

With these five, the aspirant is primarily concerned. The center called the spleen was domi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- a. The planets, affecting their personalities.
 - b. The Sun sign, as indicating life trends which are already established and which constitute the line of least resistance.
 - c. The rising sign in a small measure. This indicates the life goal for that particular life cycle or else over a period of seven lives. The last two constitute the Greater Zodiac.
3. Disciples and initiates can begin consciously to respond to all the above influences, handling them constructively, plus those potent yet infinitely subtle forces which pour into our solar system from the three major constellations referred to above. In the early stages the response is in the subtler bodies and the brain fails to register them, but after the third initiation, there is a recognition of them upon the physical plane.

Bringing the theme back to the subject of this treatise, which is that of the seven rays, I would point out that these rays have a close connection with the seven stars of the **Great Bear** (again always the four and the three as a secondary differentiation) and to the seven Sisters, the Pleiades. The first constellation is the agent of positive force to the planetary Logos and the other the relayer of the negative aspect. There is, therefore, a direct interchange of energies between the lives of the seven planetary Logoi and the stupendous and unfathomable Lives Who inform these major constellations. Great interlocking triangles of force can be found existing between the seven planets and these two groups of seven stars each. It will eventually be discovered that the innermost secret of astrological deduction in the planetary sense is connected with these "sacred triangles," and they are--in their turn--represented by the triangles

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

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

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

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

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This Hierarchy, which is literally the seventh, is the influx into our system of those Lives who in the first solar system remained on their own plane, being too sinless and holy to find opportunity in that very material and intellectual evolution. Even in this, they will find it impossible to do more than influence the incarnating Jivas, imparting to them ability to realize the nature of group consciousness, the quality of the seven Heavenly Men, but not being able to express

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

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

Each of these seven Rays, coming from the Great

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-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

zodiac. Hence the immense importance of the next 2000 years. Therefore, only when a man is a world server and becoming group conscious can this desired objective of manifestation begin to demonstrate. It is beginning to happen today for the first time in planetary history. It is one of the first fruits of initiation and only in the next root race to our present Aryan race will we begin really to understand the significance of the process and the true nature of the energies to be released through the medium of humanity upon the planet. It is for this reason that Jupiter and Uranus (expressions of the second and the seventh rays) are the exoteric and esoteric rulers of Aquarius.

You have, therefore, the following line of force to study:

1. Alcyone--in the Pleiades, the mothers of the seven aspects of form life and the "wives of the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**." They are connected with the Mother aspect which nurtures the infant Christ.
2. Aquarius--the World Server, the transmitter of energy which evokes magnetic response.
3. Jupiter and Uranus--planets of beneficent consummation. The second ray of love and the seventh ray which fuses spirit and matter "to the ultimate glory" of the solar Logos are in the fullest eventual cooperation.
4. Humanity--the focal point for all these energies and the divine distributor of them to individual man and later to the lower three kingdoms in nature.

Thus you see, that from a generalization re the exterior constellations (exterior to the zodiac and the solar system itself) we are becoming more specific, showing how certain stars in these constellations are definitely related by direct

lines of energy to our planet; these lines of force usually reach us via one of the zodiacal signs and--in rare cases--directly to a planet. The latter case is, however, exceedingly rare. We have also brought into relation to our solar system another constellation, called the Little Bear which is a reflection of or a corollary to the major energies of its greater prototype, Ursa Major, the **Great Bear**. These facts contain a great mystery connected with the inter-relation of Ursa Major, Ursa Minor and the Pleiades; they constitute one of the greatest and more important of the triplicities to be found in the heavens as far as we have astronomically ascertained the nature of our immediate universe. This is a perfectly unimportant piece of information as far as you are concerned and is only of significance to initiates of the fourth degree. It serves, nevertheless, to add its evidence to the essential integrity and interlocking dependencies of the universe.

