

OUR PLACE IN A MUCH LARGER WHOLE

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INTRODUCTION

One of the great questions is: who are we? Are we the physical bodies that show themselves in the outer world with their emotions and thoughts? Our personality tends to identify itself with these three aspects. For example: when it feels ill it says: "I am ill", or when it feels depressed it says: "I am depressed". From this standpoint it positions itself in the centre of things from where it perceives itself with its feelings and thoughts as very important.

In this paper I will present some concepts from the Ageless Wisdom which may provoke us to redefine our position out of the centre towards a more, if not very, humble place in the total scheme of things. To give a short foretaste and summary: it appears we, as an entity, are just a tiny-tiny spec of consciousness within an almost unperceivable larger whole of a sequence of many solar systems, planetary schemes, chain periods, rounds, world periods, root races and sub races.

In this paper I will give an overview of this larger whole of which we are an inextricable part.

THE 'BEGINNING'

The beginning of the manifested Universe was caused or driven by the extraction of the Logos out of Himself. This primal manifestation, which could very well be compared with a Big Bang, started the so-called manvantara or the great cycle of manifestation of the Logos in objective form life, such as universes, solar systems, stars, planets and all the life forms on the planets.

This 'beginning' is put in brackets in the heading because before this beginning there was a long period of non-manifestation, or pralaya, a long night of nothingness in which the Logos has withdrawn within Himself. This will also be the case at the close of the manvantara. This process of withdrawal and manifestation is endless and conforms the Law of Periodicity. It can be compared with ebb and flow, or with long cycles of night and day, or of death and life.

PLANETARY SCHEMES, CHAIN PERIODS, ROUNDS AND WORLD PERIODS

There are many solar systems and many universes, but I will focus on our solar system. The objective manifestation of life during the manvantara in our solar system consists of planetary schemes, chain periods, rounds and world periods.

Planetary schemes

There are ten planetary schemes around the different planets in our solar system of which three are unnamed because their planets or not manifested on the physical plane. The named planets are Venus, Vulcan, Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter and Earth. Venus has the most evolved scheme and is in its fifth chain period, while Earth and Neptune are in their fourth and Vulcan, Uranus, Saturn and Jupiter in their third. The unnamed schemes are in their first and second periods. That's why they are not yet physically manifested. See figure 1.

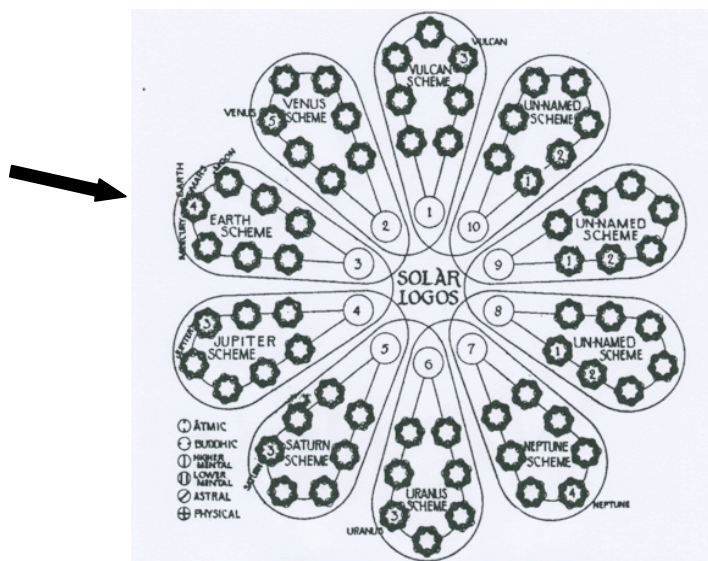


Figure 1: the ten planetary schemes within our Solar System, with an arrow at the Earth Scheme (*The Solar System, Arthur A. Powell*).

The planets Mars and Mercury, as well as the Moon have no schemes of their own because they are of a different level and part of the Earth scheme. (See figure 2)

In *'Treatise on Cosmic Fire'* (TCF) Master Djwhal Khul (DK) talks, through Alice Bailey, about seven schemes. He doesn't mention the three unnamed (and unmanifested) ones. He describes a planetary scheme as *"a unit, a body corporate with its seven centres and forty-nine globes"*. (TCF, p. 381)

Chain periods

Each planetary scheme has seven chain periods, each of seven planets. In figure 2 you can see the seven chain periods of the Earth scheme. At this moment Earth is in its fourth chain period.

