

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.

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

4. *The Path to Sirius.*

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

5. *The Ray Path.*

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

astronomers say that this is so, we shall meet with a vast amount of contradictory opinion; we shall find that some astronomers say that within the **Pleiades** is a central point around which our solar system revolves; others say that in the constellation of Hercules is the point of magnetic attraction for our solar system. On the other hand, you will find this flatly contradicted. We shall find some astronomers talking about "star-drift," and saying that the drift, or trend, of certain stars is in a specific direction: others argue that the distances are so vast that it is impossible to determine whether certain systems are following a definite orbit or not.

Nevertheless, if we go to some of the ancient books, those which we call mythological (and a myth may be defined as something which holds a great truth hidden until we are ready to understand it), and if we study the ancient books of the East, we shall find that in all of them there are two or three constellations which are regarded as having a peculiarly intimate relation to our solar system. Towards these views modern astronomers as yet hold an agnostic attitude, and from the point of view of materialistic science, rightly so. What I seek to emphasize here is that a topic upon which scientists and astronomers are divided, yet which is nevertheless a subject of

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 Bear⁶⁵ and the supreme influence of Sirius will be comprehended; in this present manifestation of the Son, or of the Vishnu aspect, we are concerned more closely with the *Pleiades* and their influence via the Sun, and, in relation to our planet, via Venus.

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

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

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

⁶⁶S.D.,I,100-108.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 logocic, 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.

lies hid for the present, though it is hinted at in the *Secret Doctrine*, and in other sacred books. A hint lies concealed in the relationship of the *Pleiades* to our earth, but not until a further precession of the equinoxes will it be more fully seen what is the exact relationship involved.⁹⁶

III. WHY IS THIS SOLAR SYSTEM EVOLVING ALONG THE LINES OF DUALITY?

1. *The Problem of Existence.*

The third question involves one of the most difficult problems in metaphysics, and covers in its consideration the whole perplexing mystery of the reason why there is objectivity at all.

It is one that has been asked under different forms by men of every school of thought--by religious people who enquire:--"Why did God create at all? Why is existence forced upon one and all?"; by scientists in their search for the ultimate truth and in their endeavor to find out the motivation of all that is seen, and to account for sensuous life; by philosophers in their equally diligent search for that animating subjectivity that is expressing itself through all the moral and ethical sciences in every civilization and among every people; by the biologist in his persistent application to search for the discovery of the source of life, and in his strenuous endeavor to account for the principle of life that is seen ever to evade his investigations; by the mathematician, who, dealing with the form side of manifestation in all the grades of mathematics, decides that God geometrizes, that law and rule pervade universally, that the one exists by means of the many, and who yet is unable to solve the problem as to who that geometrizing

⁹⁶Students might compare the following references and then form their own conclusions.--S.D., I, 711 note, 545, 439; II, 811, 830, 581, 582, 426, 454, 654, 371.

5. His eventual internal synthesis under the working of the three laws from the seven into the three and later into the one.
6. His group relation.
7. His development of consciousness, of responsiveness to contact, involving therefore the growth of awareness.

*A Heavenly Man.*³

a. Each Heavenly Man is likewise to be seen as spheroidal in shape. He has His ring-pass-not as has the atom and the man. This ring-pass-not comprises the entire planetary scheme; the dense physical globe of any one chain being analogous in His case to the physical body of any man, and to the atom on the physical plane. Each scheme of seven chains is the expression of the life of an Entity, Who occupies it, as does a man his body, for purposes of manifestation and in order to gain experience.

³These Heavenly Men are:

1. The sum-total of consciousness. S.D.,I,626,
2. The Creators. S.D.,I,477,481-485.
Compare S. D., II, 244.
 - a. They are the seven primary creations, or the taking of the etheric body by a Heavenly Man.
 - b. They are the seven secondary creations, or the taking of the dense physical body.
Trace this in the Microcosm, and the work of the devas of the ethers in building the body.
 - c. The aggregate of divine intelligence. . . . S.D.,I,488,
 - d. The mindborn Sons of Brahma. S.D.,I,493,
S.D.,II,610,618.
They are the logoic Quaternary, the Five, and the Seven.
 - e. The seven Rays. S.D.,I,561,II,201.
They are the seven paths back to God. . . . Spirit.
They are the seven principles metaphysically.
They are the seven races physically.
 - f. The Lords of ceaseless and untiring devotion.S.D.,II,92,
 - g. The failures of the last systemS.D.,II,243,
 - h. The polar opposites to the **Pleiades** S.D.,II,579,581.
Our system is masculine occultly and the **Pleiades** is feminine.
A Heavenly Man in His planetary scheme creates in a similar manner.
See S.D.,II,626.

