

# **THE PLANETARY SYSTEM**

**IDEAS, FORMULAS AND FORMS FOR A NEW CULTURE/CIVILIZATION**

**THE SEVEN FORMULAS OF THE FOURTH HUMAN HIERARCHY**

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## Foreword

### *Who or what is Humanity?*

The esoteric Teaching of the trans-Himalayan tradition presents the *human Kingdom* as the central bridge between the three higher Kingdoms (spiritual, planetary, solar) and the three lower kingdoms of nature (mineral, plant, animal), just as it presents the Idea of [Humanity](#) as the 3<sup>rd</sup> planetary Throat Centre or *creative* Centre, part of the governing Triangle of the Earth, together with the 2<sup>nd</sup> *magnetic* Heart Centre – the planetary [Hierarchy](#) – and the 1<sup>st</sup> *governing* Head Centre – [Shamballa](#), the solar Government of our Planet.

Furthermore, the *Essence* of Humanity is indicated as the ***Fourth human Hierarchy***, one of the *12 creative Hierarchies*, or orders of conscious lives, which constitute and build the *body of manifestation* of our *solar*.

According to these Indications, which are revolutionary compared to common thinking and were only made public at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the current *fourth human kingdom* is therefore the body of expression of certain *solar Beings*, an apparent Form actually composed of 4 creative Hierarchies.

Addressing this theme of the Teaching is definitely a difficult challenge for the mind, yet it is recognised as a necessary, if not urgent, action to transform and elevate the *human* conception of reality, of our nature, origin and destiny, especially in this crucial time of **2025**<sup>1</sup>.

Let us therefore attempt to ***compose the Seven ideal Formulas of the Fourth human Hierarchy***, in order to *fix them on the mental plane*, so that they may become, in due course, the common heritage of thought and realisation of Humanity.

We recognise, in fact, the creative power of Thought and Vision (they too are *living substances* of ‘hierarchies of builders’!). We recognise that deep *awareness* of the **human** Essence and Nature is part of the [initiatory Path](#), that awakening of our *hierarchical* authority and dignity which will liberate human and planetary *creative* power and guide us back

*from darkness to light,  
from the unreal to the real,  
from death to immortality,  
from chaos to beauty.*

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Let us therefore immerse ourselves in the wonderful world of *Creative Powers*:

“The Hierarchy of Creative Powers is divided esoterically into seven (4 and 3) within the Twelve Great Orders”, symbolised by the twelve signs of the Zodiac; these Seven of the manifested scale are also connected with the Seven Planets. All of these are divided into countless Groups of divine spiritual, semi-spiritual and ethereal Beings.”<sup>2</sup>

THE SEVEN CREATIVE HIERARCHIES IN ACTIVE PLANETARY EXPRESSION

THE SEVEN STATES OF BEING—UNDER KARMIC LAW	Nos. Down	Ray	Name	Sign	Energy	Comments	Nos. Up
	6	I	Divine Flames Divine Lives	1. <i>Leo</i> Planet—Sun Colour—Orange	Parashakti Supreme energy	Fire—Air Logocic Plane	7
	7	II	Divine Builders Conferring soul (C.F. 605) Burning sons of desire	2. <i>Virgo</i> Planet—Jupiter Colour—Blue	Kriyashakti Materialising ideal	Ether Monadical Plane	6
	8	III	Lesser Builders Conferring form (C.F. 605) The triple flowers	3. <i>Libra</i> Planet—Saturn Colour—Green	Jnanashakti Force of mind	Water Atmic plane	5
	9	IV	Human Hierarchy The Initiates Lords of Sacrifice	4. <i>Scorpio</i> Planet—Mercury Colour—Yellow	Mantrikashakti The WORD made flesh. Speech	Solar Angels Agnishvatas Buddhic	4
	10	V	Human Personality The Crocodiles Makara, the mystery	5. <i>Capricorn</i> Planet—Venus Colour—Indigo	Ichchhashakti Will to manifest	Fire Mental Plane	3
	11	VI	Lunar Lords Sacrificial Fires (C.F. 378)	6. <i>Sagittarius</i> Planet—Mars Colour—Red	Kundalinishakti Energy of matter Form	Water Astral plane	2
	12	VII	Elemental lives The Baskets of Nourishment. The Blinded Lives	7. <i>Aquarius</i> Planet—the Moon Colour—Violet	None	Earth	1

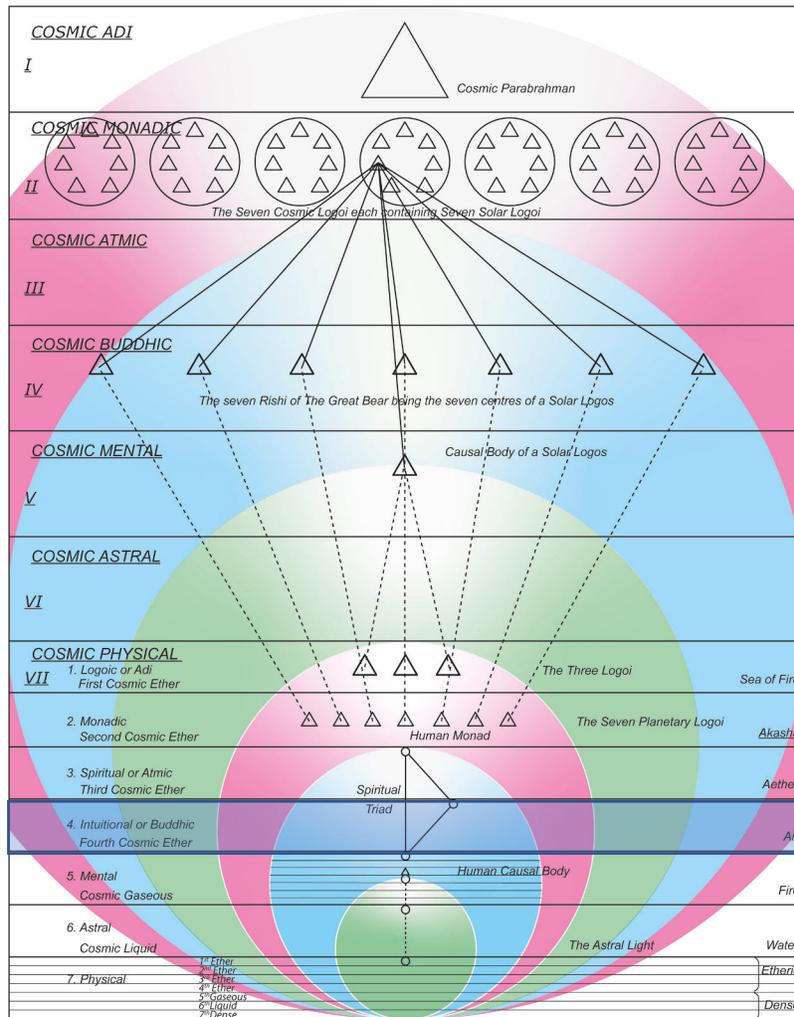
“The whole cosmos is guided, controlled and animated by an almost endless series of *Hierarchies of sentient Beings*, each having a mission to perform... Among these **the Hierarchy of human Monads** has a place.” (TCF, p. 92, footnote 39).