In order the better to understand the nature of discipleship and the processes of stabilization and right direction, we must precede the Capricornian experience of initiation with a careful study of the spiritual implications of the sign Scorpio and of its function in providing "points of crisis" and "moments of reorientation," as this will be of the utmost value to the earnest student. Even though I am endeavoring to lay the foundation for the new astrology and to provide some measure of technical information from the point of view of the Hierarchy, my underlying motive is ever the same: to indicate the way of living process and to stimulate that divine curiosity and that sense of outgoing spiritual adventure and eager aspiration for progress which is latent in all disciples and which, when stimulated, will enable them to proceed more serenely and sanely upon the

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:

1. The seven Spirits responsive to the seven sacred planets. They are:
 - a. Expressions of divine life upon the Earth.
 - b. Focal points for the Lords of the seven rays.
 - c. Rulers of the seven planes of consciousness and manifestation.
 - d. Representatives because responsive to

2. The seven Rishis of the **Great Bear** Who are:
 - a. Expressions of the life of the One About whom Naught May Be Said.
 - b. The positive focal points for the seven major cosmic energies.
 - c. Rulers of the seven Creative Hierarchies.
 - d. Related as positive poles to

3. The seven Sisters or the seven Pleiades who:
 - a. Are expressions of the dualism of manifestation in their relation to the seven Rishis.
 - b. Provide the negative pole to the positive aspect of the seven Rishis.
 - c. Fuse with the positive energies of the **Great Bear** and, unitedly, work through seven of the zodiacal signs.

Here again the complexity of the forces playing upon our planet and increasing in their number and their potency as the vehicles of response upon our planet become more highly developed and sensitive and are, therefore, capable of a truer reaction and a more rapid response to the many forces impinging upon our planetary forms of life. It has been remarked by a profound astrological expert Who

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

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

opposites. Pause and consider this phrasing. The opposites eternally remain from the point of view of human reason, but to the initiate whose intuition is functioning they constitute but six great potencies, because he has achieved "the freedom of the two," as it is sometimes called. For instance, the Leo subject who has an initiated consciousness preserves the individuality, developed in Leo, as well as the universality of Aquarius; he can function, if he so chooses, as a fully self-identified individual, yet possesses simultaneously a fully awakened universal awareness; the same thing can be said of balanced activity and consequent fusion in all the signs. This analysis constitutes in itself an interesting and far-reaching field of speculation.

Gemini is, therefore, one of the most important of the twelve signs and its influence lies behind everyone of them--a fact but little realized as yet by astrologers. This will be more fully understood when the triangle of Gemini and two opposing signs is studied. Because the Ray of Love-Wisdom, the second ray, pours through Gemini it becomes apparent how true is the occult teaching that love underlies the entire universe. God is love, we are assured, and this statement is both an exoteric and an esoteric truth. This underlying love of Deity reaches our solar system primarily through Gemini, which forms, with the constellation of the **Great Bear** and the Pleiades, a cosmic triangle. This is the triangle of the cosmic Christ and is the esoteric symbol lying behind the cosmic Cross. There is ever the eternal triangle to be found behind the fourfold phenomenal appearance. Speaking symbolically and in the words of the *Old Commentary*:

"Upon the golden triangle, the cosmic Christ appeared; His head in Gemini; one foot upon the field

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

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

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

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

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

problems. The entire secret of divine purpose and planning is hidden in this sign, owing fundamentally to the relation of the Pleiades to the constellation, the **Great Bear**, and to our solar system. This constitutes one of the most important triangles in our entire cosmic series of relationships and this importance is also enhanced by the fact that the "eye of the Bull" is the eye of revelation. The underlying goal of the evolutionary process--"the onward rush of the Bull of God," as it is esoterically called--reveals steadily and without cessation the stupendous and sublime plan of Deity. *This* is the subject which light reveals.

There is at this time, owing to the influx of the Shamballa force, the establishing of a peculiar relation or alignment between the constellation, Taurus (with its own specific alignment with the Pleiades and **Great Bear**) the planet, Pluto, and our Earth. This produces much of the present world difficulty and one which the modern astrologer would do well to consider. It constitutes a major cosmic triangle at this time, conditioning much that is now happening.

This Shamballa force is that which "fans or intensifies the light by the removal of obstructions and proceeds from far distant places, pouring through the eye of illumination into those spheres of influence upon the sorrowful planet, the Earth, impelling the Bull upon its onward rush." So speaks the *Old Commentary*. The import of this is that the energy of will--newly released by Sanat Kumara upon our planet--emanates, via the head center of the planetary Logos, from the **Great Bear**; it is stepped down in vibration via one of the Pleiades (hence its influence upon matter and hence also its pronounced Taurian effects upon humanity) and so enters into the solar system. It is there absorbed by that major center of our planetary life to which we give the name, Shamballa. Its effect is necessarily twofold. It produces in

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

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

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

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

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

1. Triangles of Energy--Constellations.

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

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

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

First Triangle:

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

Second Triangle:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The inherent energies of the twelve constellations which blend with the ray energies, producing the essential dualism of manifested life, and incidentally are responsible for the peculiar difficulties confronting humanity on the arc of evolutionary experience upon our planet.