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

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

1. The LogosSolar SystemSirius
2. Seven Heavenly MenPlanetary Scheme . . . **Pleiades**
3. Heavenly Man Earth chain Venus

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

A correspondence might here also be pointed out which

- b. Globe 2, is the first sheath in which a Heavenly Man embodies Himself.
- c. Globes 3, 4, 5, are those through which He demonstrates the possession of the manasic principle.
- d. Globes 6 and 7, are the ones through which He manifests buddhi, through forms built by means of the manasic principle.

This can be equally predicated on a larger scale of a chain.

An interesting correspondence of a very occult nature can be worked out by the advanced student in connection also with the seven schemes. There are two which may be considered primarily archetypal, causal, or involving abstraction; three in which manas is manifested, and two in which already buddhi is manasically demonstrating. Of these two, Venus is one and thus we have the three and the two which make the five schemes of the five Kumaras, Who are Brahma.³⁶

Just as Venus is negatively polarized to our Earth scheme, so the seven stars of the **Pleiades** are negatively polarized to our seven schemes.

A very pertinent question might here be asked. We might justly enquire (in connection with the point that Venus is negatively polarized, and also that the **Pleiades** are equally so) why they should be termed negative if they are the donors and not the receivers, for to be negative is surely to be receptive. This is indeed so but the question arises in our minds, owing to lack of information, and consequent misapprehension. Venus may have had much to do with the impartation of the stimulation which resulted in great events on Earth via the Venus chain of our scheme, but *our scheme gave, in a mysterious manner, more than was received*, though the

³⁶Students must carefully differentiate between the five Mind born Sons of Brahma, the five true Kumaras and their representatives on our earth planet, Those Who stand around Sanat Kumara Who may be stated (esoterically understood) to represent Himself.

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

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

4. *Manas and the Earth Chain*

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

- 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.

- a. The physical sun, and its relation to prana and the etheric body.
- b. The subjective sun, and its connection with the astral plane, with the kama-manasic principle, and the astral body.
- c. The central spiritual sun, and its relation to the Spirit or atma in man.¹⁵
- d. The heart of the sun, and its relation to the lower and higher mental bodies, producing that peculiar manifestation we call the causal body. In this connection it must be remembered that the force which flows from the heart of the sun, works through a triangle formed by the Venusian scheme, the Earth and the sun.
That another triangle was also formed involving two planets was to be expected under the law, and the triangles vary according to the scheme involved.

Cosmically there is a very interesting series of triangles which will be found by the student of esoteric astronomy and of occult cycles. They originate in the central sun of our particular group of solar systems. This series involves the **Pleiades**. The fact that this is so will not be known until the last decade of the present century, and will not be recognized by science till that time when certain lines of knowledge and discovery will bring scientists to a realization that there is a third type of electricity, which ever balances and forms the apex of the triangle. But the time is not yet.

All that is here said is expressed in terms of deva groups and deva forces, which form (in their aggregate) substance responsive to analogous vibration. This is occultly expressed under certain definite names. It is possible, therefore, to transmit safely information of a character incomprehensible to the profane in such a phrase, for instance, as: "The triangle of . . . of . . . and of Group . . . of the Agnisuryans formed itself, and in the turning of the Wheel produced the third." This conveys to the mind of the occultist the knowledge

¹⁵S.D.,II,250,251.

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

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

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

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

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

To return to the matter which we were considering:-- just as the moon is a deterrent or malefic force where the Earth is concerned, and productive of evil "influences," so all such disintegrating bodies are equally destructive. Such bodies exist within the solar ring-pass-not,⁶⁷ unrecognized as yet, and disintegrating constellations (of which there are many in the universe, unknown and unrecognized by scientists) have an equally malefic effect upon our system, and upon all that passes into their sphere of influence.