These *Seven creative Hierarchies in active planetary expression* literally constitute the *body of expression* (on the 7<sup>th</sup> cosmic physical plane – see figure on the following page) of the *Desire to manifest* of the solar Logos, the cosmic Being that *manifests itself* through a main triad of *solar Systems*, of which the current one is the *Second*:

“All these hierarchies are *Sons of Desire*, and are paramountly an expression of the desire for manifested life of the solar Logos. They receive their primary impulse from the cosmic astral plane [where the other 5 *unmanifested Hierarchies* are attested]. They are also the expression of a vibration emanating from the second row of petals in the logocic Lotus on the cosmic mental plane. They are, therefore, one and all an expression of His love nature, and it is for this reason that buddhi is found at the heart of the tiniest atom, or what we call in this system, electric fire. For the positive central life of every form is but an expression of cosmic buddhi, and the downpouring of a love which has its source in the Heart of the Solar Logos; this is itself an emanating principle from the ONE ABOVE OUR LOGOS, HE OF WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID. [Our cosmic Logos on the 2<sup>nd</sup> monadic plane]

It is love limiting itself by desire, and for that which is desired. It is love pouring itself out into forms which are stimulated and aided thereby; it is the fulfillment of divine obligations incurred in the dim and distant kalpas which antedate the triplicity of solar systems which we can dimly vision, and it is the “Father of Light” (in a cosmic connotation) pouring Himself out for that which binds Him and which it is His dharma to lift up to His Throne.” (TCF, 1225-6)

EVOLUTION OF A SOLAR LOGOS



The *Fourth* human Hierarchy is therefore *crucial* and *central* in the current *Second* solar System (whose main energies are the even Rays 2-4-6 of the Seven Rays), as it is the primary Agent of the Fourth Principle (*Buddhi*) and the Fourth systemic Plane, the “lowest” plane of *physical* manifestation of the solar Logos. it is the Fourth human Hierarchy that anchors and embodies – on this *fourth cosmic etheric plane* – solar Love/Desire, the *divine Ray* of the solar Logos (reflected in turn, as can be seen in the wonderful diagram above, by higher cosmic Energies and Planes):

“The true revelation will only come as the following points are recognised:

1. The triple nature of man [Monad or 1<sup>st</sup> Aspect Life-Spirit; Soul or 2<sup>nd</sup> Aspect Quality-Consciousness; Personality or 3<sup>rd</sup> Aspect Appearance-Matter].
2. The distinctions between the vehicle and that which utilises the vehicle.
3. The distinction between a **Ray** which is the expression of logoi energy and a *positive* emanation, and a **hierarchy** which is a *negative* emanation of the Logos, upon which His positive energy impresses itself, driving that hierarchy on to self expression and forcing the “marriage of the poles” [the ‘marriage’ between spirit and matter, in our case between the Fourth Ray/Logos and the Fourth human Hierarchy through the evolution of the Fourth human Kingdom] (TCF, 1209)

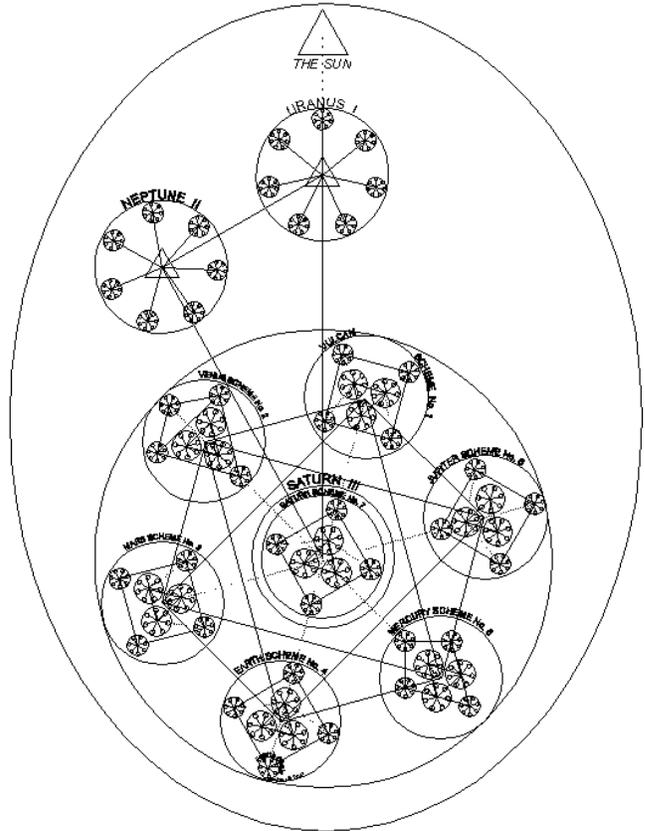
In other passages of the Teaching, the **creative Hierarchies** are instead referred to as *positive Agents* or *animating Lives* of the **Rays** and **Planes**. In any case, Hierarchies and Rays are both Agents of the *Second Logos*, the fusion of spirit and matter and the *Builder* of Forms to make Consciousness, or Soul aspect, evolve, according to the Will of our *spiritual central Sun*:

“In this system, the blending of the Divine Ray of Wisdom and the Primordial Ray of intelligent matter forms the great dual evolution; back of both these cosmic Entities stands another Entity [the First Ray/Logos of Power] Who is the embodiment of Will, and Who is the utiliser of forms—though not the forms of any other than the Greater Building devas<sup>3</sup> and the human hierarchies in time and space. He is the animating principle; the will-to-live aspect of the seven Hierarchies. Nevertheless these seven Hierarchies are (as says H. P. B.) the sevenfold ray of wisdom [Second Ray], the dragon in its seven forms.” (TCF, 146)

*The Fourth human Hierarchy is the spiritual Soul of Man, his electric core of life and consciousness, the source and cause of his manifestation and evolution, and is present in every ‘planetary scheme’ of the solar System, not only in the one of the Earth. It is created and activated in every planetary scheme by solar Angels or Agnishvattas, Beings emanating from the Head Centre of the solar Logos and differentiated into Seven Groups in His Heart Centre.*

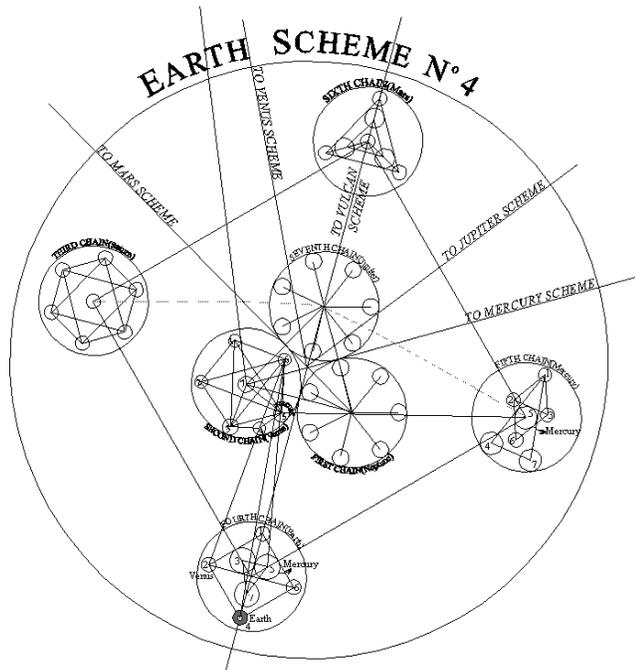
Thus, it was the Agnishvattas or *solar Pitris* who caused individualisation (i.e., the first initiation into *self-consciousness* of the animal man on this planet): “In every scheme They have Their place, but in some—as in the Jupiter scheme—They are just beginning Their work, and in others—as in the Vulcan and Venus schemes—Their work is nearly completed. Venus is in her last round, and has nearly developed her fourth kingdom to perfection, or as much as it is possible in the system. In the Earth scheme, They are in full tide of work, and only in the next round will They demonstrate the height of Their activity. They pass cyclically through the schemes and under Law—the Law of Karma for the planetary Logos, for They are essentially concerned with His Life as it actuates His centres. They come into a scheme on a wave of manasic [mental] energy from the head centre of the [solar] Logos, and in the process of passing through his Heart centre three things occur:

1. They become differentiated into seven groups.
2. They direct Themselves as streams of energy to some particular scheme.
3. Their contact with a scheme is that which produces the manifestation of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, and leads to the Monads taking form in the three worlds.



