

SECTION 15

THOUGHT-FORMS AND LAWS OF THOUGHT

THOUGHT-FORMS

15.1 The Three Functions of A Thought-Form

¹A thought-form has three functions: to respond to vibrations, to provide an envelope for an idea, and to carry out a specific purpose.

²The three functions of the thought-form correspond to the three aspects of reality. “To respond to vibrations” corresponds to the consciousness aspect, “to provide an envelope for an idea” belongs to the matter aspect, and “to carry out a specific purpose” sorts under the will aspect.

³In the following, the three functions of the thought-form will be explained in detail.

15.2 The First Function: To Respond to Vibrations

¹*Solar systemic analogies.* Of the thought-forms built by the solar being in the cosmic causal-mental world, 29–35, we can study only the cosmic physical results; that is, the forms being built in the solar systemic worlds, 43–49.

²The solar being uses cosmic thought power (29–35) to build an envelope which is able to respond to the vibration series that concern the cosmic physical world, 43–49. This cosmic physical envelope is not yet adequate, and does not fully express the monad who is the solar ruler.

³The vibration series to which this solar systemic thought-form (43–49) must respond are mainly seven:

⁴1) The vibrations of the cosmic physical world (43–49) that is outside the solar system. This includes the cosmic pranic fluids and currents (43–46).

⁵2) The vibrations of the cosmic emotional world (36–42) as they influence the cosmic physical manifestation (43–49) of the solar ruler (29–31). This involves the action on our solar being of the cosmic emotional quality (36–42) of other cosmic entities. Since the cosmic gross physical body (47–49) of the solar being is not a principle and since its cosmic physical envelope, from the energy point of view, wields only four kinds of energy (43–46), this cosmic emotional set of vibrations, being sevenfold, is of a more potent nature than the cosmic physical set of vibrations. The corresponding can be seen also in man’s evolution: his emotional envelope has a stronger effect than his etheric envelope.

⁶3) Vibrations from that which by the solar ruler is recognized as his emanating source or “higher self”. This has reference to certain solar systems which are immensely important to the general evolution of our solar system.

⁷4) Vibrations from Sirius via the cosmic causal-mental world (29–35).

⁸5) Vibrations from the seven great stars of the Great Bear, and primarily from those two which are the prototypes of the seventh and fifth rays of our solar system. This finds its microcosmic (= human) correspondence in the place which the seventh ray has in the building of thought-forms, and the use of the fifth ray in the work of concretion. All magicians who are occupied with building forms in matter use these two types of energy consciously or unconsciously. Lauryency: the seventh ray has reference to the “brain”, the fifth to thought.

⁹6) Certain very remote vibrations, as yet no more appreciable in the solar systemic collective being than is third triad (43:4, 44:1, 45:1) influence in average man. These vibrations originate from that monad which is expressing itself through those seven centres of force of which our solar system is one.

¹⁰7) A series of vibrations which will become more potent as our solar ruler nears that period which is in the human kingdom corresponds to the marriageable age. These vibrations emanate from his polar opposite with which he will be united in what in esoteric symbolism is called the cosmic wedlock.

¹¹These seven sets of vibrations have been enumerated here in the order the solar ruler becomes aware of them and fully responds to them. It is not possible here to give more than indications. He responds to vibrations of the first, second, third and fourth order quite fully at this time, but as yet (though responding) cannot fully, and consciously, utilize these types of energy. The vibrations of the fifth order are recognized by him, particularly in three of his centres (LA: Vulcanus, Mercury, and Venus), but are not as yet fully under his control. The vibrations of the other two orders are sensed and felt by him, but so remotely as to be almost outside the range of his consciousness. It is apparent, therefore, that little can as yet be said about the future of the solar system, until the vibrations of the sixth and seventh order become more powerful, and their effects can consequently be studied more easily.

¹²*Correspondences in the human kingdom.* If these ideas are scaled down to be applied to man and the thought-forms which he fabricates (such as his material envelopes), the correspondences as referring to the solar system and the 49-globes can be clarified. The ability to respond to vibrations is acquired through the following methods: 1) through the natural course of evolution; 2) through extra-systemic stimulation, such as intensive training, whether for a solar ruler or a man; 3) through the process of initiation, and the application of the rods of initiation (this method is called by Laurency the “contact or deva method”).

¹³The extra-systemic stimulation involves a large number of factors, but the main two to be remembered are that the individual monad receives this stimulation through the group, and that a lower natural kingdom receives it through a higher kingdom. (LA: By system is meant the the system of the individual or collective being.)

¹⁴Only the great initiations are meant here, not the numerous small expansions of consciousness occurring in all natural kingdoms. (LA: By the great initiations are meant the seven atomic consciousness expansions 49:1, 48:1, 47:1, etc. to 43:1, inclusive.)

¹⁵As regards the primary function of a thought-form, the power to respond to vibrations, it should be remembered that that response must be made by the idea to be embodied by the form, and that this idea will then through a complex reflex action bring about response from the matter out of which the form is to be shaped which will be the envelope of the idea. Vibration is the result of impulse in higher kinds of matter, and can be sensed by consciousness through the impact of the vibration on lower matter. This impact is directly perceptible to consciousness, and is then utilized in matter in the form of recognition or realization. An analogous process may be studied in the nerve reactions of the organism, and their connection with the brain consciousness.

¹⁶Man follows a similar procedure when working with thought-forms in his worlds (47–49). His thought-forms are constructed of mental matter, chosen specifically because it vibrates to the same type of vibrations as the ideas to be expressed by the forms. Just as the thought-form of the solar ruler, the solar system, will persist for just as long as the factor of will, or dynamic vitality, continues to hold it together, so man’s thought-forms will live for as long as his will or dynamic vitality holds them together. The whole object of human evolution is to enable the monad to respond to every contact fully and consciously, and thus to utilize its material envelopes as expedient transmitters of such contact. The most easily studied human thought-form is the one the monad creates through which to function. The monad builds its envelopes by the power of thought, and the gross physical body is the best envelope of that kind of matter which it can manufacture at a given stage of development. (Laurency: Man is what he eats, feels, thinks).

15.3 *The Second Function: To Provide an Envelope for an Idea*

¹This formulation implicates the basic principles of incarnation, of activity, and even of existence. Where the solar ruler is concerned, the idea belongs to the cosmic causal-mental world (29–35), where man is concerned, it belongs to the solar systemic causal-mental world (47). One fundamental thought to be pondered upon here is: This tendency to concretize the abstract, to “take form” has its fullest expression as yet in physical matter. All material forms which man builds, he builds within the cosmic gross physical envelope (47–49) of the solar ruler. Herein can be found the reason why sexuality and organic reproduction are so prominent and function in the three middle natural kingdoms, thus not in the first and fifth. This is a most significant point, and the exceptions should be studied in their widest connotation, for they afford the explanation of the function of sexuality in involution and evolution. The mineral kingdom and the fifth kingdom are the two extremes. When the idea is grasped that the solar system is the physical vehicle of the solar ruler (corresponding to organism, 47–49, and etheric envelope, 43–46), many problems can be solved, and especially two ones.