There is one such constellation, situated between the lesser Dipper and our system, and another, interrelated with the **Pleiades** and our system which still have a profound effect upon the physical body of the solar Logos.

The above paragraph is specifically worded thus because the effects are felt in the *lowest* sheath of all, and are responsible for much that is ignorantly termed "black magic." These two constellations have run their cycles and are dissolving." Some of their life force and energy has been transferred to our solar system,

The higher Principles are latent in the animals.--S. D., II, 266, 279.

- a. The solar Pitris embody the fifth principle. . . .S. D., I, 241.
- b. They give consciousness to man. S. D., I, 204.
- c. They furnish the vehicle for the incarnating
Monad, forming the egoic body S. D., I, 237.
- d. They develop the human type S. D.,II, 243.

Compare S.D.,II,96.

⁶⁷Unseen Planets: "Not all of the Intra-Mercurial planets, nor yet those in the orbit of Neptune, are yet discovered, although they are strongly suspected. We know that such exist and where they exist; and that there are innumerable planets "burnt out" they say,--in Obscuration we say;--planets in formation and not yet luminous, etc." . . .

"When so attached the 'tasimeter' will afford the possibility not only to measure the heat of the remotest of visible stars, but to detect by their invisible radiations stars that are unseen and otherwise undetectable, hence planets also. The discoverer, an F.T.S., a good deal protected by M., thinks that if, at any point in a blank space of heavens--a space that appears blank even through a telescope of the highest power--the tasimeter indicates an accession of temperature and does so invariably; this will be a regular proof that the instrument is in range with the stellar body either non-luminous or so distant as to be beyond the reach of telescopic vision. His tasimeter, he says, 'is affected by a wider range of etheric undulations than the Eye can take cognisance of.' Science will Hear sounds from certain planets before she Sees them. This is a Prophecy."--*Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*, p. 169.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

c. The sun Sirius.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Great Bear.

The **Pleiades**.

The Sun Sirius.

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

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 logocentric 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 a priori the size, magnitude, quality, vibratory activity, and objective of those great forms through which an Existence is experiencing. The Chohans of high de-

connection with the dense physical planets. The blazing forth spoken of in the occult books and in the *Secret Doctrine* is in etheric matter; it is this etheric fiery energy which brings to a consummation (and so destroys) the remaining three major schemes. In this we have a *correspondence* to the burning of the causal body at the fourth Initiation through the merging of the three fires. It is only a correspondence, and the details must not be pushed too far. The Saturn scheme is esoterically regarded as having absorbed the "frictional fires of systemic space"; Neptune is looked upon as the repository of the "solar flames," and Uranus as the home of "fire electric." When, through extra-systemic activity based upon three causes:

1. Logocentric alignment,
2. The taking of a logocentric Initiation,
3. The action of the "ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID,"

these three schemes are simultaneously stimulated and the fires pass from one to another in a triangular manner, they then too pass into obscurity. Naught is left save the blazing etheric suns and these--through very intensity of burning--dissipate with great rapidity.

1. Cosmic pralaya. The obscuration of the three suns, or of three solar systems.
 2. Solar pralaya. The obscuration of a system at the end of one hundred years of Brahma. Period between solar systems.
 3. Incidental pralaya. The obscuration of a scheme. Period between manvantaras.
- Man repeats this at seventh, fifth initiations and at each rebirth in three worlds.

The **Pleiades** are the centre around which our solar system revolves.--S.D., II, 251, 581, 582.

The Sun is the kernel and matrix of all in the solar system.--S.D., I, 309, 310, 590, 591.

Kernel comes from the same word as corn.

Compare the words in Bible:--

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

The Sun is governed by the same laws as all other atoms.--S.D., I, 168, 667.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

Students may find it of use to remember that,

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

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

Path IV. The Path to Sirius.

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

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

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

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

ship with God and for a closer spiritual relation to each other. This work, when rightly carried forward, will evoke response from the waiting Hierarchy and from its Head, the Christ. Through this response, the belief of the masses will gradually be changed into the conviction of the knowers. In this way, the mass of men will be transformed and spiritualized, and the two great divine centers of energy or groups--the Hierarchy and Humanity itself--will begin to work in complete at-one-ment and unity. Then the Kingdom of God will indeed and in truth be functioning on earth.