Again I would repeat that what I shall have to say will be related to present world conditions, to humanity and also--for practical teaching and application--to the life of the individual disciple. Necessarily, these energies have a cosmic, systemic and planetary significance but these no disciple can as yet grasp; personality has to be transcended before even the earlier stages of the understanding of these mysteries become possible and this transcendence is something you have not yet accomplished but which some day inevitably you will.

Once man is impersonal and free from the reactions of the lower self, and his consciousness is illumined by the clear light of the intuition, then his "window of vision" becomes clarified and his sight into reality is unimpeded. Obstructions (always erected by humanity itself) are removed and he sees all life and form in their true relation and can comprehend, and even occultly "see," the "passage of the energies."

The relationship of certain rays and cosmic triangles may become clearer to you if the following tabulation is studied with care.

NOTE: The seven stars of the **Great Bear** are the originating sources of the seven rays of our solar system. The seven Rishis (as They are called) of the **Great Bear** express Themselves through the medium of the seven planetary Logoi Who are Their Representatives and to Whom They stand in the relation of cosmic Prototype. The seven

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. *Triangles of Force--Planets.*

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

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

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

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

We might consequently state that the forces of:

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

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

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

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

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

Certain of the forces with which we are dealing govern

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:

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

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

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

here indicated. The analysis of this tabulation will complete our consideration of esoteric astrology.

The seven stars of the **Great Bear** are the originating sources of the seven rays of our solar system. The seven Rishis of the **Great Bear** express Themselves through the medium of the seven planetary Logoi Who are Their Representatives and to whom they stand in the relation of Prototype. These seven planetary Spirits manifest through the medium of the seven sacred planets.

Each of these seven rays, coming from the **Great Bear**, are transmitted into our solar system through the medium of three constellations and their ruling planets. The following tabulation will make this clear, but must be interpreted only in terms of the present turn of the great zodiacal wheel of 25,000 years.

2. *Various Aspects of the Will.*

We have now the difficult task of considering an aspect of divine manifestation which is as yet so little apparent upon the physical plane that we lack the exact word with which to express it and those words available are likewise misleading. I can, however, attempt to give you certain concepts, relationships and parallels which may serve to close this section on astrology and lay a foundation for future teaching around the year 2025. That is the mode whereby all revelation comes. A thought is given; a symbol described; an idea portrayed. Then, as the minds of men ponder upon it and the intuitives of the world pick up the thought, it serves as a seed thought which eventually comes to fruition with the presentation and the unfolding of a revelation which serves to lead the race of men nearer to their goal.

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

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

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

gies are the life-quality of the seven great Beings Who are the Prototypes of the planetary Logoi of the sacred planets, seven in number. These latter are Their reflections in time and space, as the soul is the reflector of the Monad where human beings are concerned.

2. The seven rays express themselves, each through three of the zodiacal constellations. The analogy (but not the correspondence) is that these three constellations are to the life of one of these ray Beings what the three aspects of monad-soul-body are to a man. Again, it is only analogy. Forget not that analogy and correspondence are not the same. In the first case there is resemblance but not in detail. In the second, there is practically identical expression, usually, on a lower level.
3. These seven great Beings express Themselves in our solar system as the custodians or the exponents of the Will aspect of Deity. Their effect, therefore, is ever to convey into our solar system and eventually into our planetary life, the energy of the Will, in its planmaking, form-building nature. Esoteric books and esoteric teaching have necessarily laid the emphasis upon consciousness as it expresses quality. That is as it should be. But behind all quality lies That of which the quality is the expression and behind that is to be found the dynamic "out-going" (if I might so express it) which is the motivation of both the quality or consciousness and the life or appearance, the precipitation of will and quality.
4. The nature of the will is as yet undefinable for only the Monad responds to its impact, and only after the third initiation does man somewhat grasp the nature of the will. All that is possible to understand in this brief summation is the effect of the will as it makes its pres-

We can, however, gain some dim, human interpretations of divine goals by relating these rays and their transmitting constellations to our Earth and by noting how this triangular relationship can work out on our planet. Individual apprehension will be dependent upon the point of development and only the higher initiates will understand the real implications of my remarks.

