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chapter 3

*The Jewish Problem, Mansory and
the Destiny of Man*



The All-Seeing Eye: When the Eye is single, the body is filled with light

The word Masonry conjures up thoughts of secrecy, elitism, nepotism and separateness. Many believe that Masons are responsible for most of the oppression the majority of the world's population is experiencing; and this stranglehold is endemic to every country in the world. Their reach is perceived to be very wide and very deep and very deadly with control accomplished through an alliance with Lucifer. Our examination of the Tree of Life unveiled the interconnection of all aspects of Life and the web of existence we share. In this chapter, we will examine what Ancient Wisdom and the secret doctrines of occultism reveal about the truth of Masonry. How does the social fraternal organization measure up to the true meaning of Masonry?

In order to solve the issues of humanity's collective dilemma, we must take a look at what might be its core reason. Since the issue of Initiation will greatly colour our curriculum for the next 2,500 years, the story of our past as a people must be looked into more deeply. The Tibetan Master known as Djwahl Khul gives us an insight into the causes, which pre-date our current memory and experience. This information he provides, sets the stage for a deeper look into the history of this ancient and powerful tradition called Masonry, its relationship with the Jewish people and how they are intertwined with humanity's destiny. This is the story of mankind's collective history on this long journey into form and his liberation out of it.

All secret orders are similar to the Masonic tradition or legend and tell us, essentially, the same thing - the story of man's descent into matter and his redemption. In every story there is a central figure, whether it be Mohammed of Islam, Jesus of Christianity, Buddha of the Hindu or Hiram Abiff of the Masonic Legend. "Jew" is a symbolic term used to describe a type of consciousness as is the term Israel.

So much has been said about this group of souls that it seems that an investigation into the arcane knowledge of this group is

warranted. There is always a divine and expanded reason for all the circumstances of our lives on personal, national and global levels. The knowledge revealed by this treatise seems to bear this out and shed some light on humanity's common dilemma. This problem, so-called, has existed for many centuries and has been a great concern to the adepts and initiates who make up the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet. It is not confined to the group we usually refer to as the Jews because the term is a symbolic term referring to almost all the peoples of the earth. They are a part of the larger human population called Israelites. The resolution of this ancient problem is essential to restoration of the harmony and understanding the world seeks. Through the struggles of this group of souls we are allowed to see the exoteric demonstrations of some of the fundamental issues that all mankind is here to work out. Djwahl Khul tells us that the problems of the Jewish people are exactly the problems of all humanity and that this ancient problem began way back in the very "night" of time when the Sun was in the constellation of Gemini, symbolic of the twin. This was before humanity emerged out of the fog of unconsciousness. It was at this time that the two pillars were set up, and as any Mason knows, these are significant landmarks in the Masonic story. This information is said to be more ancient than man and exists in the akashic records of the earth.

The astrological make-up of the Jewish people is Capricorn, which is associated with business and finance and is the sign under which the disciple takes Initiation. Their personality or form ray is the first and this first ray influence gives them the orientation toward being the "lawgiver" and makes them natural law makers. Their rising sign of Virgo connects them with the idea of the Virgin birth and of the coming of the Messiah. There is also the tendency to "pull strings" to achieve their desired objectives. We only have to look within our own nature to see all these tendencies. The Tibetan Master makes analogises of the Jewish people with

those who have rebelled and, therefore, shows us the repeated symbolic relationship, which can be made to Cain, Lucifer, Buddha, and the Prodigal Son. They all decided to embark on a path contrary to the rest of the group. It is this same reason, which brought the Earth, known as the lost Pleiad, a non-sacred planet, on an adventure to the outer reaches of the solar system and in opposition to the sacred planets. This is what is perceived in human consciousness as the Fall. This assumption of independence is a quality expressed within the radius of power and life with the fourth or human kingdom. This act and spirit of “breaking away” clearly characterizes this group of souls. This independent nature in every man makes clear his association with and part of the Jewish family. The influence of Mercury, which rules the mind, functions very prominently in their sign and becomes the tool needed to mentally reconcile these premises of opposition in their nature. Only through use of the mind can relationships and associations be discerned.

In the latter part of the Lemurian civilization, we are told that a group of highly mentally developed souls, which also included some disciples, objected to the ideas and philosophy of the planetary Hierarchy. They, therefore, broke away from the “law of the Initiates”. This took place at the time of the material development of the human consciousness - a time when the physical, emotional and mental structures of the personality were being conditioned and controlled in the human vehicle. This group of souls were those who were the early founders of the present Jewish race.¹

The command to all disciples and initiates was to detach from all materiality. Be mindful, they were told, of the inner tendency to hold and get. As is the case with all who would seek to enter upon the path of Initiation, the mental hold of the material plane must increasingly loosen its grip on the disciple. They were repeatedly reminded that in order to enter through the gates of peace and

enter into the light, they must leave behind the world of men. As the legend continues, some of these sons of God, who were waiting outside the gates of Initiation, stood ready and waiting for the command to enter. However, the gifts they brought were all material in nature and were not what had been required of them to bring. This they presented as an act of love. Here we see an allusion to the exactness of the Masonic ritual, the alchemical process and the requirements every candidate must fulfil.

Again, the command went out to leave all behind and enter through the gates with nothing of earth. After some discussions, those who had prepared their hearts and minds rightly, entered through the portals into the light of higher consciousness. They entered free and unburdened by the weight of material possessions.

Those, on the contrary, who could not contemplate leaving behind all of the riches and gold they had, for a thousand cycles accumulated, did not proceed toward the gates. To their way of thinking they had laboured long and hard for all that they had acquired. In their love for their God they were only offering, in full measure, what they had. Discipline, however, was lacking and they could not understand why their gifts would not be accepted. For the third time, the command went out to this rebellious lot to drop all they had on the ground and enter free. Three disciples revolted from the stern command while the rest obeyed. The others entered through the gates of peace and light and the three were left behind holding firmly to their treasures. In this ancient knowledge, older than any written scriptures of the world, is to be found the secret Masonic story and the slaying of the Master, by the three most closely associated with him in his death and burial.²

These three were the founders of the modern Jewish race. These were the three advanced disciples who resented the discipline, order and exactness that true initiation demands. It re-

quires one to reverse direction by shifting his focus away from the material and back to the essence or spirit of the matter.

With that decision to hold fast to their gold, the three disciples turned their faces toward the gates of earth.

The Masters of the Spiritual hierarchy went into private assembly to decide what would be the fate of these three disciples who loved their possessions more than they loved to serve the light. As the three stood with their faces turned toward earth a final word went out to them, this time making clear: "Hold what you have and gather more, but know no peace. Garner the fruits of mind and seek your power in wide possessions, but have no sure and certain knowledge of success or power to hold your gains".³ These three would continue to gather and amass with no time to ever enjoy what they would accumulate.

The consequence of this decision was that, only dimly, would these three ever know of the God who watches over us all. Their knowledge would be forever veiled until the time, in the long and distant future, when the opportunity would again be presented to them. All, at this time, would stand before the gates of Light, but with empty hands. They would enter free and be accepted by the Hierarchy of masters and forever know peace.

This ancient legend tells us that the three went forth in sorrow, burdened down with treasures. This story is none other than that of the wandering Jew. Out of this group of humanity we call the Jewish people, emerged Jesus of Nazareth who was himself a Jew. He embodied in himself the way and the achievement of the Jewish people who is Humanity itself. As the representative of humanity, he was born into matter and on all points tempted, tested and triumphed. He demonstrated the ability to encounter all the circumstances of human life and to overcome. He reversed all of the earlier conditions that the three disciples were confronted with by possessing nothing. He was the first of Humanity to achieve the final initiation on the path

of occultism. Previous to Him was Buddah who achieved enlightenment on the mystical path.

"The Jew embodies in himself the world prodigal son who is the symbol of the disciple who has not yet learned the lesson of a just sense of values."⁴ Ironically, he has been the victim of the law of light because of his inability to comply with that Law. He knows the law like no other yet consistently violates it. He does so wilfully and in full knowledge of what he is doing, knowing what the results will be. By so doing he eternally becomes a victim of the Law. He has interpreted and proclaimed the law from a negative angle and this can be seen in how the Law of Moses rules most of the world yet fails to bring true legality and justice to humanity.

Those disciples who had passed on through the gates of initiation and moved forward came back into incarnation with a dim recollection of the events that separated them from their other three co-disciples. On their return to life on earth, they spoke of this happening. This might not have been the wisest thing to do because this disclosure generated feelings of antagonism, which have continued until the present. Although those disciples eventually achieved final Initiation, their disloyalty to the secret tenets of initiation still lingered. These three were also the founders of the Masonic tradition. The history of humanity, the Jewish people and Masonry is essentially the same story and is what is acted out in the Masonic ritual.

An interesting twist to this seems to be that because the three offered their material gifts in sincerity, thinking that they knew what was best, they are allowed to enact the story each year on the day when they might have entered into Light. The great tradition of the ancient mysteries was begun by these three symbolic disciples of both the Jewish peoples and the Masonic story. They know how close they came to entering into light and triumphing over death. These three vowed to stand together forev-

er and this decision has caused a separation with the respective groups and communities they embody. This separation extends to the body of humanity at large and this is the cause of much racial antagonism because those who had progressed now also live within this group of three.

The wandering of the Jew has allowed him to make great contributions to the world. Great men and women have been given to humanity out of this group. In spite of all these great contributions, they have been persecuted, betrayed and hounded. The tendency of humanity to grasp and hold, and for all racial groups to preserve their racial and national identities can be seen as an outstanding characteristic of the Jewish people. There is no nation of the world that does not have its roots in this ancient race, which emerged in old Lemuria. Most of the peoples of the world stood on the path of discipleship back then. Almost all racial strains in the western world are said to be offshoots of the oldest group. The three original disciples and their family groups were the ancestors of three major racial groups and are:

1. "The Semetic race or races of biblical and modern times. The Arabs, the Afghans, the Moors and the offshoots and affiliations of these peoples including the Egyptians. They are all descended from the eldest of the three disciples.
2. The Latin peoples and their various branches throughout the world and also the Celtic races wherever found. These are descended from the second of the three disciples.
3. The Teutons, the Scandinavians, and the Anglo-Saxons who are the descendants of the third of the three disciples."⁵

One of the major functions of the Piscean Age that just ended was to prepare new conscious bodies through higher education

and emotional development. The influence of Mercury was essential in this achievement. Through education, a better understanding of humanity's inter and intra-relationships with each other is becoming clearer. This, Mercury or Hermes, messenger of the Gods, is bringing to the minds of man, the knowledge of the Oneness of all the peoples of the Earth. Now that mankind is awakening to the fact of our common ancestry, we are gradually seeing the hatred and stereotypes of the Jewish people die out. The experience, which began on old Lemuria continued in the vibrations of Atlantis. On Atlantis mankind became totally immersed into matter to fully comprehend the knowledge of what the illusion of matter offers. The countries of the Middle East, Europe and the United States of America have been the primary repositories for the continuation of the idea of achieving Initiation begun on old Lemuria. The two pillars spoken of earlier in reference to the twin and the sign of Gemini is always the symbol for the gateway through which Initiation must be achieved. We see repeatedly in both the Jewish and Masonic stories the allusions to the pairs of opposites and dualism. The hint is that the goal of Initiation is to reconcile these opposites through synthesis, using the mind. As always, the soul creates scenarios in the life of the individual and humanity at large, to help him better understand the concepts to be grasped. The story of Jacob the over-comer is one such example. It shows that one must wrestle to find illumination but a way has always been made possible to achieve the goal of final liberation.

A further search into the origin and history of the peoples of our planet who are collectively called the "Israelites", lead me to Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *United States and Britain in Prophecy*, in which he makes an interesting case for the identification of the children of Israel. He defines Israel as consisting of twelve tribes analogous to the twelve signs of the zodiac beginning with Gad and ending with Reuben. The priestly tribe of Levi is

the thirteenth and is scattered throughout the other twelve tribes.

The twelve tribes are divided into three distinct groups each given a specific charge and having a specific destiny. He explains that the ten “lost” tribes of Israel also called the “House of Israel” are divided equally between the tribes Ephraim and Manessah, sons of Joseph, the youngest son of Jacob.⁶

Those familiar with the bible story of Jacob's dream in which he wrestled with the angel until daybreak will remember that due to Jacob's determination and unquenching desire for liberation, he refused to give up until the angel blessed him. This quality of spirit earned him the right to have his name changed to “Israel,” which means “overcomer”. Armstrong further explains this story from the book of Genesis, which illustrates how the nation of Israel was born. Joseph the eleventh and youngest son of Jacob was sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers. Joseph later married an Egyptian woman who bore him two sons. The first was Ephraim and the younger Manasseh. Jacob, now blind and in the winter of his life, adopted these two lads and in a ritual, he bestowed on them a blessing. With his hands crossed, his right hand was placed on the head of Ephraim and his left hand on the head of Manessah, and he declared: “let my name be named on them.”⁷ He blessed Joseph and in the name of Abraham, Isaac, God and the Angel with whom he had wrestled, he pronounced that these two would grow into a multitude in the midst of the Earth. These two sons were now imbued with the title and rights of “Israel” and the divine birthright given to Israel, the overcomer.

According to Armstrong's scriptural analysis the racial and national names used by both their descendants was Israel. Due to divine intervention, the birthright - which is usually conferred upon the elder son - was given to the younger son, Manessah, because he was decreed to become the greater of the two brothers. Out of the elder brother Ephraim “a company and a multitude of nations” would come and out of this elder brother would

also “spring” or would arise a “seed”. The younger brother Manasseh would become a “great nation”. The children of Israel would encircle the globe and number into the billions. To them was also given the birthright of “multitudinous population, material and national prosperity and dominance over other nations.”⁸ Armstrong has identified these two nations as Great Britain and the United States of America. Djwahl Khul, through Alice A. Bailey in *The Destiny of the Nations*, speaks of the great roles for which Great Britain and the United States were brought into existence and attributes the zodiacal sign of Taurus to Great Britain and Aquarius to the United States.⁹ Qabalah confirms these attributions by assigning Ephraim to the sign of Taurus and Aquarius to the Manessah.