These entities who sacrifice Themselves for the human Hierarchy (and we must note here the accuracy of the fact that They emanate from the logocic head centre, or from the will aspect), are the true Saviours who give Their lives for the good of the race. They stand in relation to the totality of the schemes as the Occult Hierarchy of any particular planet stands to men upon that planet. During pralaya They are

withdrawn (as all else), from manifestation, and return to a cosmic centre of which the logic head centre is but a dim reflection; they return the richer for experience.



... There are also in connection with our peculiar Earth scheme, those lunar Pitris who reached their present stage of activity in the moon chain [the third one, associated to the third aspect/Saturn, preceding the current fourth, of the seven major phases of an *evolutionary Scheme* of a planetary Logos]. They are deva groups but (unlike the Agnishvattas) they have not passed through the human stage; for them it has yet to be achieved, and their present experience in connection with the human Hierarchy has that end in view.

It should be remembered that it is a fundamental law in occult development that any life can only give out that which it has possessed, and possession of the varying attributes of consciousness from that of the atom up to the consciousness of a solar Logos, is the result of long cycles of acquirement. The solar Pitris, therefore, could give to man his consciousness; the lunar Pitris could give to him the instinctual

consciousness of his vehicles [his animal, vegetable and mineral ‘soul’, or rather the sensitivity of its lower mental, emotional and etheric/physical bodies]. In their aggregate in all the kingdoms of nature, on this planet and elsewhere, they [the lunar Pitris] give to the planetary Logos and to the solar Logos the sumtotal of the *form consciousness* of Their respective bodies. This is the case in every scheme in the system, but in the Earth chain a peculiar condition of affairs was brought about through the planetary failure coincident with the moon chain; this is the cause of the present balancing of forces on this chain. The fourth chain in every scheme sees the work of the solar Pitris in connection with man begun. It sees also the Pitris of his sheaths in activity through the impulse given by the solar Angels.” (TCF, 742-3 e 780-1)

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The Fourth Hierarchy/Fourth Ray therefore has, as its temporary vehicle or *form* in the current Fourth Globe of the Fourth Chain of the Fourth earthly Scheme, the Fourth human Kingdom; in other words, the Fourth human Hierarchy is to the causal World of *Ideas* as the Fourth human Kingdom is to the World of *Forms*.

Strengthening *identification* with the Fourth human Hierarchy, our real Essence, is the purpose of the following Seven *ideal Formulas*, asserted as seven directions or bridges of union between *Idea* and *Form*, between the Fourth Hierarchy and the Fourth Kingdom, so as to serve and assist the liberation of the “prisoners of the Planet”, that is, the elevation and evolution of the kingdoms of nature and our *lunar* bodies.

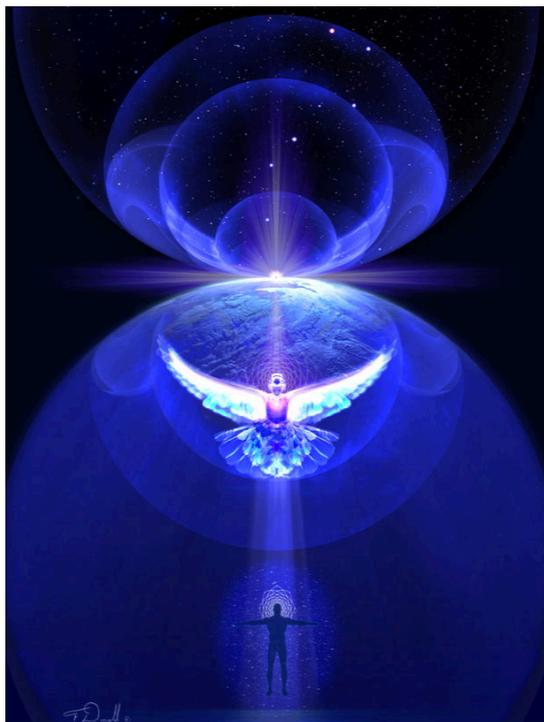
*The saturation of space with formulas which clarify the Teaching, will result in great effects.*

*Thus do We affirm the manifestation of the New World.*

*Thus is the manifestation of the Predestined being brought about.*

(Fiery World III § 204)

## *The Seven Formulas of the Fourth human Hierarchy*



### **1. *The Fourth Hierarchy is the human spirit.***

*The Fourth human Hierarchy is the Hierarchy of human Monads:* “[it] is the group wherein the highest aspect of man, his “Father in Heaven” “[the *human monad*] finds place. ... They are the “*Lords of Sacrifice*” and “*Lords of Love*”, the flower of *Atma-buddhi*.” (TCF 1200), ‘flower’ of Will-Love created by the solar Agnishvattas upon ‘contact with planetary schemes’ – those solar devic monads that were once human and now, coming from the Head and Heart Centres of the solar Logos (on the cosmic mental plane), sacrifice themselves to help the planetary kingdoms of nature evolve.

The *human Spirit* has a triadic essence:

“The monads of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human Monads, exist in three main groups:

- a. The Monads of Will.
- b. The Monads of Love.
- c. The Monads of Activity.” (TCF, 120 footnote 55)

A *human Monad*, our First Aspect, is a *seed of the Spirit*, a *collective Individuality* which, at the level of Its Prototype (2<sup>nd</sup> systemic monadic plane), is a *Unit of conscious life* of a celestial Man, of a planetary Logos; such Prototypes of human Monads have as their body of expression the 3 central levels of Manifestation: the 3 planes of the Second Aspect *Soul* or of the *spiritual Triad* (the 3<sup>rd</sup> atmic plane, the 4<sup>th</sup> buddhic plane, up to the higher planes of the 5<sup>th</sup> *manasic* plane; *manas/intelligence* is the vehicle of *buddhi/love-wisdom*, just as *buddhi* is the vehicle of *atma/will-power*).

The Fourth Hierarchy of **human Monads**, “the flower of Atma-Buddhi”, is therefore *Spirit* currently attested on the 4<sup>th</sup> *buddhic* or *intuitive* level; it is the vehicle of the Third Hierarchy attested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> *atomic* Plane (“the Triple Flowers” or Builders of the Egoic Lotuses) and expresses itself through the Fifth

Hierarchy (the “perfect human Personalities”) and the 5<sup>th</sup> *manasic* Plane: the goal and method of evolution of human Monads is in fact to anchor the collective Triad of Will-Love-Intelligence of the planetary Logos in their own Centres or *egoic Lotus*es on the higher manasic plane, that is in the “*groups of Egos*” constituting the Monads themselves, Seven Ray Groups composed of the *causal bodies* of *human Souls*. This occurs through the process of initiation, which in its early stages involves the progressive construction of the triple antahkarana bridge between:

- the personality, from imperfect to increasingly ‘integrated’
- the egoic Lotus in the causal body, and
- the permanent manasic<sup>4</sup> atom, the lowest point of the spiritual Triad.