You have to remember, therefore, as you study these most deeply esoteric relations that we approach them from two angles--the only angles which are as yet possible to the finite mind of man:

1. The relation of the three constellations to the rays which are each expressing the quality of the Life of an Informing Entity--the Being Who is expressing Identity through one or other of the seven stars of the **Great Bear**, Ursa Major, as we probably ought to call this constellation.
2. The three aspects of *the will* which the three constellations are expressing and to which human beings will consciously respond after the third initiation. These three aspects are:
 - a. The will which conditions and initiates.
 - b. The will which brings fulfillment.
 - c. The will which conquers death.

Before entering into a closer analysis of our subject, I would remind you that we are in reality dealing with universals, symbolized for us in the huge aggregate of constellations with which our theme is concerned:

1. The seven stars of the **Great Bear** or Ursa Major are involved in an intricate relation with Ursa Minor and the Pleiades. With this we shall not deal. This major

lifts humanity off and away from the planet on to one or other of the seven cosmic Paths to which our seven initiations form the entering doors.

In connection with the human individual and his progress and initiation or translation from one state of consciousness to another, there is to be found a small replica of the above:

- a. The soul of man receives from all three major planetary centers or groups.
- b. The darkened spots indicate awakened, alert centers.
- c. The diagram indicates the "interior light chart" of an advanced aspirant on the verge of discipleship.

The whole story of extension from the One into the Many and of the Many into the One is contained in these macrocosmic and microcosmic diagrams.

Let us now take each of the seven Rays and see how they embody and transmit the three aspects of the will, via three constellations and their rulers, to our Earth. We enter here into the realm of causes and are dealing with those transcendent purposes, incentives, urges and objectives of the One in Whom we live and move and have our being. This great Life, the Ancient of Days, the Lord of the world, Sanat Kumara, the Eternal Youth, the planetary Logos--His many names are of relative unimportance--is the only Existence upon our planet Who is capable of responding to and carrying out the objectives of the solar Logos. He, in His turn, is the only one in our solar system capable of responding to the sevenfold Emanating Cause, expressing Itself through the **Great Bear** or Ursa Major. We will, however, deal with the psychological aspects of the emanations of the seven Rays which *embody the will-to-good*.

2. "Enoch, the type of the dual nature of man (spiritual and physical) occupies the center of the astronomic Cross.....which is a six-pointed star.....In the upper angle of the upper triangle is the Eagle (Scorpio); in the left lower angle stands the Lion (Leo); in the right, the Bull (Taurus); while between the Bull and the Lion.....is the face of Enoch, the man (Aquarius)These are the four animals of Ezekiel and Revelations." (S.D.II. 561. 562.)

(The Fixed Cross of the Heavens)

3. "The constellations of the **Great Bear** and of the Pleiades constitute the greatest mystery of occult nature." (S.D.II. 580.)
4. "From the beginning of humanity, the Cross, or Man, with arms stretched out horizontally (the Fixed Cross) typifying his cosmic origin, was connected with his psychic nature and with the struggles which led to initiation." (S.D.III. 141.)

NOTE: All the travels of all the Heroes of antiquity through the signs of the sun and the heavens are in each individual case, the personification of the sufferings, triumphs, and miracles of an adept before and after initiation.

5. The signs of the zodiac: Each a double sign in ancient astrological magic--namely: it was Taurus-Eve; and Scorpio was Mars-Lupa, or Mars with the female wolf.....So as these signs were opposites of each other, yet *met* in the center they are connected;..... S.D.III. 154.)

References in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*.

6. "Until the mystery of the **Great Bear** is revealed and is known as it is, and until the influence of Pleiades is comprehended, and the true significance of the cosmic Triangle formed by

1. The seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**,
2. The seven planetary Logoi of our solar system,
3. The seven Pleiades or Sisters,

is revealed, the karma of the seven sacred planets will remain unknown. All that we can see is its working out in the solar system. The intricacy of the whole subject will be apparent when it is borne in mind that not only do these three groups form a cosmic triangle, but that within that triangle many lesser triangles have to be studied. Any one of the seven Rishis with one of the seven Sisters may form a subsidiary triangle, and all must thus be studied." (C.F. 801.)