Armstrong explores the role of Judah assigned astrologically to Leo which represents the star system, Sirius, from which descends Masonry. This designation separates out the Jews as a group or remnant within the twelve tribes of Israel, called the “people of Israel”. To this group of humanity, scattered in all the world, and of every race, was given the promise of carrying the sceptre of spiritual power and rulership. From this group, follows a clear, unbroken leadership from Sirius to King David. This symbol of power and rulership would never pass, thus fulfilling the prophecy, “The sceptre shall not pass from Judah, nor the lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people be” (Genesis, 49:10). This promise was made to David even after the transgression of Solomon. Hidden in the mysteries of the Masonic knowledge is the fact that the sceptre would pass to the feminine in the Aquarian Age. The position of equal power and rulership naturally belongs to her, she who is the creative principle behind all things in manifestation. The continuous succession to the throne of David from Palestine takes us across geographic and spiritual time to the reigning monarchy of Great Britain¹⁰. The deep Masonic history of Great Britain had its beginnings across

time and place from Sirius into the Middle East, with Egypt being the great repository of the mysteries. The sphinx has the face of a man, which is the symbol of the Aquarian and the present Age. The body of a lion is a reference to the sign of Leo, the polar opposite sign of Aquarius. Together with the pyramid of Giza, an Initiation chamber, these symbols point to the goal of this Age, the achievement of man's full sovereignty and consciousness. In this Age the masculine and feminine will be united in the conscious manifestation of the true Masonic story. This forms the bedrock of the intellectual and spiritual destiny given to mankind. The reigning monarch has emerged as the exoteric holder of the royal and priestly symbol of the true position to which the feminine in every race, culture and station was born. She holds this position of relative power for the Feminine Elder of the Temple, the High Priestess to emerge. She is the *Intelligence of Unity* who accomplishes the splendour of Oneness symbolized by the All-seeing Eye of Masonry. Her shared governance with the masculine will see true brotherhood and inclusiveness established on Earth. The Feminine Principle who created the rule of law will see to its administration. It was to Great Britain the charge given to teach the world "the rule of law" and to nurture the United States of America, the child of Aquarius, into fulfilling its role in the destiny of humanity in this Age. As stated in *The Celestine Prophecy*, by James Redfield, the child is to become a refined version of the parent.

The lost tribes of Israel were to remain hidden until the "end times" when the Christ will return and the Earth will be governed by Masters of Wisdom who are *true* Master Masons.¹¹ We are now in the throws of an explosion of consciousness the world has not yet seen. The true spiritual destiny for which mankind has been made ready through all the succeeding forms of government is now being established on Earth. The struggle, which began on Atlantis between Matter and Spirit, the feminine and the masculine, rich and poor, intellect and instinct will finally

come to an end and all humanity will realize the vision of liberation from separation and ignorance.

The story of Masonry is the story of mankind for which Jews and Gentiles, black and white, Dark and Light and all the other pairs of opposites are but symbols. To understand the drama we have chosen to play out on this earth stage, we must examine closely the meaning of the two pillars of Solomon's Temple, one black and the other white. They represent the pairs of opposites that underpin all of our conflicts, pain and feelings of separation. The understanding of the principles they symbolize and a grasp of their inner meaning hold the key to the solution of the human dilemma on all levels of human existence.

In our examination of the Tree of Life, Binah, the principle of Divine Feminine, represents the Black pillar, and Chokmah, the principle of Divine Masculine, represents the White pillar and the dual aspects of the One Self. We will examine the nature and origin of these apparently separate forces because they represent the essences of Water and Fire respectively, the essential elements for the formation and sustenance of all life. On careful examination of the alchemical water, we find that it is the same as cosmic fire symbolized by the blood. Scientists will discover that in the blood are the elements that connect all humans to a single origin.

Mankind, among whom are the masters of wisdom from the planet Sirius, brought the blueprint of our origin and purpose to this planet to play out our different roles, that of villains and saints. When we can remember that we have taken turns playing those roles, we will have more compassion and less judgement of each other.

In the scroll held in the lap of the high priestess are the records of all that we have done and the divine laws governing these activities. She is a symbol of memory and feelings and represents the thirteenth path on the Tree of Life, the number of transformation and change. We can only change when we can

remember. Earth is known as a water planet with its occult relationship with fire intertwined to produce life. To understand matter, man must study the nature of alchemical fire and alchemical water and their relationship to each other in the medium of air.

We are told by the Masters of wisdom that the temple of Solomon is an architectural symbol of the Great Work played out in the building of the Temple not made with hands. If we have all been commissioned to be builders, it must be concluded that we are all Masons. We *all* must return to the state of consciousness we once held before embarking on this long journey into night. We are further told that what makes us a Mason is obligation. This obligation requires that each of us will return home and need appropriate vehicles to take us home. We are obliged to begin to collect the materials needed to build that house or temple in Jerusalem, that home of light where spirit can always dwell with us.

In every generation and in every cycle of expression, a certain group of souls who represent the older members of the human race, men and women who have attained a certain level of spiritual development, are entrusted with being the keepers of the ancient or occult teachings. What is sometimes missing from the perspective of the public is that the consciousness exhibited by the exoteric order of masonry does not constitute all of what masonry is about. What seems separative in expression by many Masons is reflective and representative of what is in need of healing in the consciousness of mankind in general. What is not seen, however, are the groups of souls of every race and culture who comprise the inner Lodge. These individuals are not readily identified as the Master Masons they are, by their social or material standing in society. The members of the outer Lodge do not know most of them and would probably not associate with them. They work tirelessly to establish the Divine Plan on Earth by keeping the vision clear for making a living temple of this

planet. They influence the outer Lodge to build the institutions of learning which provide the framework for mental and emotional development of mankind throughout all fields of education.

The Aquarian Age marks the returning point in the evolutionary path. This is the time when the ancient or occult teachings will be made plain. The secrets of the “secret orders” will increasingly be revealed. The truth, in part, for that concealment was more a function of mankind's maturity and capacity to receive truth. No information was really being kept from the public. All the secrets spoken about are in plain view for everyone to see. To be able to read these secrets, however, requires one to be able to see beyond appearances. Individuals who are emotionally and mentally too immature to perceive truth cannot grasp advanced concepts. College degrees do not necessarily equip an individual either; it is the soul that must be ripe and not be materially minded.

The goal of the Piscean Age was to provide the educational preparation necessary to build stronger mental and emotional bodies capable of grasping and holding the new inflow of consciousness coming into the body of mankind from above and beyond. The age of Pisces was also the age of idealism, devotion and paternalism. Over the last twenty-one hundred years, we created idols of individuals who we deemed to be greater than ourselves only to be disappointed at the only possible outcome. This apparent failure was designed to goad us on to turn inside ourselves to discover the greatness we possess. Jesus, the elder brother and leader of the Piscean Age, told us “you and I are one”, “we are joint heirs together,” but mankind turned a deaf ear to the idea that He was not their god but their brother. The responsibility for ownership of this great ancestry, heritage and power seem too unbelievable for humanity.

Mankind is being challenged to go within and to realize his sovereignty and power and he must do so if he is to return home.

The emotional experiences of the last Age on this water planet took mankind to the depth of his emotional adventure. He came to have this baptismal experience because it is through these deep and profound emotional experiences he would come to know himself and by so doing, know God. It is water that contains the secrets of our past and the road map to our future. In the depth of water are the fires of mind, where the mental and emotional bodies are expanded.

The story of Masonry is the allegorical story of the master builder, Hiram Abiff, and his assignment to build the Temple of Solomon under instructions from Solomon's father, David. David, the man of war and duality could not construct the temple, which requires a consciousness of *oneness* to build. The task was left to his son Solomon who had evolved that consciousness. During the building of the temple, Hiram was confronted and slain by the threefold powers of the "cosmic night", known as the three ruffians symbolic of perverted thought, uncurbed emotions and destructive actions.¹² Through the three degrees or initiations in the Blue Lodge, the aspirant ends his long journey and finds liberation as a Master Mason in the third degree.

The journey of every individual into mortal existence is symbolized by admission into the Masonic Order. The Masonic story tells us that man came into existence from the mystical "East", the source of spiritual knowledge. Our experience here is spent in the symbolic "West", the place of darkness that is the opposite pole of our origination. Every candidate for admittance enters in the West of the Lodge. He is brought there through the process of birth as a babe into a state of unconsciousness, having forgotten much in his descent into form. When the candidate, the Entered Apprentice, is asked from whence he came, his response is "from the West". In his state of darkness or ignorance, he perceives that he originated in the West.

The admission into the Lodge is also indicative of the indi-

vidual's entry into this Earth Lodge and that he existed somewhere, in another world, prior to coming into this Lodge. He came into form to establish his relationship with the physical. When he leaves this human sojourn and has completed this segment of his soul career, he will move on out of this Earth Lodge to another world befitting of his level of mastery.¹³

The Masonic apron with which each Mason is invested, is worn over the reproductive area of the body and is symbolic of man's entry into physical form through the reproductive process. The apron is made of lamb's skin, which symbolizes his innocence, and is an allusion to the sign of Aries, the first sign of the zodiac. The design of the apron is that of a triangular flap, the symbol of the soul, sitting on a square, which represents the body that forms the personality vehicle. This illustrates the relationship of the soul to the physical body. A soul infused personality is the goal and obligation of every Mason or individual on Earth. This is also termed the completion of the "Great Work."¹⁴

The five-pointed and five-sided figure the apron forms symbolizes man, and the five senses with which we experience. The candidates are encouraged to regard their aprons, their body of flesh and covering for the soul, as the most precious gift they could be given. The three-sided triangular flap and the four-sided square also symbolize the seven-fold nature of man and represent the "perfect Lodge."¹⁵

The number seven directly relates to the seven liberal arts. No one can evolve to true mastery without concrete knowledge and the ability to reason rationally and objectively. He must be able to reason on all subjects eloquently. He grows gradually and in stages as he progresses through the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual planes of life towards the experience of true liberation; his interpretation of the subjects learned must also be in accordance with divine law. Labour and service are fundamental to growth because they provide for the development of the sense

centers that later become the channels for the expression of spiritual truths.¹⁶

Each of us, at birth, has been given three lesser lights. First, are the “suns” which represents our higher spiritual aspirations. Second is the moon, which reflects the aspirations of the “sun” in our daily lives, and represents the application of the intellect or our reasoning ability. Third, is the “Master of the Lodge” or “will power”, which allows us to master our own lives by keeping the energies of the lower nature under the control of the higher mind. The Master striking his gavel to indicate his control over the Lodge, demonstrates this fact, and in obedient response, the brethren come to *order*.¹⁷

This assistance given to man allows him to understand the form of his “Lodge”, his own nature and how it is constituted. By these lesser lights, he is able to comprehend the geometry of his composition, the length, breadth, height and depth of his own being. Man also comes to know that his body and his soul are the “holy ground” on which the altar of his own spiritual life should be built. On this altar, no defiling or debasing habits are to be placed.¹⁸ By these Lights, man is able to perceive how Strength, Wisdom and Beauty, the three supporting pillars of his Lodge, were used in the construction of his own Lodge. In the final analysis, he is able to understand that there is a mystical ladder with many steps that he must travel upward to the encircling Light of Love in which we all live, move and have our being.

Receiving the apron is a symbol of man's birth into the world and with this, the foundation stone of his spiritual life is laid and implanted in him. With his obligation to develop and erect a superstructure upon that foundation, he is placed in the northeast corner of the lodge. Two paths represented by the pillars of light and dark are opened to the candidate. The northeast corner is the dividing place between the two.¹⁹

The direction north is a symbol of man's unenlightened

state, the unknown and his greatest fears. It is that place in him where the light is latent and has not yet risen above the materialism and sensuality of his lower nature. What is intended for him to see is that on the other side of him is the path that leads to the perpetual Light in the East.

As is the case of every human, he is always put in a position to go forward toward the light or to return into darkness. This ceremony, therefore, is the comprehensive enactment of the first degree, which portrays the entrance of all men into physical life and then, into spiritual life. This degree or initiation is one of preparation, self-discipline and purification. It is analogous to the sacrament of baptism, which takes place at the font in the entrance to the church, and for the aspirant at the beginning of his spiritual career.²⁰ In the ancient mystery schools, long periods of preparation were required of all aspirants in the achievement of mental and emotional discipline and balance before they were allowed to proceed to the next initiation upon the path of self-knowledge. This stage in his self-unfolding will reveal to him the secrets of his mental nature and the principles underlying life on this plane of existence.

The initiation called the Fellow Craft degree is the next stage upon the journey. Through the Fellow Craft degree, the second ruffian symbolized by uncurbed emotions, is brought under the control of the mind through the application of the knowledge gained in the study of the seven liberal arts. Before he can progress further on the path, he must demonstrate his ability to master his emotions, to be poised under difficult conditions, and to show kindness in the face of unkindness. He has arrived at the knowledge that all personal manifestations are governed by impersonal principles and he has transmuted personal affections into impersonal compassion. With the aid of the understanding he has gained thus far, the aspirant becomes aware of the "sacred symbol" present in the center of the Lodge and his own being

which is the divine spark of God innate within all life. The ability to find that sacred symbol requires that he apply the exactness of thought, word and action as symbolized by the principles of the plum-rule, the square and the level used in the building trade. He must be ready to walk the way of the cross. He must work the rough ashlar of his own nature into the perfect cube of which his own life is a type.²¹

The triangular flap of the apron in this degree is turned down upon the rectangular portion as a symbol of the permeation of the higher spiritual nature of the soul into the personality. The aspirant now becomes more conscious of the obstacles of the outer life to the path of his spiritual life. Upon careful contemplation, he realizes that the difficulties placed in his life are placed there to assist him in developing the latent and potential good in him. He begins to realize that “just as the rough ashlar can only be squared and perfected by chipping and polishing, he can only be made perfect by toil and suffering. He sees that difficulties, adversity and persecution serve a “beneficent purpose.” His wages are purity of heart and mind and this is what he can expect from the Employer who sent him into this distant world to collect the materials needed to build the temple not made with hands.²²

The aspirant who has mastered this degree or initiation has passed from the north side of ignorance in the Lodge and now stands in the South East corner on the meridian of moral illumination. He is still limited, however, by a lack of full understanding of himself and the mysteries of his own nature.

