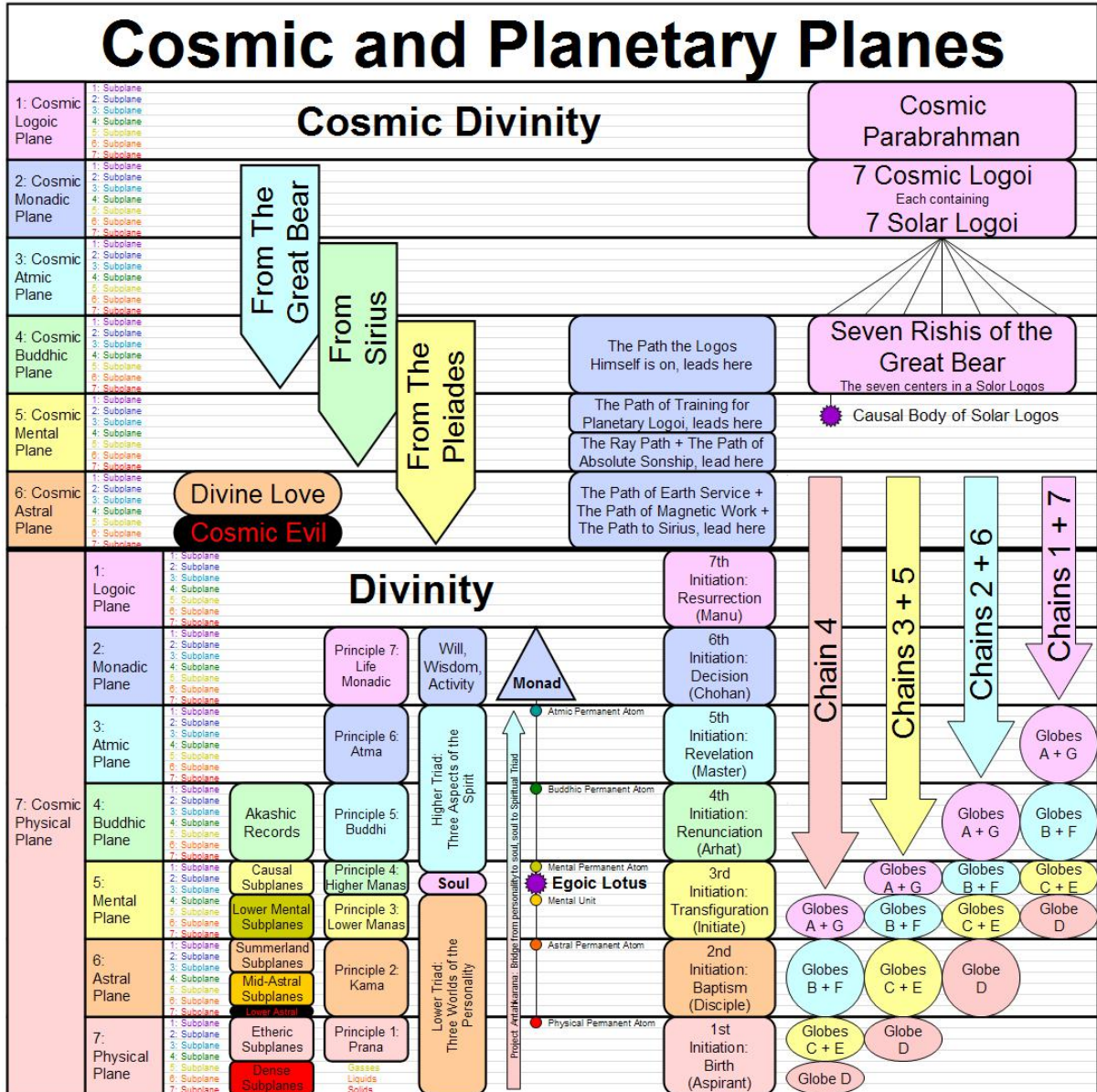


## Planes: The Many Mansions in my Father's House



"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you."  
 - John 14:2

Of all the subjects we study in the Ancient Wisdom, probably the most fundamental are the planes. Life in our Solar System evolves within seven planetary planes. Each of these planes is divided into seven subplanes, for 49 subplanes total. All seven planetary planes together actually form the lowest Cosmic Plane, the Cosmic Physical (also called Cosmic Prakritic). There are seven Cosmic Planes, with names corresponding to the planetary planes, and which are also each divided into seven subplanes. That means planetary planes are also subplanes of the Cosmic Physical. The Cosmic and planetary planes are depicted in the diagram above.

Planes are levels of vibration, which means that all planes interpenetrate each other and exist concurrently. However, planes also define levels of consciousness, meaning that changing awareness from one plane to another (or even from one subplane to another, such as seen on the astral and mental subplanes after death) appears to transport one to a different world.

The seven planetary planes in our Solar System are:

1. Physical, divided into dense physical subplanes, and etheric subplanes.
2. Astral (or emotional plane, the level of feelings), experienced in the afterlife as the lower astral subplane of "purgatory", mid-astral subplanes, and the pleasant upper-astral subplanes of "Summerland".
3. Mental (or manasic plane, the level of mind), divided into lower mental concrete subplanes, and abstract Causal subplanes.
4. Buddhic (also called intuitional, the level of intuition or pure reason), which contains the Akashic Records.
5. Atmic (also called Nirvanic, the level of Nirvana).
6. Monadic (also called Anupadaka).
7. Logoc (also called Adi, Divine, or Godhead).