²*The First Problem.* When in due course of time, the solar ruler achieves liberation from the trammels of cosmic physical matter, the whole solar system will exist in cosmic mental and cosmic emotional matter only. Expressed in other words, the solar ruler will have envelopes for his mental will and his emotional will or his desire only. Such a condition of affairs is inconceivable to us, and only to be somewhat apprehended by the 46-self. Conditions in our solar systemic emotional world, 48, provide us with no guidance in our attempts at understanding the cosmic emotional world (36–42). Only when world 48 is a calm receiver of 46-impulses, or a limpid reflector of that world, which will not be till the close of the solar system, shall men of that time be able to formulate any ideas about the cosmic emotional world.

³*The Second Problem.* Sexuality, as it manifests itself in the the different natural kingdoms, is an expression of the energy of the solar ruler, as it vitalizes that centre in his envelope which corresponds to the generative organs. The creative functions of the vegetable, animal, and human kingdoms, viewing them as a whole, are as yet purely physical, and driven by lower desire. Likewise the desire of the solar ruler for cosmic physical (43–49) incarnation is as yet the dominant note. Later his desire for that will be less and will be superseded by his will to create in cosmic causal-mental matter only. This redirection of his will leads eventually to the dissolution or physical “death” of the solar system. Indication that this dissolution is approaching will be seen when two great events transpire in any eon: 1) the ability of man consciously to create in mental matter, and the consequent transmutation of his sexual urge into energy of higher kind (LA: intellectual creativity); 2) the vitalization by mental energy of another large section of the animal kingdom.

⁴What is said here about the thought-form of the solar ruler can be equally well stated about that of a planetary ruler. As his polarization becomes more cosmic mental, his cosmic emotionality becomes transmuted, and the force that streams through his centres, that is: the systems of globes, will correspondingly be redirected. He will cease to be interested in physical incarnation, and he will eventually withdraw his power from certain globes. The gross physical globe will die and pass out of objective manifestation, and the etheric globes will temporarily be the focus of his attention, though not for long. In due course of time the entire 49-globe will be obscured, and the planetary ruler will function in his cosmic emotional envelope (36–42) as his lowest one.

⁵Such is the case too with a seven-globe (planetary chain), which of course always is some one of the seven centres of a 49-globe but also has its own ruler. The moon presents a most interesting example here. The ruler of the moon chain no longer desired to be manifested in the physical; he therefore withdrew from his envelope. All that is left is the devitalized shell; the monad groups and the higher envelopes are gone. In connection with man, a similar con-

dition is seen at his physical death: the monad and the higher envelopes are withdrawn from the organism, and the dissolution of the organism and the etheric envelope begins at once.

⁶As these fundamental facts are grasped, and man begins to appreciate his creative faculty, the entire attitude to sexuality will also change; and emphasis will be laid upon the laws of mental creation, on the expedient manufacturing of thought-forms, and the gross physical aspect of creation will be in abeyance. When this is so, then will the human kingdom fulfil its legitimate function. Sexuality and reproduction – as at present expressing themselves – are activities which the human kingdom shares with the animal kingdom, and are based on animal instincts, and the organism, which is not a principle. When mankind is totally emancipated from the animal kingdom, and the two kingdoms are clearly separated from each other, then reproduction will be the result of mental will and not emotional desire. The physical form will be spoken of in terms of concretion (49:5-7) and of energy (49:1-4), and the emphasis will be laid on the individual seeking expression through the form. This stage will be entered on when the functions of the etheric envelope and the laws of creative thought are generally understood; it will coincide with a period wherein the animal kingdom will again be under mental stimulation, so that animal monads will be able to causalize collectively.

⁷It will be generally recognized at that time that “spirit”, that is: dynamic will, and matter are two aspects of the one unity, and the present talk of “spirit and matter”, will have given place to the broader concept of negative and positive energy as the two aspects of the one energy. All phenomena will then be spoken of in force terms, and sexuality – or the union of the male and female – will be spoken of as the union of the positive and the negative, so that the issue is raised up onto a higher level.

⁸The manufacturing of a thought-form, therefore, is the emanation of a positive impulse from the mental world building a form in negative matter. These two factors in turn will be regarded as emanations from a still greater force centre, which is expressing purpose through them both. When man constructs a thought-form, the human monad is the unit from which the two factors emanate.

15.4 The Third Function: To Carry Out Specific Purpose

¹Now the function of will or of purpose is to be considered. When this third function is meditated on with care, it will be noted that it includes the other two, and synthesizes them. Several factors must be borne in mind here: the factor of identity, the factor of time, the factor of reaping, and the factor of the builders.

²*The factor of identity.* Specific purpose is the practical application of the will, or intent, of a conscious intelligent being, as this will shows itself in: its origin, mission, method, and objective. All these four characteristics will vary according to the identity of the being creating the thought-form, thus whether the being in question is a solar ruler, a planetary ruler, a monad in the first divine kingdom (sixth natural kingdom), fifth natural kingdom, or fourth natural kingdom. Irrespective of the identity of the form-creating being it is a common characteristic of them all that thought forms emanate from a consciousness, are built for the purpose of carrying out some work, obey certain rules and laws (methods of work), and have a definite goal, or purpose.

³*The factor of time.* In the solar system, specific purpose is the gradual evolution of a definite plan originating in the cosmic causal-mental consciousness of the solar ruler, and slowly and cyclically achieving consummation. Three vast periods of time are consumed in the process: the period of construction, wherein the form is built; the period of utilization, wherein a monad or a group of monads occupies the form and vitalizes it; the period of dissolution, wherein the form is devitalized, destroyed and dissipated, and the monads in question are released. These three stages are each particularly characterized by one of the

three aspects of reality: the first stage, by the matter aspect; the second stage, by the consciousness aspect; the third stage, by the will or energy aspect.

⁴Only the study of the development of the quality of the thought-form will reveal its inherent purpose. Only the comprehension of the manner in which the thought-form has been emanated and by what kind of being will recognize its mission. This is true of all forms. Where the relatively unimportant forms, such as those constructed by man at this time, are concerned, their purpose and mission can easily be ascertained, and objective consciousness in the matter in which the form has been built reveals its quality and the nature of its goal by its colour, vibration rate, direction, and keynote.

