

# SECTION 1

## INTRODUCTORY, ENVELOPE ENERGIES, THE FIRST TRIAD

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

#### *1.1 Definition of Cosmic Fire*

<sup>1</sup>A *Treatise on Cosmic Fire* (CF) treats of the subject of fire both macrocosmically and microcosmically, thus dealing with it from the standpoint of the solar system and of a human being. The basic concepts that will necessarily be first dealt with may seem at first perusal to be difficult to comprehend but, when meditated upon and studied, may eventually prove illuminating and may come to be regarded as providing a logical hypothesis concerning the nature and origin of energy.

<sup>2</sup>LA: “Fire” thus means energy. “Cosmic fire” means energy of a cosmic origin. “Cosmic” should in this connection be understood as referring to the 49 cosmic atomic worlds, the 49 atomic kinds and their energies, in contradistinction to the solar systemic (43–49) molecular worlds, the molecular kinds (43:2-7, 44:2-7, etc. to 49:2-7) and their energies. “Cosmic fire” thus means atomic matter and energy, existing everywhere in the cosmos, whereas molecular matter and energy exist in the solar systems only. The importance of this distinction is seen in the fact that only superhuman consciousness, beginning with 46-consciousness, can be conscious in the atomic kinds and control atomic energy consciously, so that lower consciousness (47–49) is consciousness in molecular kinds only and lower will (47–49) can consciously control molecular energies only (thus 47:2, 48:2, and 49:2 at the utmost). In another sense, “cosmic” means worlds 1–42, thus the worlds beyond the solar systems. However, also this sense is connected with the distinction between atomic and molecular matter just explained, since the solar systems in worlds 43–49 are built with molecular matter in contradistinction to the cosmos as a whole. In the following, there is a more frequent use of the word “energy” instead of the word “fire” used in the original text.

#### *1.2 Energy in the Macrocosm*

<sup>1</sup>In its essential nature energy is threefold, but in manifestation (LA: solar systemic manifestation, 43–49, is meant), it demonstrates as fivefold. The three basic manifested energies are: fire by friction, solar fire, and electric fire.

<sup>2</sup>LA: Each one of these three terms has a threefold meaning, which will now be given: 1) By “fire by friction” is meant the energy of the first triad (47:4, 48:1, 49:1); by “solar fire”, the energy of the second triad (45:4, 46:1, 47:1); and by “electric fire”, the energy of the third triad (43:4, 44:1, 45:1). 2) In addition, by “fire by friction” is meant especially 49:1; by “solar fire”, especially 46:1; and by “electric fire”, especially 43:1 (the lowest in the lowest, the middle in the middle, and the highest in the highest), the last one being received directly in the highest unit of the third triad, 43:4. 3) Finally, these three terms have reference to the origin of those energies in the solar ruler, that is to say: fire by friction = 35-energy, solar fire = 32-energy, and electric fire = 29-energy. The solar ruler does not govern in splendid isolation, however, but has his government. This, which is called the solar systemic government, is divided into three departments, centred in worlds 35, 32, and 29. The third department (the matter department) conveys 35-energy via world 42 to world 49 (where it manifests itself as so-called kundalini). The second department (consciousness department, “love-wisdom”) conveys 32-energy via world 39 to world 46 (where it manifests itself in the Augoeides). The first department (will department) conveys 29-energy via world 36 to world 43.

<sup>3</sup>LA: In the esoteric schools, these three basic energies with their downscalings were never elucidated, and so their traditional presentation, such as in CF 37–54, for example, must

appear incomprehensible, a “mystery”, to the uninitiated, and so led them to make hasty and, of course, unwarranted conclusions that the doctrine of the initiates was the “spiritual mishmash or impostors”. Therefore, it must be once more repeated that the doctrine of the initiates was never intended for others than initiates, that this doctrine was always put down in symbols and never in exact terms until Pythagoras started to introduce them, that the symbols were intentionally made into “mysteries” incomprehensible to the uninitiated, that mysteries are such ones only to those who lack the “keys”, that these “keys” are esoteric facts that have not yet been publicized in a form comprehensible to the normal intellect, that many previous “mysteries” can be elucidated and so cease to be “mysteries” as hitherto incomplete and so confusing presentations are corrected and complemented, that the most important and most efficient tool in this work at correcting and complementing the teaching is the Pythagorean unambiguous mathematical nomenclature, which moreover has the advantage that by its aid it will be possible to counteract that vagueness and confusion of ideas which benefit only those who confuse and mislead.