Before he can gain fuller self-knowledge and adeptship, symbolized by the degree of Master Mason, he must pass through the greatest and final trial of death to the *former man*. He must experience a rebirth or regeneration and be raised an *incorruptible man* made possible by triumph over the lower nature. The symbolic elder brother of the Masonic Legend who successfully made

the journey out of darkness into light, Hiram Abiff, corresponds to Jesus, of the Christian faith.

The candidate for this degree is appropriately adorned with the apron and the decorations befitting one who has overcome. He is now lord of himself, able to govern the Lodge that is within himself. He has passed through the three degrees of purification and self-perfection. He has squared, levelled and harmonized his triple nature of body, soul and spirit.²³ The essence of the Masonic career then, as taught by the three degrees, is the inward journey of the natural man to the god-man. This is made possible by the true surrender of his old life and the loosing of his soul to later save it. He raises from the dead, a Master, a just man made perfect with a larger consciousness and greater faculties. He is an efficient instrument for use by the Great Architect in his plan of rebuilding the Temple of fallen humanity. He is now capable of initiating and advancing other men to participate in the same great work.²⁴

Only he, who arrives at a place within himself where he hungers and thirsts to know himself, will venture out beyond the lure of social and charitable associations to embark on this journey. Have no doubt, for every traveller on this plane the hour will arrive when he will *come to himself* and consciously decide to begin the journey home.

The stories of the Jewish people and the Masonic legend speak of the three advanced disciples and the three ruffians, respectively. These three are symbolic of the three disciples closest to the master Jesus and to Hiram Abiff. The astrology of the Jewish nation offers us a great insight into the issues facing mankind. They have agreed to come into incarnation as a group and as a "particularized aspect" of the whole story of mankind to help us see more clearly the glories and pains of our decisions. What is of utmost importance, however, is the ability to make the correct interpretations of our experiences. How does man know if he is making the correct interpretation? An ancient rule

of thumb is to look at what is happening in his manifest world. The law or guidelines for our involution and evolution are written in our cells. Our DNA carry the blueprint of all that we will ever want to know. We are here on this experience not so much to learn, but to unfold the knowledge of who we really are. The result of correct interpretation of life experiences is "peace". When one is not experiencing peace and I mean true peace, not so-called peace based on blame and escape of any kind. That peace which is lasting can only be achieved when the idea of separation is changed, and not just intellectually, but in the cells.

To better understand our experience in incarnation, we will look at the information from Ageless wisdom concerning Capricorn in the human experience here on Planet Earth. This is the story of the three associate builders of the Masonic legend and the story of the three disciples of the Jewish story who presented themselves for initiation. These groups of three are the representatives of the three major strains that comprise the racial groups of humanity. The particular astrological construct of these three helps us identify the issues, which lie at the core of mankind's destiny. He must eventually come to understand this destiny and evolve his final liberation.

The sign Capricorn is the personality Ray of the Jewish people and, consequently, of humanity as a whole. The personality ray of an individual or place is the sign in which the Sun was present at the time of birth. It indicates the individual's ability to respond to the Soul. Additionally, it represents the level of soul matter integrated into his vehicle.²⁵ Capricorn is the tenth sign. As with all signs of the zodiac, it is a composite of three decanates, which in this case are three earth signs. Therefore, Taurus and Virgo complete this triplicity. Their accompanying rulers are Saturn, Venus and Mercury, respectively. A closer look at these three aspects will give us deeper insight into the disciple preparing for initiation in this sign. Capricorn is the tenth sign

of the zodiac and is the sign in which the aspirant becomes an initiate on the mountain of transfiguration. It is an Earth sign ruled by the Planet Saturn, which is called our celestial teacher. Saturn is also the planet which conditions the point in evolution where choice becomes possible. Saturn is synonymous with Chronos, the father of time, who essentially said "I have all the time in the world, so I will take you over and over the lessons you are here to unfold and understand, until you get it!"

The unregenerated Capricorn can be cruel, hard, materialistic, proud, selfish, ambitious and egotistical. Capricorn also rules the knees and it is only when the aspirant has learned to bend his knees in humility before the Initiator that he will be allowed to pass through the gate of initiation. He must pass through this gate on his knees and not standing up demanding what he feels he deserves.²⁶

The Capricorn experience is the symbolic reference to the point in the evolution of the soul where Saturn - the Lawgiver, in Capricorn, imposed the law of karma on the Jewish people or humanity after being transfigured as Moses was on Mount Sinai. The occult meaning of the word "karma" is the law of action and reaction. Therefore, humanity and the Jewish people are the clearing-house for the law of karma on the many cycles on the wheel of life.²⁷

The Mount of Transfiguration represents the planet Venus where love and mind meet in the state of Christ consciousness. The transfiguration took place before "all men", an allusion to all the cells in the body being present and transformed. The aspirant thus becomes a new person. It was on the mountain that Moses received the vision of his mission. He was instructed to "go up into Jerusalem," which is symbolically the place of death and peace represented by the sign of Pisces. Yeshua Ben Joseph or Jesus was to carry forward the promise of salvation as the reincarnation of Moses, fulfilling the law given by Saturn.²⁸

It is the planet Saturn that prepares the soul for release from form. Saturn provides the limiting, restricting influences in the life of the aspirant that allows him to see his choices more clearly. It is here that the individual is able to make the decisions and apply the discrimination needed to make the necessary changes. Saturn destroys whatever it is that prevents the free expression of the soul. This is done by providing the ideal conditions, situations and the right opportunity for the aspirant to achieve initiation.

Under the influence of Venus and the ruler of the next decanate, Taurus, the aspirant moves from the state of desire for matter to aspiration for Spirit. Taurus, the sign of the Bull, is very closely associated with money or gold in our society and was seen as a worthwhile token of love. However, the lack of understanding of the need to transmute the concrete into the abstract caused the offering to be rejected. This journey in the sign of Gemini, which began back in the distant past of mankind's history led humanity on the path to discovering the true nature of the two aspects of his nature. The Bull of Form (gold or matter) must eventually clash with the Bull of Life (Spirit) and in that meeting an illuminating consciousness will be born. It is Venus who confers illumination on the aspirant through the application of pure reason. Through reason, the aspirant receives the revelation of the universality of life. Venus establishes in the disciple the relationship of man-to-man, and nation-to-nation and is the link that connects the heart with the mind because the "eye of illumination" or "the eye of the bull" is now opened.²⁹

In the third decanate Virgo- ruled by Mercury, the aspirant in Capricorn develops greater illumination of the mind. Mercury, also known in Greek mythology as Hermes - the Master of illusion, is the Divine Messenger. It is in Virgo, the sign of the Virgin Mother and the Christ child that Mercury brings the aspirant out of the womb of time and matter into the light of the infant Christ. It is in the Virgo region of the body, the small intestines, that

matter is transformed into chyle or "liquid gold" in the blood. From this cave in the rocky mountain of Capricorn, gold is mined and the aspirant is transformed and begins to sense the first stirring of the Christ within. He, the Mountain goat, then makes his steady climb up the mountain of attainment to final liberation in Capricorn. Mercury makes clear the relationship of old to new, of the past to the present and of the past to the future so the aspirant is able to see the illusion of matter.

The sign of Capricorn, through its three decanates, provides humanity with Opportunity, Illumination and Brotherhood. These are the gifts that the Father/Mother desires to confer upon humanity in the Age of Aquarius, if he will prepare himself to receive them.

The rising sign of the Jewish nation is Virgo. The rising sign is the soul aspect of the individual and is that influence which gives purpose to the soul and holds the secret for the future of the individual in incarnation. Virgo symbolizes the subordination of matter to spirit in the person of the Christ. The Virgo or Virgin Mother influences the soul's destiny. It nurtures and protects the "Christ-child" for birth in Capricorn.

The first Ray of Will and Power is the nature of the vibration expressed by the soul of the Jewish nation and is also called the "destroyer ray". The first ray is associated with law, politics and government. Through this Ray, the Will of the divine emanating from Shamballah impulses humanity and all life. This energy is responsible for bringing the aspirant to initiation and gives the feeling of not wanting to participate with the group, but to do things independently. This first ray quality is needed to force issues and determine results but not at the expense of the group.

The great lesson of the first ray soul is comradeship that can only be achieved through the deepening love of nature. The great band of souls, the true remnants of Judah are of every race, ethnicity and nation and are the initiates who are called "Israel" or "He who

is like God". They are the Master Masons, the Initiates who have made themselves ready to serve humanity on this lost Pleiad, the planet of Alcyone, the Star of Intelligence.

As we now see, we the peoples of planet Earth are the overcomers; we are all the children of Israel, one and all. We are the children of the three aspects of Deity, which cannot be separated or else we all perish together. We each carry the life-sustaining elements for the survival of the whole. The governments of our world hold within their constitutions and governing principles, the spiritual symbols of masonry. When understood and used as was intended, for the benefit of mankind, an eager and thirsty humanity will be readily fed.

To the United States, Great Britain and Russia are given the responsibilities to see that the peoples of the world are fed physically, emotionally and spiritually.³⁰ Their failure to carry out these responsibilities to which they were called can be of dire consequence to a desperate world. However, it is to Great Britain, and the eldest of the two brothers, that the responsibility is entrusted to ensure that the Divine Plan for the whole world is carried out. It must be carried out in fairness and wisdom with no regard for station of birth, class, money or race and under the rule of law. The true Master Mason, by virtue of his own overcoming, knows that God has no favourites but that all peoples are one. He knows first-hand the truth of the oneness of the human family and will prevail in seeing to it that no one is left behind. It is the duty and obligation of these and all nations to supervise the equitable distribution of the abundant resources the Divine Mother has made available on Earth for all her children. This I know will become a reality on our planet when the spirit, instead of the form, is lived out in all levels of our government.

To the United States of America, this great nation who is both the child and the brother of England, the baton was passed to develop and carry out the ideal of Masonry. The founding fathers

that were themselves mostly Masons established Masonry in the original thirteen colonies. They had written on the seal of the country the destiny to which America was created. The seal bears the motto, *Novus Ordo Seclorum* which means 'A New World Order', one based on the premise of the Declaration of Independence, which states that all men are created equal and are imbued with the inalienable right to Liberty and Justice for all. The symbol of Venus-Urania stands in New York harbour with her torch in one hand and her book or scroll in the other. It contains the history of the whole human family and all life to which she gave birth. She, who is a symbol of Liberty and Justice, is the constant reminder to all those who would lead this great nation, of the charge given to them by God. In America, the resolution of the two previous ideals of Lemuria and Atlantis, the ideas of the true relationship between spirit and matter must come together in understanding. The vision of brotherhood entrusted to America, the keeper of this vision, is a great responsibility to humanity in the Aquarian Age. The adepts and masters of wisdom from Atlantis are now here again to oversee the establishment of this New World Order; one based on love, inclusiveness and the sovereignty of each individual.³¹

New York City has been spoken of as the place of the New Jerusalem and the place where the remnants of the thirteen tribes of Israel are gathered from every corner of the globe. It is, therefore, fitting that the United Nations is located there. I am confident that the United States will continue to grow, thus making itself a more perfect vehicle for the manifestation of the divine plan for the whole world. America expresses the will-to-love and is most sensitive to the impulses from the Spiritual Hierarchy, the overseer of the New World Order that is now being anchored on the planet.

The will-to-power is given to Great Britain for the distribution of the rule of law and right justice throughout the world; this

nation forms the other half of the Love-Wisdom brotherhood shared with the United States. The wisdom aspect of Great Britain gives it the ability to oversee the administration of the divine plan to the world. This it knows more than most having had its rulership in every corner of the globe due to its will-to-synthesis.

To Russia is given the will-to-be and to rule creatively because of its great emphasis on human values.³² These three nations and all the other governmental centers of power around the globe will, in this round, do humanity proud. I am sure of it!

chapter 5

The New World Order - The Spiritual Hierarchy



Five Sunflowers: Symbols for the four kingdoms and the emerging fifth kingdom

Since the earliest beginnings of human life in matter, when Man was still in his deepest sleep, the Hierarchy from the office of the Christ sounded the tone and note that would awaken mankind out of his long sleep. Out of the depth of matter he awoke, bringing with him the faintest embers of remembrance so that his physical apparatus would allow him to register more and more information of quality. Man, the Third aspect of the Supernal Triad, has always been on a data gathering adventure through matter under the supervision and guidance of his initiating First aspect, the Father, through the Hierarchy.

The Sun projected mankind out onto his sevenfold journey into his involutionary journey, into matter. Now, under the sevenfold expression of the Sun, mankind has been making his evolutionary journey back to the Sun, out of the depth of form. Through seven rounds, seven civilizations and seven root races and sub-races, humanity will eventually complete his journey home. This adventure has taken place under the direction and administration of Sirius, where the plan, for the descent and ascent, is kept guarded and executed under the great and capable leadership of the Great White Lodge.¹

Man is expected to gain an expanded knowledge of himself that only the journey into his own creation can provide. This experience allows man to be the creator and the created of his own reality. As he journeys back, he increasingly regains knowledge of his original nature. The Sirius agenda sets forth the goal for man's understanding of himself through the relationships and associations of the pair of opposites. To achieve this feat mankind must, with each round of emanation, develop higher and higher states of consciousness. This kind of achievement requires the development of his mental faculties. This objective requires mankind to institute certain ways of learning ranging from the crudest to the most advanced and sophisticated methods we now have available today. The direction for this unfoldment has

always been under the direction of the Lodge on Sirius where aspects of himself reside in etheric forms.

The first glimmer of mental activity, the ability to make sense of and define the events of his life, came about during the latter part of the third civilization called the Lemurian civilization. The third of the seven civilizations is analogous to the third of the seven levels of consciousness through which mankind must pass. Not much is known of the first two civilizations; I would presume that mankind being completely immersed in matter, remained in a mental fog for a period which is known as the incubation of consciousness in matter.²

The Lemurian civilization was an extensive one covering almost the entire then known world, which now lie under the Pacific and Indian oceans. The mental development of mankind in the latter part of this root race saw the emergence of intelligence and later intellectualism. The remnants of the civilization of Lemuria became the transition group that made up the majority of the Atlantean civilization, which emerged after the destruction of the Lemurian continent by fire, aeons of years ago.³ By the beginning of the Fourth Root Race and the Atlantean civilization, its inhabitants had become truly human, completely terrestrial and immersed into matter. He was quite different from his Lemurian predecessor who was said to have been more divine and ethereal.⁴

The Creator Force, which is neither bad nor good when expressing its differentiated aspects in nature, assumes one or the other character. This same differentiation of opposites will eventually lead the intelligent mind to the knowledge of the origin of the dual and triple natures of man: his dual nature is male and female and his triple aspects are Spirit, Soul and Body.