⁵*The Factor of Reaping*. Every thought-form comes under the law of reaping through the effects it produces. At this stage in the history of the solar system, that vast transitional stage at which great groups of monads moves from living in the cosmic gross physical (47–49) to living in the cosmic etheric (43–46), it is not easy for us to differentiate between those thought-forms which are effects and those which are causes. Only self-conscious beings (first, second, and third selves in the solar system, and cosmic selves) formulate thoughts. Beings that are not self-conscious, nature spirits and elementals, etc., do not do so. Only self-conscious beings come under the law of reaping because of responsibility. Where there is no self-consciousness, there is no responsibility. Hence animals are not held to be responsible, and though they suffer in the physical world and in their physical envelopes, in the higher worlds they are freed from bad reaping, for they have neither memory nor anticipation. They lack the correlating faculty, and as individual mental consciousness is missing, only their physical envelopes are involved in reaping. The cause of the suffering in the animal kingdom is connected with the “sin of the mindless”, spoken of in *The Secret Doctrine*, which resulted in distortions and perversions of all kinds. Had this period not occurred, and this particular type of “miscarriage of purpose” not taken place, we should not have had the reaping relationship characterized by fear now existing between the third and the fourth kingdoms.

⁶If a thought-form is maleficent and destructive, it works out as bad reaping in the group in which the emanator of the thought-form is found, and the more so, the more powerful and permanent the thought-form is. If a thought-form is beneficent and constructive, it works as good reaping in the group of its emanator. This is what is meant by the saying that no bad reaping being will follow upon a good and altruistic deed.

⁷*The factor of the builders*. Introductory explanation by LA: CF differentiates between the originator or occupier of the thought-form and its builders. The latter are divided into lesser builders and greater builders. By lesser builders are meant involutory beings (elementals) and evolutionary beings that are not self-conscious. By greater builders are meant self-conscious evolutionary beings, that is to say: first, second, and third selves and their counterparts within the deva evolution. Man creates his thought-forms by the exclusive use of lesser builders. To be able to lead greater builders, the individual must be at least a second self. (*The Factor of the Lesser Builders* is the heading used in CF to introduce this discussion, which is misleading, since also the greater builders are treated of. I have therefore chosen to use the heading *The factor of the builders* instead.)

⁸The specific purpose of a thought-form is connected very closely with the kind of elemental matter of which it is constructed. In connection with man, working in the mental world, it is connected with the kinds of elemental which he can control and send forth as the occupier, or vitalizer, of the thought-form. Roughly speaking, the *solar collective being* as a creator thought-forms does not work with lower builders than third selves (43- and 44-selves). The solar collective being works through these and sends them forth on the mission of constructing and vitalizing the thought-form which is the solar system with a specific purpose in view. The *planetary collective beings* work primarily through second selves (45–47:1) who

construct and control the work within the 49-globes. *Men* work through mental (47:4-7) and emotional (48:2-7) elementals. The physical world builders (evolutionary beings that are not self-conscious, “nature spirits”) are swept automatically into action by the energies set up in higher matter by the greater builders.

⁹The lowest two natural kingdoms are peculiarly interesting in that the mineral kingdom can in no sense be considered a principle, but simply the final point of concretion of the abstract, and that the vegetable kingdom has a peculiar place in the economy of the system as the transmitter of the vital pranic fluid. The vegetable kingdom is definitely a bridge between the conscious and the unconscious. (LA: In a table the vegetable kingdom is correlated with the pranic organ of the spleen.) Though the mineral kingdom has a consciousness of its own, yet sensation is more distinctly recognizable in the second kingdom. The difference between the consciousness of the mineral and that of the animal is so vast that their respective consciousnesses are basically unlike. Between these stands the vegetable kingdom, generally approximating the animal consciousness more than the mineral, and having a very close relation to the deva evolution.

¹⁰All these kingdoms of nature are thought forms. All have envelope, vitality, consciousness, and purpose, and all are sent out by a greater being than themselves own upon a specific mission. The beings sending the forth are self-conscious and are composed of consciousness, will, and material form. Only the self-conscious can create, and only they are capable of purposeful work, of coordination, direction, and control.

¹¹The purpose, etc., of the thought-form of the solar ruler are incomprehensible to man and can be presented only as questions. Many other questions about the purpose of the present manifestations are connected with this, such as: What may be the purpose of the present incarnation of the solar ruler? What is the purpose which may perhaps be working out in our own 49-globe and what is the basic plan of our planetary ruler? Wherein does our 49-globe differ from other 49-globes? What is the purpose of the relation existing between our Earth and Venus? Is the purpose of the animal kingdom, as a whole, in any way to be ascertained? What is the purpose of the present root-race evolution? What is the purpose of the different national forms?

¹²Questions that can be formulated on a more practical basis include: In what kind of matter do I usually formulate thoughts? What is the consciousness quality of my thought-forms? With what specific purpose do I use mental matter? Do I work in mental matter consciously or unconsciously? Do I vitalize my thought-forms with a high or a low order of being? Do I study the laws of construction? Do I realize the power of the will to vitalize? Do I destroy thought-forms, when they have accomplished their purpose, by a conscious act of the will? Do I make forms which bring reaping effects, or do I build those which go to the good of the group? Many such thoughts will arise, and in the study of thought man may learn the laws of being.

THE LAWS OF THOUGHT

15.5 The Three Superior and Seven Subordinate Laws

¹There are three major or superior laws belonging to the system of seven suns, and seven minor or subordinate laws belonging to our solar system. The seven subordinate laws appear as major ones from the standpoint of mankind. Another name of the three major laws is cosmic laws, and another name of the seven minor laws is solar systemic laws.

15.6 The Three Cosmic Laws

¹The first of the three cosmic laws is the law of synthesis. It is almost impossible for those who do not have 46-consciousness in any way developed to understand the scope of this law.

This law demonstrates the fact that all things exist as one. This law governs the thought-form created by that cosmic being in whom both our solar system and the greater system are included. The law is a whole thought, an uninterrupted whole, not the differentiated process that we perceive our manifesting system to be.

²The second cosmic law is the law of attraction and repulsion. This law holds our solar system to the Sirian, makes the planets revolve around the sun, and generally makes all the lesser globes revolve round their centres, and that holds all matter entering into envelopes an globes gathered and coordinated around their original centres.

³The third cosmic law is the law of economy. This law adjusts the process of manifestation in the cosmos so that it works with the best efficiency and the least possible expenditure of energy.

⁴The law of synthesis is the particular expression of the will aspect; the law of attraction, that of the consciousness aspect; and the law of economy, that of the matter aspect

15.7 The Seven Solar Systemic Laws

¹Like in so many other cases, three are differentiated into seven. Each one these seven laws has a correlation with some one of the seven solar systemic worlds:

²1. The law of vibration rules in world 43. This world is the basis of all lower solar systemic manifestation.