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

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| 1. The Great Bear . | 4. The Pleiades. |
| 2. The little Bear.
(Ursa Minor) | 5. Constellation Capricorn. |
| 3. The Pole Star. | 6. Draco. |

And all the other constellations and allied stars of the zodiac. The mystery is hidden *esoteric astrology* and until the subject of energy, working through the etheric body, of radio-activity and of the transmutation of all bodies from a lower state into a higher is better comprehended, the true mystery of the "influence of

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

8. Energy in the universe can be differentiated as follows:

- "1. Inter-cosmic--affecting constellations.
2. Inter-planetary--affecting planets.
3. Inter-chain--affecting the chains in a planetary cycle.
4. Inter-globular--producing interchange of force between the globes of a chain.
5. Inter-sectional--affecting the transference of force between the kingdoms in nature.
6. Inter-human--interplay between men.
7. Inter-atomic--passage of force between atoms." (C.F. 1029.)

9. "There must also be borne in mind the play of energy which emanates from any one of the twelve constellations or signs of the zodiac, with which astrology concerns itself. This type of force is primarily concerned with planetary stimulation, with the planetary Logoi, and is hidden in Their cyclic karma--a karma which will incidentally involve those monads and devas which form Their bodies and centers." (C.F. 1052.)

10. "These three groups of solar bodies (The **Great Bear**, the Pleiades and Sirius) are of paramount influence where the spiral cyclic activity of our system is concerned. Just as in the human atom, the spiral activity is egoic and controlled from the egoic body, so in connection with the solar system these three groups are related to the Logoi Spiritual Triad--atma-buddhi-manas--and their influence is dominant in connection with solar incarnation, with solar evolution and with solar progress." (C.F. 1058.)

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

- for the next stated cycle and Their records are of profound interest. I would conjure students to refrain from attempting to form cyclic computations of any kind for as yet the many constellations which exist only in physical matter of an etheric nature are unknown and unseen. Yet they are potent in influence and until etheric vision is developed, all calculations will be full of error." (C.F. 1057.)
37. "A planetary Logos is the meeting place for two types of force, spiritual or logocic, which reaches Himfrom the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear** on Their own plane, and, secondly, of buddhic force which is transmitted via the seven Sisters or the Pleiades from a constellation called The Dragon and from which has come the appellation 'The Dragon of Wisdom'." (C.F. 1162.)

TABULATIONS
Related to Astrology

The Rays and the Planets		(According to Besant)	
<i>Ray</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Planet</i>	<i>Color</i>
I. Will or Power	Raja Yoga	Uranus (representing SUN)	Flame
II. Love-Wisdom Intuition	Raja Yoga	Mercury	Yellow. Rose
III. Higher Mind	Higher Mathematics. Philosophy	Venus	Indigo. Blue. Bronze
IV. Conflict Birth of Man	Tension Hatha Yoga	Saturn	Green
V. Lower mind	Practical Science	The Moon	Violet
VI. Devotion	Bhakti Yoga	Mars	Rose. Blue
VII. Magic	Ritual	Jupiter	Bright Blue

THE RAYS AND THE PLANETS

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 may 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, or 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.

It should also be noted that until the mystery of the constellation of the **Great Bear** is revealed, and until the influence of the Pleiades is comprehended and the true significance of the cosmic triangle formed by:

- a. The seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**.
- b. The seven Planetary Logoi of our solar system.
- c. The seven Pleiades or Sisters.

is also revealed, the destiny and true function of the seven sacred planets will remain unknown. Within this cosmic triangle are many lesser ones. Any one of the seven Rishis with one of our planetary Logoi and one of the seven Sisters can form subsidiary triangles and the combinations possible are many and intricate.

NOTE: In the occult books there are many enumerations of the planets and many of these are simply blinds and the sacred and non-sacred planets are deliberately intermixed. In the Tibetan's books there are several such enumerations, i.e., the two listed above and the following:

The Planets

Entity manifesting.--A planetary Logos.
 Body of manifestation.--A planet.
 Receptive center.--A planetary pole.
 Surface radiation or emanation.--Planetary prana.
 Movement produced.--Planetary rotation.
 Distributive effect.--Planetary etheric radiation. (Felt within the system.)