The mental state of Man in his early stage was mindless and animal because the divine spark or fire, which is in all things, was latent in him. It was not until the Monad from the higher spheres

incarnated in him and endowed him with understanding, that the ability to reason and to make choices became activated. Prior to this activation, man evolved through the potential inherent in him and all matter. That is to say, he follows the path of evolution through each round and each kingdom. What separates the animal from human is the activation of the three higher principles of mind: intellect, intuition and inspiration.⁵ The development of the mind was achieved at the end of the Third Root race by an upward movement out of the density of matter or water; a process which is symbolized by the upward pointing triangle of the six-pointed star called the hexagram. Corresponding with this is the downward movement of the divine Fire, which is symbolized by the descending triangle. This divine fire imbued the animal-man with higher consciousness, which put him into the Fourth Root Race at the beginning of the civilization of Atlantis; which is reported to be in the areas covering the bed of the Atlantic Ocean.⁶

With the development of the mind and imbued with higher consciousness, humanity's mental eye of understanding was now opened. This led to his identification with the "All" and his oneness with the One Universal Deity. At this point he is feeling within his being, his inner Godhood and of being Man-God even though he is animal in his physical Self. The struggle between these two aspects of his nature began the very day he tasted of the Tree of Wisdom; and thus began a struggle for life between the spiritual and the psychic, and between the psychic and the physical. In the war that ensued, those who conquered the lower principles by obtaining mastery over the body joined the "Sons of Light". Those who fell victim to their lower natures became the slaves of Matter. From the place of being "sons of light and wisdom", they ended by becoming the "sons of darkness". 'They had fallen in the battle of mortal life, with life immortal, and all those so fallen became the seed of the future generation of Atlantis'.⁷

The earliest Atlanteans on the Lemurian continent separated

into the righteous and the unrighteous. That is, those who worshipped the one unseen Spirit of nature and those who worshipped fanatically the Spirits of the Earth, the dark Cosmic Powers with whom they had made alliance. Herein lies the mystery of Cain and Abel; Cain offered sacrifices to the god of matter, but Abel offered them to the life essence within matter. This division in concept evolved into the two groups that became the Lords of Darkness and the Lords of Light.⁸ It was in these early times that Thoth also called Hermes, the Thrice Great, began to make his presence felt in the mental development of the Lemuro-Atlanteans. He introduced writing, science, astronomy and medicine with which self-consciousness developed. With the advancement in consciousness, mankind thought himself deeper and deeper into separation. He was now able to see the contrasting aspects of the One and out of this knowledge of the opposites emerged many religious thoughts. Mankind had not yet the ability to understand the connectedness of those aspects of the One Reality. Mankind had now "Fallen" out of the "Oneness" into separateness and thus began the debasement of the Spirit. Pride, lust and rebellion, which had not existed before physical conscious man appeared, now became rampant. Man allowed and nurtured in his heart the development of these demons. Ultimately it is man, therefore, who must redeem himself through the acquisition of higher knowledge.⁹

During the early Lemurian times when instinct and desire were identical, man was provided for in the Garden of Eden. When he developed the ability to reason and to contemplate the separate aspects of the One, he reasoned that he must be able to provide for himself. After the Fall from grace, Man was then symbolically cast out of the Garden of Eden and thus he was forced to contrive ways of taking care of himself. His powers of acquisition and his desire for material things began to grow through his ability to set goals and achieve those goals.¹⁰

Man's nomadic way of life gave way to a community form of living and the development of agriculture that contributed to a more material and comfortable way of life. As the need to acquire material possessions grew, so did his sexual indulgences and the expansion of his families. Out of all of this came the development of a large welfare state. The Priest-Kings of the day made up the Intelligentsia and they possessed great scientific knowledge which made them appear as gods to the masses. These members of the Hierarchy, who stayed in the background, brought about great developments in transportation, sanitation, hygiene, and air machines. They had the ability to control the air and the waters through manipulation of the forces of nature and the four elements. These sophisticated advancements were not the result of the systematic development of the minds of the Atlanteans, but rather was a gift to them by the Hierarchy. The technological developments of our day are and will continue to be the manifestations of the ideas and ideals held out to humanity in the days of Atlantis by the Hierarchy. In our time we are seeing and will continue to see the magnificent concrete manifestations of those ideals in all the fields of human endeavor.¹¹

The division of knowledge between these two groups created an even wider gulf between the Priest-Kings and the masses and this division finally culminated in a great war between those who became the Forces of Darkness and the Forces of Light. The Great Flood brought the war on Atlantis to an abrupt end under the influence and intervention of inter-planetary forces. A remnant of that civilization which was saved in Noah's Ark, constitute the seed group of the Fifth Root race to which Europe is host.¹² It was a state of immature development based on emotional and physical priorities, which necessitated their destruction. This immaturity was evident in man's control and subjugation of the sub-human kingdoms and elemental forces of the planet. The problems of our time are direct outgrowths of the

problems on the Atlantean continent.¹³ Lest humanity loses heart, it must be remembered that behind all of the drama of human unfoldment, the "Hierarchy" stands. The elder brothers and masters of the race can be found guiding humanity satisfactorily along the path of life and evolution to his present point of development. The three Planetary Centers from which the governance of humanity and life, in general, is conducted are: Shamballa, the Hierarchy and the Center of Humanity; they function together as a triune force, yet with specific energies of expression.¹⁴

Shamballa is the Planetary Head Center and focuses its energy through the spiritual pineal gland. It is called the Holy City and is the center of Will or Power from which the Purpose or Plan for all life comes. The Ruler of this center is the Ancient of Days, Melchizedek. In the past, the force from this center would reach humanity through the Hierarchy of Masters due to the inability of man's vehicle to accommodate this intensity of energy. This is no longer the case since man has evolved greatly in his physical, emotional and mental bodies. Shamballa is now for the first time making its impact on humanity directly. Many First Ray souls who are automatically attuned to the Shamballa force are here under certain karmic agreements to bring forward and work out their salvation with humanity for the final liberation of all.¹⁵

The crises on Lemuria, Atlantis, both World Wars and all major and minor wars are evidences of the forces of Shamballa making its presence felt by creating opportunities to shatter the illusion of separateness in the consciousness of man. On these dramatic occasions, the Dweller on the Threshold, which controls the Law of Polar Opposites, meets the Angel of the Presence and this brings about the attainment of Planetary Initiation.¹⁶ The second planetary center is the Hierarchy or Heart Center of Love and Wisdom. It works in conjunction with Shamballa to

carry out the Plan and purpose on behalf of humanity. The Hierarchy is concerned with Group Consciousness and the concept of Unity. The etheric center for the Hierarchy is the New Jerusalem and the place where the temple not made with hands is symbolically built. Its spiritual Ruler is the Christ who is also the World Savior.¹⁷

The third planetary center of Active Intelligence and Creativity is that of Humanity focusing through the Throat center. It is the self-conscious aspect of Divinity whose Ruler is Lucifer, Son of the Morning, and is the representative, Prodigal Son.¹⁸ In the system of the Qabalah, these three planetary centers are under the names of Ehyeh, Hod-Heh-Vav-Heh and Elohim and are the outer vehicles for the three Veils of the Absolute, Ain, Ain Suph and Ain Suph Aur.

The Hierarchy of Masters is that which works directly with humanity as head of the seven great departments of life, which corresponds to and influences all the departments of our temporal systems. On the first ray is Master El Morya who works closely with the institutions of law, politics and government through the agency of his disciples and Initiates who are also on the first ray. His goal is to bring about right human relations, and in the production of that synthesis of effort, create a new intuition. This will bring about a changing political consciousness and environment in which the family of nations can stand together for the basic values of:

1. freedom of the individual
2. right international interplay which will finally bring about the end to all wars and
3. clean political regimes free from selfish ambition and dirty political maneuvering. To this end, all statesmen in all countries who are receptive are impulsed toward the achievement of these goals.¹⁹

Under the leadership of the second Ray which is Master of Education and Religion, Master Kuthumi, his disciples and Initiates work with Master El Morya in the education of the general public toward truer values. The goal is that of a trained and enlightened public who can shoulder right responsibilities and who will elect men and women whose vision are in line with the ethics and science of right human relations. This public will recognize as a basic political tenet that which is defined as the equality of all men founded on basic and universal divinity.²⁰ His department is responsible for the spiritualization of mankind; therefore, his work extends to the heads of all religious organizations and all those who are preparing humanity for the re-appearance of the Christ through better spiritual understanding of the purpose and plan for all humanity. The sixth ray of Religion and the fourth ray of Harmony through Conflict as well as the even rays come under the broad direction of the Master of the Second Ray. Most of the incarnated souls are of this ray of Love and Wisdom and it is to them that the work of reconstruction and rebuilding has been naturally committed. Only through education, which teaches the true relationship between the heart and the mind can harmony be achieved and conflict end.²¹

The third planetary department is under the leadership of Count St. Germaine, also called Master Rakozci. He is the hierarchical representative in Europe who is also the Lord of Civilization. Those disciples and initiates who stand with him are those who have passed the tests under the conditions of the previous two rays. They are now ready to stand with that unbreakable and immovable determination that says a situation shall be handled and so whatever is needed for the liberation of mankind must appear. This must and is the quality of intention the disciples now possess.²² He is preparing the center of Humanity for receptivity to the great influx of energy from Sirius through the Shamballa center. The activities in the department of business

and finance are overseen and directed by Master Rakozci especially in Europe and the United States of America. As the Master also of the seventh ray of Ceremonial Law, Order and Alchemy, he works with the masters of the odd rays: ray five, the ray of concrete science and ray one, the ray of law, politics and government to bring in the civilization for which mankind has waited so long. He is intensely involved with the worldwide economic problems and with the transmutation of the basic materialistic obsession of humanity. In this regard he is gathering together and training the capitalists, labour leaders, financial experts and thinking workers and members of all ideologies for the work of preparing men's minds for the return of the Christ and the New Age.²³

Many of these people in the different departments of life are those who one might call non-spiritual in an orthodox religious sense but they are all highly spiritual in the correct sense. They exemplify within themselves a kind of living that is the hallmark of discipleship. In them are the three factors of right motive: selflessness, service and intelligence, all of which must be present in men everywhere if they hope to be fit for training so as to be able to work with the Hierarchy and be in the service to humanity. These are the men and women who are the hope of the future.²⁴ Under the united energies of these three planetary centers, the Will of God, the Love of God and the Intelligence of God will fuse and blend on Earth in relation to human problems. The necessary conditions will then be achieved and will set in motion the bringing to an end of all wars as well as economic and educational imbalance and inequity. To this end, it is important to understand the influence of the Jewish people on the evolution of both Matter and Spirit. The Jewish Force is the fourth planetary centre and the meeting place of the three divine aspects. The Jew, with his emphasis on being the "chosen people", does not realise that he has been chosen to be the symbolic wandering incarnating soul.²⁵

The Jewish people have failed to hold before the world the

divine nature of all mankind who are equally divine and are the Lord's elect. When the Jewish people can understand the symbolic mission with which their race was entrusted, and know that the Lord's elect are all the people of the Earth, only then will we have a different world. The fourth planetary force is influenced by the solar plexus chakra and expresses world emotion and sensitivity. This Jewish Force is conditioned by the seventh ray aspect of the Third Ray which influences both magic and money. The Jews are the instruments for the working out of the plan for the production of certain syntheses as well as to bring humanity to certain realizations and decisions. When the mind aspect is fully developed, then the focus of the Dark Forces will change and the problems of the Jews will disappear. The effects of this change will constitute the new Aquarian culture and civilization.²⁶

The spiritual Israelites and seed groups have been "esoterically anchored" in the many governmental and private systems of the world. In these groups are those who can respond to the subtler forces. Through the strength of their clear thought they can produce those conditions within the existing world trends and world groups which will enable the new sciences, the new approaches in divinity, the new education, and the new modes of handling the economic situations and the political problems to precipitate and further the growth of the Kingdom of God. This fifth kingdom in nature will then be a tangible, factual and objective reality on Earth.²⁷

As discussed in chapter three, the Third Ray conditions the Jewish people astrologically. That is, the Ray of Humanity and the affairs of business, finance and the marketplace. When this energy is expressed on the lower arc we have selfish acquisition, holding and hoarding. Their soul ray is the First, that of Will or Power and that which influences politics, law and government. When the aspects of these rays are expressed on a lower arc we have militancy and the indiscriminate use of the sword. The

placement of Virgo in the astrological make up of the Jewish people also sets up an attitude of racial purity and the feeling of being the "chosen people" therefore perpetuating the attitude of separateness. We as a human family must solve the problem with understanding and co-operation and end ancient hatreds and antagonisms. Fusing the problem into one vast humanitarian situation is the only way this can be done.²⁸

The problem we call the Jewish problem is the problem of humanity, for the Jews are found in every land. These issues are merely being magnified for us through the "Jewish people". In order for this problem to be solved we must be able to identify and solve the Jewish problem in each of us. When this problem is solved only then will racial fusion and harmony be possible and will we have peace on Earth.

Our planet and this solar system were chosen as the nursery for the seeds of separateness. Why this remnant of humanity should have been destined to work out its future on our Earth is hidden in the knowledge of the Lord of the First Ray, Melchizedek, and this fact will one day be revealed for all to know. Only when the Jewish people accept their role in the problem, by letting go of their own separative tendencies and their sense of persecution by everyone else, can the solution come. Jews and Gentiles alike must take equal responsibility for the world's difficulties. To aid in the transmutation of these planetary issues, the disciples must have a clear understanding of the problems on a causal level and must become pure unclogged channels through which the energies from the Hierarchy and Shamballa can work.²⁹

The fifth planetary center is the materialistic force or the matter aspect; it corresponds to the planetary sacral center and it is the conditioning influence in man. The fifth ray aspect of the first ray in nature is the force influencing this center. These five centers relate to the five kingdoms in nature. One of the characteristics of this force at its lowest level of expression is inertia.