³2. The law of cohesion belongs in world 44. In the process of manifestation, the internal cohesion of groups is first manifested in this world.

⁴3. The law of disintegration works in world 45. It indicates that the 45-self, in order to become a 44-self, must dissolve all his envelopes so far acquired, all envelopes lower than the 44-envelope.

⁵4. The law of magnetic control holds sway chiefly in world 46. It indicates that the monad can control the first triad through the second triad.

⁶5. The law of fixation demonstrates principally in world 47. This law indicates that mental consciousness controls and stabilizes, which results in coherency and firmness.

⁷6. The law of love concerns world 48. It indicates that emotional desire can be transmuted so that it can be linked up with the greater magnetism and deeper unity of world 46.

⁸7. The law of form destruction controls world 49. It indicates that the form must be destroyed in order that the evolving life may progress. The destruction of form is one of the fundamental methods in evolution.

15.8 The Law of Reaping

¹The law of reaping is an intermediate law, one coming between the three cosmic and the seven solar systemic laws. This law originates in the solar system of Sirius. It is the synthetic law of Sirius and really indicates the effect the Sirian system has on our solar system. The Sirian system is our parent system. Our solar system has practically no effect on our parent system, but very definite effects are felt in our system through causes arising in Sirius. These causes, when experienced as effects, are called by us reaping; that is to say, the solar systemic reaping that was in the beginning.

²The supreme reaping administrators of our solar system, the lipika lords, are under the rule of an even greater administrator in Sirius.

³LA: The solar logos is said to be polarized in the cosmic emotional world. It is said in CF 697 that the planetary logos functions in his etheric envelope (cosmic ether is meant: 43–46) and has his consciousness there. Such information must be understood as referring to the collective beings, not to their dominants, their rulers, despite the use of the pronoun “he”. The solar ruler and planetary ruler cannot be meant here, since they function with their self-

consciousness in higher worlds (cosmic mental, 29–35) than their respective collective beings. WofM 1.41.5, 17.4.1

⁴The objective of the current solar system is that the solar ruler is to acquire cosmic essential consciousness (22–28), take the fourth cosmic initiation.

⁵The Sirian solar collective being is in the cosmic mental world (29–35). Together with six other systems the Sirian system makes up a still greater system.

⁶The Sirian law of reaping, working in world 31, controls our solar ruler and his actions just as in the case of man the causal being will in due course of evolution control the triad envelope and the lower envelopes of incarnation. The analogy holds but must not be carried too far.

⁷The monads do not lose their self-identity, however much they merge in higher collectives. The monads forever remain separated units of consciousness.

15.9 The Laws and the Worlds

¹Next we shall study how the seven laws of the solar system work in involution, evolution and in the human and deva kingdoms. As we do this, we shall get a general idea of how this system of ours was gradually built up, how it is controlled and held together. The material solar system is a mental creation, a thought-form. The creators built it of material that lay ready to the hand of the builders, material that is the fruit of a previous solar system. The creators built it in obedience to definite laws that guide their choice of material and that determine both the forms erected and the processes to be followed. The creators, the solar collective being, learn to handle cosmic mental matter in worlds 32–35 just as mankind learns to handle solar systemic mental matter in 47:4-7. Both collectives learn to work using thought-forms.

²The seven laws act numerically. For example, the fourth law, the law of magnetic control, rules in molecular world 4 in each atomic world, thus in 43:4, 44:4, 45:5, etc. to 49:4. Moreover, this fourth law is connected with the fourth ray, harmony through conflict, with world 46 in particular, with the fourth eon in each seven-globe, the fourth globe period in each eon, the fourth root-race in each globe period, and the fourth sub-race of each root-race.

³Next, the seven solar systemic laws will be dealt with in detail.

15.10 The Law of Vibration

¹The law of vibration is the law of world 43 and the law that governs all the atomic worlds, 43:1, 44:1, 45:1, etc. It marks the beginning of the work of the solar ruler, the first setting in motion of the 43:1 matter. In each solar systemic world the vibrations of atomic matter set in motion the other matter of that world, its molecular matter. It is the law of fire that governs the gathering of what has been differentiated back to its synthesis. It controls the breaking up of the one into the seven, and then the re-absorption of the seven into the one. It is really the basic law of evolution, which necessitates involution. The ancient symbol of vibration was “sound” or “breath”: “seven great sounds or breaths each gave rise to six subsidiary sounds or breaths” (the seven atomic kinds and 42 molecular kinds). In involution energy follows the line 1 → 44 → 46 → 48, which is logical, for involution is negative, receptive, and corresponds to the feminine pole, just as do rays 2, 4, and 6. This is also linked to the fact that this whole solar system is receptive and feminine; it concerns the evolution of consciousness. In evolution this law controls the energy aspect of the process, rhythm and movement. The goal of evolution in this solar system has been reached when all the lines of evolution (not just the human line) have perfected envelopes, envelopes made up of atomic matter only, in worlds 45–49. In the previous solar system the goal was to have such perfected envelopes in worlds 47–49 only. In the future third solar system the goal will be to have envelopes in all seven

worlds 43–49 made up of atomic matter only (thus 43:1, 44:1, 45:1, etc. to 49:1).

²The monads of the human evolution have to learn to vibrate positively, to be active in their consciousness, whereas the monads of the deva evolution proceed along the line of least resistance, remain negative, receptive, falling in with the law like the monads of involution. Only the human monads follow the positive line, and only in the worlds 47–49. By resistance, struggle, battle and strife they learn to submit to the law. Yet, owing to the increase of friction through that very struggle, they progress with a relatively greater rapidity than the deva monads. They have need to do this, for they have lost time to make up.

³The law of vibration is the law of progress, of movement and of rotation. Rotation is slowest in world 49 and fastest in world 43. The rate of vibration is lowest in world 49 and highest world 43. By learning to vibrate more rapidly we build finer matter into our envelopes. In this solar system we should have no physical matter lower than 49:5 in our envelopes (thus only a gaseous envelope surrounding the etheric envelope) and no emotional matter lower than 48:5, but the fact that this is not the case is one of many signs of our backwardness. In the future, 49:6,7 and 48:6,7 matter will be too coarse for envelopes of either the human or deva evolution. 9.10.13

15.11 The Law of Cohesion

¹The law of cohesion is one of the branch laws of the cosmic law of attraction. It is interesting to notice how the law of attraction demonstrates in this solar system of ours, a system of love, or unity, in three manners according to the three triads: In world 44 the third triads appear gathered in their seven groups according to the seven departments, or rays. In world 46 the law of attraction shows itself as the law of magnetic control and love–wisdom, irradiating the causal envelope, and eventually gathering to itself the essence of all experience, garnered in the causal envelope through the incarnations, a process controlled throughout by Augoeides in world 46. Magnetism and the capacity to show love are esoterically synonymous. In world 48 the law of attraction works as the love demonstrated by the first self. All branches of the law of attraction demonstrating in this system show themselves as a force that ingathers, that tends to coherence, that results in adhesion, and leads to absorption into greater units. All these terms are needed to give a general idea of the basic quality of this law.

