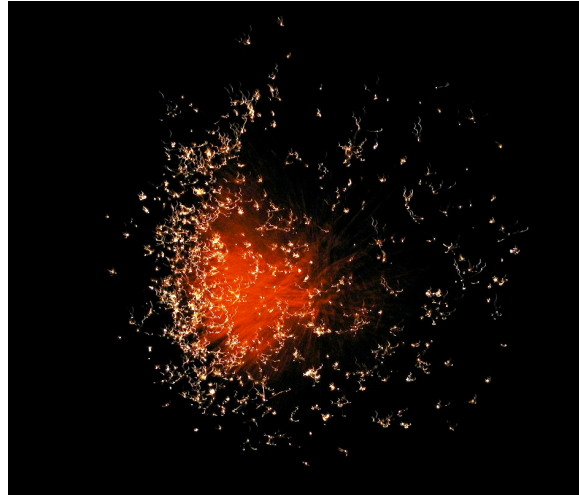


From whence we came

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*As sparks innumerable fly upward from a blazing fire,
so from the depths of the Imperishable arise all things.
To the depths of the Imperishable they in turn descend.*

Mundaka Upanishad 2:1:1

Why does God continually send forth parts of Himself into manifestation? Wouldn't it be better if the Divine Sparks just stayed safe at their Fathers house in a transcendent state of Beingness? Obviously there must be a Purpose and a great Divine Plan beyond the Universe. The Bible tells us that God as transcendent Being is the source of all creation, and that humanity lives in exile from heaven in a state of sin. This doctrine created a split between matter and spirit, causing the world to be seen as separate from its creator. From an esoteric point of view this is not so.

The Ageless Wisdom has told us that there is ONE LIFE which periodically and regularly seeks to express ITSELF in myriads of forms. Everything in the Universe from subatomic particles to planets and galaxies have all emanated from the same Boundless source. The One reveals Himself in multiplicity. From a theosophical point of view God is both immanent and transcendent. God is in all and all is God.

To grasp the ultimate essence of GOD is incomprehensible in our planetary existence and only speculations can be made thereof. Every planet, solar systems and galaxies are Great Lives of high order. Theosophy indicates that our Solar system is but a fragment of a Being, who expresses HIMSELF through seven major constellations. This Being, called the One About Whom Naught May Be Said, manifests Himself through numerous Universes which contain myriads of solar systems.

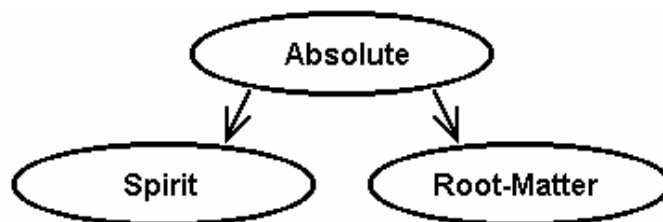
Each solar system embodies a Great Cosmic Being we might call a Solar Logos. Within our solar system, Solar Logos is representing God to us. His Divine purpose includes every being in the Solar system as a whole. Each of us is a cell in his body and we all have individual tasks within His body system.

Since the One About Whom Naught May Be Said seems to be without beginning and without end, so everything has to be relative in the sense that there are always lesser Lives living within Greater Cosmic Lives. A man is highly developed compared with a protozoon, but very insignificant compared with a solar system etc. In the same manner our Solar system is but a cell in relation to the One Who is Higher than our Logos. As human beings we are miniature cells in still Greater Lives, just as a vast set of Chinese boxes each fitting inside the next larger box, extending throughout the Universe. Hence, everything in space is in its deepest sense ONE GREAT LIFE.

So, the Ultimate Reality is boundless, transcendent Absoluteness of which we know nothing. It's the impersonal universal Principle, called the Rootless Root. Darkness is the most common symbology used for the Absolute. Darkness symbolizes a total rest period which is called Pralaya and many Holy Scriptures talk about the darkness prior creation. In *Genesis 1:1 ...darkness was upon the face of the deep...* According to Hindu traditions, **Parabrahm**, which means beyond Brahman, is often symbolized as Darkness. *DARKNESS ALONE FILLED THE BOUNDLESS ALL, FOR FATHER, MOTHER AND SON WERE ONCE MORE ONE, AND THE SON HAD NOT AWAKENED YET FOR THE NEW WHEEL, AND HIS PILGRIMAGE THEREON.* (Stanzas of Dzyan i-1-5).

As we see from the quote above, the Father, Mother and Son were *once more* one, which means that before the Pralaya period there must have been a cycle of manifestation, a Manvantara period. In occult teachings we find that universes appear in periods of activity called Universal Manvantaras. These Universal Manvantaras are followed by periods of inactivity, called Universal Pralayas. Thus, universal evolution is an eternal ongoing process.

At the beginning of our Universe, two differentiations emerge from the Absolute; Spirit and Root-matter.



Mulaprakiti, the root –matter, is the pre-cosmic substance which ancient religions call the Great Mother and the Cosmic Womb out of which everything is born and all that will be born. Mulaprakiti is our sacred MOTHER who embraces all. Mulaprakiti underlies the whole Universe. Her essence is sacred and immaculate like a primary cosmic blueprint out of which atomic matter will appear. Emergence of Mulaprakiti is the first step that takes place in the creation process.