Inertia expresses itself in many ways in the life of the aspirant such as spiritual cowardice and illegitimate physical ailments preventing them from being involved in the work for the liberation of souls. The fear that people have of speaking of the Kingdom of God to others, for fear that they will be rebuffed, becomes another hindrance to the advancement of the spiritual work. They lose precious opportunities and never discover how ready many souls are for liberation. When aspirants are released from these limiting conditions many more man-hours can be added to the service so that the return of the Christ can be hastened. This inertia must be transmuted into a higher quality of energy upon which the spiritual hierarchy operates.³⁰

It is under the direct leadership of the Hierarchy that the responsibility lays for the evolution of all life everywhere. It is to this task that the Master Jesus and Kuthumi have dedicated their existence. This was made possible through the different vibrational forms they have assumed from the beginning of time. The Hierarchy may be defined as the Planetary Center, which is and has been the guiding principle for the evolution of Life on this planet since our advent here. By way of understanding this force, it becomes important to know that the entire hierarchy of spiritual beings is a synthesis of forces or energies, which are manipulated for the furtherance of planetary evolution. These forces operating in our planetary scheme through the great personalities who comprise the Hierarchy link it and all that it contains with the greater Hierarchy of the Solar System. The Hierarchy of this planet is a miniature replica of the greater syntheses of those self-conscious Entities on the Higher Planes. They manipulate, control and demonstrate through the Sun and the seven sacred and non-sacred planets in our solar system.³¹

The Hierarchy has four divisions of work that are:

1. To provide the appropriate conditions for the development of self-consciousness in all life in all the four kingdoms. It achieves this through man, the macrocosm to the three lower kingdoms. It does this by blending the higher three aspects of Spirit with his lower four. This is achieved through the example mankind sets in service, sacrifice and self-denial, and through the streams of Light, which he occultly emanates. The Hierarchy could be considered as the collective of the forces of the Fifth kingdom on our planet. One enters this kingdom through the full development and control of the fifth principle of mind and its transmutation into wisdom. Through the faculty of discriminative love, this intelligence of the higher mind is applied to all states.

This love expresses itself through the five kingdoms in nature on an evolutionary arc. The mineral, vegetable, animal, human and spiritual kingdoms all embody this love as some type of consciousness.

2. It is the work of the Hierarchy to develop these types to perfection through the adjustment of karma, the agency of force and by providing the right conditions for the development of consciousness.³² In the mineral kingdom, the Hierarchy directs itself to the development of discriminative and selective activity. A characteristic of all matter is activity of some kind. At the point when that activity is directed toward the building of forms, even of the most basic or elemental kind, the faculty of discrimination will be demonstrated. Scientists recognise this as an approximation of divine wisdom.³³ In the vegetable kingdom, which is the rudimentary condition of the second aspect of divinity, this faculty of discrimination is added as a response to sensation. In the animal kingdom, the rudimentary activity of feeling increases and, symptoms of the first aspect of embryonic will

and purpose are discernable as hereditary instinct.

It is appropriate, therefore, that man is considered the macrocosm of the three lower kingdoms, for in him these three lines of development are synthesised so that they come to full fruition. It is in man that intelligence is actively and wonderfully manifested. He is embryonic love and wisdom and in him is the presence of dynamic and initiating will, which come to fuller development when he enters the fifth kingdom.³⁴

In the fifth kingdom, group consciousness is developed and leads to the full expression of the Love-Wisdom faculty. As the initiate works as a Master and as part of the Hierarchy, the Love-Wisdom aspect comes to its consummation. At the sixth and seventh initiations the First or Will aspects shine forth and from being a Master of Compassion and a Lord of Love, the adept gradually becomes something more. He enters into a still higher consciousness than that of the group and becomes God-conscious and then, the great Will-Purpose of the Logos becomes his.³⁵

3. To transmit the will of the planetary Logos to mankind and all the kingdoms below. It is now the work of those who have attained this higher consciousness to tend to the seed of self-conscious development in all beings. These members of the fifth kingdom, act as transmitters to man, to the devic kingdom, and to angels of the light of synthesis and divine knowledge.

4. The Hierarchy is to be an example to humanity. As an example to humanity, it is important for aspirants to know that the members of the Hierarchy are those who live as humans, past and present, but have triumphed over matter and achieved the goal of mastery over the senses. These spir-

itual personalities, adepts and Masters have wrestled and fought for victory on the physical plane. They have struggled with the illusions, fog, dangers, sorrows and pain of daily life. They have trodden every step of the path of suffering and have undergone every experience. They have surmounted every difficulty and emerged triumphant. They now stand symbolically, as does the Hermit, on the top of the mountain that he has climbed, and with the Light, which he is He guides humanity on.³⁶

These Elder Brothers of the race have all undergone the crucifixion of the personal self and know that complete renunciation of all is the destiny of every aspirant. There is no phase of agony, no wrenching sacrifice, no Via Dolorosa that they have not in their journey trodden. Their right to serve and the methods they use in service lie in the knowledge and wisdom of this journey.

They know the quintessence of pain and the depth of sin and suffering and because of this knowledge their methods can be perfectly measured to the need of each individual. They are, at the same time, aware of the realization of the liberation to be achieved through pain, penalty and suffering. They have a deep understanding of the freedom that comes through the sacrifice of the form by the medium of the purifying fires. This helps to give them a firm grip on the challenges of various situations. It also gives them the ability to persist even when mankind may seem that they have suffered enough. They have a love that triumphs over all setbacks, for this love is founded on patience and experience.³⁷

These elder brothers of humanity are characterized by a love, which endures and acts always for the good of the group. This knowledge is gained through millennia of lives lived in which they have worked their way from the bottom of life and the evolutionary well, to the top. They can be defined through an experience, which is based on time itself and through a multiplicity of

personality actions and reactions, as well as courage, which is the result of that experience.

This knowledge, experience and courage have been produced by ages of endeavour, failure and renewed undertakings, which in the long run has led them to triumph. They can now be placed at the service of the race for a purpose that is enlightened, intelligent and co-operative. This service is always adjusting itself to the requirements of the group and the hierarchical plan, thus fitting in with the purpose of the Planetary Ruler.

They are ultimately distinguished by the knowledge of the *power of sound*. This final fact is the basis of the maxim, which states that all true occultists are distinguished by the characteristics of knowledge, dynamic will, courage and silence. They know well the old occult maxim, which is: "To know, to will, to dare and to be silent." Because by knowing the plan so well and having clear illuminated vision, they can bend their will unflinchingly and unswervingly to the great work of creation by the power of sound. This leads to their silence where the average man would speak and their speaking where the average man is silent.³⁸

The Hierarchy of Masters was founded back in the time of the middle of the Lemurian civilization when a great crisis occurred. This was the time that the Ancient of Days Sanat Kumara and six other Kumaras came into the sphere of our dense physical plane and were unable to fully descend into matter. He performed His functions in the etheric body of the planet. With Him came a large group of highly evolved Entities, which form the triple aspect of His Being. They embody the forces of the head, heart and throat centers and came in with Him to form focal points of planetary administration for the helping of the great plan and for the self-conscious unfoldment of all life. As members of the human fam-

ily evolved they replaced members of the original group who had come in with the Ancient of Days.³⁹

The immediate effect of His advent into the etheric plane of our planet is still being felt. The seven centers in the head are linked to the other centers in the body and are analogous to the seven Kumaras. When these seven planetary centers are activated through the center called the seat of the soul in the pineal gland, this energy spreads the force of this energy throughout the body. The head center of the planet and of the body controls the heart and throat centers and consequently controls all the remaining major and minor centers. The entrance of the Ancient of Days to the planet brought about an extraordinary stimulation and a great leap forward for all life. The animal-man moved into the human kingdom; thus radioactivity developed in the mineral kingdom as chemical changes occurred in the vegetable kingdom.⁴⁰

After the descent of the Spiritual Entities, the work for the implementation of the plan on Earth was systemized. Offices were apportioned and the processes of evolution in all the departments of nature were brought under the conscious and wise guidance of this initial Brotherhood. This work continues and is maintained by the Brotherhood of Light who lives here in dense physical bodies and/or in etheric bodies. It is important for mankind to be aware that these Masters live among us controlling our destinies and guiding the affairs of the planet and by so doing leading its evolution to ultimate perfection.

The work of the Hierarchy stumbled along with success and failures until the middle of the fourth root race on Atlantis when another evolutionary crisis occurred. This required large numbers of the members of the Hierarchy to leave the planet for higher work elsewhere in the solar system and so highly evolved human beings replaced them.⁴¹

At this time the Council made the following decisions:

1. To close the door through which animal-men passed into the human kingdom.
2. To open another door to permit members of the human family who were willing to go through the necessary discipline and make the required effort to enter the fifth or spiritual kingdom. This allowed the Hierarchy to be drawn from the earth's humanity who was qualified.
3. It was decided that the line of demarcation between the two forces of matter and spirit be clearly defined and so the inherent duality of all manifestations became emphasized. The aim was to teach men how to liberate themselves from the limitations of the fourth or human kingdom into the fifth or spiritual kingdom.

The problem of good and evil, light and dark, wrong and right was enunciated solely for the benefit of humanity so as to enable him to cast off the shackles that imprisoned his spirit. This problem does not exist in the kingdom below man nor for those who transcend the human kingdom; mankind must learn through experience and pain, of the duality in all existence. When man achieves liberation, he finds that indeed all is one. He knows unequivocally that spirit and matter are a unity and that nothing exists outside the Oneness or the great body of the Planetary Logos.⁴²

Through the discriminative faculty, which is the distinctive quality in man, the Hierarchy enabled man, through the balancing of the pairs of opposites, to reach his goal and find his way back to the source from which he came. This great struggle to find balance between the Forces of Light and Darkness was characteristic of Atlantis. The World Wars and all the lesser conflicts

of our current time are representative of this same struggle. Mankind can understand the events of the present only when a correct perspective is established, since all events of life exist between a past and a projected future.⁴³

The point of evolution reached by mankind and the place he now occupies in his evolutionary process, positions him at a doorway which necessitates drastic changes in his entire attitude toward life and world relations. The changes that are occurring are being initiated by him and are not externally imposed. Man is now at the point where the principle of intelligence is strongly awakened within him and nothing can hinder his progress into knowledge. However, this knowledge can be used either for uplifting or destroying humanity, if dangerously misused and selfishly applied or if nothing is done to halt and save him from himself. He must, therefore, be taught to react to a higher sense of values. It is important for the aspirant to know that the whole history of the world is based on the emergence and acceptance of ideas and the transformation of those ideas into ideals. These ideals are later superseded by new and more expansive ideas. These ideas do not originate in the mind of man, but are imposed on the minds of men through his personal and collective oversoul or higher aspect. Man will reach mankind through the form of emanations or impulses, and embody the divine plan for the progress of humanity as well as the planet. Man can either retard or accelerate the progress of the plan by his ability to use these ideas through his understanding.⁴⁴

The Lords of Liberation are those Adepts and Initiates who have come out of the race of man and are themselves an expression of the divine idea. It is through them that the basic urge to freedom and liberation has slowly and consistently dominated human thought and life. It is this that leads first to the struggle for individual freedom and then liberation. This impulse further leads to the ideal of heaven: initiation, spiritual attainment and

later to the greater ideal of self-determination. It is to these souls that the charge for the liberation of humanity is given. Once these ideas become ideals, mankind has the option of accepting or rejecting them regardless. However, the plan moves on.⁴⁵

A vast number of humanity has reached a point of integration and are now beginning to function as a unit unto themselves, as a way of preparation for conscious integration into the greater Whole. From the form side, the mind functions through the brain centers to bring the physical, emotional, and mental bodies into unison. At this stage, the higher correspondences of love, wisdom and higher thought must and will appear. The urge by humanity to go forward to higher achievements and to search for that which is better is very strong and the Hierarchy of Love is endeavouring to hasten the process, yet it is always facing the risk of complications.⁴⁶

There are men and women in increasing numbers and from every field of thought who are expressing the potency of their achieved integration. Because of their unfoldment as well as the reality of their soul contact, achieved by emerging out of the level of human, they stand above their fellow humans. Through the force of their personality integration, they can now function as high-grade persons. These individuals in the fields of government, religion, science, philosophy, economics and sociology are having a uniting and powerful effect, some good and some not so good. Though their motives may be sound and good, due to inexperience in the ways of the soul, they make many mistakes and lead many people into error and much trouble. However, in the long run what results is the awakening of the public consciousness, which is always good.⁴⁷

Next is the emergence of a new racial group. This group is forming in every land but especially where Caucasians are found. The fifth or spiritual kingdom is emerging out of the fifth root race, which is all of humanity. The Caucasian race is playing host

to this evolutionary phase of the spiritual development of humanity and all life. The new racial type is by far more one of a state of consciousness rather than of a physical form. Invariably, over time, any developed state of consciousness conditions and determines the shape of the body and produces ultimately certain physical characteristics.⁴⁸

Another factor affecting the unrest in the world is the ending of the Age of Pisces that has brought all the Piscean ideals to a point of crystallization or death. The major Piscean ideals were:

1. The *idea of authority*, which led to the imposition of different forms of paternalism as well as political, educational, social and religious ideologies on humanity.
2. The *idea of the value of sorrow and pain*; it has been taught to humanity that there are virtues to sorrow and that pain has definite educational value. Thus, humanity has been forced to acquiesce and then, by overdoing it, he has steeped himself in misery. In the new age all this will be swept away in the clear light of love and understanding.
3. In a similar manner the *idea of self-sacrifice* usually under the coercion and the imposed submission of a stronger will has been the experience for all levels of humanity.
4. The *idea of the satisfaction of desire* has been one of the hallmarks of the Piscean era, which has been characterized by material production, commercial expansion and skilled salesmanship. Humanity has been educated to believe that material possessions are essential to their happiness. The Hierarchy of Wisdom has allowed this to continue unchecked for a long time in order to allow mankind to become satiated; however, a revolt in the direction of simplicity is now gaining ground.