CHART VIII  
THE EGOIC LOTUS AND THE CENTERS  
COSMIC PHYSICAL PLANE

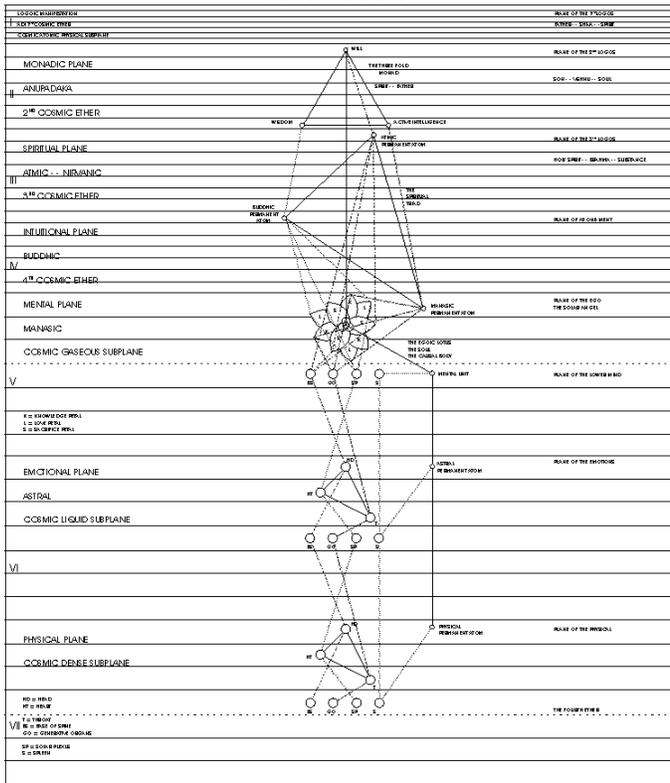
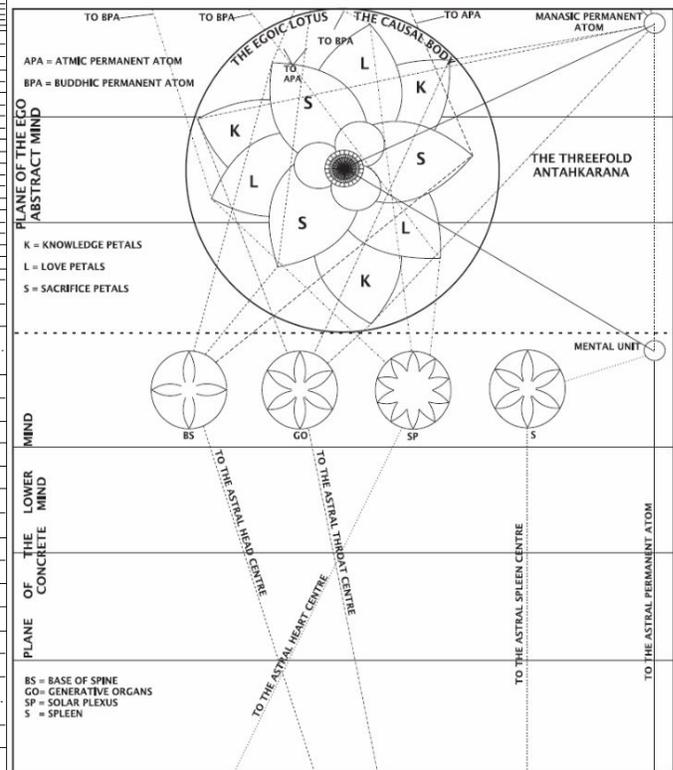


CHART IX  
THE EGOIC LOTUS  
THE COSMIC GASEOUS SUBPLANE



In each of these *egoic Groups*, myriads of individual (yet not ‘single’) *egoic Lotus*es pulsate at the centre of their ‘own’ *causal body*: this Centre and Field are the true *human Soul*, the individualised seat of *Group* or *Christ Consciousness*, which, depending on the level of evolution (i.e. the opening of the *petals* of the Lotus, the development of the soul Qualities of Knowledge, Love and Sacrifice), will be attested on one or more of the 3 higher planes of the 5<sup>th</sup> manasic or mental plane (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> sub-plane there are 7 groups of Rays, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> sub-plane 3 groups of the 3 Rays of Aspect 1-2-3, while the *Jewels in the Lotus*, focal points of anchoring of the Monad in the spiritual Triad, are focused on the 1<sup>st</sup> sub-plane, the plane of the manasic *permanent atom*).

The occult indication to “keep the mind steady in the light” therefore means allowing our *human Spirit* to illuminate the three lower worlds from the higher manasic plane; it means union between soul (light) and personality (mind), between the causal body and the *mental unity*; it means *thinking through love*.

2. ***The Fourth Hierarchy is the intelligent union of spirit and matter.***

In order to *evolve* consciousness and forms, the human Monad passes through or assumes vehicles from all planes and kingdoms, “from the bottom up”, until in the Fourth Kingdom this ‘undifferentiated’ or collective spirit *becomes individualised* and develops human *self-consciousness* (the first ‘intelligent union of spirit and matter’), the basis of systemic/solar *group consciousness* and then *planetary* or cosmic *consciousness*:

“The fourth Creative Hierarchy is the great expression of the conscious will and sacrifice of the Solar Logos, and the great symbol of the intelligent union of spirit and matter.” (IHS, 94-5)

*The Fourth human Hierarchy expresses the highest power of love (Sacrifice) of the solar Logos, that is, it is the substantial basis at the lowest possible level of the self-conscious solar Spirit.*

The Fourth Hierarchy “is the representative group in this system” (TCF, 1203), that is, the dominant Hierarchy of the current Second solar System: it is the *embodiment* of the *Buddhi*<sup>5</sup> Principle, of Love-Wisdom, whose power or first aspect is precisely the “impulse to give” or *Sacrifice*.

The Fourth Hierarchy “is the essence of the intangible Life of Spirit, and principle of Buddhi, is the esoteric cause of the cosmic marriage of spirit and matter, based on the love and desire of the Logos, but each hierarchy also expresses itself through one particular manifestation [the 4<sup>th</sup> human Kingdom] which comes to be regarded by the finite mind of man as the hierarchy itself. This is not so, and care must be taken to distinguish between these hierarchies. They are latent germs of force centres and manifest subjectively; they warm and vitalise groups of forms; they flower forth and express themselves through the medium of a form, or another hierarchy. These hierarchies are all interrelated and are negative or positive to each other as the case may be.” (TCF, 1200-1)

The *response to contact* or *sensitivity*, the result of the union between spirit and matter, the basis of all types of Consciousness, is another formula for this principal Quality of the present *Second* solar System, and in the current evolution of terrestrial humanity, *self-aware* sensitivity is the basis for the development of *systemic or group Consciousness* (the primary Quality of planetary Logoi and other humanities of more evolved schemes, such as that of Venus).

The Fourth human Hierarchy is precisely that Order of *solar Angels* who help human beings to become “Dragons of Wisdom”, Initiates of the Second Soul Aspect, Agents of transmission of Group Consciousness.

“All human beings, or “*Imperishable Jivas*”<sup>6</sup>, are those who evolve through a graded series of initiations either self-induced or brought about on our planet with extraneous aid. This they achieve through a “marriage” with the order next to them, the fifth. They are then completed or perfected, and it is owing to this occult fact that the fourth Hierarchy is regarded as masculine [*the Initiates*] and the fifth as feminine [*the Perfect Ones*].” (TCF 1200) “Nine is the number of man. The fourth Creative [human] Hierarchy is in reality the ninth, if the five unmanifested Hierarchies are included in our enumeration. ... Nine is the number of initiation as far as humanity is concerned.” (EA, 264) “Nine is the number of initiation, the number of the adept, and of the man who functions in his buddhic vehicle.” (TCF, 585)

As indicated, the Fourth Hierarchy *expresses the maximum Sacrifice of the solar Logos* because it anchors Its Desire and constitutes Its ***physical body*** on the *fourth solar plane* (our systemic *buddhic* plane 7.4, the lowest of the solar Manifestation); that is, these lives *unite spirit and matter* by anchoring Its Will to exist and manifest on the *cosmic physical* level on this **4<sup>th</sup> cosmic ether**, precisely through the *Seven centres of the seven Heavenly Men*: on our Planet, the *Seven Ashrams of the planetary Hierarchy* (see the 7<sup>th</sup> Formula).

“... in the fourth or human kingdom, wherein the fourth Hierarchy is seeking experience, there is an effort on foot to effect the merging or centralisation of the forces of three groups,

- a. Of the energy for which the animal kingdom stands,
- b. Of purely human energy,
- c. Of the spiritual energy of the group which is the exponent of buddhic force, thus bringing in at the third great realisation, the force of atma itself, of which buddhi is but the vehicle.