The Human Being

Entity manifesting.--The Thinker, a Dhyani Chohan.
 Body of manifestation.--Physical body
 Receptive Center.--The spleen.
 Surface radiation or emanation.--Health aura.
 Movement produced.--Atomic rotation.
 Distributive effect.--Human etheric radiation. (Felt by environment.)

THE SEVEN STARS OF THE GREAT BEAR

References in The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

1. "The seven Rishis are the Regents of the seven stars of the **Great Bear**, and, therefore, of the same nature as the Angels of the Planets or the seven great planetary Spirits." (S.D.II. 332. Note.)
2. "It is the seven Rishis who mark the time and the duration of events in our septenary life cycle. They are as mysterious as their supposed wives, the Pleiades." (S.D.II. 579.)
3. "The first 'seven stars' are not planetary. They are the leading stars of seven constellations which turn

- around with the **Great Bear**....." (S.D.III. 195.)
4. "In Egypt, the **Great Bear** was the constellation..... called the Mother of the Revolutions, and the Dragon with seven heads was assigned to Saturn, who was called the Dragon of Life." (S.D.III. 195.)
 5. "In the Book of Enoch, the **Great Bear** is called Leviathan." (S.D.III. 195.)
 6. "Our solar system with the Pleiades and one of the stars of the **Great Bear** form a cosmic triangle or an aggregation of three centers in the Body of the One about Whom Naught may be Said..... The seven stars of the **Great Bear** correspond to the seven head centers of this Great Entity" (Cosmic Fire, 182.)
 7. "Vibrations (energies) come to our solar system from the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear** and primarily from those two who are the Prototypes of the seventh and fifth Rays or planetary Logoi." (Cosmic Fire, 553.)
 8. "Cosmic Avatars 'represent embodied force from Sirius, and from that one of the seven stars of the Great Bear which is ensouled by the Prototype of the Lord of the third major Ray, the third planetary Logos.'" (Cosmic Fire, 723.)
 9. "Cosmic evil from the standpoint of our planet consists in the relation between that spiritual, intelligent Unit or Rishi of the Superior Constellation--the informing Life of one of the seven stars of the Great Bear and our planetary prototype and one of the forces of the Pleiades..... In this relation, at present lacking perfect adjustment, lies hid the mystery of cosmic evil.When the heavenly triangle is duly equilibrated and the force circulates freely through one of the stars of the **Great Bear**, the Pleiad involved and the plan-

- etary scheme concerned, then cosmic evil will be negated and a relative perfection achieved." (Cosmic Fire, 990.)
10. "Great waves of energy sweep cyclically through the entire solar system from the seven stars of the Great Bear. The strength of these vibrations depends upon the closeness of the connection and the accuracy of the alignment between any particular Heavenly Man and His Prototype." (Cosmic Fire, 1052.)

THE SEVEN SISTERS, THE PLEIADES
References in The Secret Doctrine

1. "The Pleiades are the supposed wives of the seven Rishis of the **Great Bear**. They are also the nurses of the God of War, Mars, the commander of the celestial armies." (II. 579.)
2. "The Pleiades are the central group of the system of sidereal astronomy
 - a. They are found in the neck of the Bull, the constellation Taurus.
 - b. They are therefore in the Milky Way.
 - c. They are thus considered (Alcyone, in particular) as the central point around which our universe of fixed stars revolves." (II. 582.)
3. "The number *seven* is closely connected with the occult significance of the Pleiades, the six present and the 7th hidden." (II. 654.)
4. "The Pleiades were at one time the Atlantides and connected with Atlantis and its seven races." (II. 811.)
5. "One of the most esoteric cycles is based upon certain conjunctions and respective positions of Virgo and the Pleiades." (II. 454.)

From A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

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

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

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

SIRIUS

References from The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

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

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

THE PLANET--JUPITER

References in The Secret Doctrine

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

As earlier pointed out, each Heavenly Man is linked with one of His Brothers under the Law of Mutual Attraction, which manifests so degradingly as yet upon the physical plane, through the life of the human unit, imprisoned in physical form. *Psychically* the link is of a different nature, and such a link is found between the planetary Logos of the scheme we call Venus, and the Logos of our scheme. This psychic interaction has its cyclic ebb and flow, as ebbs and flows all life force. In Lemurian days came a period of close interaction which brought about an incarnation on the physical planet of the Logos of our scheme, the Head of the Hierarchy, and the One Initiator. This could not have been effected had not the planetary Logos of the Venus scheme been in a position to link up closely with ours." (C. F. 366-7.)

