

## ESOTERIC DICTIONARY

**Abstract ideas** Embodied thoughts of the divine mind, carrying the energy of their creator and consequently the cause of phenomenal effects in the three worlds.

**Abstraction (right)** A mental activity, an attitude of mind which affects primarily the entire life-attitude of the personality. It involves not only the detachment from long habit, but it involves also a complete readjustment of the entire threefold person to the world of souls.

**Abstract mind** The interpreting agent for the Monad, and the lowest aspect of the Spiritual Triad; the pattern-building facility, or the mind that works with the blue prints upon which the forms are modeled; the intuition or pure reason.

**Abstract thought** A function of the Self (Soul) expressing itself through the higher mental or causal body.

**Active intelligence** The energy which animates the form aspect and which creates forms in line with the subjective purposes of the presiding intelligence ~ God or man, human or divine, the third ray energy. It is the third aspect of the Trinity in Christianity, the Holy Ghost.

**Adept** A Master of Wisdom who, having traversed the path of evolution and entered upon the final stage of this Path of Initiation, has taken five of the initiations and passed into the fifth or spiritual kingdom, from the fourth or human kingdom.

**Ageless Wisdom** Ancient body of spiritual teaching underlying all the world's religions as well as scientific, social and cultural achievements. First made available in writing to the general public in the late 1800s by Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and in the 20th century by Alice A. Bailey. Also called "Ancient Wisdom." The spiritual psychology originates here.

**Agni** Lord of Fire and one of the oldest and most revered gods in the Vedas. Symbol of the mental plane, the fires of mind or manas.

**Agnichaitans** The devas who construct and build in matter of the densest kind in connection with logoc manifestation. They function on the seventh subplane of the cosmic physical plane, and are the producers of the greatest concretion. In the planetary body of our planetary Logos, the agnichaitans are the builders of the earth, His densest form, and throughout the entire solar system they are the sumtotal of that activity and vibration which demonstrates what we call the "solid substance."

**Agnishvattas** The builders on the fifth or gaseous subplane of the cosmic physical and, from the human standpoint they are the builders of the body of

consciousness. From the psychic standpoint of occult (hidden or esoteric) psychology, they have a close connection with the physical brain, the seat or empire of the Thinker.

**Agnisuryans** The builders on the sixth subplane of the cosmic physical plane, our systemic astral plane. They represent the sympathetic nervous system in the logoic physical body.

**Air** Air is the symbol of the higher life in which the Christ principle dominates, in which freedom is experienced and the soul comes to full expression.

**Akasha** (1) Sanskrit root "kas", to radiate or shine. Higher correspondence of ether and relates to the substance which is Buddhi. (2) Vitalized matter, or substance animated by latent heat. The akasha is everywhere, in it we live and move and have our being.

**Akashic Records** Records of all karmic action "impressed" upon the ethers. Most psychics perceive the distorted reflections on the astral plane. It is the emotional history of humanity.

**Alignment** (Occultly) means that a lower state has been brought into contact with something still higher; correct, unimpeded relationship; the establishment of a direct channel, not only between the one source, the Monad, and its expression, the purified and controlled personality, but also between the seven centers in the human etheric vehicle.

**Alta Major center** The nerve center at the top of the spine where the cranium and the spine make approximate contact; the synthesis of that which might be called nervous energy. It is the physical correspondance to the antahkarana on higher levels.

**Angel** See "Deva".

**Angel of the Presence** The devic aspect of the "causal body" of a person. The Soul whose nature is love and light and inclusive understanding.

**Antahkarana** (also Antaskarana) Path or bridge between higher and lower mind, between the soul and the divine essence, serving as a medium of communication between the two. The building of the Ahtahkarana is the subject of Cycle 3. Built through meditation / visualisation, by the use of the will, service to humanity and study of occultism. Connects the threefold personality and the Spiritual Triad. The Antahkarana embodies the response of the consciousness within the form to the steadily expanding range of contacts within the envioning whole. It is built by the aspirant themself in mental matter and is the first creation of the soul-infused personality acting as a unitary being.

The Science of the Antahkarana. This is the new and true science of the mind, which will utilise mental substance for the building of the bridge between

personality and soul, and then between the soul and the spiritual triad. This constitutes active work in substance subtler than the substance of the three worlds of ordinary human evolution. It concerns the substance of the three higher levels of the mental plane. These symbolic bridges, when constructed, will facilitate the stream or flow of consciousness and will produce that continuity of consciousness, or that sense of unimpeded awareness, which will finally end the fear of death, negate all sense of separateness, and make a man responsive in his brain consciousness to impressions coming to him from the higher spiritual realms or from the Mind of God. Thus he will more easily be initiated into the purposes and plans of the Creator.

**Appearance** Expresses that which we call matter, or form, or objective expression; it is that illusory tangible outer appearance which is animated by life. This is the third aspect, the Mother, overshadowed and fertilized by the Holy Ghost, or Life, united with intelligent substance.

**Archetype** The original pattern or model; the prototype; "Archos" means first and "typos" means model; a perfect example; the blueprint, the basic pattern, that eventually brings a person back to the source from whence they came, the archetypal plane, the plane where their true home is to be found. Forms originate upon the archetypal planes, through the agency of divine thought, and from thence (through directed streams of intelligent energy) acquire substance as they are reproduced upon each plane, until eventually (on the physical plane) the form stands revealed at its densest point of manifestation.

**Arhat** Buddhist term for the fourth of four stages of personal enlightenment. The fourth stage, the arhat, was considered the final stage in Buddha's description of the path of individual liberation, while higher stages on the path of bodhisattvahood would lead to Buddhahood, which according to definition in the Trans-Himalayan teachings, is understood to be the 7th stage of enlightenment. In the Trans-Himalayan tradition, the term arhat is used for one who takes the fourth initiation.

**Ashram** (1) A condition of group consciousness and/or (2) a group soul composed of any individual souls all of whom are drawn together on soul levels via the similarity of the soul ray and the service of the Divine Purpose. At the heart of each group is a member of the Hierarchy who holds the focus for the group in relationship to the Divine Plan.

A centre to which the Master gathers aspirants and disciples for personal instruction and where nothing of the personality is allowed to enter.

**Aspect** Expression; that of which quality is an emanation.

**Aspirant** That overshadowing spiritual soul which is aspiring to service. As he begins to comprehend a planned service activity, as he begins to contact Divine Purpose and to formulate that purpose into plan, a plan which will take many

incarnations to play out, a plan which is his contribution as a soul to the life and affairs of the One in whom he lives, moves, and has his being. As he does this he pierces the periphery of the ashram and moves just inside, taking up his particular place and function as a probationer within the ashram, entering into that network of spiritual relationships which constitute his subjective group.

**Aspiration** From the Latin "ad" = to and "spirare" = to breathe, to breathe towards. Aspiration must precede inspiration, a burning desire and a fiery determination.

**Astral** Emotion; sentient reactions.

**Astral body** The emotional or feeling body. Watery in nature and the seat of our desires. One of the most difficult bodies to control.