These three streams of force should hold the following place:

- Buddhic force ..... Positive.
- Human energy ..... Equilibrated.
- Animal energy ..... Negative.

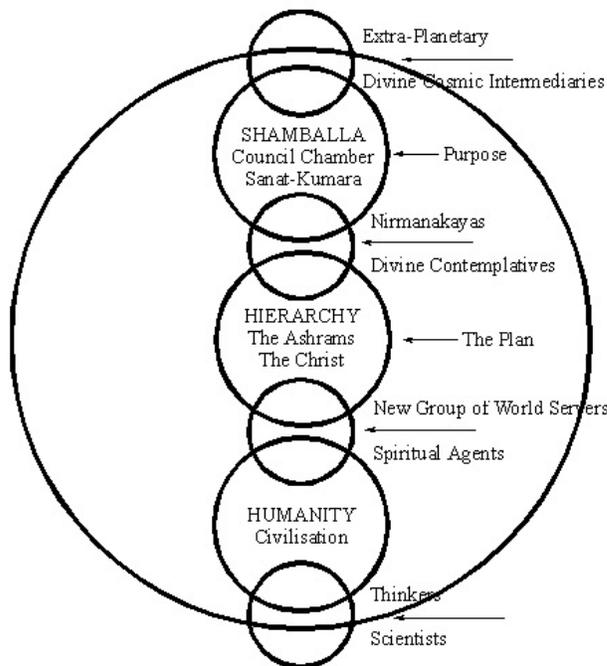
Or, to word it otherwise, the positive controlling factor in the human group should be spiritual energy, toward which the animal nature should be entirely receptive, these two holding towards each other the relative position of Father-Mother. The purely human energy serves as the balancing factor and brings about an adjustment between the Spirit aspect and the material. It is this triple group relation which makes the microcosm such a genuine reflection of the greater Man and the Fourth Kingdom a true exponent of cosmic processes.” (TCF, 1213-4)

### 3. ***The Fourth Hierarchy is the will-to-good of the solar Plan.***

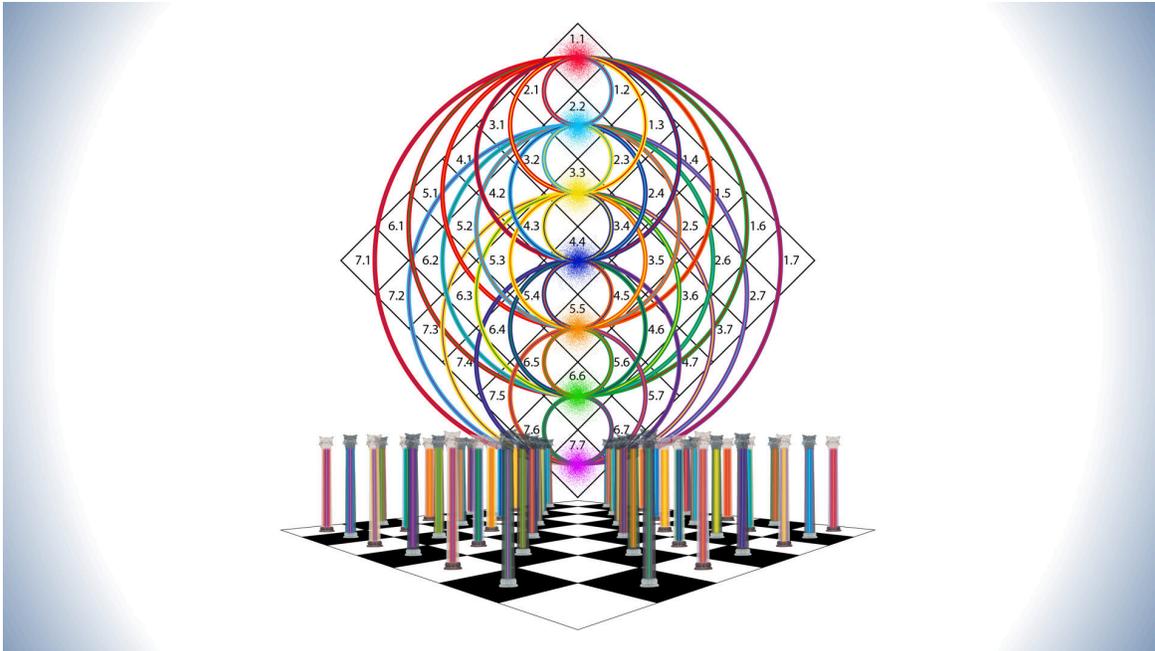
The Fourth human Hierarchy is a *substantial part* of the *planetary Hierarchy*, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Centre of the planetary Heart that *carries out the Plan* and whose Ashrams are located on the 4<sup>th</sup> systemic buddhic plane as Seven etheric or vital centres of our Heavenly Man; but it can be inferred that the Masters of the Hierarchy are made up of several *creative hierarchies* depending on their initiation, as is the case for us Humanity and for Shamballa.

It can be said that the Fourth Hierarchy is that *Will-to-Good* (“the flower of Atma-Buddhi”) which, in our planetary scheme, uses *Manas* (the Mind, the 5<sup>th</sup> Hierarchy/5<sup>th</sup> plane, the groups of *human souls* and *perfect personalities*) to anchor the divine Purpose through the solar [evolutionary Plan](#); in other words, on the current Planet Earth, the *will-to-good of the planetary Heart executes the Plan* through the wise vision of the [Group of world servers](#) (the planetary Ajna Centre) and the creative intelligence of the 3<sup>rd</sup> planetary Centre, Humanity.

The *New Group of World Servers*, a synthesis or golden section between Hierarchy and Humanity, will one day embody the *will-to-good of the Fourth human Hierarchy* and radiate the *Purpose* held and guarded in Shamballa throughout the three worlds, *carrying out the Plan of Love and Light on Earth.*



The three subhuman Kingdoms in Nature.  
Esoterically, the reflection of the three major groups, listed above.



#### 4. *The Fourth Hierarchy is the Christic Artist.*

The Fourth *Christic/Buddhi* Principle associated with the Fourth human Hierarchy is also referred to as the *incarnate Word*, meaning that Man must progressively demonstrate his mastery over the cross of matter as a *triumphant disciple*, and finally as an *initiate into the divine Will and Love* (Atma-Buddhi), capable of realising Harmony between Spirit and Matter: to ‘incarnate the Word’, the divine Word.



Our 4<sup>th</sup> creative Hierarchy (4<sup>th</sup> Ray of Harmony through Conflict-Scorpio-Mercury) *is* and expresses on the 4<sup>th</sup> *systemic buddhic* plane the energy known as *Mantrikashakti* (the *incarnate Word*, the energy of *Language*): the *Initiate-Man* is he who, master of his own *lunar* bodies, governs the lower kingdoms, his devas and elementals through the mastery of the creative Sound and Word, of OM; as a *winged Messenger*, he expresses the Song and Rhythms of the Muses of the High Heaven, creating *the Good, the Beautiful and the True*, for Love.