²The law of cohesion is one of the most important of the solar systemic laws, if it is permissible to differentiate at all. We might term it the law of coalescence.

³In the process of involution it controls the composition of atoms to form molecular matter and the composition of molecular matter to form aggregates. It sets the rate of vibration of molecular matter just as the law of vibration sets the rate of vibration of atomic matter.

⁴In manifestation the cosmic law of attraction controls all these subsidiary, solar systemic laws, just as the law of synthesis governs the final processes of obscuration and dissolution (obscuration = the period of passivity of a globe, when there is no comprehensive life activity in any of its worlds), and the law of economy deals with the general turnover of matter and energy along the line of least resistance. What is said here is true of the present solar system but not of the future one, where instead the law of synthesis will be the supreme law. During manifestation it is mostly the law of attraction working, and it will be found, on study, that each subsidiary law is but a differentiation of that law in more composite matter.

⁵The law of cohesion governs especially world 44 and the subatomic molecular kind of each atomic kind. This law has an especially close connection with the second department. Also, most of the Protogonoi are involved in 44:2 matter, namely those who are in charge of third triads belonging to the second department. Only a small number of the Protogonoi are found in 44:1, namely those who are in charge of third triads of the first department. Those of the Protogonoi who are in charge of third triads of the third department are involved in 44:3. The last

ones mentioned are the youngest Protogonoi, latecomers from the previous solar system who became causal selves only in our system. (LA: All of the Protogonoi are now at least 44-selves.)

⁶There is a direct channel between the atomic kinds 43:1, 44:1, 45:1, etc., to 49:1. The corresponding is more or less true of the molecular kinds, so that there is a direct and quite expansive channel between all subatomic molecules, thus 43:2, 44:2, etc. One of the effects of this is that monads that “are on the second ray”, that is to say, those whose third triad are of the second department, will find it especially easy to use and control all their envelopes when composed chiefly of subatomic matter. After initiation (LA: the third initiation is meant), the causal envelope is chiefly made up of 47:2 matter, and then the human individual can begin to receive guidance from his Protogonos.

⁷Irrespective of their departments, all monads must learn to control subatomic and atomic matter, and they do this by fully utilizing the will aspect (as fully as may be possible in this second solar system). Those monads in particular whose third triads belong to the first department have a great struggle, and hence they have so often a hard time and are so frequently unlovable. They have to build in all their envelopes the quality of unity, which is not prominent in their development.

⁸The human monads whose third triads are on the first ray are about 5 billion, those on the second ray about 35 billion, and those on the third ray about 20 billion.

⁹The monads of the first ray, though in manifestation, are as yet very rare in incarnation. They came in, in large numbers, at the close of the moon chain, and will come in again in full numerical strength in the last two eons of the present seven-globe.

¹⁰The correspondence between this law number two, the second eon, and the second root-race shows in the fact that the law of cohesion was especially active during these periods. The first eon and the first root-race were characterized by mistiness and volatility. Movement and the resulting heat were their distinguishing quality, much as in the first solar system. In the second round and also in the second root-race, however, the cohesion of forms was more definite. Cohesion is the distinguishing feature of our present solar system as well. All things have a tendency to approximation, unification, reciprocal attraction, and this is seen whether we look at sexuality, business organization, scientific development, manufacture, or politics.

¹¹In involution this law governs the attraction, repulsion, and aggregation of matter. In evolution it controls the building of forms.

15.12 The Law of Disintegration

¹The law of disintegration governs that destruction of the form which must occur in order that the indwelling consciousness may develop further. This law is the reverse side (if one might so express it) of the law of cohesion, complementing it. It is one of the laws that end with this solar system, whereas the law of cohesion lasts on into the next system. The law of economy controls this law. When the monad has learnt to control all its envelopes in due order and then dissolved them all, even the 45-envelope, it enters into the third triad, and achieves the sixth initiation. The law of disintegration controls this process working up to and including world 45 but not higher worlds. Subsequently the monad keeps the third triad as long as it continues its expansion in worlds 44 and 43 within the solar system.

²This law is one of the most difficult for mankind to understand. Some of its workings in evolution can be seen and somewhat comprehended, but its workings in involution or in the building of forms are not so apparent.

³In involution this law controls the process of the breaking up of group-souls; it governs the periods when the triads are transferred from one form to another; it works through the great world catastrophes not only those in the physical world but the corresponding upheavals in the emotional and mental worlds. It governs disruptions in the physical world, especially

those affecting the mineral world; it controls the disintegration of thought-forms, and furthermore the dissolution of the etheric, emotional and mental envelopes.

⁴The connection between the law of disintegration and the law of attraction is seen in the fact that the law of attraction governs the forces that attract the disintegrated matter back to its worlds to be the material for the building of new forms.

⁵In evolution the effects of this law are well known. Beside the destruction of the discarded enveloped mentioned previously, there is the breaking up of the forms in which great ideals are embodied: political, religious, scientific, social, etc. organizations. All these forms eventually break under the working of this law.

⁶The abode of this law is world 45. From there its workings can be traced to world 49 and the law of form destruction characteristic of this world, but its effects can be seen in all five worlds 45–49.

⁷In the superetheric molecular kind in particular, thus in 45:3, 46:3, 47:3, 48:3, and 49:3, this law works in a special manner, causing a very definite breaking-up of something that is tending to separation. Like all that works in the solar system, the process is slow. The work of disintegration begins in the superether and is finished in the subatomic ether, where the law of cohesion comes into play instead, the disintegration having effected that which makes cohesion possible. We can see an illustration of this in the causal envelope of man. In the undeveloped individual, it consists of 47:3 molecules only, which must be replaced with 47:2 molecules for the individual to reach a contact with his second triad.

⁸Another illustration: When a man has reached the point where he can sense and see the lowest ether (49:4), he is ready for the burning away of the etheric web. This web has its location midway between the superetheric (49:3) and subatomic (49:2) layers of his etheric envelope. When this web has been disintegrated, the etheric and emotional envelopes coalesce, the result being that the man acquires continuity of consciousness between physical and emotional life for that incarnation.