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The establishing of certain major festivals in relation to the moon, and in a lesser degree to the zodiac, will bring a strengthening of the spirit of invocation and the resultant inflow of responsive influences. The truth lying behind all invocation is based upon the power of thought, particularly in its telepathic nature, rapport and aspect. The unified invocative thought of the masses and the focused, directed thought of the New Group of World Servers constitute *an outgoing stream of energy*. This will reach tele-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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.

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

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

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pages 1196-1207

TABULATION III

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

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

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

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

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

Each of these seven Rays, coming from the Great

and to which response will be made is the Heart of the Sun. When that is controlling, the spiritual man will then live a dual life simultaneously (which is ever the problem of the man who is illumined by the soul as well as by the light of day) and this dual life will consist of our apparent experience and situations and our inner spiritual soul awareness. The personality will still respond to influences coming to it from the physical Sun but the motivated life activity and the subjective experience of the inner man will be conditioned by energies coming to him from the "Heart of the Sun." I would here recall to your minds the teaching of the Ageless Wisdom as given in *The Secret Doctrine* and elaborated by me in my later books, that the Sun has to be discovered and known in its triple nature which is threefold as is the Trinity. The tabulation below may serve to make this idea somewhat clearer:

1. Physical SunForm ...Personality.....Influencing Mutable Cross.
2. Heart of the Sun.....Soul Consciousness.....Influencing Fixed Cross.
3. Central spiritual Sun...LifeInfluencing Cardinal Cross.

By the word "influencing" I here refer to the energies pouring from these three aspects of the Sun through the three Crosses to our planet. Ponder on this and remember also that our Sun is traveling through space (carrying our solar system along in its sphere of influence) around our own central and conditioning star which it has been rightly presumed exists in the constellation Taurus, the Bull, being found in the **Pleiades**. At the same time it appears, from the standpoint of our planet, to be passing through the twelve signs of the zodiac; this is a symbol macrocosmically considered, of the dramatic centralized point of view of the individual human being, the microcosm. It is interesting to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aquarius relates humanity to the **Pleiades** and therefore to Taurus in an unusual manner. The key to this relation is to be found in the word *desire*, leading, through the transmutative processes of life experience, to aspiration and finally the relinquishing of desire in Scorpio. *Aquarius*, *Alcyone* and *Humanity* constitute a most interesting triangle of force. *Alcyone* is one of the seven **Pleiades** and is called the "star of the Individual" and sometimes the "star of intelligence." It was potently active during the previous solar system wherein the Third Person of the Trinity was peculiarly omnipotent and active, just as today the cosmic Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, is peculiarly active in this solar system. The energies coming from *Alcyone* impregnated the substance of the universe with the quality of mind. As a consequence of this most ancient activity, the same force was present at the time of individualization in this solar system, for it is in this system, and primarily upon our planet, the Earth, that the major results of that early activity have made themselves felt. Two of our planets, the Earth (non-sacred) and Uranus (sacred), are directly the product of this third ray activity. This is of great importance to remember. I would also ask you to link this thought with the teaching that through the divine center of intelligent activity which we call humanity, the fourth kingdom in nature will eventually act as the mediating principle to all the three lower kingdoms. Humanity is the divine Messenger to the world of form; it is essentially Mercury, bringing light and life to other divine manifestations and of this all divine world Savors are the eternal symbols.

This coming process of planetary service through the third divine center is only truly effective when *Aquarius* rules and when our sun is passing through that sign of the

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 logocic expression, and influence the form side of all manifestation. They focus primarily through *Humanity*.

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

First Triangle:

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

Second Triangle:

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

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.