5. *The effects of the coming into full manifestation of the Aquarian Age* are making their influences felt in the lives of the human race. The Hierarchy is counting, with assurance that these steady emerging influences will bring a consciousness of universal relationships. This will be the climaxing gift of the period we are now in.⁴⁹

The Aquarian man will bring into manifestation great ideals because the channel of contact between soul and brain via the mind will be steadily established through right understanding. The Mind will be used increasingly in its dual activity as the *penetrator* into the world of ideas and as the *illuminator* of life upon the physical plane.⁵⁰ This advancement in conscious evolution now necessitates the externalization of the Spiritual Hierarchy. These Masters of Wisdom will make themselves known and mankind will see and know who these great Beings are. They have watched, nurtured and guided the steady evolution of life for aeons.

The Christ, who is the head of the Hierarchy, ascended and withdrew from the planet over two thousand years ago. On his departure, he promised that he would return at the end of the age. There is a deep seated conviction, innate in the consciousness of humanity that some day some great teacher, a saviour, revealer, lawgiver and divine representative must come forth in response to the need and demand of humanity. The time has come, and the appeal of simple faithful hearts has penetrated into the highest spiritual spheres and set in motion, the energies and forces, which cannot now be stopped. The innocent invocative cry of distressed humanity is today of such a volume, sound and pitch that it has, united with the wisdom and knowledge of the Hierarchy and given rise to certain activities from the Father's House or Shamballa. This will result in the transformation of

Divine Will-to Good into human goodwill, and resultant peace on Earth.⁵¹

Preparing humanity for the imminent return of the Christ is the greatest event for which the Hierarchy has been involved, through the steady development of consciousness in humanity. Those among Humanity who can stand with focused intent, strenuous physical service and determined effort, so as to struggle even unto death to defeat evil, will prevail. They must be able to preserve the inner attitude of love and non-separateness, relinquish all for the love of humanity and sacrifice everything for the cause of freedom and righteousness. The forces of cosmic evil are fighting furiously against the externalization of the spiritual work. The channelling of their forces of evil on our plane, are generated through three channels:

1. The center of cosmic evil on the Astral plane which can only be understood by the higher initiates. These forces are negated by the rapid spiritualization of humanity. As the illusion of mankind weakens, so does the potency of the astral plane. The power of cosmic evil will correspondingly weaken and gradually the forces of evil will be unable to reach the planet as easily, any longer. It is against the impact of this force of evil that the Hierarchy stands united in protection of humanity.

2. The Black Lodge is the representative of ancient and cosmic evil on Earth, as the White Lodge corresponds to the Cosmic Center of Light on Sirius. The externalization of the Black Lodge is much more anchored on Earth and the physical plane than is the White Lodge or Hierarchy. This is so because materialism and separateness are the premises on which the Black Lodge is established and continues to function. It is far more difficult for the Hierarchy to clothe itself in matter and walk on

the plane of matter than it is for the Black Lodge. Owing to the spiritual growth of mankind and to the steady orientation of humanity to the spiritual hierarchy, the time has come when the Hierarchy can materialize and meet the enemy of good on an even footing. The Hierarchy need not be further handicapped by working in substance while the Evil forces work in both substance and matter. Once the reappearance of the Christ and the Hierarchy is an established fact, there will be a sure defeat of the forces of evil. The Black Lodge or the planetary center of evil, works almost entirely upon the astral plane. It is impressed directly by, and guided in detail, from the cosmic astral plane.

3. The forces of Evil work from the negative or purely material forces of the planet; these are not necessarily bad or good. However, these forces have been used instinctually and often unconsciously by humanity for purely material ends. They are, therefore, basically anti-spiritual and subject to the influence of human desire. They are also oriented toward selfishness, and inherently towards separateness. Due to a lack of knowledge and understanding, humanity is unaware of the interlocking and inter-penetrating grades of evil and how numerous and intricate they are.⁵²

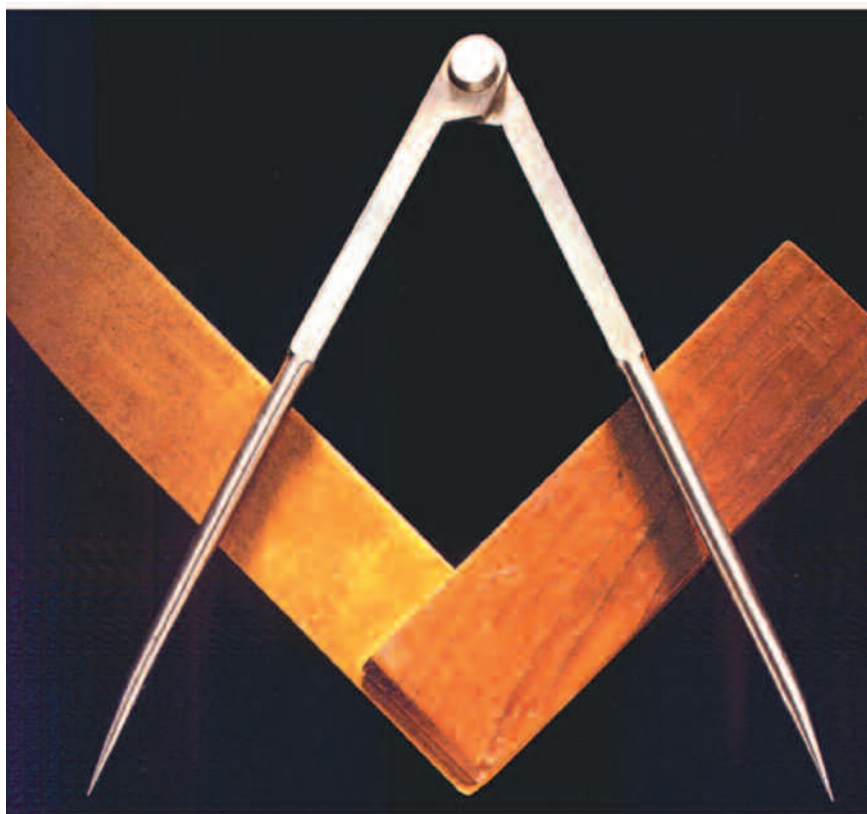
When past illusions have been dispelled, the astral plane will then be illuminated and the mental plane irradiated. Then will come the revelation of new truths of which our present ideals are only signposts. The present demand is for knowers, for those whose minds and hearts are open, and those who are free from great ancient idealisms. These idealisms must now be recognized as only partial indications of unrealized truths. If the lessons of our world situation and catastrophes are duly and truly learned, there are great truths that can be learned for the first time.⁵³

The Supreme Head of the Hierarchy will return in this Aquarian Age as Himself, that is, the Water Bearer, in order to meet the needs of the thirsty nations. We know that the peoples of this Earth, thirsty for truth, loving understanding and right human relations are eagerly awaiting that return.

The Rider on the White Horse spoken of in Revelation chapter 19 will return when a measure of peace has been restored, when the principle of sharing is at least in the process of controlling economic affairs, and the churches have begun to clean house. The Kingdom of God will then appear and be publicly recognized, and no longer be a thing of dreams and ideals.⁵⁴

chapter 6

Man, The Measure of Things



The Compass and the Square

Man is said to be the 'principal phenomenon' of the world because of his ability to penetrate into the mystery of his own nature, and by so doing have the nature of the cosmos revealed to him. By considering himself, man gains an understanding into the reality at the heart of that mystery, which is himself. Man is an actor in the world drama in which he assigns to himself the part he will play in that drama. He is the actor and the producer of that play. He alone can turn the play and his role in it into reality.

Man has taken part in the whole cycle of world creation from the formless beginnings up to its most finely differentiated aspects. He is the settler of his own fate. He fulfils his own destiny while at the same time he must fulfil the fate and destiny of the universe to which he belongs and with which he is one.

The stages of birth, youth, adulthood, old age and death, in all forms in the world, correspond to the stages of man's evolution. The individual man and humanity as a whole have evolved from being merely body to the development of the Soul and then to the development of the Spirit. There is nothing that exists that man does not have a hand in. Says the Hermetic Axiom: 'That which is above, is as that which is below', indicating that man is the measure of all things and at the same time man is the first matter or *prima materia* from which all things in creation issued forth. However, man has become so "intellectual" and "cultured" that he has thought himself into separation from himself, not realizing that he is a part of the Godhead.

Man has been described as a point of divine light hidden within a number of enveloping sheaths or as a light that is hidden within a lantern. That light can be either both bright and radiant and of great use to humanity, or hidden and dark and of no use to others.

The light of the soul emerges as, and in proportion to, the intelligent use of the mind in meditation. The soul has been described as one of the greatest mysteries of life. It is the seat of

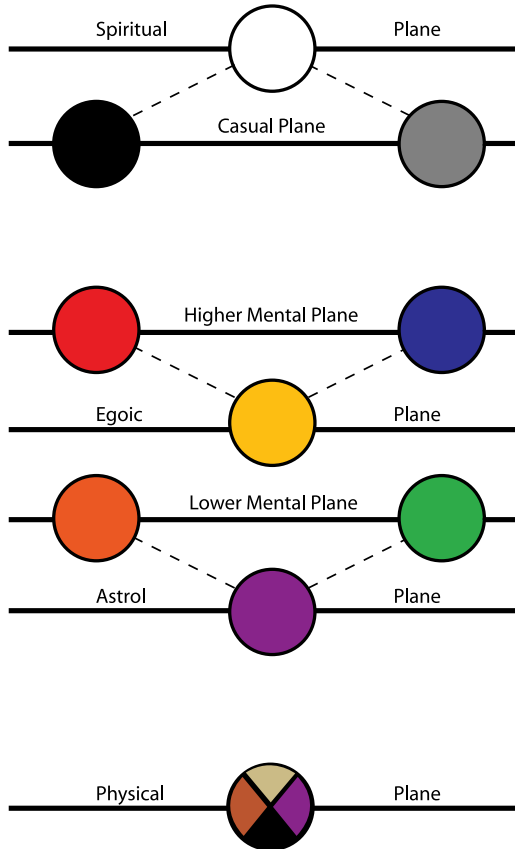
consciousness and is eternal in man's being. Only by the action of the soul can the breath of human consciousness be changed and be extended to become cognizant of the transcendental world. This evolution of the soul has produced the physical characteristics such as his form and the expressions of his face, color, liveliness and soul-content of his look. Contained in the soul is the knowledge of man's fate, what he is, and what is needed for him to become. It is through and by means of the soul that the total activities during incarnation are balanced with the karmic account. The soul hides within itself the endless possibilities that lie within the endless sea of powers, sensations and thoughts, between birth and rebirth.¹

It is through the medium of the soul that man gains insight into the totality of experiences into other worlds that lie behind what is available to his limited vision. Ordinary knowledge about earthly things is different from super-natural, super-normal insights and this knowledge is to be attained, not only by means of inborn faculties, but also by the concentration of the totally integrated personality.

The whole man must know, on a cellular level, and not just in his head and in his brain. This occult knowledge penetrates his body, mind and spirit. No one can progress in this knowledge unless his whole attitude is oriented toward higher ideas and views. The more harmony of feeling, thinking and willing is developed by man, the freer he will be and the fewer will be the breaks in the penetration of the divine ray. Only then can the "inner light" of the soul shine. For man to be "happy", he must have full insight into his own nature and right appreciation of the living powers by which his life and those of his fellow men are made more complete.

The full measure of man must be grasped in order for him to appreciate his own awesomeness and responsibilities in relationship to himself and the lower kingdoms in nature. To this end,

we will look at the fivefold nature of man through his symbolic structure and function as represented by the five elements of Akasha, Fire, Water, Air and Earth.



The Four Planes on which man is measured and constituted

Kether is the center of conscious radiant energy which is Living Light. It is from this concentration of energy that all cycles of manifestation spiral out through the ten steps or emanations on the Tree of Life.

Chokmah, the next cosmic principle, is the sphere of the

zodiac or the sphere of the fixed stars, and knowing itself to be Light, it radiates this light to stars and suns which it reflects to planets. This self-knowledge expresses itself as understanding in Binah, to whom is attributed the divine Breath called Neshamah. Binah is the sphere of Saturn. She presides over the special and particularized manifestation of quantity, quality, mass and form.

She is the source of the intuitive knowledge of spiritual truth and is also the source of guidance in the progression of mankind toward mastery. She is the Dark Mother always pregnant with divine ideas to be birthed. In the sphere of Binah is Akasha (Ether), the Astral Light. However, Ether is the lower manifestation of Akasha in our solar system. Akasha is said by occultists to represent, in part, the subtle principle of hearing or sound vibration. It is the all-pervading element, and its characteristic qualities are electricity, magnetism, light, sound, heat, cohesion and cold, and is said to occupy pure space. Out of Akasha, everything came into form and into Akasha everything must return. It is, therefore, called the great mixing bowl of the elements.² The Ancients of many cultures tell us that those projections came in the form of sound and as having seven definite rays of energy vibrations. The Cosmic Command or Word is the articulate word of creative power and is what we may call the Holy Spirit. Life in this Creative Word is the origin of all things in manifestation. It was projected into physical manifestation by the power of sound from the Causal Plane of the Supernal Triad: Kether, Chokmah and Binah. The three alchemical principles upon which all creation is built and from which all matter is formed, emanates from this supernal triangle. Binah, the sphere of active intelligence, carried out the need for expansion. This creative process initiated the whirling and combining of the alchemical elements of air, water and fire. From the depths of the Great Ocean, her womb, Binah brought forth all things that are in manifestation. Our scientists tell us that the whole field of phys-

ical manifestation is simply a great ocean of vibrating energy whose basic form of vibration is sound.³ It may be concluded that the individual who knows the science of making sound, which is the vehicle of thought, and correlates this articulate expression with other forms of vibration, has at his disposal a tremendous instrument to affect extraordinary and great change in his body and his environment. The initiates in the temples of Egypt were masters in the use of sound and colour as instruments for raising the frequencies in the bodies of the candidates for Initiation.⁴

It is out of Sound that every form comes, in Sound every form lives, and through Sound are all changes to form affected. Man, who is the transformer of his environment, is able to effect change by his observation of nature. Then, by the reduction of his observation to words, he is able to articulate them through speech. These words he strings together in his mind as he plans the creation of new forms. All definite thought that has the power to change form is thought put into words, and thought is simply speech heard by our inner ears even when they are not vocalized. Man is, therefore, the planetary or microcosmic center of active intelligence and, therefore, the center for the perpetuation of creation in our planetary scheme.