⁹Similar disintegrations are effected in all worlds 45–49. The final disintegration is brought about in 45:3 and has the result that the monad acquires 44-consciousness. (LA: This is the higher correspondence of the disintegration of the causal envelope that occurs in the perfected causal self, so that the human monad can fill the place of Augoeides. In this case the 45-envelope of the perfected second self is disintegrated, so that the monad in question can fill the place of Protogonos.)

¹⁰The third ray – that of adaptability or intelligent activity – has a close connection with this law. It is through intelligent activity (or the adaptation of matter to need), that the form comes into being; and through that very activity it becomes a perfect form. At the moment of perfection, however, it loses its usefulness. It crystallizes, breaks, and consciousness seeks a new, more adequate form to express its now greater capacity. It is so in the life of the incarnating monad; it is so in the eons and races of mankind; it is so in the solar system and in all cosmic processes.

¹¹There is a connection between the third law, the third chain (the moon chain), the third root-race, and the third sub-race. The goal of evolution in the third chain was the attainment by the human monads of the fourth initiation, the initiation which marks the final emancipation from the lowest three worlds (47–49) and the disintegration of the causal envelope. At the end of the third root-race came the first of the great cataclysms that broke the race form, and inaugurated the formation of a new one, the first definitely human race.

15.13 The Law of Magnetic Control

¹The law of magnetic control is the basic law controlling the second triad. Thanks to this law, the force of evolution drives the monad to progress through incarnations to be finally united with the second triad. Through separation, his perception of being something separate

from everything else, the individual finds himself, and can transcend himself and finds himself again in all selves. This law holds the first self in a coherent form. It controls the monad in the causal envelope, in the same way that the solar collective being controls the third self, the monad in the third triad. It is the law of the essential world (46). The esoteric master, the 45-self, is one who can function in world 46 and who has magnetic control in worlds 47–49. The lower is always controlled from the higher, and the effect 46 has on 47–49 is paramount. In the lowest three worlds, this law holds all together and draws all upward. It is the demonstration, in the second triad, of the law of attraction.

²In involution this law works with the first triad in the causal envelope. This law indicates how the 46 energy works, and its action through the second triad mental atom is the driving force of causal consciousness and its energy. It controls the attachment of the first triads to the monads at the latter's transition from involution to the mineral kingdom. At causalization in the third root-race, it was this law of magnetic control that effected the unification of the third and second triads with the first triad, a process in which the causal envelope was the bridging factor. Here the line 44–46–48 was demonstrated in action: 44 being the dominant energy of the third triad, 46 being the consciousness and energy of Augoeides himself, and 48 being the consciousness of the individual causalizing. This line 44–46–48 explains the relative facility with which the mystic contacts the essential world (46) and even the submanifestal world (44).

³The lines of contact according to the principle of least resistance was in the first solar system 49–47–45; is in this our present solar system, the second, 48–46–44; will be in the third solar system 47–45–43. Note the correspondence also between this, the fourth law and the fourth natural kingdom in this fourth chain.

⁴As regards human evolution, this fourth law is of prime importance at this time. The aim of human endeavour is both to be controlled by this law and to apply it in service. It is the law whereby the expression of sexuality is transmuted and elevated. Sexuality is the physical expression of the law of attraction in the human kingdom and in all the lower kingdoms, too. The love of all that breathes, and the attraction that works out in service, is the same thing as demonstrated in the second triad. Sexual expression, the coming together of two, becomes transmuted into the coming together of many for acts of service, which will give birth to new ideals, and to a new race, the spiritual.

⁵A numerical fact that is important in connection with the human hierarchy: The human parallel evolution is called the fourth creative hierarchy. It is the ninth, however, if we count the five hierarchies that have passed on. Nine is the number of initiation, the number of the adept, and of the one who functions in his essential (46) envelope.

⁶The fourth ray operates in close connection with this, the fourth law. This ray works out as harmony through control, the control entailing wisdom. It is the harmony of similarities, the equilibrizing of all through the realization of the laws of magnetism that produce the coordination of the many diverse into unity. Magnetism governs the synthesis of the many aspects into a form of unity. This harmony is reached through world 47, and the fifth ray acts as a step to the fourth, for many who work on the fifth ray pass eventually to the fourth. In this solar system the fifth ray is of paramount importance in the development of all monads to become second selves. Each must pass some time on it before definitively remaining on his own ray, that of his third triad. In many incarnations much time is spent in the fifth molecular kind of each world, which is governed principally by the fifth ray. All pass then on to the fourth molecular kind governed by the fourth ray. In this particular period of the fourth eon in the fourth chain, evolving monads spend more time in the fourth molecular kind than in any other. Many come into incarnation directly into this molecular kind, and it is here that they begin to think harmoniously.

15.14 *The Laws in the Lowest Three Worlds, 47–49*

¹The three laws that are the most important for man, as he develops and lives in the lowest three worlds, are the law of fixation, the law of love, and the law of form destruction. These laws are all dominated and controlled eventually by higher three laws in the system: the law of magnetic control, the law of disintegration, and the law of cohesion. There is a direct connection between these seven laws and the seven rays or vibration series, and if we study the correspondences we shall recognize the fact that the first law, the law of vibration, is the controlling law of the six, demonstrating through the second law, that of cohesion, just as the solar ruler manifests himself through his second aspect in this the second solar system.

²The *first ray*, the ray of will or power, is the first aspect of the all-self, and in the third out-pouring (LA: the entry of the groups of Augoeides into the planet) came down to world 47. There is a correspondence between the monads of the first ray in world 47, the fifth law, and the fifth ray.

³The *second ray*, the ray of love–wisdom, the second aspect of the all-self, wields a control in worlds 44, 46, and 48, and dominates the law of cohesion, the law of magnetic control, and the law of love. There is a direct interlinking between these three rays and the laws of the three worlds where they specially control.

⁴The *third ray*, ray of intelligent activity, the third aspect of the all-self, controls in worlds 45 and 49, and controls the law of disintegration and the law of form destruction.

⁵Therefore the following connections are evident:

⁶The will aspect: ray 1, worlds 43 and 47, and the law of fixation and the law of vibration form one interlocking whole.

⁷The consciousness aspect: ray 2, worlds 44, 46, and 48, and the law of cohesion, the law of magnetic control, and the law of love form another unit.

⁸The matter aspect: ray 3, worlds 45 and 49, and the law of disintegration and the law of form destruction make still another group.

⁹It is logical for the first ray to have control as yet only in two worlds, for the will aspect waits for the coming third solar system in order to reach full development. It is likewise logical that ray two, the synthetic ray for our solar system, controls in three worlds. It has the preponderance, for paramountly we are the monads of love, and love is our synthesis. Ray three, the dominant ray of the past solar system, its synthetic ray, controls in two worlds, and in one sphere of activity that is little understood, the so-called eighth sphere.