**Astral plane** Simply a name given to that sumtotal of sentient reactions, of feeling-responsiveness, and of emotional substance which humanity has created. The plane of the emotions, including the polar opposites such as hope and fear, sentimental love and hate, happiness and suffering. The plane of illusion.

**Astrology** Essentially the purest presentation of occult truth in the world at this time because it is the science which deals with those conditioning and governing energies and forces which play through and upon the whole field of space and all that is within that field.

**Atlantis** A continent now submerged in the Atlantic ocean, according to occult teaching and Plato. Home of the Atlantean or fourth root race.

**Atma** Universal spirit. The divine Monad. The seventh principle, so-called in the septenary constitution of man.

**Atman** Man's originating source; the essential immortal "spark" or divine essence.

**Atom** Part of the greater whole; a center of energy or electric force; a living entity; a little vibrant world. Planets, humans and microscopic entities are all atoms in esotericism.

**Aura** A subtle or invisible essence or fluid which emanates from human and animal bodies and even things. It is psychic effluvium, partaking of both mind and body. It is electro-vital and electro-mental, composed of etheric, astral and mental bodies. The sumtotal of the attractive forces in the field of individual activity; the quality of a sphere of radiatory activity (see Magnetic Aura).

**Avatar** A special emissary of Light and Love that incarnates for the benefit of humanity, having technically no karmic obligation to incarnate. There are many types of avatars, from the earthly to the cosmic. One who has a peculiar capacity (besides a self-initiated task and a preordained destiny) to transmit

energy or divine power, and who is capable of reflecting some cosmic Principle or divine quality and energy which will produce the desired effect upon humanity, evoking reaction and producing needed stimulation.

**Avatar of Synthesis** The great cosmic Being who embodies the energies of Will, Love, Intelligence and another energy for which we have as yet no name. Since the 1940s He has been sending these energies into the world, gradually transforming division into unity.

**Beauty** Beauty is, after all, as much of divinity as can be expressed in any one form.

**Being** Awareness, self-consciousness and self-expression, and of this the head and brain are the exoteric symbols.

**Black magic** The use of power and the manipulation of matter for selfish ends. Materialistic focus of forces that negate the evolutionary urge. The moment that there is the least tendency on the part of a group, or of an individual in a group, to force an issue, to bring so much mental pressure to bear that an individual or group is helpless under the impact of other minds, you have what is called black magic.

**Bliss** The nature of the spirit; the consummation of which the Monad bestows upon the initiate. Happiness at the highest level which the mystics call extasis.

**Bodhisattva** Literally, "He whose consciousness has become intelligence or buddhi." Those who need but one more life to become perfect buddhas. Name of office Lord Maitreya, known in the west as the Christ. The World Teacher is the Master of Masters and teacher of angels and humanity.

**Brahma** The third aspect of the Hindu trinity, which are:

Shiva (Father / Ray 1- will), Krishna (Son / Ray 2 - love) and Brahma (Mother / Ray 3 - intelligence)

**Brain** The brain is like the eye of the soul, looking out into the physical world, in the same sense the soul is the eye of the Monad, and in a curious and occult sense, the fourth kingdom in nature constitutes on our planet, the eye of the planetary Deity.

**Brotherhood** An expression of the relation which the planetary Logos (on the cosmic mental plane) bears to His personality as it expresses itself through the planet with all its forms of life, upon the cosmic physical plane. This relationship is focussed through Sanat Kumara Who is the individualised mind of that great Life, the relation between forms, the manifestation of the unity of Life.

**Buddha** One Who is "enlightened" and has attained the highest degree of knowledge possible for humanity in this solar system. Last Avatar of the age of

Aries. Previous World Teacher who historically manifested through the Prince Gautama around 500 BC. The Embodiment of Wisdom, he currently acts as the "Divine Intermediary" between Shamballa and Hierarchy.

**Buddha and Christ** Together, the two sons of God, the one in the east and the other in the west, present to humanity a complete and perfect representation of Deity.

**Buddhi** (1) The Universal Soul or Mind; the Spiritual Soul (the 6th principle) and therefore the vehicle of Atman, the Spirit, which is the 7th principle; the unifying principle of groups. (2) Buddhi is the Buddhic Plane, the 4th plane of perception of pure intuition, reason or true Love, and the state that all humanity is evolving toward.

**Causal body** It isn't really a body, objectively or subjectively, but is the centre of Egoic or Soul consciousness, formed by the conjunction of buddhi and manas. It is relatively permanent throughout our long series of incarnations, but is destroyed after the 4th initiation is reached and we have achieved mastery over the three lower worlds through the completion of the Antahkarana when the need for further rebirth on the part of a human being no longer exists.

**Center and periphery** The closer one gets to realization, the clearer becomes the concept that the point at that center and the periphery are one.

**Center, head** The dynamic Agent of the extra-planetary Purpose, the expression of the divine planetary Will as focussed in Shamballa. This is the energy of synthesis, the source of all planetary life; it connotes essential Being.

**Center, heart** The Agent of the Plan of evolution. This is the expression of divine Love or pure Reason, the Hierarchy. It is essentially the energy of Attraction, of the kingdom of souls.

**Center, throat** The agent of all three Aspects in relation to the three subhuman kingdoms in nature, the expression also of the divine Intelligence, Humanity. This is the center of the active mind and makes humanity the macrocosm of the microcosm, the three subhuman kingdoms. Humanity is to these kingdoms what the Hierarchy is to the fourth kingdom in nature, the human kingdom.

**Centers (or chakras)** Whirlpools of force that swirl etheric, astral and mental matter into activity of some kind; force vertices in matter which demonstrate as activity; centers of existence. They are a reflection in the microcosm of the seven centres of the Solar Logos, the seven planets of our solar system.

**Centers, three planetary** A closer linking of the three divine centers (Shamballa, Hierarchy, Humanity) is progressing, so that the flow of divine energy will be increasingly unimpeded, and Purpose, Plan and their precipitation upon the physical plane will be synthesised. These three centers are closely interrelated and must be thought of as expressions of divine livingness, as

embodying three stages in the unfoldment of God's plan, and as constituting the three magic centers of heart, head and throat in the body of the One in Whom we live and move and have our being.

**Chain** Seven "chains" of evolution within a planetary "scheme". There are seven "globes" of evolution within a planetary chain.

**Chakra** Sanskrit - "wheel or disc". An energy centre within one of the subtle bodies, formed by the intersection of many "nadis" or strands of etheric substance, forming the seven main chakras of the human being and the 22 minor chakras. There are also 343 "points of light" which correspond to the acupuncture points. Chakras can be energy centres in the solar system or the cosmos, or a human being. (see [Our Magnetic Chakra System.](#))

**Chela** A "disciple" or pupil of a spiritual teacher or Master.

**Chohan** Lord, Master, a Chief, an Adept. A 6th degree initiate, a "Master of the Wisdom". A custodian of one of the seven rays.

**Christ** The World Teacher of humanity and angels alike, head of the Spiritual Hierarchy. The Master of Masters. Embodier of the 2nd or Love aspect of Deity. Known as Maitreya in the East. Set to "reappear" to fulfill His mission started 2000 years ago.