Sound is an atmospheric vibration and when raised in vibratory rate by the continuous doubling of its pulsation will ascend to a correspondence with the electrical octaves. When these sound vibrations are registered by the sight center through the eyes, these sensations are expressed as specific colors.⁵ Sound, heat, light and electricity are the manifestations of the movement of the basic elements of air, water and fire with which mankind works; sound and light are the electro-magnetic phenomena of this activity. Ageless Wisdom indicates that when we intone "words of power" we make use of the definite correlation between sound vibration and the formative forces of nature, and

that every sound vibration and every intoned word of power has its own correspondence to form. Sounds and words have actual shapes and every substance in the universe is related in its basic structure to light. Colors are forces of energy and through the seven variations in the light spectrum these seven fundamental colors have definite correspondences in the human body.⁶

Each sound ray carries intelligence and is encoded with information for shape, hue and tone. The three alchemical elements of fire, air and water express themselves as Sulphur, Mercury and Salt respectively and as the three primary colors of red, yellow and blue. These three vibrations make up the soul force and are the building blocks of the creation of the vehicle of personality and all matter. It is important to note that all things in creation contain the same basic elements and are different only by the proportion and arrangements of the atoms.⁷

The Egoic or Soul triangle on the Tree of Life is comprised of the combined cosmic forces of Geburah, Chesed and Tiphareth, and the combined planetary energies and vibrations of Mars, Jupiter and Mercury. The seven rays of energy projected from Akasha make up the triangular form of the soul and the cubical form of the body or personality vehicle. The tone and note of these three soul energies is responsible for the nature and constitution of man. Colors are spoken of as warm or cold and it is these effects which have a definite impact on one's personal life and the consciousness of humanity.

The color Red is the first fundamental color and corresponds to the element of fire, the note C natural on the musical scale, and has the sensation of red. It is produced by the longest and slowest visible light-rays. The subtle principle of sight is assigned to this vibration whose form is triangular. Red is related to the second chakra located above the genitals in the body called the Mars center. It corresponds to the alchemical metal of iron and is identified with the prostatic plexus or the adrenal glands.

This force is very active in the motor centers of the brain and works in every voluntary and involuntary muscle to give energy, strength, courage and activity. It is active in the functioning of the reproductive organs in both men and women. Its influence is hot and dry and tends to incite one to action. This is the color of Aries and the planet Mars whose initiating quality began humanity on his adventure into form.⁸ When the red vibration is well balanced in an individual, he is very self motivated and has the power to motivate others. When this vibration is unbalanced and too strong it leads to harshness, cruelty, dictatorial and animalistic behaviours. Its nature is to break down forms so as to provide the materials needed for new arrangements of forms. The red vibration corresponds to the Tower, Key 16 in Qabalistic Tarot.

The second of the basic colours is yellow and corresponds to the musical note of E, and the higher brain or cerebrum, which is its organ of expression. Its form is spherical. The quality assigned to this vibration is a pure whirling motion and the subtle principle of touch, which is said to be the primary sense from which all other senses develop.⁹ The pineal gland, a reddish-white, coned shaped organ near the center of the brain, is the most important center through which the yellow vibration manifests. The other principal areas for the manifestation of yellow are the shoulders, arms, hands and lungs. These parts of the body are the primary instruments of human art and labour and the hands are the tools by which civilization, the handiwork of man, is created. The function of the lungs in controlled breathing plays an essential role in the transmutation of consciousness. This yellow vibration corresponds to the Crown chakra and to the interior star of Mercury whose alchemical metal is that of quicksilver and is the metal of the air sign Gemini, which is ruled by the planet Mercury.¹⁰ The yellow vibration is also active in the upper part of the small intestines where the alchemical operation in the process of digestion and assimilation converts food into

chyle, a substance needed for the act of transformation. Yellow is midway in the scale between the stimulating red and the depressant blue. It stimulates the higher function of the brain and is of assistance in the development of mental alertness and discrimination. It also assists in establishing emotional balance. An excess of this yellow vibration leads to indecision and a state of mental depression. Key 1, the Magician, represents this colour vibration in Tarot.

The third basic color is blue and corresponds to the tone of G-sharp. The principal center of this vibration is the pituitary gland in the brain. The subtle forms taken by this vibration are crescent and triangular. It is called the Master gland and endocrinologists discovered that this organ regulates all bodily rhythms. Even the bony growth of the skeleton is among these. This gland controls the rates of respiration, periods of waking and sleeping and the cycle of menstruation. The pituitary gland is also the instrument associated with telepathy as in putting us in touch with persons at a distance much like the radio does. This center correlates, in the body, with all of the communication networks on our planet.

In addition to the regulation of the rhythms of the body, the vibrations from this center are the connective activity which links together the tiny cells from which the body is built. Every cell is in its own way a living entity and a distinct personality. The blue vibration, working through the pituitary body, is the associative and co-ordinating influence, which combines trillions of cell-lives into an organic whole.¹¹

This blue vibration is also very active in the functioning of the stomach and the mammary glands of women. It also influences the esophagus, the thoracic duct, the upper lobes of the liver, the lower lobes of the lungs and the diaphragm. Furthermore, the blue vibration influences the function of the organs in the vicinity of the throat, the larynx, the tonsils, the palate, the lower jaw, the

ears, the atlas and cervical vertebrae, the carotid artery and the jugular vein. When this blue vibration is strong and well developed, all these bodily organs are healthy. Individuals in whose lives this color is a dominant factor are sensitive, emotional, and psychic and possess a strong sense of rhythm. These persons love music, dancing and usually have great retentive memories. A deficiency in the blue vibration results in poor memory, general insensibility, a lack of rhythm and a harsh temper. When this vibration is defective a lack of co-ordination results throughout the community of cell-lives and this, in addition to other things, sets up a pre-disposition to cancer and other abnormal growths.

The chakra corresponding to the blue vibration is the Moon center or Ajna Chakra. It is located between the eyebrows and is represented by the High Priestess in Qabalistic Tarot. Though the color vibration of this chakra is blue, the Yogis of the East declare it to be "white as the Moon". The alchemical metal associated with this center is silver.

These three vibrations of Red, Yellow and Blue form what is called the plane of higher mind or the Higher Mental Plane. The cycle of each individual in incarnation is colored by the level of intensity and frequency of his soul force; and what is needed to condition the personality vehicle for the next rung of his evolutionary spiral and the role the individual is to play in a particular world cycle.

In another step-down process, the soul, using a mixture of these three primary colors, produces the next three hues and vibrations in matter, which form the astral vehicle or Chariot of the incarnated man, in which the Soul carries out the divine plan in form. The fundamental but secondary colors of green, orange and violet make up the triangle of the animal soul on the astral plane and finally, the kingdom of flesh in the physical plane we know as the body. This body is the recipient of all the vibrations flowing down from above and known to us as fire, air, water and

earth. It is from this Astral Light or Ether of the astral triangle, which we also call the fifth element that these four elements came. On the Tree of Life, this is the sphere of Yesod.¹²

In descending order, the desire body manifests first as the element of air, which is said to have a predominant color of blue with a yellow-green tinge but manifesting mostly as green. This element refers to the seventh sphere on the Tree of Life, Netzach or the desire body. The green vibration corresponds to the note of F-sharp on the musical scale and its principal physiological center is in the throat, particularly the thyroid and parathyroid glands. It is in the throat area that strong emotions are felt. This vibration greatly affects the kidneys and the lumbar region of the spine and also influences the skin and the sense of touch. When this vibration is functioning well, it makes for grace and symmetry in physical action and form. This green vibration also enhances artistic abilities and stimulates creative imagination.¹³ The individuals for whom this vibration is well balanced have good taste, love beauty and are fond of pleasure and the simple pleasures of life. When this vibration is weak, the mental and emotional centers in the body are weakened. When there is an excess of this vibration in the body, the individual suffers from emotional over-indulgence, is sensation seeking and wastes much time in mere enjoyment. The chakra in the body to which this vibration corresponds is the throat or Venus center represented in Tarot by the Empress, Key 3. The alchemical metal associated with this vibration and chakra is copper, which is the metal of Venus.

The element of fire corresponds to the eighth sphere. It refers to the intellect, which in turn is symbolized by the sphere of Hod on the Tree of Life. Its colour manifestation is that of orange, which is a combination of yellow and red. It corresponds to the tone of D-natural and has the quality of being hot and dry but not as intense as the red vibration. When it is well developed in the body it expresses itself as strength, health and vitality.

When these attributes find expression in the individual's consciousness, one is frank, magnanimous, generous, humane, as well as having a firm and honourable disposition. When, however, when there is a vibrational obstruction in the body, the above-mentioned temperaments are reversed and the opposite qualities become manifested. An overabundance of the orange vibration in the body can be seen as domineering, over ambitious, exhibitionist and very wasteful of vitality and other resources.

In the sympathetic nervous system, this vibration manifests itself through the cardiac ganglion, which is a center above and behind the heart and governs the function of the heart. It is through this center that the cosmic life-energy enters the personal field. It can be compared to the main switch through which electricity is transmitted from the electrical gauge box outside a building to the interior. The chakra corresponding to this vibration is the Heart, which is said to be the dwelling place of the Most High; as well as being the place where the uncaused sound or the Voice of the silence can be heard. In alchemy the heart center is the interior star called the Sun, which corresponds to alchemical gold; and also to the Sun, Key 19, in Tarot.¹⁴

The alchemical water follows next. Its predominant color is white with violet as its secondary color. Ageless Wisdom states that when the colors of red, blue and yellow, the three primary colors, are in perfect balance, the color white is produced. Yesod, the element of water is the sphere of the Moon called Foundation and this is the foundation on which Man is established. The color of Yesod is essentially the same as Kether, which is white. Yesod is the reflection of the one Self, seated in Kether, which is called the Ether of the Wise. It is the reproductive center from which physical manifestation proceeded. It is from this center in Kether that the whole Tree of Life with its twenty-two paths and ten Sephiroth came into manifestation by means of mental activity. Yesod is the seat of the vital or animal soul. It is also the cen-

ter of the lower man. The color manifested by Yesod in this cycle is violet, which is a mixture of red and blue and will influence the process of synthesis, which is the dominant activity of the Aquarian Age. When red, the primal fire of thought in the head is merged with blue the water of emotions in the heart, under the influence of the yellow of air in mind, we will create the colour white or absolute unity. This is the goal of this Age. Then we will have created heaven on Earth.

Violet corresponds to the tone of A-sharp or B-flat on the musical scale. The main center of the violet vibration is the solar plexus or epigastric ganglion. It is also called the abdominal brain. It controls the functioning of the stomach and the entire sympathetic nervous system. The Ancients believed that the entire record of the story of man's involution and evolution, from the beginning of this cycle to the present is recorded here.¹⁵ The other areas affected by this vibration are the coccygeal and sacral regions of the spine, the iliac arteries and veins, the sciatic nerves, the femur, the hips and the thighs. The feet and toes are also an area in which the violet vibration dominates. The pituitary gland and the solar plexus work closely together and their combined effects influence the activities in the stomach, liver and mammary glands. When this vibration is in normal flow, there is a fondness for outdoor activity simply because all the bodily functions are basically sound. Its manifestation in the individual expresses psychologically as a love for ceremony, good manners, charity, interest in established forms of religion, respect for law and order as well as a balanced conservative attitude toward life in general.

The individual in whom this vibration is weak displays the opposite of the above-mentioned mental qualities and suffers from poor circulation. When this vibration is too strong, the individual can be seen as pompous, materialistic, rigidly conservative and overly conventional. The chakra to which the violet vibration corresponds is the interior star of Jupiter or the Solar Plexus

chakra represented by the Wheel of Fortune, Key 10.

The sphere of Malkuth or the Kingdom on the Tree of Life exists in the Physical Plane as the Body and represents alchemical earth whose form is cubical. The colour representing this sphere is blue-violet or indigo in the cosmic man. The principal center in the body for this vibration is the nervous system and the sacral plexus near the base of the spine. The function of this center in the body is to excrete waste. It also influences the functions involving the transmission of life from one generation to another. This vibration also influences the skin, the sweat glands, the knees, the ankles, the kidneys and the lumbar region of the spine, as well as the vasomotor system and the bones.

This center at the base of the spine is what the Eastern philosophers call the place of the Kundalini or the coiled-up serpent. It is like a storage battery, which is charged with the residual energy left over from our many bodily functions. The blue-violet vibration in us is that which limits and restricts us for our own good. Individuals in whom this vibration is in normal flow operate with poise, deliberation, and total concentration.¹⁶ However, an overactive manifestation of these vibrations results in fear and in a poisoning of the body through the retention of both mental and physical waste. On the other hand a deficiency leads to dreaming without action, eccentricity and rashness. This blue-violet vibration in the body corresponds to the Root Chakra at the base of the spine and to the World, Key 21, in the Tarot.

Out of this mixing bowl of Akasha centered in Yesod, which is also the reproductive center and house to the etheric envelop, intelligence shaped and fashioned animal-man and then divine man. In geometric representation he is symbolized by a square on which the divine triangle sits; for this reason the ancients used the pyramid and the pentagram to symbolise MAN.

When Man and the Physical plane are balanced and equili-

brated it will assume the same triangular form and reflect the others on the planes above on the Tree of Life. Then Mankind will be illumed and the Earth will become a sacred planet.¹⁷

Light, says Eliphas Levi, is the efficient agent of form and life for it is both movement and heat and when it succeeds in fixing itself, in order to be polarized round a center, it produces a living being. It then attracts whatever plastic or flexible substance is necessary in order to perfect and preserve it. The Bible rightly calls this substance, which is formed of earth and water in the final analysis, the 'clay of the earth'. Light is an instrument of Spirit and is the primary physical manifestation of divine breath, which is created by God eternally. Man, in the image of God, modifies it and then multiplies it.¹⁸

Breath is pure Spirit and Breath is Life and it is through this primal spiritual energy, which we call Prana, and is concentrated in the earth's atmosphere, that all things come into being. It is this vital substance that subsists in the air that we breathe and it is under the power of breath as well as under the controlled and directed focus of the mind that transformation in man from ordinary (man) to God-man is accomplished. Prana is said to have two qualities: one hot and fiery as in the Sun and the other moist and cool as in the Moon.