¹⁰The minor four rays, 4–7, wield some control in all the worlds, but at this time they control especially the evolution of the incarnating monads in worlds 47–49. These four rays control, in a subtle and peculiar manner, the lower four natural kingdoms. The merging of these lower four rays into the higher three rays (the ray of the mahachohan, the third, being the synthesizer of the lower four in our 49-globe) has a correspondence with the merging of man (the product of the lower three natural kingdoms and his own, the fourth) into the superman kingdom, the fifth. The fourth ray and the fourth natural kingdom form a point of harmony and balance for the lower three, and all four then pass into the major or higher three. The analogy of world 46 will also be apparent. For this solar system, there is a correspondence between world 46, the human kingdom, and the fourth ray. Likewise, the fourth root-race was the one in which the synthesis was first observed, the door into the fifth kingdom being then opened. The fourth root-race also developed the emotional capacity that made contact with world 46 possible. (LA: bhakti yoga was the yoga of the Atlanteans.)

¹¹(The word subtle is used here in the sense of a reality that is not apparent to lower consciousness but seems an illusion to it.),

¹²In a subtle way, too, the lowest three rays, 5–7, have each a connection with the three natural kingdoms below the human, and with the three laws controlling the lowest three worlds.

¹³*The seventh ray* has special significance at this time. It controls the mineral kingdom and the final stage of involution where evolution begins. Through this ray comes the control of the lesser builders, the elementals, the point of synthesis in the physical, the world marking the transition from involution to evolution. In all periods of transition the seventh ray comes in (as now). It is the reflection and manifestation in the physical world of the will and matter aspects working in synthesis. Rays 1, 3, 7 interact. The seventh ray is the appearance in combination of the forces of evolution. It is allied to the laws of worlds 45 and 49, the law of integration and the law of form destruction, for all periods of transition are periods of the destruction and building of forms, when the old is dissolved to give place to newer and better tools of life.

¹⁴*The sixth ray* has a definite though little known connection with the vegetable kingdom. It is linked to a subsidiary law of the cosmic law of attraction. It is in the vegetable kingdom that the monads of the human evolution and monads of the deva evolution have their first and temporary approximations. The two parallel evolutions touch in that kingdom, and then again follow their own paths, finding their next point of contact in world 46, and a final merging in world 44.

¹⁵The odd rays (1, 3, 5, 7) have an especial effect on the deva evolution, the negative, receptive evolution that forms the feminine pole of the solar systemic collective being, tending to make those monads more independent and active. The even rays (2, 4, 6) do a similar work on the positive, self-assertive human evolution, making those monads more receptive to impressions. The human evolution forms the masculine pole of the solar systemic collective being. But at three points on the path of evolution, those monads of the human evolution who are on the second ray (LA: actually whose third triads are on the second ray), working on the qualities of the even rays, touch the devas of the third ray working on the faculties of odd rays. The perfection of the two evolutions marks the point of attainment of the planetary collective being; it is the perfecting of two major centres, the centres of the third and second rays, of the planetary collective being. The lower counterparts of these centres are the solar plexus centre (LA: made up of less developed human monads) and the sacral centre (LA: made up of less developed deva monads), whose monads are transferred, as evolution proceeds, into the heart and throat centres. Then, in a dual synthesis, these monad groups will pass on into the third solar system, that in which the will aspect is developed, and the head centres will be perfected. This achieved, our solar ruler has attained the sixth cosmic initiation, just as he should in this system attain the fourth.

¹⁶The seventh ray has a peculiar relationship to the animal kingdom, in that it is the ray that governs the causalization of the human monads, their transition to the human kingdom. As we know it was from the planet Venus that the initiative was taken to invest then scarcely human monads with causal envelopes, in which process they definitively passed to the human kingdom. The Venus system is now, as it was then, in the fifth eon, which indicates the connection with the fifth ray and the fifth law. It is also the fifth Ray, and has an interesting connection with the fifth Law of Fixation. There are, of course, the analogies between these factors and the fifth root-race, the race of peculiarly strong development of mentality. The law of analogy always holds good.

¹⁷The three lowest laws can be summed up in term, "The law of rebirth and death in the lowest three worlds". The fifth law governs a fixed point in the first self, the mental molecule of the first triad.

¹⁸The law of love in the emotional envelope also has its points for consideration. The monads whose third triads are on the second ray have a direct link between 48 (first self love), 46 (second self love), and 44 (third self love). 48–46–44 is the main channel for the basic law of the system, love. According as the monad attains each one of the triad atoms mentioned, it marks a relative perfection in evolution, definite steps in the monad's activation of its first, second, and third triad.

15.15 The Law of Fixation

¹The law of fixation is the governing law of the causal-mental world, finding its greater correspondence in the law of reaping in the cosmic causal-mental world, 29–35. “As a man thinks, so is he.” According to his thoughts are his desires and acts, and so results the future. He fixes for himself the resultant reaping. The word “fixation” is chosen for two purposes. First, because the word implies the capacity of the thinker to shape his own destiny, and secondly because the word implies a stabilizing idea, for as evolution progresses, the Ego evolves the faculty of forming definite concrete thought-forms, and, through these stable products, of subduing the fluctuations of the emotional envelope.

²This law is one of the most important laws with which we have to do at any time. It will find its most complete demonstration in the next, or fifth eon. The following facts may be said about its working in the current, fourth eon. It is the law under which the first self during its evolution through many lives builds up the causal envelope. It fixes the matter to be built into that envelope, placed there by the individual, and crystallizes it. Just before the fourth initiation the crystallization is complete, and the inevitable shattering that is the result of crystallization in all forms, takes place, setting the monad free for further development. All forms are hindrances and limitations in the long run, and eventually must go. Ultimately the causal envelope of all mankind itself disintegrates.

³This law governs the crystallization of all forms prior to their shattering in the process of evolution.

⁴The law of fixation governs the time of rebirth, being one of the subsidiary branches of the law of reaping. Each of the seven subsidiary laws is linked to one of the three cosmic laws, or with the Sirian law of reaping. Cosmic causal-mental consciousness (29–35) is the goal of the solar collective being, and the collective being of the Sirian system is to our solar being what the second self is to the first self. The law of reaping, or the cosmic law of fixation, is the law of the cosmic causal-mental world, and controls the corresponding law in the solar system.

⁵In the fifth eon this law will act as the divider, temporarily crystallizing and fixing the human monads into two great evolutionary classes. The one group, containing those who will reach the goal (LA: who have at least incipient causal consciousness), will pass gradually out from under the domination of this law, and will come under the law of magnetic control. The other group will remain under the law in a static condition, until in a later period a fresh opportunity for its monads will come. In another seven-globe, and in its fifth eon, will come their opportunity.