<sup>4</sup>The 29-energy is the energy that distinguishes the individual character of our solar ruler and so is that which differentiates him from all other solar rulers. This energy is his dominant characteristic, and its strength indicates how far he has reached in cosmic expansion. The 32-energy vitalizes the solar ruler’s cosmic mental envelope (32–35) and is the ultimate origin of the causal envelopes of human beings. The 35-energy, the “solar ruler’s kundalini”, is correspondingly the ultimate origin of the physical solar system, 49:1-7.

<sup>5</sup>The three basic energies are related to the seven departments as follows:

<sup>6</sup>Those energies which vitalize the matter of the solar system belong to the third department. The energies of consciousness belong to the second department. The energies of will, originating from the cosmic causal world, belong to the first department. LA: When speaking about the seven departments, one should always indicate which scale is intended. In this case, the biggest scale of the solar system is intended, namely the three departments of the solar systemic government. In the data given next about the energies of the three main departments, those are principally intended which are issued from the solar systemic government. All other manifestations of the seven departmental energies occurring within the solar system are ultimately dimensional reductions of those highest three kinds of energies.

<sup>7</sup>The energies of the third department have reached a higher level of development, relatively speaking, since they are the products of the previous solar system. Those energies embody the basic vibrations of the present solar system, and constitute its great internal fire, animating and vitalizing the whole, and penetrating the whole system from the centre to the periphery. They are the cause of rotary motion and spheroid form of all that exists (LA: the tendency to spheroid form, which is not always realized in gross physical matter).

<sup>8</sup>The energies of the second department embody the highest kind of vibrations of which the solar ruler is capable in this present solar system. (LA: What kind of vibrations these are is known to nobody in the solar system save the solar ruler himself.) Those energies are not yet vibrating adequately nor have they yet attained the peak of their activity. They are the basis of the cyclic spiral motion of the solar system. Just as the cosmic law of economy governs the energies of the third department, so the cosmic law of attraction and repulsion governs the energies of the second department.

<sup>9</sup>Little can as yet be said about the energies of the first department. They come from the cosmic causal-mental. They should in their development parallel those of cosmic emotionality, but as yet they lag behind and are fainter than they are. This is intended and planned by the solar ruler, since he seeks to achieve a rounded-out development, and therefore concentrates on the development of cosmic emotionality in this greater cycle.

<sup>10</sup>The energies of the first department are governed by the cosmic law of synthesis, and are the basis of the movement of the solar system forward through space. Little can be said about

this department and the expression of its energies. It controls the entire sphere of influence of the solar system as it moves in relation to its cosmic centre.

<sup>11</sup>The three solar systemic departmental energies bring about the three modes of manifestation of the highest solar deity: The energy of the third department builds the cosmic physical solar system (the form manifestation, 43–49). The energy of the second department governs the cosmic emotional (36–42) energies preceding this. The energy of the first department is to be found (at the heart of all =) in the solar ruler's cosmic causal centre (29–31).

<sup>12</sup>The energy that is immanent in matter, affording it life and vitality, manifests itself in two ways:

<sup>13</sup>First as (“latent heat” =) passive material energy. This is the basis of rotary motion and is the cause of the fact that everything existing in the solar system has the form of a coherent spheroid.

<sup>14</sup>Second, as (“active heat” =) active material energy. This results in the activity and the driving forward of material evolution. The highest form manifestation, world 43 of the solar system, is the product of the effect on 43-atoms of the two material energies just mentioned. 43-atoms, in their turn, are the material of all the lower atomic kinds (LA: 44-atoms are composed of 43-atoms, 45-atoms are composed of 44-atoms, etc.). The active material energy shows itself in all that which is active, activated, or vitalized, and particularly in the adaptation of the form to the needs of the (inner flame of life =) indwelling monad.

<sup>15</sup>Magnetism is the effect, manifested in the physical world, of the energy of the second department, just as electricity is the effect, manifested in the physical world, of the energy of the third department.

<sup>16</sup>In the causal-mental world, too, two main energies are manifested: the energy of mental atoms (47:1) is the expression of the second department, and the energy of mental etheric molecules (47:4) is the energy of the third department. Mental atomic energy is the basis of all life in the three worlds of man (47–49) just as its cosmic counterpart, the energy of 29-atoms, is the basis of the manifestation of the solar system (PhS 2.58). Mental atomic energy is the basis of self-consciousness and causal consciousness and is mediated to men by causal devas, the Augoeides. Mental etheric energy is the basis of ordinary mental thinking and is mediated to men by mental devas.