These seven vibrations of sound and colour expressed themselves first as three and then four. With their attendant complexion and type they emerged as four great divisions of the present human race. As consciousness progressed, each race emerged in ordered progression carrying the divine idea or coded information in light and colour for the expression of a certain quality and shape in each cycle.

H.P. Blavatsky in the Secret Doctrine tells us that on the evolutionary pathway the first form-like substance in manifestation was moon-coloured-white. What followed next in the transformation process was the red man. In the third transformation

man was yellow and in the fourth he was blue-black or indigo.

The first race was said to have neither type nor colour and was hardly an objective form even though it was colossal. Mankind was then expressed in three great divisions namely, red-yellow, blue-black and brown-white. The three fundamental elements in the composition of human organism are fire, water and air and they express themselves to the human sight as red, blue and yellow respectively. When mixed in variable qualities and quantities with the white tissues they give rise to the numerous shades seen in the human family.

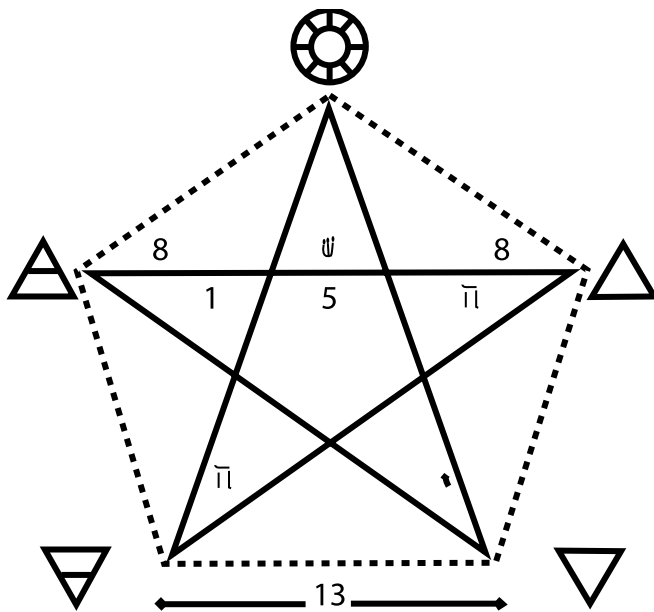
The Aryan race, which is the Fifth Root Race, includes all of humanity as well as including all the colour vibrations which vary from dark brown, blue-black, red-brown-yellow down to the whitest creamy colour. They are all of the One and from the same stock - from one single progenitor.¹⁹

Blavatsky further states that light yellow is the colour of the first SOLID human race, which appeared after the middle of the Third Root race in Lemuria. At this period in human evolution the development of the mental envelop and the emergence of intelligence took place. Furthermore, it was at this time that the inversion of the mental fire into matter, which is now expressed as materiality became apparent. This process transformed the remnant of Humanity which became "black with sin" into the red-yellow races from which the red Indians and the Mongolians are descendants. Finally, we have the brown-white races that now, together with the yellow races, form the bulk of humanity.²⁰

The ancients have used the Pentagram for aeons to represent MAN. The head is the apex and the two out-stretched arms and legs represent the four arms of the pentagram. Similarly the capstone, with its four sides and corners of the base of the Great Pyramid, is a representation of Man.

This symbol is the Quintessence clothed in Divine Light called flesh. Qabalah also assigns to this symbol the names of

Shin, Yod, Heh, Vav and Heh, which are Astral Light or Ether, fire, earth, air and water. These are the names of God and are also attributed to Man. The Great Pyramid has been likened to the universe and the capstone to Man. As Spirit is the capstone of the mind so is God the epitome of the whole. Man has been likened to a rough unfinished block taken from the quarry and, by the secret culture of the mysteries, he is gradually being transformed into a trued and perfected pyramidal capstone. He, the temple, is only complete when the initiate himself becomes the living apex through which the divine power is focused into the diverging structure below.²¹



The Pentagram, God housed in form

In sacred geometry and esoteric numerology, the pentagram reveals the nature of God in form. When the pentagram is enclosed or clothed to form a pentagon, we have a five equal-sided figure, to which occultists have assigned 13 units to each

side, making the perimeter of the pentagon the number 65 when added together. This is the number Qabalists assign to the Lord or Adonai. The length of each line of the pentagram is assigned 21 units, which is the number of the Divine name given to Eheyeh and Kether. The number twenty-one and the number, three, when reduced, is the number of the One Life seated at the heart of Man. This force is none other than the Creative Principle or divine mother seated at the heart of all life. This force is projected out into the six directions of space: above, east, west, north, south and below to created the manifested world. The Cube formed by these six directions has come to symbolize Man and the Universe. The total length of the lines when totaled gives us the number 105; when reduced the number is six, which relates to Tiphareth, the sixth emanation on the Tree of Life, and is the representation of conscious and regenerated Man. The works of man, symbolized by the Pentagram, are both circumscribed and conditioned by the Being of the Lord. They are also special manifestations of the spiritual power proceeding from the divine light in Kether. The pentagram is a symbol of the expression of the relationship of God to man and of man to nature. It is a powerful affirmation of the truth that whatever is done by man is actually a final link in a series of activities which were begun by God. By and through man, the splendor and the Beauty of the Divine can be expressed and experienced with all of his senses.²²

In occultism the number 65 also represents the summation of the Great Work. This number five is the five-pointed star and is the sign of the Christos. It represents the I Am presence in the heart of man, as well as, the number six or the hexagram, which is the six-pointed star and together they are the symbols of the cosmic forces surrounding man and constituting his environment. The pentagram is the sign of the mind as having dominion over the forces of nature while at the same time the hexagram

represents the cosmic forces and laws, which make up the whole field of activity revolving around the central I AM.

The number 65 also means temple or palace with direct reference to the "Palace of Holiness" in the midst of which is the sanctum sanctorum. It is in this place in Solomon's temple, which sits the Ark of the Covenant, and is the site of the Radiant Presence of God. This temple is Man who is also the temple-not-made-with-hands in which the power now dwells that made the worlds, and who rules everything in the universe. It is here that Tiphareth, the regenerated Man who is named Adam Kadmon, rules in the Kingdom of Malkuth as the King. He rules with wisdom and power due to the consciousness he has evolved; he now understands his kinship with the Divine Source as the Son of God. This idea is stated by the Rosicrucian aphorism: "Man is the Son of God, and there is no God but Man". He is the Prodigal Son returned from his journey in the far country with the Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding by which s/he is elevated to the status of a wise ruler who is symbolically Solomon.

Manly P. Hall, in *The Symbolism of the Human Body*, states that the human body has been known by the ancients as one of the most universal of all symbols. The mysteries of every culture teach that the laws, elements and powers of the universe are epitomized in the human constitution. Everything that exists outside of man has an analogue within man. The universe in its immensity is immeasurable, profoundly inconceivable and beyond that which the mortal mind is able to grasp. When man is temporarily permeated with divine enthusiasm it becomes possible for him to have only a partial comprehension of this immensity. Only then is he able to perceive in part the celestial glory in which all creation basks.²³

Man is incapable of imprinting upon his rational soul a perfect image of the multiform expression of celestial activity even in periods of his greatest illumination. So, realising the futility of

attempting to cope intellectually with that which transcends the comprehension of the rational faculties, the early philosophers turned their attention from the inconceivable divinity to the more tangible body of man or himself, for within the nature of man is manifested all the mysteries of the external spheres.

The philosophers of antiquity came to regard the greater universe as the Macrocosm and the Divine Life controlling its functions as the Macroprosopus. Man, the microcosm, is controlled and supported by the microprosopus. The analogies between the organs and functions of the microcosmic man and the Macrocosmic Man have been the subject of investigation and the object of learning for initiates throughout past millennia.²⁴ From the earliest times the human figure has symbolized the divine power in all its intricate manifestations. The priests of antiquity accepted man as their textbook and through the study of him they learned to understand the greater and more hidden mysteries of the celestial plan of which they were a part.

Based on the assumption that man is actually fashioned in the image of God, the initiated minds of the past ages built the great structure of theology upon the foundation of the human body. It is little known to the religious world that the science of biology is the foundation on which its doctrines and principles are based. Modern men of divinity believe that many of the codes and laws are direct revelations to them from the divine. In reality, they are the fruitage of ages of patient delving into the intricacies of the human constitution. This is how these infinite wonders were revealed to them by such study.

An anatomical analogy can be traced to the creation myths in all sacred books of the world. A familiarity with embryology and obstetrics will reveal the basis of the allegory concerning Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden. The nine degrees of the Eleusinian Mysteries, the Brahmanic legend of Vishnu's incarnations, the story of the Universal Egg, the Scandinavian myth of

Ginnungagap (the cleft in space in which the seed of the world is sown), and the use of the fish as the symbol of the paternal generative power, are all indications or evidence that the origin of theological speculations are based upon the biological functions of the human body.²⁵

The philosophers of old realized that man was himself the Key to the riddle of Life because he is the living image of the Divine Plan. In this Age and those to come, humanity will come to realize more fully the solemn import of the ancients' words, "The proper study of mankind is man".

Both God and man have a twofold constitution of which the superior part is invisible and the inferior part is visible and in both there is an intermediary sphere. This is the point where the invisible and the visible spheres meet. The spiritual nature of God controls His objective universal form, which is in fact a crystallized idea. The spiritual nature of man, which is the invisible cause and controlling power of his visible material personality and the kingdoms below him, likewise, controls his planetary form. It concludes, therefore, that the spirit of man bears the same relationship to his material body that God bears to the objective universe.

The sacred mysteries taught that spirit or life was before form and that what comes before includes all that is after it, and since Spirit came before form, form is included within the realm of Spirit. It is also a popular belief that man's Spirit is within his body. However, according to the conclusions of philosophy and theology, Spirit first circumscribes an area and then manifests within it. From a philosophical perspective, form, being a part of Spirit, is within spirit but Spirit is more than the sum of form. So, as the material nature of man is within the sum of Spirit, so is the Universal Nature, including the sidereal system, within the all-pervading essence of God, the Universal Spirit.²⁶

Ancient wisdom also holds that all bodies, spiritual or material,

have three bodies, which are called by some: an upper, middle and a lower, with the middle being the link. The three universal centers are represented by the three suns or three aspects of the sun; they are, the Sun or Light in its abstract or absolute form, which is unrevealed and is called darkness; the Light manifested or proceeding from the sun's source, and the sun or Light reflected in its splendour as it is communicated in nature.

It is in the human body that the heart, which is in the midst of the physical being, becomes the superior center from which Spirit manifests. The Heart is known by occultists to be the most spiritual and mysterious organ in the body. This being so, the brain then becomes, the second center and the link between the superior and inferior worlds or that, which existed before and after, and is accorded the greatest physical dignity. The third or lower center is assigned the position of least physical dignity but the greatest physical importance, that of the reproductive system.

The Heart is symbolically the source of life and the brain is the link between which rational intelligence, life and form are united. The reproductive system is the source of that power by which the physical universe is produced. The ideals and aspirations of the individual are also conditioned by which one of these three centers of power dominates in his life expression. In the materialist, his lower center is the strongest, in the intellectual, the higher center or brain is strongest, but in the Initiate, the middle center or Heart is strongest because he has gained mastery on all levels and now bathes the two extremes in a flood of spiritual glory. He controls in a wholesome fashion both the mind and the body.²⁷

The three degrees of initiation into the Ancient Mysteries were all given in chambers representing the three centers of the Universal bodies and if possible the temple was constructed in the form of the human body. The candidate would pass between the feet of understanding and receive the highest degree in the

point corresponding to the brain. The first degree then, was the material mystery and its symbol was the reproductive system. It raised the candidate through various degrees of concrete thought. The second degree was given in the chamber corresponding to the heart but represented the middle power, which was the mental link. Here the candidate was initiated into the mysteries of abstract thought and was lifted as high as his mind was capable of penetrating. He then passed into the chamber that was analogous to the brain and through this center, occupied the highest position in the temple. It is analogous to the heart and is of the greatest dignity. In the brain chamber, the heart mystery is given. Here, for the first time the initiate truly comprehends the immortal words which are: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

There are seven hearts in the brain and so are there seven brains in the heart. This is, however, a matter of super-physics and is now becoming more apparent as more disciples take the major initiations.²⁸ When man penetrates into himself and more profoundly into the knowledge of himself, he finds in himself both intellect and the order of things. However, when he proceeds into his interior, into the adytum or inner temple of his soul, he perceives, with his eyes closed, which is without the aid of the lower mind, the genus of the gods and the unity of beings. All things are in man physically and through this, man is capable of knowing all things through igniting the powers and the images of wholes that he contains within him. The body of man should, therefore, not be considered as the individual but only as the house of the individual, in the same way that the temple is the House of God. In a state of grossness or perversion, man's body has become the tomb or prison of a divine principle. When the individual is in a state of unfoldment or regeneration, his body is the House or Abode of the Divine by whose creative powers it was fashioned.

Man is essentially a permanent and immortal principle and only his bodies pass through cycles of birth and death. During each cycle of birth in the earth-life reality, the immortal man that he is dwells in a body or house of unreality until s/he is temporarily liberated from it through death or permanently through illumination.²⁹ As an immortal principle, man's body becomes the vehicle through which the whole universe evolves. The four elements, the planets, the twelve signs of the zodiac, and the constellations all have their analogues in the human body. The hidden God within mankind's body is said to dwell in the marrow of the bones.

Thus is created the Grand Man, which is called the Adam Kadmon or God in form. He is the sum total of all things and is at the Center of all Life. He is the creator and the created. No being can become God unless he passes through the human cycles and so happy are those who are born. Man, He is the Great Mystery. It is for Himself that he has searched all creation to find!

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