**Civilization** The reflection in humanity of some particular cyclic influence, leading to an initiation; the reaction of humanity to the purpose of any particular world period; concerns the masses and the racial consciousness, while either culture concerns the individual and the unseen spiritual.

**Clairaudience** Hearing on the astral plane. It means the ability to hear sounds of the astral plane. It is a faculty that demonstrates throughout the astral body.

**Compassion** Love in action, fellowship in suffering; the right use of the pairs of opposites; an expression of the spiritual light in humanity; the Law of Compassion is the certainty of right relationship, of loving understanding, of actively expressed love.

**Concrete Mind** The form-building faculty; thoughts are things.

**Consciousness** Comes from the two Latin words "con" - with, and "scio" - to know; literally, "that with which we know," the reaction of active intelligence to the pattern. Produced by the interaction of Spirit and matter.

**Contemplation** An activity of the soul, detached from the mind, which is held in a state of quiescence; the turning of the soul light upon that which is to be known or investigated; the lull between two activities.

**Cosmic Intermediary** A term given to the etheric body, which is part of the universal ether. It is through the etheric body that all the energies flow, whether emanating from the soul, or from the sun, a planet or a constellation. Along those living lines of fiery essence pass all the contacts that do not emanate specifically from the tangible world.

**Cosmic Logos** See One About Whom Naught May Be Said

**Creativity** Creativity is a consequence of a particular state of mind and a specific state of being; it signifies a point in evolution wherein the disciple is definitely radioactive. He can no more help creating in some form or another than he can help living.

**Crisis** Point of examination as to strength, purpose, purity, motive and the intent of the soul; such a point evokes confidence when surmounted, and produces greatly expanded vision; crises are points which foster compassion and understanding, points which release the light of wisdom within the field of knowledge and the world is thereby enriched.

**Culture** The approach of two ways, of feeling and mind, sensitivity and thought; the attitudes which will enable the individual to live as an intelligent, subjective being in a tangible physical world (see Civilization).

**Death** Death is an act of the intuition, transmitted by the soul to the personality and then acted upon in conformity to the divine will by the individual will, the will-to-harmonization. Death is undertaken at the direction of the Ego, no matter how unaware a human being may be of that direction; it means new life; a work or act of restitution; a process of at-one-ment (see Principle of Liberation)

**Desire** The force of the form nature; the reflection or distortion of love; attachment in some degree or another; a generic term covering the outgoing tendency of the spirit towards form life.

**Detachment** The freeing of the soul from the thralldom of the form life, and the subordination of the personality to the higher impulses.

**Deva** An angel; a god; a celestial being, whether good, bad, or indifferent. Devas are divided into many groups and are called not only angels and archangels, but lesser and greater builders; the builders of the system. Devas are on the evolutionary path, on the upward way. The building devas are the Universal Mind. They not only embody the Divine Thought but are that through which it manifests, and its actuating activity. They are essentially motion. The lesser builders are more particularly the material form which is actuated, and in their cohorts are the substance of matter, considering substance as that which lies back of matter. In Sanskrit, a resplendent deity. Responsible for building all forms, from nature to the solar system, which consciousness uses as a vehicle, from a flower, to a human being, to a planet.



**Devachan** A state of consciousness, reflecting, in the life of the personality, that higher state which we call nirvanic consciousness, and which is brought about by egoic action; consisting of mental matter, might be regarded as a centre, or heart of peace, within the periphery of the sphere of influence of the mental unit within the causal body.

**Dharma** That which one must fulfill as an incarnate Being. One's duty as an understanding of the Law. Divine law, ethical doctrine, justice, harmony, virtue.

**Dhyani Buddhas** The 5 Buddhas: Vairocana, Aksobhya, Ratnasambhava, Amitabha and Amoghasiddhi. Same as Kumaras. See "Kumara".

**Disciple** One who is pledged to serve humanity, who is beginning to comprehend group work; who realizes the Life or force side of nature; who is transferring his consciousness out of the personal into the impersonal; who realises his responsibility to all units who come under his influence and to the Whole. (see Reality)

**Disciple (Function of)** The function of a disciple is to focus a stream of energy of some special kind upon the physical plane where it can become an attractive center of force and draw to itself similar types of ideas and thought currents which are not strong enough to live by themselves or to make a sufficiently strong impact upon the human consciousness.

**Disciples** *Initiated disciples* have no interest in anything but the vision, the Plan and its direction and materialising on earth. *Accepted disciples* are learning this and in the meantime have to react to the vision in what might be called a second hand manner; they are occupied with the Plan and with the distribution of the forces which will materialise it. A disciple becomes an Accepted Disciple when he starts climbing towards the vision, towards the mountaintop; he can also register consciously what he has seen and then begin to do something towards materialising it.

**Discrimination** The process of differentiating between the form and the Life, between the soul and the body, between the sumtotal of the lower manifestation (physical, astral and mental) and the real self, the cause of the lower manifestation; that faculty whereby the self recognizes its own essence in and under all forms; one of the highest faculties in man.

**Dispassion** The attainment of that state of consciousness where balance is seen, and neither pleasure or pain dominates.

**Dual life** A life of outer activity and of inner sensitivity, of "seeing double".

**Dweller on the Threshold** The "shadow" or unredeemed aspect of the personality that is built up over lifetimes. It can assume the shape of a grotesque thoughtform; the sumtotal of forces of the lower nature as expressed in the personality prior to illumination, to inspiration and to initiation; all that the

individual is, apart from the higher spiritual self. Humanity today is the Dweller while the Hierarchy of Souls is the Angel and behind the Angel stands the Presence of Divinity Itself, intuited by the Hierarchy and dimly sensed by humanity but providing in this manner the threefold synthesis which is divine manifestation in form. The Soul goes into battle with the Dweller at a critical stage of its evolution, and eventually emerges triumphant. This process may take several lives.

**Ego** The soul as an individualised unit of consciousness within the greater ocean of consciousness.

**Egoic Groups** The "causal" bodies of individual men and women, as they exist on the mental plane, as an expression of the Ego. They congregate in groups according to ray colouring.

**Egoic Lotus** The 3 tiers of petals (knowledge, love and sacrifice) that are opened over the immense period of time of the Soul's journey. Eventually the three petals of the central bud (the jewel in the lotus) are opened, then the individual achieves "Liberation".

**Elementals** The spirits of the elements of earth, water, fire and air. They are the lesser "devas" or "builders".

**Energy** A potency of life fluid circulating through the entire body of the Logos and vivifying even the tiniest atom in that whole. The Tibetan uses the word "energy" in reference to the spiritual expression.

**Esoteric** That which is hidden or veiled. It is subjective wisdom that can only be perceived with the developed subtle senses.

**Etheric or vital body** The subtle part of the physical body.

**Evocation** A response to an invocative appeal. (see Invocation)

**Evolution** The unfolding of a continually increasing power to respond, the process which unfolds the life within all units, the developing urge which eventually merges all units and all groups until you have the manifestation of what can be called nature, or God, and which is the aggregate of all states of consciousness; ordered change and constant mutation, an ever-increasing power to respond to vibration, a steadily increasing sensitivity to light and illumination.