The fourth plane is the plane of at-one-ment for certain deva and human units, and certain groups (the fourth Creative Hierarchy and the sixth Deva Hierarchy) have a pronounced karma to work out together. ... When men understand the deva evolution somewhat more correctly and recognise their work along certain lines in connection with the Sun and realise that they represent the feminine pole as they themselves represent the masculine (the fourth Creative Hierarchy being male) they will comprehend the mutual relationship, and govern that relationship by law. ... The fourth Creative Hierarchy, that of the human Monads, has to learn to vibrate positively, but the devas proceed along the line of least resistance;

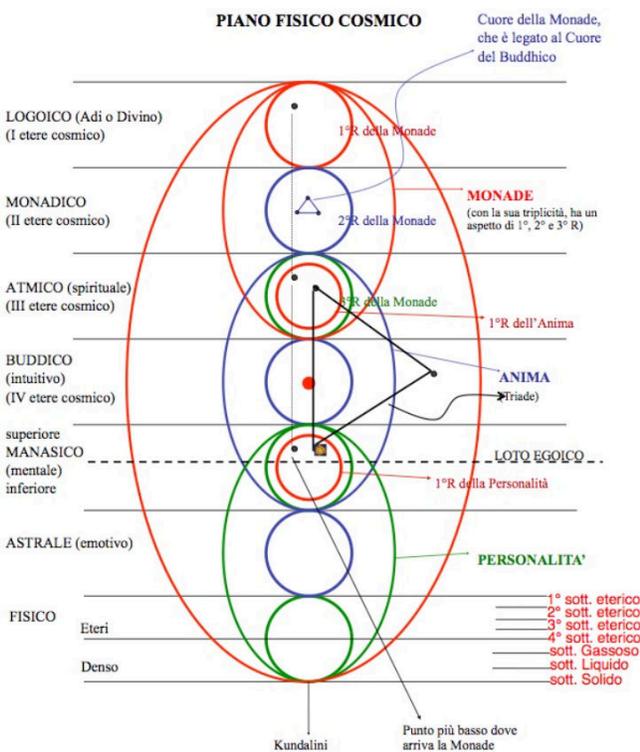
they remain negative, taking the line of acquiescence, of falling in with the law. Only the human Monads, and only in the three worlds, follow the positive line, and by resistance, struggle, battle and strife learn the lesson of *divine* acquiescence. Yet, owing to the increase of friction through that very struggle, they progress with a relatively greater rapidity than the devas. They have need to do this, for they have lost ground to make up. ... This hierarchy forms the masculine aspect of the divine Hermaphrodite. But at three points on the path of evolution the Monads of Love, working on the abstract qualities, touch the devas of activity working on concrete faculty. The perfection of the two evolutions marks the point of attainment of the divine Heavenly Man; it is the perfecting of the two major centres, creative activity and love, of the Logos. ... [The lives of the Fourth Hierarchy] the *mediators* or the *synthesisers*; they express the gain of [solar] System 1 and the goal of [solar] System 2.” (TCF, 431, 91, 575, 590, 1203)



5. **The Fourth human Hierarchy is the Hierarchy of Manas.**

*Manas* is the Fifth Principle and Plane (the ‘gaseous cosmic sub-plane’ of the 7<sup>th</sup> cosmic physical plane), that of the Force of Mind which builds Forms, whose ‘deva substance’ is Fire, *Agni*.

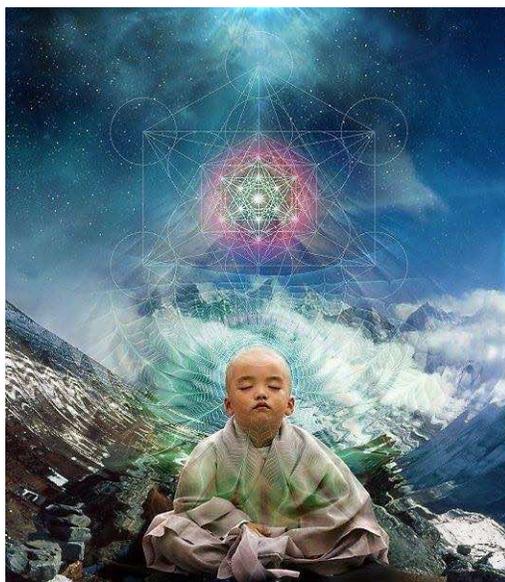
As already seen, for the current level of human evolution, the mental<sup>7</sup> plane is the *plane of union* between the spiritual Triad and the personal triad through the construction of the antahkarana bridge; human monads ‘return’ to their Heaven through the “major initiations of manas”.



“The fourth Creative Hierarchy is essentially the Hierarchy of manas. This is no play on words, but a statement of deep occult significance. The statement has been made with entire accuracy that five Hierarchies out of the twelve have passed out and that seven remain. Of these seven, our human Hierarchy is the fourth, making it literally the ninth when counting the entire twelve. ... nine is the number of Initiation, or of the major Initiations of Manas, wherein man becomes a perfect Nine, or literally *is* the number of his Hierarchy. This is from the standpoint of the three systems, though his present systemic number may be four.

... on some one globe in every scheme, human units will be found either prior to physical incarnation, between different egoic cycles (a totally different thing to periods between physical lives), between different rounds or manvantaras, or between the various root-races and subraces. As stated in various occult books, many of the present advanced humanity individualised on the moon chain, and only took physical bodies in the earth chain during the fourth root-race, thus escaping incarnation during the first

three rounds, and the first two races of the fourth round. In the interim, they came under the planetary influence of another Logos of a scheme, and were occupied during that immense period of time in fanning the manasic flame, and developing the attributes of manas, so that the Atlantean root-race found them adequately equipped to cope with life conditions. ... At the close of the fourth root race there was a period of distinctive radioactivity, and many hundreds of men passed out of the fourth Creative Hierarchy into another and a higher one. Many posts held hitherto by Venusian<sup>8</sup> Entities were vacated in order that our humanity might occupy them...”. (TCF, 363-4, 1078)



“Human individualisation, or the emergence of the self-conscious units on the mental plane [caused by the *Agnishvattas* and occurring in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lemurian Race 18 million years ago], is involved in a larger development, for it synchronizes with the appropriation of a dense physical body by the Planetary Logos; this body is composed of matter of our three lower planes. As the etheric centres of the Manasaputras [the *sons of Mind*, the *Agnishvattas* or solar Angels, the *Spiritual Souls*] on the fourth cosmic etheric plane [the systemic buddhic 7.4] become vitalised, they produce increased activity on the **systemic mental plane** [7.5], the cosmic gaseous, and the *consciousness* of the Heavenly Man and His life energy begins to make itself felt. Simultaneously, under the Law, mind force or manasic energy pours in from the fifth cosmic plane, the **cosmic mental** [5]. This dual energy, contacting that which is inherent in the dense physical body of the Logos itself, produces correspondences to the centres upon that plane and the egoic groups appear. They blend in latency the three types of electricity, and are themselves electrical phenomena. They are composed of those atoms, or types of lives, which are a part of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the aggregate of purely human Monads.

Similarly, this triple force, produced by this conscious appropriation by the Heavenly Man, animates deva substance and the dense physical body of the planetary Logos is manifested objectively. This is what is meant by the statements that devas are found only in the three worlds [7.5-6-7]. It is a statement analogous to the one that humanity [the human kingdom] is only found in the three worlds; nevertheless, the human Monads in their seven types are found on the plane of spirit [buddhic]—as it is the plane of duality—the deva monads are likewise found there.” (TCF, 690-1)

“As man progresses towards the heart of the mystery he awakens to a realisation that the aim of evolution for him is to build consciously the channel between the levels which are to him the planes of the abstract

or of the ideal, and the concrete ones whereon he normally functions. This connecting channel has been inadequately called, and is literally “THE PATH” itself. He builds it:

- By means of the manasic principle consciously applied.
- By the process of transcending the karmic limitations of the three lower planes.
- Through the method of dominating matter, or the Personality, considering it as the Not-Self.
- Through the expansion of his consciousness through graded steps until it includes the planes he seeks to reach, and thereby demonstrating the truth of the statement that in order to tread the Path he must become that Path itself, and the accuracy of the occult truth that the antahkarana is itself but illusion. Ponder on this, for it carries illumination for those who have eyes to see.” (TCF, 399)

“These lives [the Fourth Hierarchy] are the points of fire who must become the flame; this they do through the agency of the fifth Hierarchy and the four wicks, or the two dual lower hierarchies. Thus it can be seen that where man is concerned, the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh hierarchies are, during the cycle of incarnation, his very self...