Father, also called Spirit or Purusha, emerges from the Absolute, but still hidden in the Darkness, as the Father and the Mother have not yet been separated, thus we have primordial Matter with the latent Spirit within. They are the cosmic parents out of which the Universal Mind will come forth. The

Universal Mind is the Cosmic Intelligence which contains in Himself seven creative forces/rays, and the Universal Mind becomes the **first manifested Logos** from which everything evolves and develops.

Energy from the un-manifested center, the first Cosmic Logos, drops into the manifested, the 3rd Cosmic Logos by means of the Second Cosmic Logos and then transmitted into the Universe.

The essence of the first Logos is Electric fire.

The essence of the second Logos is Solar fire, heat and duality.

The essence of the third Logos is Fire by friction, motion.

The Deity always reveals Himself in a threefold aspect, symbolized in all great religions as the THREE-IN-ONE. In the line of Christianity we have the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in Hinduism Trinity is expressed as the Creator, the Preserver and the Destroyer etc. In Theosophy we have;

Father - Spirit - Will

Son – Consciousness - Love

Mother – Matter – Intelligence

Our solar system is a system of the Son, therefore LOVE is essential to us. Also, our solar system is a heart center in a system Higher than our Logos, thus our solar system is Love and Wisdom in its truest essence, coloring everything.

Everything in the manifested world has sprung out of the interaction between the Father's positive pole and the Mother's negative pole. It's the third aspect, the Universal Mind, which starts to build archetypal forms and patterns, thus God is seen as the Great Architecture who designs and creates a multitude of forms. Most religions start their story of creation here, but the old wisdom traditions show us that this is in fact the second Creation. Firstly, Life emanates from the Absolute and is secondly brought into manifestation.

As individual souls we have all emanated from the Universal Soul and thus we are fundamentally identical with this Oversoul. As Divine sparks we arise from the undifferentiated Matter and then our individual heroic journey in time and space starts, lowering down into the densest spheres of matter. The evolution of consciousness starts when the Monads reach the physical plane. For eons we travel through mineral-, plant- and animal kingdom as we gradually evolve until we "wake" up in the human kingdom which is the fourth, and thus influenced by the fourth ray. In the human kingdom we fuse the wisdom from all the lower kingdoms and build a bridge into the Spiritual kingdom. After a long journey, the hero finally returns home again with his new hard-won wisdom. The circle is completed; even it is not just a circle but more like an ever-upward evolutionary spiral. One day a new ADVENTURE begins.

Some astrological reflections about the Cosmic Mother:

The Mother principle can be associated to the Moon and as we follow the moon in the signs of which it rules, we can see a clear connection between Cancer, Virgo and Aquarius and how the Mother principle develops and expresses itself. The Moon as the Mother of all forms, veils and nurtures spiritual life. Light is always hidden within the forms. It's the same light that the alchemist seeks to find when he tries to transform lead into gold, liberating the light hidden in the darkness.

Cancer and the Moon can be associated to Root matter if we are careful and don't mix up the terms. Root matter is the primordial substance out of which atomic matter appears. Cancer is our origin as the first human incarnations occurred in this sign. Cancer is the collective ocean of which we all can tap into, as well as the Mother of all earthly forms. Cancer is related to form life, but by Neptunian influence, Cancer goes beyond and leads us to universality and our true home. Cancer is able to tap into Cosmic or Universal Consciousness - the level of consciousness where all things are known. We are all aspects of the Absolute.

Virgo symbolizes the sacred Mother and the Mother of Harvest. The moon is lifted up to the soul level as the esoteric ruler of Virgo. Spirit and Matter have now started to interact and out of that relation a child is born. Virgo is not only nurturing her own individual Soul, but also the Soul of Humanity, producing the conditions that will pave the way for the collective Christ consciousness to be born on this planet. We are told that Virgo hides the light which irradiates the world in Aquarius.

In Aquarius, the moon is lifted up to the hierarchical level, representing both Humanity and the World Soul called Anima Mundi. *"Above the Son is the whole Cosmos, below he is mankind"* SD1 60 The Aquarian Water Bearer carries a jar of water on his shoulders, so that living sparkling water can be poured out upon humanity and the planet as a whole, hence the living spiritual substance of the World Soul embraces and energizes all life in the Universe. In the Aquarian Age, Spirit and Matter must be unified in our hearts and expressed as world service. The Love and Wisdom of the Mother will bring us back into oneness again just like "water" synthesizes everything. As world servers we need to centralize ourselves in the light of the Father, and in the same time embrace the whole world in our hearts. In this manner we can heal our inherited split between masculine – feminine and between Spirit – Matter, and then we will know the Light hidden in matter and understand the magic of creation that it reveals.

*O Thou Who givest sustenance to the universe,
From Whom all things proceed,
To Whom all things return,
Unveil to us the face of the true Spiritual Sun
Hidden by a disc of golden Light
That we may know the Truth
And do our whole duty
As we journey to Thy sacred feet.*

Gayatri mantram