**Fifth principle** Mind is the intelligent thinking principle which differentiates the human kingdom from the animal kingdom.

**Fire (by Friction)** Electricity animating the atoms of matter, or the substance of the solar system, resulting in the spheroidal form of all manifestation. The innate heat of all spheres. Differentiation of all atoms one from another.

**Fire (Electric)** Electricity demonstrating as vitality or the will-to-be of some Entity, and manifesting as Abstract Being, Darkness and Unity.

**Fire (Solar)** Electricity animating forms or congeries of atoms, and resulting in Coherent groups, the radiation from all groups, or the magnetic interaction of these groups, the synthesis of form; cosmic mental fire; the sumtotal of the sparks of mind, the fires of the mental bodies and the animating principle of the evolving units of the human race in the three world.

**Forces** Those energies which are limited and imprisoned within a form of any kind: a body, a plane, an organ, a centre. (see Energy)

**Form** Electricity on the monadic plane demonstrates as the first manifestation of form, as that which causes forms to cohere. Matter (electrified "fire by friction") and the electric fire of spirit meet and blend, and form appears. Form is the result of the desire for existence, hence the dynamic fire of Will is transmuted into the burning fire of Desire.

**Glamour** Refers to the world of emotional being and of desire, in which all forms dwell; a distortion of the truth and a faulty reflection of reality; all the aspects of those deceptions, illusions, misunderstandings and misinterpretations which confront the aspirant at every step of the way. The cause of glamour is primarily based upon the sense of duality. Illusion or maya, specifically on the astral plane. Illusion refers to the mental plane, maya to the physical and astral to the emotional plane. Glamour is astral force colouring mental energy so that it distorts reality.

**Globe** An evolution within a "chain" period: seven globes to a chain. Earth is currently in its fourth "globe" period.

**Gnosis** Knowledge of God. The Mysteries of Being. Wisdom. Sophia.

**God** Deity or originating cause. The sum-total of all the states of consciousness within the solar system; the Macrocosm; the Universal Mind; the Absolute; the Unknown; the expression of the One Life which animates every form on the outer subjective plane; the Life in which we "live and move and have our being". See "Logos".

**Goodwill** Humanity's first attempt to express the Love of God; an expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom; a principle which conceals and contains the hidden purpose of the Logos. A quality needing full expression to achieve world peace.

**Group Soul** The connection between the composite which is comprised of the soul of each individual member, and the Center of Light which is that of the Spiritual Kingdom, including the spiritual beings who are the intelligent forces of

nature, all the way to the Light of Light Itself, the point of Light within the Mind of God.

**Gunas** (3) The three divisions of matter: Tamas (inertia), Rajas (activity) and Sattva (harmony). The superhuman lives express sattva, guna or the quality of consistent response to divine impulse, the perfection of coordinated collaboration for the purpose of the manifestation.

Human lives show the quality of people, of movement, constant and conscious change, in order to discover the Real and demonstrate, by means of experience, the true nature of the rhythmic response.

Subhuman lives express the quality of inertia without the ability to respond consciously to the plan. This concept is of use to the esotericist to contemplate his or her use of energy.

**Hierarchy** The inner world government of the masters of the wisdom, also known as the Great White Lodge. It is the planetary heart centre and is the 5th kingdom, as humanity is the 4th kingdom.

**Humanity** That evolution through which the Son or Soul aspect is to express itself most perfectly in this cosmic incarnation; that human Centre whose eternal mission is to bring light to all created lives. In Humanity the pairs of opposites blend and the three fires meet. Humanity is the best expression of the manasic principle, and a sheath for the life of God, as well as the individualised consciousness of the Logos. Humanity is the Prodigal Son.

**Identification** Occultly it means realisation, plus esoteric experience, plus an absorption into the Whole.

**Illumination** The light of the intuition breaking through the barriers that the rational faculty has erected; true illumination is related to the intellect and should be, in its purest aspect, divorced from feeling altogether; a condition of knowledge; a state wherein the mind is brought into relation with God, and the longer that condition can be held free from emotional reactions, the more direct will be the communication between the imparted truths. (see Light)

**Incarnation** The unification of the etheric double with the dense physical body; the taking of a dense physical body; a definitely determined period (from the angle of soul) wherein experiment, experience and expression are the keynotes. Each successive incarnation continues the experiment, deepens the experience and relates the expression more closely to the latent unfolding divinity.

**Individualisation** The coming together (out of the darkness of abstraction) of the two factors of Spirit and matter by means of a third factor, the intelligent will, purpose and action of an Entity. The unit passes out of the animal kingdom into the human at individualisation. The moment when "the spark of mind" was

implanted in humanity, over 18 million years ago, through the stimulation of the "lords of flame," from the Venus "chain" of the Earth "scheme."

**Initiate** One who is essentially a blend of scientific and religious training; one who has been re-oriented to certain phases of divine existence which are not yet recognized by the average human being; one who, in his twofold nature (soul and personality), moves forward. No longer is his point of focus that of the personality. He has fused and blended two divine aspects in himself, and they now constitute one integrated unit.

**Initiation** A progressive sequence of directed energy impacts, or expansions of consciousness, characterized by points of tension and governed by the Law of Cause and Effect; a process of developing inclusiveness; a process of continuing integration into centers of force. Successive expansions of consciousness that mark vital stages of the soul's journey. When one is "initiated", one has already been self initiated, because "to initiate" means to start something that will eventually lead to the higher expansion of awareness.

Each initiation (a) marks the passing of a pupil into a higher class, (b) marks the clear shining forth of the fire, (c) marks the transition from one point of polarization to another, (d) entails the realization of an increasing unity with all that lives, (e) entails the realization of the self with all selves.

**Interlude** A pause between two activities; a midway point; a pause for constructive thinking; an interim period; an inhalation and exhalation; between the breathing out and the breathing in comes a period of silence and the moment for effective work.

**Intuition** The apprehension by the mind of reality directly as it is, and not under the form of a perception or a conception, nor as an idea or object of reason in intellectual apprehension; pure reason or the faculty which enables the individual to enter into contact with the Universal Mind and grasp the plan synthetically, to seize upon divine Ideas or isolate some fundamental and pure truth; a blend of the two divine qualities of buddhi and manas, or intuitive spiritual understanding (involving interpenetration and identification) and the higher abstract mind, which is essentially the power to comprehend that which is not concrete or tangible but which is, in reality, an innate recognition of the lower aspects of the divine Plan as it must affect life in the three worlds.

**Invocation** The science of impression in activity and not simply in theory; a conscious focussed appeal. The science of Invocation and Evocation is the basis of the new world religion. (see Evocation)

**Jewel in the Lotus** The "jewel in the lotus," to use the ancient oriental appellation, is the point of life by means of which the Monad anchors itself upon the physical plane, and is the life principle therefore of all the transient vehicles, developed, undeveloped or developing. This point of life contains within itself all

possibilities, all potentialities, all experiences and all vibratory activities. It embodies the will-to-be, the quality of magnetic attraction (commonly called love), and the active intelligence which will bring the livingness and the love into full expression.