... this [fourth] hierarchy is the nursery for the incarnating Jivas and it carried in it the germs of the Lives which achieved the human stage in another solar system, but were not able to proceed beyond that owing to the coming in of pralaya, which projected them into a state of latency. ... [The three higher Hierarchies] (first, second, and third) were those who have (in previous kalpas of logoc manifestation) passed beyond the human stage altogether. They are, therefore, the formless groups [*arupa*], as the remaining are the *rupa* groups or those having forms.

The fourth Creative Hierarchy, or the ninth [counting from the 5 that are *not manifest* on the cosmic astral plane], must ever be regarded in this solar system as occupying what might be considered as the third place,

- First, the Lives or the three Persons of the Trinity [the 3 Aspects of the Solar Logos anchored or ‘manifested’ on the 1<sup>st</sup> sub-plane of the 7<sup>th</sup> cosmic physical plane – 7.1]
- Second, the Prototypes of man, the seven Spirits [the Seven heavenly Men anchored as *Seven solar Centres* on the systemic monadic plane – 7.2].
- Third, **man or the lowest manifestation of the self-conscious Spirit aspect.** [plane 7.4 and upper plane 7.5].

... The four lower hierarchies are all concerned with manifestation in the three worlds, or in the dense physical body of the solar Logos. They are those who can discard or pass through the etheric body of the solar Logos [the four higher sub-planes of the cosmic physical plane – 7.1-2-3-4] and take forms composed of either gaseous, liquid, or dense substance [7.5-6-7]. The others cannot. They cannot fall into physical generation.

Students must bear in mind that from the standpoint of the Logos, the solar Angels on the mental plane (the fifth subplane of the cosmic physical plane) are in physical incarnation, and what is called the “second fall” applies to this. The first fall has reference to the taking of a form of cosmic etheric matter, such as is the case with the Heavenly Men, the prototypes of the human jivas [on the higher etheric planes of the 7<sup>th</sup> cosmic physical plane]. In this latter case the bodies used are called “formless” from our standpoint, and are “vital bodies” animated by cosmic prana. In the case of ourselves and the remaining groups, the forms are composed of substance of the three lower planes (that which the Logos does not regard as principle) and, therefore, matter responding still to the vibration of the earlier system. This means that the four lower hierarchies [which constitute our astral, etheric and physical bodies] are *links* between the life of the past and of the future. They are the present.

They had not finished their contacts with the active intelligent principle of the preceding kalpa, and so must continue such contacts in this. They will work out of it in this system, the four will become the three and they will then be the three, higher *arupa* hierarchies of the next system.” (TCF 1200-2)

6. ***The Fourth Hierarchy is the Desire for perfect Bliss.***

Human monads feel an innate impulse to seek the “fourth WAY in order to perfect themselves”:

“*Cosmic rapture and rhythmic bliss* are the attributes of the fourth path [the *Path to Sirius*, among the ‘Seven Paths of higher Evolution’, from the 5<sup>th</sup> initiation onwards]. It is a form of identification which is divorced from consciousness altogether. The reason also why the majority of the sons of men follow this Path lies in the fact of its numerical position. These units of the fourth kingdom, the bulk of the fourth Creative Hierarchy on this fourth globe of the fourth scheme in a solar system of the fourth order are innately compelled to seek this fourth WAY in order to perfect themselves. They are called the “*blissful dancing points of fanatical devotion*”. This is as near as we can get to the true description. They have also been described as the “revolving wheels which turn upon themselves, and find the open door to perfect bliss”.



The energy of Path IV reaches us *from Sirius via the Sun.*” (TCF, 1259)

In this Second solar System, where the Line of even Rays (2-4-6) is predominant, this ‘innate impulse’ is reflected at a lower level in the 6<sup>th</sup> plane of desire or *astral*: “Just as the units of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, the human, are evolving through the use of physical bodies, but are polarised at this time in their astral vehicles, so... the objective solar system forms the physical body of the Logos, though His polarity is in His astral body. It is significant that in this greater manvantara, the Logos is to take the fourth cosmic Initiation. A hint which may enlighten lies in the correspondence which exists between this statement and the fourth root-race development, and this, the fourth or *astral* round (Footnote 81: The *present Round*, which is the fourth, is the one in which *desire*, or response to contact and sensation is being brought to its fullest expression. In the next round, the fifth, the fifth principle of mind, or manas, will reach fruition.)” (TCF, 570)

7. ***The Monads of the Fourth human and deva Hierarchy are the Seven solar centres.***

“Each of the kingdoms of nature is the expression of a Life or Being; man, for instance, being the expression of one or other of the Heavenly Men; the sumtotal of humanity (the fourth Hierarchy) being found, with the deva evolution, as the centres of the solar Logos.

The animal kingdom likewise is the expression of the life of a Being Who is a part of the body of the Logos or of the planetary Logos, but not a centre of conscious energy. (A correspondence is found in the human body, which has its seven centres of force or energy, but also other organs upon which objective manifestation depends in lesser degree.)” (TCF, 460)

With regard to the correspondences between High and Low, we learn of the “the supreme importance of the human Hierarchy, the *fourth* in this sequence of planes and ideas [see image on page 4].

Second Cosmic Plane [2] ..... Seven Cosmic Logoi [our solar Logos is a Centre of one of Them]

Fourth Cosmic Plane [4] ..... Seven Rishis of the Great Bear [the *7 Head Centres* of the solar Logos]

Second Solar Plane [7.2] ..... Seven Heavenly Men [the *7 etheric Centres* of the solar Logos]

**Fourth Solar Plane [7.4] ..... Seven centres of the seven Heavenly Men in the fourth cosmic ether**

Fourth subplane of the solar physical [7.7.4] ... Seven centres of the human unit in ether of the fourth order.

[It is hypothesised that **the Seven Centres of our heavenly Man on the fourth cosmic ether** can be identified with three orders of centres:

- *The Seven Ashrams of the planetary Hierarchy*
- *The Seven Groups of the Fourth human Hierarchy*
- *The Seven Groups of deva Monads]*

... On the fourth subplane of the mental plane [7.5.4, plane of the *mental unit*, see picture on page 12] there will be, in the immediate future, a period of intensified evolution for the units of the fifth rootrace [the current one, defined as *Aryan*], prior to their passing out of and into another race, globe, chain, or scheme. We have on the fourth subplane of the fifth plane the centre of interest for the present race and the day of its opportunity. Here can be seen the awakening of the higher consciousness, and the first ripple of perception of, and vibratory response to, the causal body. ... It is the plane of testing, of the major initiations of the Threshold; it is the battleground in man, and from this plane he must secure the right to enter the Path, and procure that control over his lower bodies which will make him a master, and not a slave.” (TCF, 431-2)

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In a ritual synthesis, let us assert

#### ***THE SEVEN FORMULAS OF THE FOURTH HUMAN HIERARCHY***

- 1. The Fourth Hierarchy is the human spirit.***
- 2. The Fourth Hierarchy is the intelligent union of spirit and matter.***
- 3. The Fourth Hierarchy is the will-to-good of the solar Plan.***
- 4. The Fourth Hierarchy is the Christic Artist.***
- 5. The Fourth human Hierarchy is the Hierarchy of Manas.***
- 6. The Fourth Hierarchy is the Desire for perfect Bliss.***
- 7. The Monads of the Fourth human and deva Hierarchy are the Seven solar centres.***



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<sup>1</sup> “... Thus a great and new movement is proceeding and a tremendously increased interplay and interaction is taking place. This will go on until A.D. **2025** [written in 1945]. During the years intervening between now and then very great changes will be seen taking place, and at the *great General Assembly of the Hierarchy*—held as usual every century—in **2025** the date in all probability will be set for the first stage of the externalisation of the Hierarchy. The present cycle (from now until that date) is called technically “the Stage of the Forerunner”. It is preparatory in nature, testing in its methods, and intended to be revelatory in its techniques and results...