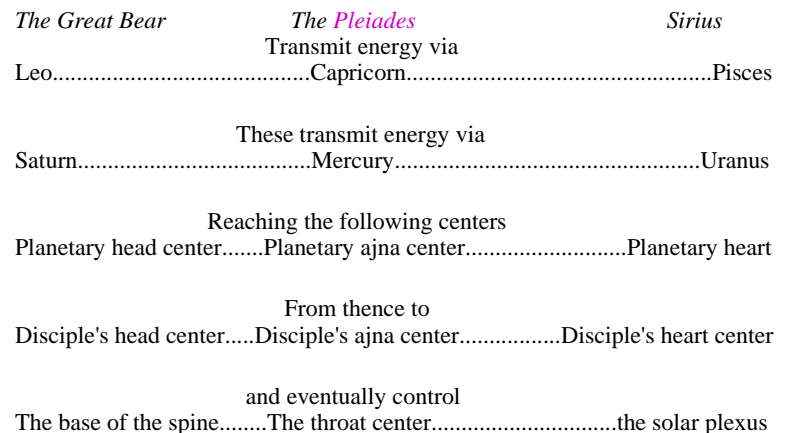
These compose major triangles of force and all are held within the radius of the Life of that Great Being Whose expressed, manifested intention is brought into being through the medium of these three related groups and our solar system. As hinted by me in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, these four groups 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 will also take up with you some of the points and indications which are hinted at in Tabulation IX, relating to the twelve signs of the zodiac, to be found on page 423. Certain major streams of conditioning energies will be seen related to each other and to our Earth and these fall into two groups:

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

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

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

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

These three are, in reality,

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

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

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

I.

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

The Bear and the Lion met together and laid their plans

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

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

III.

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

IV.

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

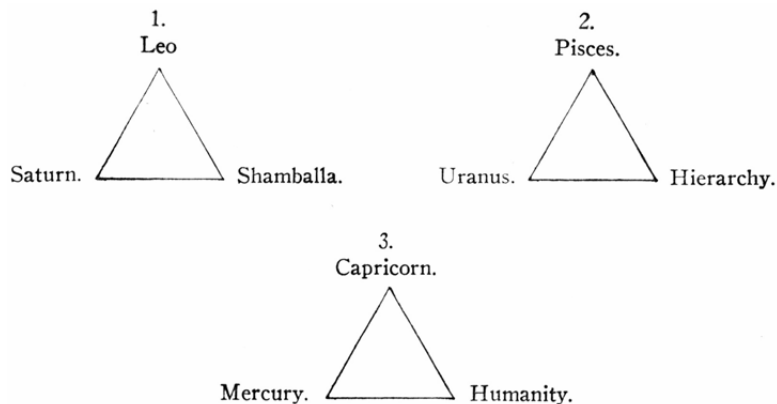
Sun is seen and that which catches the first rays of light. To me a Messenger comes forth (Mercury. A.A.B.) and says 'the Dayspring from on high is on the way, sent by the Father to the Mother.' Upon his way unto this nether star we call the Earth he stopped at a bright sun where shines the light of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

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

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

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

the *Pleiades*. In between these planetary centers to which I have referred and their distant cosmic archetypes lie three systemic centers which at this time and under cyclic law are Saturn, Uranus and Mercury. In between these again are to be found a zodiacal triangle of Leo, Pisces and Capricorn. For purposes of our immediate consideration the following three triangles are, therefore, to be found:



When the significance of this is grasped, the following interesting points will appear. I give them to you for what they are worth to you and that worth is dependent upon the goal ahead of you, and where you stand today in time and space.

Triangle Three depicts the interplay of three streams of force which, in this particular world cycle condition and basically influence ordinary humanity. Forget not that humanity itself constitutes a great center in the life of the planetary Logos:

- a. Capricorn connotes density, firm foundations, concretization, the mountain of karma that holds down the

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

- 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

synthesis of evolution, its problem and its goal all appear in a united, whole presentation when the influences are viewed as follows:

1. Gemini--the presentation of duality.
2. Virgo--the presentation of blending life and form.
3. Sagittarius--the presentation of focused energy.
4. Pisces--the presentation of a blended radiance.

This culminating radiance is the result of the focus of life, intention and energy into a "radiant point of power." You have been told that in connection with the Mutable Cross *at this time* the sign Pisces is the most potent and when the work of the Mutable Cross has been accomplished, the acquiescing disciple passes onto the Fixed Cross and prepares for the tests and trials of initiation. This is expressed for us in the occult symbology of the *Old Commentary* as follows:

"The Light shines forth because the greater light and the lesser light approach and then invoke each other. Their blended lights, though not yet one radiant sun, are merging fast. These blended lights reveal the Lighted Way.

The man beholds himself taking this other Way, the Way of lighted wholes; this leads from form to soul, from dark to light and thus around the Wheel. Retracing thus his steps and backward moving on the Way (the reversed wheel of the zodiac, A.A.B.) he forward moves.