**Kama-manas** The desire mind. The combination of astral and lower mental energy.

**Karma** The Law of Cause and Effect. Physical action. The Law of Retribution. Karma of merit / demerit. The whole universe is conditioned by this law.

**Kumaras** Hindu for "The mind-born Sons of Brahma". The highest seven self-conscious beings in our planetary scheme. There are 3 "exoteric" and 3 "esoteric" and Sanat Kumara is the "One" in between who mirrors the unformed (arupa) realms into the formed (rupa) realms. These Kumaras originally came to Earth from the Venus "chain" of the Earth "scheme".

**Kundalini** The power of Life, one of the forces of nature (feminine) that lies coiled, serpent like at the base of the spine. It creates the foundation of matter, into which spirit incarnates. Awakens naturally through evolution and later spiritual practice, but can have very destructive effects if prematurely activated through wrong meditation or yogic practices.

**Lemuria** Continent which preceded Atlantis, the last remnants of which are. It was in this race / continent that the "spark of mind" was implanted in humanity.

**Life** Existence manifesting on all planes; Spirit, Energy, the Father, the First aspect of Divinity; the sustaining, originating Cause and Source of all Manifestation; loving synthesis in action.

**Light** The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen; signifies two things: energy and its manifestation in form of some kind; Light and Substance are synonymous terms; the soul is light; Light is known by what it reveals. (see Illumination)

**Logos** "God" in a relative sense. There is a Planetary Logos, a Solar Logos, and a Cosmic Logos. Logos = word: the creative word (mantram) brings all forms into manifestation, whether it is a solar system or a human being.

**Lords of Flame** One of the great Hierarchies of spiritual beings who guide the solar system. Closely related to the Kumaras.

**Love** An impersonal potency or energy, dependent for its effect upon the type of form which it contacts and upon which it makes an impact; not a sentiment or an emotion, nor is it desire or a selfish motive for right action in daily life; the force which guides the worlds and which leads to integration, unity and inclusiveness, which impels Deity itself to action; an expression of soul contact.

**Lotus** Description of any energy centre, human or cosmic. The petals of a lotus represent different qualities, colours and stages of evolution. They may be folded and unawakened, or unfolded and awakened.

**Macrocosm** The greater body of manifestation in which we (the microcosm) live.

**Mahachohan** Lord of Civilisation. Head of the third great department of the Hierarchy. Embodiment of the 3rd Ray or 3rd Aspect of Deity. He is Active Intelligence, which gives birth to the 4 Rays of Attribute.

**Mahamanvantara** A great cycle of manifestation for a solar system. A "manvantara" is a lesser cycle within this greater cycle, but still of vast duration by human standards of 308,448,000 years.

**Mahat** Universal Mind. This term, which means literally "the great one," can best be understood as cosmic or Logoic Intelligence, expressing the Fires of the concrete Mind of such an Entity, and which conditions all manifest Life. The Mind of a Master of Wisdom (one who experiences the first level of the Dharmkaya) can be considered an aspect of mahat. Manas is its lower reflection. It can also be understood as that principle that causes the individuation of all manifest things, the ability of a (Logoic) Being to say "I AM" and thus differentiate Himself from all others. Hence it is the producer of differentiation on a cosmic scale, when we are viewing universals, or the interrelation of groups of individuals within a greater whole. It is the major factor in creative being.

**Maitreya Buddha** The forthcoming Buddha of Compassion. The Christ.

**Manas** The mind, the mental faculty, that which distinguishes the human from a mere animal. The individualising principle; that which enables the individual to know that he or she exists, feels and knows. Divided into two parts, higher mind and lower mind.

**Mandala** A mystical diagramme in which are drawn symbols representing aspects of Deity, and used to invoke that energy.

**Mantrams** A form of words or syllables rhythmically arranged, so that when sounded, certain vibrations are generated, in the act of creation; "The word made flesh."

**Manu** The representative name of the great Being who is the Ruler or primal progenitor of the human race. "Manu" and "Manas" come from the sanskrit root "man", meaning "to think". It should be noted that the masters use the term "man" not to exclude the female. The human kingdom is masculine and the angelic feminine. Hence, "he" is used for all humans.

**Manvantara** Period of activity as opposed to a period of rest. Frequently used to express a period of planetary activity and its seven races.

**Maya** Illusion on the physical plane; that which the whole planet is enmeshed. The result of manifestation; an aspect of time; the world of physical forces in which we dwell; related to the form-building activity of the planetary Logos Himself. (see "Glamour")

**Masonry** An ancient esoteric tradition whereby an attempt is made to align with the forces of Deity, through ritual, allegory and symbol, and thereby anchor those forces upon the physical plane. The "Builders" of Masonry are an allegory for the building, by the soul, of the causal body. Some more modern orders admit women.

**Master** One who has taken the fifth Planetary initiation and the first Sirian or Cosmic initiation; a Master of the Wisdom is One Who has effected the transfer or polarisation from the three atoms of the personal life, as included in the causal body, into the three atoms of the Spiritual Triad. He is consciously spirit-intuition-abstract mind or Atma-Buddhi-manas, and this is not potentially but in full effective power, realized through experience; One Who knows the meaning of consciousness, Life and of Spirit (see Adept).

**Meditation** The means by which the higher consciousness is contacted; the result of an inward-turning tendency, of the capacity to abstract the consciousness from form and substance and to center within itself; the mind's power to hold itself steady in the light; a technique of the mind which eventually produces correct, unimpeded relationship, another name for alignment; the establishment of a direct channel between one source, the Monad, and its physical expression. (see Alignment)

At present meditation is associated in the minds of men with religious matters. But that relates only to theme. The science can be applied to every possible life process. In reality, this science is a subsidiary branch, preparatory to the Science of the Antahkarana. It is really the true science of occult bridge building or bridging in consciousness. By its means, particularly in the early stages, the building process is facilitated. It is one of the major ways of spiritual functioning; it is one of the many ways to God; it relates the individual mind eventually to the higher mind and later to the Universal Mind. It is intended primarily to produce sensitivity to higher impressions and build the first half of the antahkarana, that between the personality and the soul. Later it produces an a continuity of consciousness. Meditation is essentially the science of light, because it works in the substance of light. One branch of it is concerned with the science of visualisation because, as the light continues to bring revelation, the power to visualise can grow with the aid of the illumined mind, and the later work of training the disciple to create is then made possible.



**Microcosm** The little universe, or a human manifesting through its body, the physical body.

**Mind** The mental faculty that attracts, repels, coordinates and produces cohesion. (see Manas)

**Monad** The One. The immortal essence of ourselves which uses the soul to incarnate through, just as the soul incarnates through our personality. The threefold spirit on its own plane, the unified triad of atma, buddhi, also known as the Spiritual Will; it is dynamic will or purpose remaining unrevealed until after the third initiation.