... The whole world problem has reached a crisis today and... its clarification will be the outstanding theme of all progress—educational, religious and economic—until **2025** A.D.” (A. A. Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, pp. 530 e 363).

<sup>2</sup> Excerpts from:

- Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* (TCF), *Initiation, Humana and Solar* (IHS), *Esoteric Astrology* (EA)

- Helena P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine. Cosmogony*. (SD 1), *Theosophical Glossary* (TG).

<sup>3</sup> The *devas* correspond to the *angelic entities* of the Christian tradition and are the *substance-force* of the planes at every level, from the cosmic to the atomic. At our level, *deva evolution* proceeds in parallel with human evolution: “... human and deva manifestation forming the sumtotal, and always will energy and quality progress in parallel lines... It is in the vegetable kingdom that we find one of the first and temporary approximations between the evolving human Monad, and the evolving deva Monad. The two parallel evolutions touch in that kingdom, and then again follow their own paths, finding their next point of contact on the fourth or buddhic level, and a final merging on the second.

... Both man, and the Heavenly Men, work in deva substance; both co-operate with the devas; both manifest will, psychic quality and intelligent activity as they pursue their work but a difference lies, not only in degree, but in consciousness. Man works usually unconsciously. The Heavenly Men, on cosmic levels, work for the most part consciously... Man is literally deva substance, and a God, thus being a true reflection of the solar Logos.” (TCF, 438, 589, 632, 652).

<sup>4</sup> “*Permanent Atom*. An appropriated point of atomic matter. A tiny centre of force which forms the central factor and the attractive agency around which the sheaths of the incarnating Monad are built. These are strung like pearls upon the sutratma, or thread.” (TCF, 71 - footnote 26)

<sup>5</sup> **Buddhi** is the *Second Aspect* among the three: Atma-Buddhi-Manas; the *Second Principle* from above among the *Seven Principles of Man*; the *Fourth plane* among the *Seven*.

<sup>6</sup> “JIVA (Sk.). Life, as the Absolute; the Monad also or “Atma-Buddhi”.

JIVATMA (Sk.). The ONE universal life, generally; but also the divine Spirit in Man.” (TG).

“The *Fourth Order* are substantial Entities. This is the highest group among the Rupas (Atomic Forms). It is the nursery of the human, conscious, spiritual Souls. They are called the “Imperishable Jivas”, and constitute, through the order below their own, the first group of the first septenary host—the great mystery of human conscious and intellectual Being. For the latter are the field wherein lies concealed *in its privation* [*Sacrifice*] the germ that will *fall into generation*. That germ will become the spiritual potency in the physical cell that guides the development of the embryo, and which is the cause of the hereditary transmission of faculties and all the inherent qualities in man. ...” (SD 1)

<sup>7</sup> Our 5<sup>th</sup> systemic mental plane is vitalised and “controlled, in the macrocosmic sense, from *cosmic mental levels*”, which, together with the *Fourth creative Hierarchy* of the 4<sup>th</sup> systemic buddhic plane, determine the progressive activity of man: “The **mental body** is composed of only four types of essence [the lower sub-planes 7.5.5-6-7 of the mental body up to the *mental unit* – 7.5.4], whereas the astral body and the physical are formed of seven types. The devas who compose this body are grouped together as “the cohorts of the fourth order” and have a close connection with that group of cosmic Lives who (through the impress of their influence upon solar matter) are responsible for the fact that our solar system is a system of the fourth order. This group of Lives is manipulated and controlled, in the macrocosmic sense, from cosmic mental levels via the *central spiritual sun*, and through what is called in esoteric parlance “the fourth solar cavity”. If students will meditate upon the nature of the human heart and its various divisions, and particularly upon one of the valves, light upon this complex problem may be forthcoming. There is a constant inflow of energy from these great Entities on cosmic mental levels; this inflow is the very life itself of the solar units who are the sumtotal of the four lower subplanes of the mental plane, and consequently the life of the individual units who form the mental bodies of all human beings. [We think because these Entities are and emanate themselves].

It will be apparent to all careful students that on all the planes, the **fourth subplane** has a peculiar and close relation to the **fourth Creative Hierarchy**, that of the human monads, and this is peculiarly the case in connection with the mental body.

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Through the medium of the plane number (five), and the subplane number (four), the possibility of initiation for the human being becomes a fact and that particular form of activity which distinguishes his progress is brought about. There are, therefore, two main streams of energy responsible for the form of the mental sheaths,

- a. That emanating from the fourth subplane of the cosmic mental plane, including consequently the remaining three subplanes.
- b. That emanating from the aggregate of those lives who form the fourth Creative Hierarchy. As we know, the esoteric number of this Hierarchy is nine, the exoteric number being four.

It is the blending of these two streams of force which (within the confines of the three worlds) results in the progressive activity of man. When this is coupled with the self-engendered action of the individual atoms of any sheath, we have **spiral-progressive motion**. This is true macrocosmically and microcosmically, for the activity of the cosmic physical plane (our seven systemic planes), is largely dependent upon the co-ordinated activity of certain force manifestations, which might be enumerated as follows:

- a. That of the fourth Creative Hierarchy, who, in their aggregate, form the **force centres** [of the planetary Logoi and, in their entirety, of the solar Logos].
- b. The emanating influences of the fourth cosmic ether, the buddhic plane, upon which is dependent, throughout the system, the manifestation of that which is tangible and objective.
- c. The opening up, both macrocosmically and microcosmically, of the fourth aspect of the solar and human egoic lotus; this is the revelation of the “Jewel in the Lotus”, and macrocosmically is the perfect co-ordination of the three aspects through the medium of substance; this is the completion of logoiic purpose, which is that of the fourth group. It might be expressed otherwise:  
“When all is known of the significance of fourth dimensional existence, then the fourth order with the fifth will complete the sacred nine.”
- d. The specific alignment, interplay or free circulation of force simultaneously through the following manifestations of the one life:
  1. The logoiic Quaternary and equally the human [*matter*].
  2. The fourth systemic ether [*systemic substance 7.7.4*].
  3. The fourth cosmic ether, the buddhic [*cosmic substance 7.4*].
  4. The **fourth Creative Hierarchy** [*spirit*].

When this has been completed, the goal universal [of our solar System] will have been reached, and the Logos will have assumed the desired control of His physical body; the human units will be then functioning upon the buddhic plane, and the groups of lives who form the mental bodies of the human beings (who are numerically allied with the above progression) will have equally achieved.

Certain influences and forces play upon the mental sheath of any human being, and produce in it that activity which is termed “spiral progressive”. These forces might be briefly considered as comprising the following:

1. The energies of the atoms of substance which compose the mental body.
2. The energies of the *lunar father* who is the coherent life of the mental group body. These two groups concern the Not-Self, the **third aspect** of monadic manifestation.
3. The energies of the *solar Angel*, or Father, which is the co-ordinating principle behind manifestation in the three worlds.
4. The energies of the intelligent lives who form the body egoic. These lives find their emanating source on other levels than the systemic.

These two groups concern the *egoic principle*, the middle principle which links the above and the below, and is the **second aspect** of monadic manifestation.

5. The energy emanating from the “Jewel in the Lotus” itself, the focal point of energy in the Upper Triad. This concerns the Self, the highest aspect of monadic manifestation. [**first aspect**].

The effects produced by the play of these five types of energy upon each other produce (through the medium of the mental [7.5.4] unit) that which we term the **mental sheath**. ... one of the things which students of the occult sciences will eventually do is to investigate the nature of the informing lives of the sheaths, the qualities of the energies influencing such lives, and the character and force of the basic underlying principles. They will thus arrive at facts concerning energies in the human kingdom which will prove of inestimable value.” (TCF, 1099-1101)

<sup>8</sup> Venus is the *solar Angel* of the Earth and Source of the “Lords of the Flame” who brought the ‘spark of mind’ to humanity, founding Shamballa and the Hierarchy on our Planet.