"*The Cosmos*. Our solar system, with the Pleiades and one of the stars of the **Great Bear**, form a cosmic triangle, or an aggregation of three centers in the Body of *Him of Whom naught may be said*. The seven stars in the constellation of the **Great Bear** are the correspondences to the seven head centers in the body of that Being, greater than our Logos. Again, two other systems, when allied with the solar system and the Pleiades, make a lower quaternary which are eventually synthesized into the seven head centers in much the same way as in the human being after the fourth initiation." (C.F. 182.)

"A clue tending towards the correct understanding lies hid in the words: 'Venus is the Earth's primary.'

It is not permissible to say much about this mystery, that 'Venus is the Earth's alter ego,' nor is it advisable, but certain ideas may be suggested which--if brooded on --may result in a wider grasp of the beauty of nature's

of the kingdoms of nature in the three worlds; the Master receives instruction in the handling of the energies which are extra-planetary but within the solar ring-pass-not. Those Masters Whose decision it is to tread the second Path are taught the control and direction of systemic energies and of certain energies emanating from Libra and from one of the stars in the constellation of the **Great Bear**. In the more advanced stages of Their work, and when the Master is far more advanced than the word indicates, He works consciously upon the cosmic mental plane; His activities will then be concerned with the relation of the energies of the **Great Bear** to the Pleiades, and their dual relationship (a higher correspondence to atma-buddhi) to the solar system and only incidentally to our Earth. Great is the interlocking, the interdependence and the interpenetration!

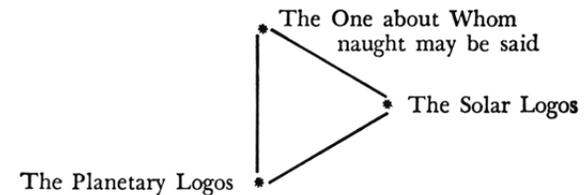
3. The Path of Training for Planetary Logoi

It is obviously impossible to say much about this Path. Those Masters Who tread it find Their way to the various schools for the training of planetary Logoi which are found within certain of the major planetary schemes, as stated in *Initiation, Human and Solar*. They are necessarily few in number, and a small group of Them remains to study in our particular planetary enterprise under Sanat Kumara. This They do after making Their decision and passing through the door on the periphery of our planetary ring-pass-not. Then--out of incarnation and working through the medium of the higher telepathy--They receive instruction of a nature incomprehensible to us from the Members of the Council Chamber at Shamballa, and primarily from two of the Buddhas of Activity. Having learnt the technique and having passed certain tests, They move into the planetary life of Venus, our Earth's Alter-Ego, and there They complete Their training, as far as our solar system can give it, finding Their way eventually on to the cosmic mental plane.

Two things should be borne in mind in connection with this abstruse subject:

First: These Masters work primarily with the "psyche"

of one stream of energy emanating from the **Great Bear**, another stream of energy issuing from the Heart of the Sun or from our Solar Logos, and the base line constituted of the seven streams of energy which come from our seven sacred planets. The potency and the effectiveness of this triangle is therefore unique and apparent; it produces relation between our system, our planets and the universe. This "open" triangle presents opportunity to Those Lives Who, from the other side of the triangle to that presented to our solar system and its contents, seek to help our solar system and bring the non-sacred planets to the point of liberation which is their particular goal. Through this triangular door all the great Avatars enter our system and "find the Point where They can serve."



The inflow of extra-solar energy is what produces the seven cosmic Paths. There is no such grouping as the seven solar Paths. In most cases, the Paths lead away from our solar system altogether.

If you will study the more abstruse teaching (more veiled and more symbolic than this) you will find certain statements made which--to the esotericist--will throw much light on the simpler presentations in this *Treatise on the Seven Rays*. It is simpler because only those points are given which carry in them the germ of possible enlightenment to the general public. *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* is not written for the general public; it is strictly a presentation of truth for the initiated disciple. *Its line is strictly a first ray and third ray presentation, whilst this Treatise is strictly a second ray approach*. This is a statement warranting careful thought, and one that has as yet received no recognition.