**Nadi** A channel for the conveying of prana in the etheric vehicle.

**New Group of World Servers** On the physical plane, without any exoteric organization, ceremonials, or outer form, a group of men and women is silently, steadily and powerfully integrating who will supersede eventually the previous hierarchical effort. They are of all races; they speak all languages; they embrace all religions, all sciences and all philosophies. Their characteristics are synthesis, inclusiveness, intellectuality and fine mental development. They own to no creed, save the creed of Brotherhood, based on the One Life.

**Nirmanakayas** The perfected beings who renounce nirvana (the highest state of spiritual bliss) and choose a life of self-sacrifice, becoming members of that invisible host which ever protects humanity within karmic limits.

**Nirvana** The Way into new fields of spiritual experience and of divine development, incomprehensible as of yet, even to the initiate of the third degree; this Way is revealed only when the antahkarana is built and completed and the disciple becomes focussed in the Triad as consciously as he / she is now focussed in the threefold lower nature; the culmination of all knowledge and absolute wisdom.

**Occultist** The true occultist is a scientist and a devotee; where these two are not merged we have the mystic; the occultist is only the mystic functioning on a higher plane, that of the mind.

**One About Whom Naught May Be Said (The)** The Existence Who, through His life, informs seven solar systems, including ours; also called the Cosmic Logos.

**Path (The)** The "linking light" or "bridging radiance" created between the higher and the lower; communion or interplay between the personality and the Soul, and later between the personality and Spirit; "Before the person can tread the path, they must become that path themselves"; The antahkarana is the Path symbolically. This is one of the paradoxes of the esoteric science. Step by step and stage by stage, we construct that Path just as the spider spins its thread. It

is that "way back" which we evolve out of ourselves; it is that Way which we also find and tread.

**Permanent atom** Small force centres on each of the planes which hold the memory of all incarnations, and which the reincarnating soul draws upon when building new bodies of manifestation.

**Personality** The sumtotal of the threefold lower self: physical, astral, mental: a blend of mental energy, of emotional energy and of vital force, and these three are masked, hidden or revealed by an outer shell or form of dense physical matter. This outer crust is in itself a form of negative energy. The result of this union of three energies in an objective form is self-consciousness and their fusion produces that sense of individuality which justifies the use of the word "I," and which relates all occurrences to a self; where this central conscious entity exists, utilising the mind, reacting sensuously through the emotional body, and energising the dense physical (via the vital body), then one has a personality; awareness of identity in relation to other identities, true of God or man; sense of identity persists only during the creative process; a state of awareness which has its conditioning factor in the mind stuff and this can be transcended when the mind stuff no longer controls.

**Plan** The expression of Purpose in time and space; all we really know is the fact of the Plan and that it is very good; that we are enfolded within it and subject to it; the objective of the Plan is to reproduce upon the plane of the earth the inner kingdom of the soul.

**Plane (of Perception)** A level of existence. There are seven planes of perception on this, the "cosmic physical" plane: physical, astral, mental, buddhic, atmic, monadic and Adi. These planes are subdivided into seven subplanes each, making 49 subplanes in all. An essential part of "septenaries" in occultism that can be applied, with the 7 rays, to broaden understanding.

**Planetary Logos** This term is generally applied to the seven highest spirits corresponding to the seven archangels of the Christian. They have all passed through the human stage and are now manifesting through a planet and its evolutions, in the same way that man manifests through his physical body. The highest planetary spirit working through any particular globe is, in reality, the personal God of the planet. The Being Who is the life of our planet; the One in Whom we live and move and have our being; the sumtotal of all organised life; the informing, ensouling life of this planet earth; the life which integrates the planet as a whole, and pours through all forms (great or small) which, in their aggregate, constitute the Planetary form; a planetary logos is the informing entity of any planetary scheme, which is made up of many other globes and chains, the physical planet just being one expression of the great life incarnate in a scheme. The Kumara for our planet, Sanat Kumara, is simply the personality expression of this great being.

**Prakriti** That which caused the universe to manifest itself.

**Prana** The Life principle, the breath of life.

**Pranayama** The science of rhythmic breathing as applied in meditation.

**Prayer** Prayer is an approach to Divinity invoked by the aspirant, the mystic or the spiritually inclined being that blends personality desire with a desire for soul contact. Through the demonstrated effectiveness of prayer, one observes the subtler powers and the fact of the essential dualism of life, discovering both a lower self and a higher Self.

**Precipitation** An aggregation of energies arranged in a certain form, in order to express the idea of some creative Thinker, and qualified or characterised by the nature of his thought and held in that peculiar form as long as thought remains dynamic.

**Principle** The embodiment of some aspect of truth on which this system of ours is based; that which governs always the action of the ego on its own plane. The basic differentiations, essential qualities or types of energy upon which all things are built; they give the distinctive nature of all forms. Principles are eternal, personalities temporal. Principles are to be viewed in the light of eternity, personalities from the standpoint of time. The trouble is that, in many situations, two principles are involved, one of which is secondary. The difficulty lies in the fact that (both being principles) both are right. It is a rule for safe guidance always to remember that usually basic principles (for their wise comprehension and fruitful working out) call for play of intuition whilst secondary principles are more purely mental. The methods hence necessarily differ. While holding to the basic principles, the wisest methods are silence and a joyful confidence that the Law works.

**Principle of Expansion** That which brings about the development of consciousness so that the latent germ of sentience or of sensitive response to environment may be fostered in the living unit.

**Principle of Liberation** Closely linked with that of the problem of limitation; death is governed by the Principle of Liberation, and not by that of Limitation. Death is only recognised as a factor to be dealt with by self-conscious lives and is only misunderstood by human beings, who are the most glamourised and deluded of all incarnated lives. (See Death)

**Principle of Limitation** The outcome of the purposeful will and formulated desire of some thinking Being, and governs consequently the form-taking process of all incarnated lives; controls the scope of an incarnation, sets its measure and rhythm, determines the radius of its influence, and brings about that illusory appearance of reality which we call manifestation. (see Principle of Liberation)

**Principle of Periodic Manifestation** The Law of Cycles; a beneficent operation of the love-wisdom of innate divinity; produces that sequence of the states of consciousness which we term Time; produces in the world field of awareness a gradual and slow growth towards self-expression, self-appreciation, and self-realisation.

**Purpose** The motivating Life behind all that emanates from Shamballa; it impulses all the activities of the Hierarchy; the task of the Hierarchy is to formulate the Plan for all forms of life in the three worlds and the four kingdoms in nature and the Purpose of God is that which implements the Plan; God reveals His purpose through the activity of the mind, which in turn impresses the brain, attuned to receptivity. Later again, the mind becomes responsive to an illumination, emanating from the Spirit aspect. Purpose is an energy, released within the confines of the Council Chamber (Shamballa) and there it takes shape. Behind it looms that which has brought it into being. (see Plan)

**Purusha** The spiritual self. The embodied self. The word literally means "The dweller in the city", that is, in the body. It is derived from the Sanskrit "pura" which means city or body, and "usha" a derivative of the verb "vas," to dwell.