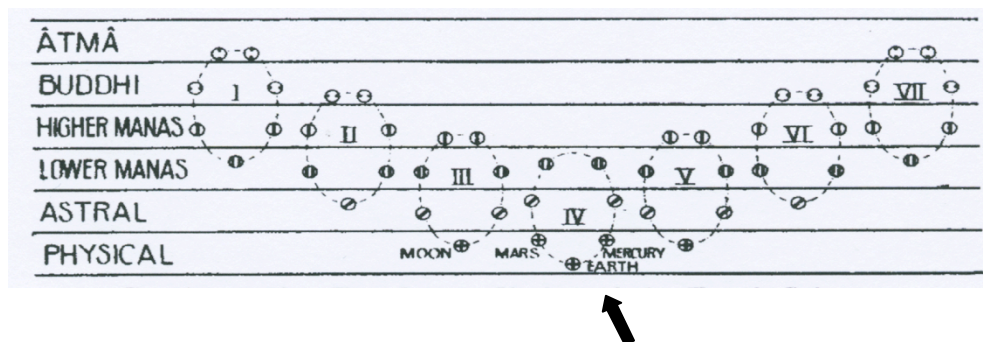


Figure 2: the seven chain periods of the Earth scheme, with an arrow at the present fourth period (*The Solar System*, Arthur A. Powell).

In this figure the Moon is placed in the former third chain period of the Earth scheme. The temporary Moon is a remnant of a much bigger planet on which the physical life was manifested during the third chain period. Life evolved during that period on a planet which is in the process of falling apart since the end of that period. The total disappearance of the Moon will only take place in the seventh round of the Earth chain period.

In TCF (p. 389) DK gives as the names of the seven chains of the Earth scheme:

1. Neptune.
2. Venus.
3. Saturn.
4. Earth.
5. Mercury.
6. Mars.
7. Jupiter.

These seem to be somewhat different than in figure 2. There the third chain seems to be called the Moon chain and Mercury and Mars only are mentioned as part of the fourth Earth chain. Maybe that's why DK gives the following note on this name giving: *"We must bear carefully in mind the fact that these are simply names, affixed to the chains and globes for the sake of clarity. As this subject is more widely studied it will inevitably be found advisable to call the chains by their numbers, and to drop the names as at present used."* (TCF, p. 389)

Rounds and world periods

Within each chain period any of the seven planets makes a complete round through the cycle of life along the seven planets. These are called the planetary rounds. So, within each chain period seven rounds take place. See figure 3.

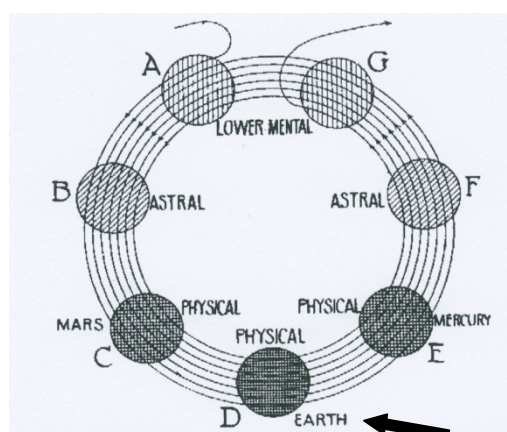


Figure 3: the seven planetary rounds of the fourth period, with an arrow at the present round wherein Earth has its world period being the planet with physical life (*The Solar System*, Arthur A. Powell).

Mars and Mercurius are both placed in the contemporary fourth chain period. Mars was the planet with physical life during the third round and Mercury will have physical life during the fifth round. These planets have their *world period* during this period of physical life, just as Earth has its world period in the contemporary fourth round. The other unnamed planets didn't or don't have physical life but only astral or lower mental life. That's why they are invisible.

In TCF (p. 382) DK speaks about the globes A, B and C forming a descending arc towards globe D – “*of which our earth is an instance*” – where the densest physical matter of the descent is reached. He has another opinion about the planes the globes are on than in the Theosophic view from Arthur Powell in ‘*A Solar System*’. DK says that globe E belongs to the astral plane (and not the physical) and both globes F and G to the mental plane (instead of only G in figure 3).