⁶This law is for very closely connected with the evolution of mankind. It has an important function in the control by the planetary government of the lowest three worlds (47–49).

⁷Venus is the sixth planet (esoterically the second), is in her fifth eon, and hence is ahead of us along every line.

⁸This law demonstrates the static quality of love. Where the involutions of the human monad is concerned, this law works with the first triad, with the building in of material around those atoms, a work performed by the building devas and the reincarnating Egos. The devas are the mother aspect, and the reincarnating monads the son aspect; yet the two make up a unity.

15.16 The Law of Love

¹The place of love in evolution is an enormous issue that cannot be dealt with exhaustively. Love in the first triad, love in the second triad, and love in the third triad must be distinguished. Love in the first triad gradually develops through the stages of love of self, pure and simple and entirely selfish, to love of family and friends, to love of men and women, until it arrives at the stage of love of humanity or group love consciousness which is love in the second triad. Love in the second triad gradually develops from love of humanity into universal love of all beings in all

natural kingdoms and parallel evolutions, love in the third triad.

²This term “the law of love” is after all too generic a term to apply to one law governing one world. The law of love is in reality the basic law of this solar system, and demonstrates in all the worlds, although in a different way in each one of them. Love was the force that impelled the solar ruler to manifest the solar system, and love is the force that makes him keep it in manifestation. It is love that builds the forms that builds the forms in which the monads evolve their consciousness, and love is the force that disrupts those forms, so that the life may progress further. Love manifests itself in each world as the urge that drives the evolving monad onwards to its goal, and love is the key to the deva evolution, and the reason why the two parallel evolutions will eventually become one

³Love works through the odd rays in the building of forms, and through the even rays in the consciousness development going on through the forms. Love in the odd rays leads to esoterics, love in the even rays leads to mysticism.

⁴In the solar first system, activity, desire for expression, and the impulse to move were the basic note. That activity produced certain results, certain permanent effects, and thus formed the nucleus for the present solar system. Ordered activity is the foundation of this system of ordered love, and leads to the third system, wherein ordered activity, with ordered love for its impulse, results in ordered loving power.

⁵The sixth ray, the ray of devotion, and the sixth law, the law of love, have a close alliance, and in world 48, world 6 of the solar system, comes the powerful working out of the law of love in the first triad. In the emotional world originate those feelings which we call personal love. The emotional world is at the present time the most important for us, for in desire not corrected or transmuted lies the difference between the consciousness of the first self and that of the second self.

⁶The Venusian 49-globe is the home of the planetary ruler of the sixth ray.

⁷In the sixth seven-globe of each 49-globe, this sixth law and the sixth ray have a very great significance, whilst the seventh seven-globe of each 49-globe is always synthetic – love and activity in a perfect balance. The same effect can be demonstrated in the sixth eon. In the sixth eon of the present seven-globe of the Earth 49-globe, the sixth law will demonstrate with great clarity and force, as love shown in brotherhood, love translated or transmuted from the emotional (48) to the essential (46). So in the sixth root-race and the sixth subrace of the fifth root-race a similar analogy will be seen. Out of the shattered form of the fifth subrace of the fifth root-race, built up under the fifth ray, the ray of concrete knowledge, with the aid of the fifth law, the law of fixation, will emerge the sixth subrace, the race of brotherly love.

15.17 The Law of Form Destruction

¹This law links itself to the third law, the law of disintegration, and is subsidiary to it, following the connection that always exists between world 45 and world 49. The law of disintegration controls the destruction of forms in worlds 45–49, and the law of form destruction, also called the law of sacrifice and the law of death, controls similarly in worlds 47–49. By the law of sacrifice is meant dissolution of the emotional and mental envelopes, whereas the law of death has reference to the death of the two physical envelopes. This law governs the gradual disintegration of grosser forms, that sacrifice or abandonment of them which must be made to enable the indwelling consciousness to evolve further. This law is closely linked in its manifestation with the seventh ray. This ray is the one that largely controls matter, governing the form-creating forces of nature. The physical world is its most concrete manifestation. The law of form destruction is the reverse side of the law of vibration. World 49 is like world 43 a synthesis, the one is the synthesis of matter, and the other the synthesis of consciousness and will.

²This law governs the seventh seven-globe in each 49-globe. When all the seven seven-globes have achieved the fullest expression possible in the 49-globe, the law of death goes into action, and obscurity and disintegration supervene. It is this law that governs the coming in of pralaya at the end of a system.

15.18 *The Principle of Mutation*

¹We are warned against the extreme danger of dogmatizing about these laws, as if they were a matter of immutable realities. The basic principle is that everything is changing, everything is in a flux and circulation, everything is transforming. Until fourth-dimensional sight is ours, we shall not be able to have a profound understanding. The rays themselves circulate, the law of reaping controlling the interweaving. If, for instance, ray one is ruling a 49-globe, it is circulating in the entire 49-globe, while its subrays of the first order rule the seven-globes; those of the second order, the eons; those of the third order, the globe periods; those of the fourth order, the root-races; those of the fifth order, the subraces; and its subrays of the sixth order rule the branch races.

²Mutation also appears in the fact that certain rays, seven-globes, worlds, eons, etc. are temporarily more important than others. The following tabulation gives information on which of them are more important at present or have been so in the past:

Rays: 1, 2, 7

Seven-globes: 1, 4, 7

Worlds: 44, 47, 49

Eons: 4, 5, 7

Root-races: 3, 5, 7

Subraces: 1, 5, 6

Initiations: 1, 4, 5

³World 44 is the major one for the third triad and is the abode of the Protogonoi. World 47 is the world of causal envelopes, and the causal envelope is man's most important one. It is in world 49 that everything must be realized.

⁴The fourth eon is a major one is because of three events: our planetary government was founded, the monads could causalize collectively, so that the door was opened from the animal kingdom into the human, and initiations were begun, so that the door opened from the human kingdom to the fifth kingdom. The fifth eon is a major one because it marks that point in evolution where those who will achieve the goal, and those who will not, are sharply differentiated into two groups. The seventh eon a major one because it will mark the merging of the human and deva evolutions.

⁵The major root-races are chosen under the law of correspondence. In the third root-race was the third outpouring, the coming of the Augoeides, so that the first and second triads were united. The fifth root-race marks a point where the mental and the causal are united. The seventh root-race again demonstrates dual attainment, love in activity, the basis of the third solar system.

⁶This principle of mutation governs everything, so that those worlds, eons, rays, races, etc., which are now the major ones need not be so in the future.

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