**Quaternary** The fourfold lower self, or man, in the three worlds. There are various divisions of this, but perhaps for our purpose the best is to enumerate the four as follows:

1. The lower mind.
2. The emotional or kamic body.
3. Prana, or the Life Principle.
4. The etheric body, or the highest division of the twofold physical body.

**Raja Lord** Angel who ensouls and is the controlling intelligence of a plane.

**Raja yoga** True system of developing psychic and spiritual powers and union with the soul. It involves the exercise, regulation and concentration of thought. It is the "kingly science" and supersedes hatha and bhakti yoga. (see also Yoga)

**Ray** One of the seven streams of force from cosmic sources that enter our solar system and condition all life within it, including all the kingdoms of nature on Earth. The planets in the solar system are really the "vehicles" that pass this energy on. Each individual has their own "ray make-up".

**Reality** That which lies not in the tangible but what is to us intangible, unseen and unheard. These three words indicate the goal and the problem of the disciple, plus the resultant effect of conscious, intelligent spiritual work motivated by love; the Good, the Beautiful and the True; the divine Purpose.

**Reincarnation** Doctrine of cyclic rebirth by the evolving consciousness through all types of environments in accordance with the Law of Karma. Reincarnation is

implicit in the manifested universe and is a basic and fundamental theme underlying systemic pulsation.

**Religion** The invocative appeal of humanity which leads to the evocative response of the Spirit of God; the recognition by the part of its relationship to the Whole, plus a constantly growing demand for increased awareness of that relation; that which draws forth the recognition of the Whole that demand has been made. (see Evocation)

**Resurrection** To rise again; to return to an original state by rising. (see Soul)

**Revelation** The synthesis of the divine expressive purpose; related to the will-to-good which is, in its turn, a complete expression of the love nature of Deity.

**Ring-pass-not** The limit of the field of activity of the central life force; the periphery of the influence of the sun, both esoterically and exoterically understood; in the average human being, it is the spheroidal form of his mental body which extends considerably beyond the physical and enables him to function on the lower levels of the mental plane. Term is normally used when referring to the orb of energetic influence of an cosmic entity, like a Planetary or Solar Logos, but it can also be applied to other forms of life. The existence of a ring-pass-not is based on the Laws of Attraction and Cohesion that affect matter and energy of different degrees, including what we know as the "spiritual dimensions." These energies are gathered and held consciously (particularly by higher initiates and above) in a state of cohesion, or "point of tension," and they are used by these entities for purposes of creation, reception and projection. We can also say the ring-pass-not is the combination of the different energy sheaths that human or cosmic spirits gather around themselves. In relation to our Planet, and the Solar System, the ring-pass-not is the Cosmic Physical Plane.

**Rishi** The seven Rishis are the Regents of the seven stars comprising the Great Bear. The seven stars of the Great Bear correspond to the seven head centers of the One About Whom Naught May Be Said. Each of these stars transmits a ray of energy into our solar system; these seven rays are the givers of life to all on this earth. It is the seven Rishis who mark the time and the duration of events in our septenary life cycle.

**Root race** One of the seven major races that evolve upon a planet during a "world period". Most Asian races are said to belong to the 4th Atlantean rootrace, and most of the west are of the 5th or Aryan root race. There are 7 subraces to each rootrace, just as there are 7 subplanes to each plane.

**Round** A periodical life-wave that pours through a globe, chain and scheme.

**Sacrifice** Word comes from "Sacer" meaning holy, and "facere" to make, therefore "to make holy"; complete conformity with the will of God because the spiritual will of the person and the divine will (as they recognise it in the Plan) is

their own will; the urge to sacrifice is the major determining impulse which impelled the Soul of God Himself to enter into form life; sacrifice must not be regarded as "giving-up" but rather as a "taking-over," through identification; it should signify a joyful process of making desire "holy"; the achievement of a state of bliss and of ecstasy because it is the realisation of another divine aspect; it has a mysterious relation to the Law of Karma.

**Sahasrara** The thousand-petaled spiritual center at the crown of the head where one experiences the highest state of Consciousness.

**Sanat Kumara** The coherent force within the planet earth, holding, through His radiatory influence, all forms and all substances in the planetary form so that they constitute one coherent, energised and functioning whole; He is to the Planetary Logos what the personality, plus soul, is to the disciple. The Lord of the World; the etheric-physical expression of our Planetary Logos who dwells on Shamballa. A great Being, who sacrificed Himself to become the personality vehicle for the ensouling deity of our planet 18.5 million years ago. The nearest aspect of God that we can know.

**Sangha** Community of monks. One of 3 precious jewels that must be held by one wishing to tread the path of Liberation.

**Scheme** The "system of worlds" that constitute the evolution of a Planetary Logos e.g. Earth, Venus etc. This system includes chains, globes and rounds, or periodical life waves moving through it.

**Senzar** The secret language or "mystery speech" of initiated adepts all over the world. It is very ancient, and predates Sanskrit.

**Septenary** Consisting of, or relating to, the number seven; our solar system as well as the chakra system of humans and divine beings alike are septenary in constitution. Indeed all manifestation is of a septenary nature; the three major rays together with the four minor rays form a septenary.

**Service** The utilisation of soul force for the good for the group; the spontaneous effect of soul contact; a scientific mode of expressing love-wisdom under the influence of one or other of the seven rays, according to the soul ray of the serving disciple; As the linking up of soul and personality proceeds, and as the knowledge of the plan and the light of the soul pour into the brain consciousness, the normal result is the subordination of the lower to the higher. Identification with group purposes and plans is the natural attribute of the soul. As this identification is carried forward on mental and soul levels, it produces a corresponding activity in the personal life and this activity we call service. Service is the true science of creation and is a scientific method of establishing continuity. It is an aspect of that divine energy which works always under the destroyer aspect, for it destroys the forms in order to release; a manifestation of the Principle of Liberation, and of this principle, death and service constitute two

aspects; service saves, liberates and releases, on various levels, the imprisoned consciousness. The same statements can be made of death. But unless service can be rendered from an intuitive understanding of all the facts in the case, interpreted intelligently, and applied in a spirit of love upon the physical plane, it fails to fulfill its mission adequately; a soul instinct; may be effected upon the inner planes and on a large scale and yet there may be no evidence of this upon the physical plane, except in the beauty of a life lived. When the factor of spiritual illumination enters into that service, you have those transcendent Lights which have illumined the way of humanity and have acted like searchlights, thrown out into the great ocean of consciousness, revealing to man the Path he can and must go upon. (see Death and Principle of Liberation)

**Shamballa** Shamballa is simply a word conveying the idea of a vast focal point of energies which are assembled and brought together by the Planetary Logos in order to create a manifestation adequate to His unfolding intention and planetary service. Shamballa is a state of consciousness or a phase of sensitive awareness wherein there is acute and dynamic response to divine purpose. This Center is created by the Ray of Will or Power; its major activity is bequeathing, distributing and circulating the basic principle of life itself to every form which is held within the planetary ring-pass-not of the planetary Life or Logos. From that Center, the will of God goes forth and the power of God becomes the messenger of His will. The basic quality of Shamballa is dynamic. Its mode of work is inspiration. It draws response but remains immovable itself. It works not with the Law of Attraction, but by the Law of Synthesis, by a fiat of the Will, based on a clearly formulated purpose and program.