Many areas of esotericism correspond or relate to the planes. These areas are included in the diagram above. For example:

The seven Principles (Prana, Kama, Lower Manas, Higher Manas, Buddhi, Atma, and Life Monadic) relate to the planar levels of (Etheric, Astral, Lower Mental, Causal, Buddhic, Atmic, and Monadic). In other words, the seven Principles cover the seven planes, except the Principles only consider the etheric levels of the physical plane, consider the lower mental and Causal halves of the mental plane separately, and skip the highest Divine Logos plane.

The seven Rays each exist on all planes, however there is a correspondence between a Ray and the same numbered plane. For example, Ray 7 of ceremonial magic corresponds to the physical plane, Ray 6 of love/devotion corresponds to the emotional plane, Ray 5 of concrete science corresponds to the mental plane, all the way to Ray 1 of will/power corresponding to the topmost Divine plane.

A human being is composed of the physical body with which everybody is familiar, behind which are spiritual bodies on the astral and higher planes. Immediately behind the dense physical body is the etheric double, in which chakras and nadis can first be seen. Permanent atoms and the mental unit exist on the various planes. The physical body / etheric double, astral body, and lower mental body form the three worlds of incarnated human evolution, i.e. the lower triad. Starting on the first Causal subplane of the mental plane is the Causal body, Egoic Lotus, and soul itself. On the high Causal subplanes of the mental plane, the Buddhic plane, and the Atmic plane, is the human Spirit or Higher Triad. The next plane up features the Monad, a human being's Divine spark or highest aspect, containing within it the three aspects of Divinity: Will, Wisdom, and Activity.

The Antahkarana is a constructed thread of consciousness through the planes. First the Aspirant builds a bridge from the personality (starting with the brain on the physical plane) to the soul (on the Causal subplanes of the mental plane), and later the Disciple builds a bridge from the soul to the Spiritual Triad (which begins with the abstract thinking quality on highest subplanes of the mental plane).

Each Initiation takes place after one has mastered the vibration of one of the planes, and is capable of true awareness on the next higher plane. For example, after the First Initiation, the Aspirant or Probationary Disciple has mastered the physical plane, and is in control of

their physical body and no longer unhealthily influenced by physical appetites. The first seven Initiations correspond to mastering the seven planetary planes in our Solar System. The Eighth and Ninth Initiations are more abstract and difficult for us to understand at our current level of existence, but in general they involve the liberated Spirit doing a “Transition” out of the Cosmic Physical plane altogether, and then a “Refusal” to be tied to the Solar System in any form, which frees the Spirit to find its ultimate area of service in the Universe.

The 6th Initiation is significant, since at that point the Master makes a “Decision” to which of Seven Paths he will follow on the Way of the Higher Evolution. These Paths eventually lead the Master to one or other of the Cosmic Planes.

The Cosmic Astral plane, the higher correspondence of our own planetary astral plane, transmits Divine Love. Interestingly, being the desire nature of God, the Cosmic Astral plane is refined as Logoi evolve, just as our own planetary astral plane is refined as humanity evolves. Therefore there is a Divine correspondence to the glamour we face on the astral plane, which can be considered a source of Cosmic glamour, often given the dramatic sounding name “Cosmic evil”.

Cosmic Planes play a role in esoteric astrology. Energies transition to our Solar System from the three Great Constellations of the Great Bear (expressing Divine Purpose or will, on the Cosmic Atmic Plane), the star Sirius (expressing Divine Love or wisdom, on the Cosmic Buddhic Plane), and the Pleiades star cluster (expressing Divine active intelligence, on the Cosmic Mental Plane). Each of these Great Constellations ultimately originates on the next higher Cosmic Plane, and descends as far below as the next lower Cosmic Plane, but still has its primary purpose or Cosmic Plane of expression.

Cosmic Planes reflect the being and evolution of a Solar Logos similar to how the planetary planes represent the bodies and evolution of humanity. Just as we have a Causal body on the mental plane, so does a Solar Logos have its own Causal body on the Cosmic Mental Plane. Above this on the Cosmic Buddhic Plane are the seven Divine aspects of a Solar Logos, called the Seven Rishis of the Great Bear. A Solar Logos is ultimately part of a group of seven Solar Logoi, each group of seven forming a Cosmic Logos on the Cosmic Monadic Plane. A Cosmic Logos in turn is part of a group of seven Cosmic Logoi, which ultimately emanates from the highest Cosmic plane, or a Cosmic Parabrahman (Cosmic Deity).

The different Globes and Chains we evolve through (each Globe with its seven Root-Races, and each Chain with its seven Globes) take place on different planes. Both Globes and Chains follow an involution followed by evolution model. The seven Globes in a Chain (labeled A through G) both start and end on a relatively spiritual plane, and progress to and from a denser plane in the middle (Globe D). Similarly, the planes covered by a Chain's set of Globes also vary depending on which of the seven Chains is under consideration. The earliest and latest Chains (labeled 1 and 7) range from the Atmic to lower mental planes, while the middle Chain (4th Chain) is the densest, and ranges from the lower mental to the dense physical planes. Our current World-Period is taking place on Globe D of the 4th Chain of our planetary Scheme of Evolution (the middlemost Globe of the middlemost Chain), making our planet Earth the only Globe of all 49 Globes covered by the Scheme to feature dense physical bodies and evolution. We should appreciate the unique opportunity provided us at this time by being able to experience and serve on the lowest Cosmic Plane, the lowest planetary plane, and the lowest dense subplanes!

For further reading about planes and corresponding topics see:

- The Seven Principles: “Light of the Soul”, page 74.
- Initiations: “The Rays and The Initiations”, page 661-739.

- The Seven Paths: "The Rays and The Initiations", page 395-425.
- Cosmic Planes and Solar Logoi: "A Treatise on Cosmic Fire", page 343-350.
- Chains and Globes: "The Solar System", page 1-10.
- Morya Federation course 110 materials.

With Love, Light, and Power,  
- Walter D. Pullen smile