Overall picture

The following schedule of our solar system summarizes the overall picture of these schemes, chains, rounds and periods:

1 planetary scheme – 7 chain periods – 49 rounds – 343 world periods
 10 planetary schemes – 70 chain periods – 490 rounds – 3.430 world periods

Earth is in the fourth chain period of its planetary scheme, and in the fourth round of this chain period in which it has its world period.

ROOT RACES AND SUB RACES

During every world period human life is evolving in seven phases or root races, and each root race develops itself in seven sub races. The first root races are a recapitulation of the developed phases of the former world period.

So, within the contemporary world period of Earth, now 300 million years on its way, also 7 root races will be developed with 49 sub races. Temporary humanity is a mix of the seventh sub race of the fourth Atlantic root race and the sub races four to six of the fifth Aryan root race.

In TCF (p. 383) DK states that *“In a root-race a Heavenly Man is simply living out His life”*.

In figure 4 the seven root races are shown and in figure 5 the sub races of the fourth and fifth root race.

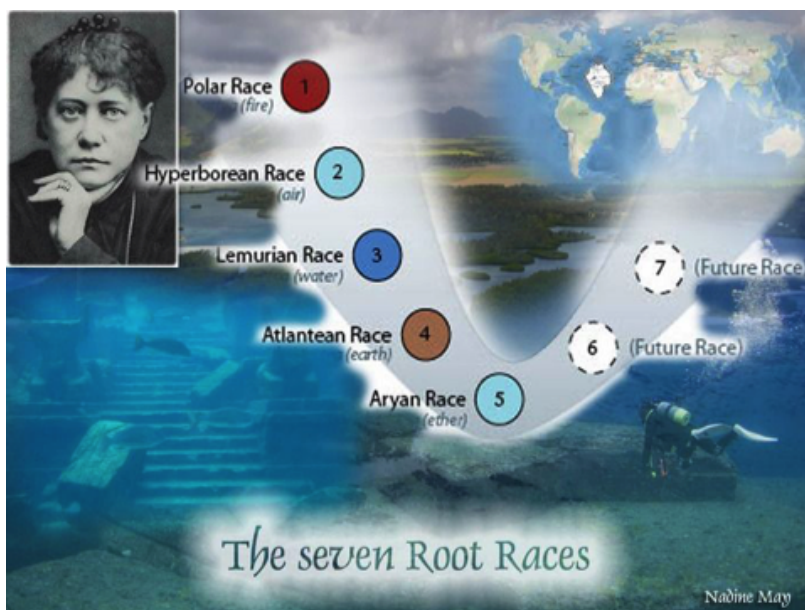


Figure 4: the seven root races

<i>ROOT RACES & SUB RACES</i>					
III LEMURIAN	IV ATLANTIC	V ARYAN	VI VII		
4)					
5) <i>Negro-Negrit</i>					
6) <i>Negrillo</i>					
7)	1 <i>Rmnahal</i>				
	2 <i>Tlavatli</i>				
	3 <i>Toltec</i> { <i>Mayas</i> <i>Quichas</i>				
	4 <i>1st Turanian</i> { <i>Chinese</i>				
	5 <i>Original Semite</i>	1 <i>Hindu-Egyptian</i>			
	6 <i>Akkadian</i>	2 <i>Aryan Semite</i>			
	7 <i>Mongolian</i>	3 <i>Iranian</i>			
	Japanese-Malay	4 <i>Celtic</i>			
		5 <i>Teutonic</i>			
		6 <i>Austral-American</i>	1		
		7 <i>Latin-American</i>	2		

Figure 5: the sub races of the fourth and fifth root race

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

So you see that, according to the Ageless Wisdom, we as human beings are part of a much larger whole, and our history and origin are much more elaborate than we learn in our schools or from our scientists.

The processes of life (creation and manifestation) and death, or flow and ebb, or day and life, or manvantara and pralaya are flowing through an endless sequence according to the Law of Periodicity. During the long cycles of manvantara solar systems are built, consisting of planetary schemes, chain periods, rounds, world periods, root races and sub races of which we all are an inextricable part.

In this world period Earth, being in its fourth chain period and its fourth round, is the place of physical life. We as human beings are a mix of the Atlantean fourth root race and the Arian fifth root race.

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FOR FURTHER READING

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