**Siddhis** Psychic powers developed through yogic practices.

**Sirius** Star from which this solar system emanated, important for Earth in this cycle.

**Solar Logos** The great entity incarnate as our solar system. The active, directing Intelligence Who is working with definite purpose through His Seven Centres. The planetary schemes embodied by this Being represent its major "chakras."

**Soul** Neither spirit nor matter but the relation between them. It is the middle or love principle and that which reincarnates in different bodies, the Mediator or Middle Principle; the link between God and His form; another name for the Christ principle, whether in nature or in man; the form-building aspect; the force of evolution itself. In the world of phenomenal appearance, it is the creating agent, the major building factor, the constructor of forms. Essentially it is light, both literally from the vibratory angle, and philosophically from the angle of constituting the true medium of knowledge; light symbolically, for it is like the rays of the sun, which pour out into the darkness, through the medium of the brain, thus the way of the human being becomes increasingly illumined.

**Spirit** The One Life back of all forms; the word spirit is applied to that undefinable, elusive, essential impulse or Life which is the cause of all manifestation; the breath of Life; spirit is matter at its highest point of expression, and matter is spirit at its lowest; life and will.

**Spirit of Peace** A potent Entity and not an abstract concept, wielding forces hitherto unfamiliar to our planet; a Being of tremendous cosmic potency; in a mysterious sense, the Spirit of Equilibrium; He works with the Law of Action and Reaction.

**Spiritual** The world of light and beauty, of order and purpose; all manifestations of life are spiritual; the word relates to attitudes, to relationships, to the moving forward from one level of consciousness to the next; related to the power to see the vision; relates to the expansion of consciousness at whatever level; all activity which drives the human being forward towards some form of development ~ physical, emotional, intuitional, and so forth ~ is essentially spiritual in nature and is indicative of the livingness of the inner divine Entity.

**Spiritual Triad** The expression of the Monad in the formless worlds; the vehicle of the Monad.

**Subjective Realm** A field which is vitally more real than is the objective, once it is entered and known. It is a question of acceptance, first of all, of its existence, the development of a mechanism of contact, the cultivation of the ability to use this mechanism at will, and then inspired interpretation.

**Substance** The principle underlying dense matter.

**Sutratma** The "life" thread anchored in the heart, linking spirit, soul and body via the "permanent atoms".

**Synthesis** An attribute of the divine will and the outstanding quality of Deity; the method whereby comprehension is attained; the many becoming the One. The revealed quality of Synthesis relates largely to the Life aspect, that which enlivens all forms. Synthesis *is*, whilst unity is achieved and is the reward of action and effort.

**Triad (Spiritual)** This is literally Atma-buddhi-manas, the expression of the Monad, just as the personality is the expression of the Ego. The Monad expresses itself through the Triad, and in its lowest or third aspect forms the Egoic or Causal body, the infant or germinal Ego (or Soul). Similarly, the Ego expresses itself through the threefold lower man, mental, emotional, and etheric (these being the reflection of the higher Triad) and these three give rise to the dense physical manifestation.

**Transfiguration** The stage upon the Path of Initiation wherein the third initiation is undergone, when the personality is irradiated by the full light of the soul and the three personality vehicles are completely transcended; these



vehicles have become simply forms through which spiritual love may flow out into the world of men in the salvaging task of creation.

**Transmutation** Esoterically, the mode whereby force is changed into energy; the method whereby that which is lower is absorbed by the higher; the achieving of a correct sense of proportion in relation to any phase of life; the liberation of the essence in order that it may seek a new center; the passage across from one state of being to another through the agency of fire; an achievement and not a process.

**Unity** The conscious adaptation of the initiated disciple to the greater Whole, as his absorption into the group through his obedience to the laws of the soul, and as governing his attitude to that in which he lives and moves and has his being. Unity is achieved and is the reward of action and effort. Isolated unity describes the stage which the Master has reached. Isolated identity (with the soul) is that of the disciple up to and including the third initiation. Isolated individuality is that of the disciple.

**Vedas** Most sacred and ancient of Sanskrit works, written in hymn form.

**Way of Higher Evolution** This way is related to the spiritual condition and purpose of the Monad whose goal is not expansion of consciousness, but of that which such expansions of consciousness will reveal, a very different matter and one which is as yet entirely meaningless to anyone who has not taken the third initiation; the Christ and His great Brothers, and all of even higher initiate-rank than They possess, have a definite goal, but it is one which will only define itself clearly in the third solar system, the system in which the Will of God is the dominant idea, as the Love of God conditions this system in which we now function; this is not consciousness or awareness; it is a stage of Being which is connected with the Law of Sacrifice, the law which governs those states of being which grow out of the establishment of right human relations. (see Sacrifice, Path)

**Wesak** A festival which occurs at the Taurus full moon every year, related to the Buddha, and where the Hierarchy gather to receive newly released forces to the planet. A time for Initiation.

**Wheels** This term indicates the great wheel of changing life in which the human entities have been called upon to work and which must never be abandoned, out of compassion for man and in obedience to the Law of Oneness which connects many.

**Will** Desire formulated so clearly and carried so powerfully to an intelligent climax that the mode of its materialisation is grasped with such accuracy and energised with such intent that the result is inescapable. Pure will is only possible to a coordinated thinker, to truly self-conscious entities; the basis of the One Life which synthesises all groups; the unity of love and intention; the

energy of the soul expressing itself as direction, progress and conformity to the Plan; monadic essence qualified by "fixed determination" which is identified with the Will or Purpose of the planetary Logos; the highest divine aspect which the initiate finally manifests, prior to entering upon the Way of Higher Evolution; active intelligent purpose, lovingly applied. (see Way, Love, Purpose)

**Will-Purpose** The steely, brittle, determined, dynamic will of the devoted aspirant must change into the steadfast, calm purpose of the soul working through the disciple. The soul is fluid in adjustment but undeviating in aim; quality of the first Ray. (see Rays)

**Will-to-Good** The will-to-good is the basic quality of divine purpose involving planned activity and a definite goal to be achieved.

**White magic** Conscious cooperation with spiritual law and the deva forces to bring about manifested change, for the motive of service to humanity.

**World Saviour** Humanity itself is the world Saviour, of which all world Saviours have been but the symbol and guarantee.

**World Teacher** The World Teacher takes office cyclically. His cycles do not coincide with the Manu as the Manu holds office for the entire root race. The World Teacher gives out a keynote for the various religions and is the emanating source for periodical religious impulses. The duration of his cycles are not given out. The Buddha held office prior to the present World Teacher and upon his Illumination His place was taken by the Lord Maitreya whom the Occidentals call the Christ.

**Yoga** Sanskrit "unite". The science of union. Hatha (physical). Bhakti (devotional - astral). Karma (yoga of action). Raja ("kingly" - mental) Agni (fire - intuitive / buddhic)