A new light enters in. The Seven Sisters play their part (the **Pleiades** are in Taurus, the first sign of the Fixed Cross) and then three lights shine forth. And thus one radiant sun appears."

(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

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

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 Logoic 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 logoic, 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)

Ray	Method	Planet	Color
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 Dhyān 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 Logoic mind (manas) in the same sense that the **Pleiades** are connected with the evolution of mind in the seven Heavenly Men and Venus was responsible for the coming of mind to the Earth." (347.)
10. "Sirius, the **Pleiades** and our Sun form a cosmic triangle." (375.)
11. "The **Pleiades** are negatively polarized to our seven schemes." (377.)
12. "Our seven planetary Logoi are transmitters, via Their seven schemes to the seven stars of the **Pleiades**." (378.)
13. "Three constellations are connected with the fifth logoic principle in its threefold manifestation: Sirius, two of the **Pleiades** and a small constellation whose name must be intuitively ascertained." (699.)
14. "Three great waves of energy sweep cyclically through

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

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

SIRIUS

References from The Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire

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

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

THE PLANET--JUPITER

References in The Secret Doctrine

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

- resolution for the minor four and eventually for all The Seven." (C.F. 370.)
14. "Sirius influences our entire solar system, via the three synthesizing schemes, Uranus, Neptune and Saturn." (C.F. 378.)
 15. "Saturn is the focal point for the transmission of cosmic mind to our entire seven planetary schemes." (C.F. 378.)
 16. "The Saturn scheme is esoterically regarded as having absorbed the 'frictional fires' of solar space." (C.F. 1154.)

THE PLANET--THE SUN
References in The Secret Doctrine

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

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

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

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

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

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

VENUS

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

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

The Fourth Kingdom and the Hierarchy of the Planet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The system of Sirius.

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

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

A correspondence might here also be pointed out which may serve to convey light to those who have eyes to see:

The Venus scheme, being in the fifth round, had the fifth principle of manas co-ordinated and developed, the minor four manasic aspects had been synthesized, and the buddhic aspect was being provided with a means of expression through the medium of the perfected fifth. Our Heavenly Man, in the fifth round, will have attained a paralleling point in evolution, and the fifth principle will, as stated, be no longer the object of His attention as regards the human units." (C.F. 375-6.)

Just as Venus is negatively polarized to our Earth scheme, so the seven stars of the **Pleiades** are negatively polarized to our seven schemes.

A very pertinent question might here be asked. We might justly enquire (in connection with the point that Venus is negatively polarized, and also that the **Pleiades**

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

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

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

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"

mara is One. Not all the planetary Logoi tread the Path of Solar Logoi, for just as exalted positions await Them elsewhere in the universe. Those Masters, as I have said in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, Who tread this Path are rare indeed, and hitherto have had to enter this Path via the angel or deva evolution and by transference then to the fifth or ray Path. Changes have however been made, and a Master can now pass on to this sixth Path directly and without entering the deva evolution.

This sixth Path is one on which the Masters in training have to work with the devas who are so frequently the mobile agents of the creative process in solar creation. The Masters Who enter upon this Path, eventually and as part of Their training, enter the Council Chamber of some of the sacred planets, before transferring into the group which guides our Solar Logos; this in its turn is only a temporary phase, though in both cases the time embraced may cover vast periods, from the point of view of humanity. They work with principles unknown to us on Earth, though two of these principles will later be revealed; many of them are controlling factors on other spheres and in other planetary schemes which are more advanced than ours; the Master in training then acts as the custodian of these "energetic principles" or as distributing agent; in this way Venus was the custodian of what we call the principle of Mind and brought it as a pure gift to embryonic humanity.

7. *The Path of Absolute Sonship*

As I have previously pointed out, not much can be given out concerning this mysterious Path which leads into a triangle (if I may so express it) formed of three lines of energy of differing and greatly varying vibratory effectiveness. This triangle is in the nature of an open door, presenting unique and unprecedented opportunity to Those Who discover this Path. Just as one of the seven Paths produced ultimately relationship to the **Pleiades**, so this Path relates our solar system to the constellation of the Great Bear. You have, therefore, the following triangle composed