<sup>17</sup>The first department does not as yet manifest itself as a duality, though what lies hidden in a later cycle, further consciousness expansion alone will disclose. The undivided energy of the first department, together with the twofold energies of the second and third departments make the five, the necessary expression of the solar ruler's expansion. The goal of that expansion can be described in terms of energy as follows: The energies of the first, second, and third departments of the solar systemic government will be perfectly coordinated. The rotary, the spiral cyclic, and the forward movements will work in perfect synthesis. The law of economy, the law of attraction, and the law of synthesis will work with perfect adjustment to each other, which will be demonstrated in the correct adaptation of the material envelopes to the indwelling will and consciousness.

### *1.3 Energy in the Microcosm*

<sup>1</sup>Also in the microcosm, in man, energy is threefold in essence and fivefold in manifestation.

<sup>2</sup>1. *Internal vitalizing energy*, which is the correspondence in man to fire by friction (49:1), summarily designated “kundalini”. It affords life to the organism and demonstrates in two ways:

<sup>3</sup>As passive energy, which is the basis of the life of the cells. The cell tends to a spheroidal form and to a rotary adjustment to other cells.

<sup>4</sup>As active energy or prana, which vitalizes the etheric envelope and is the driving force of

its activity. It works in all the four ethers (49:1-4) and also in the gaseous (49:5) molecular kind.

<sup>5</sup>This internal vitalizing energy supplies the basic vibrations of physical man. It corresponds to the third department and is controlled by the law of economy in one of its subdivisions: the law of adaptation in time.

<sup>6</sup>2. *Causal energy* (47:1) is the correspondence in man to solar fire (46:1). It finds expression in self-consciousness and is governed, as its greater correspondence, by the law of attraction. Causal energy manifests itself in spiral cyclic activity, which leads to consciousness expansion and to the entry of the monad at first into the second triad and later into the third triad. As in the macrocosm this energy also manifests itself in two ways:

<sup>7</sup>It shows as that intelligent will which through the second triad unites the third triad with the first triad and functions in the etheric envelope. KofL2 2.21.1

<sup>8</sup>It also demonstrates, although as yet imperfectly, as the vitalizing factor in the thought-forms produced by the monad. At the present stage of mankind's development, relatively few thought-forms are built by the centre of self-consciousness (LA: by the human monad conscious and active in the causal envelope). Few people as yet are in such close touch with (their higher self, or Ego =) their Augoeides that they can build mental matter into a form that can be truly said to be an expression of the purpose or thought of their (Ego =) Augoeides, functioning through the physical brain. (LA: Before the man has become a causal self he can at the higher emotional stage or the higher mental stage in rare moments of self-consciousness become the instrument of Augoeides, so that the latter's causal consciousness can function through the individual and be apprehended in the physical brain. WofM 8.20.2) Most of the thought-forms at present in circulation are emotional-mental material forms, forms of desire faintly tinged with intelligence, and are largely due to the reflex action of elementals.

<sup>9</sup>These two twofold energies – the two physical and the two causal-mental ones – form a quaternary, which with the fifth factor – the self-consciousness and will of the monad – make the five that indicate the manifestation of the monad, a purely subjective manifestation. (LA: It is subjective since the monad cannot be observed objectively until in the highest cosmic world, world 1. But to each monad, to each self, its own self-consciousness and will are ascertainable subjectively: “I am”, “I am not this envelope”, “I am that I am”, “I will”, etc.)

<sup>10</sup>3. Finally there is (the monadic flame divine =) *the energy of the third triad*. This embodies the highest kind of energy the monad can produce (LA: in the worlds of the solar system, 43–49). It is governed by the law of synthesis and is the cause of the monad's forward progressive movement in evolution.

<sup>11</sup>At the end of manifestation and in the consummation of the cycle it will happen with the microcosm, the human monad, as will happen with the macrocosm, the solar system, namely that the three basic energies will be united.

<sup>12</sup>When the energy of the first triad is united with the energy of the second triad and this is united with the energy of the third triad, then the monad will pass the fifth initiation in this solar system and has then completed a greater cycle. (LA: At the fifth initiation the monad becomes a perfect 45-self and centres itself in the 45-atom of the third triad.) Then the monad has achieved liberation from the material form (LA: from matter in worlds 46–49 and also from the second triad). Matter has then been correctly adjusted to spirit and the indwelling life makes itself independent of its envelope, which forms now only an instrument of liberation. LA: Here “spirit” means 43–45; and “matter”, 46–49. Also the third triad – 43:4, 44:1, 45:1 – is called “spirit” in contradistinction to the second triad, which is called “soul”, and the first triad, which is called “matter”. PhS 2.62.3: “The most prevalent tendency was to term the three higher atomic kinds, globes, worlds, or kinds of consciousness of any septenary ‘spirit’; and the four lower ones, ‘matter’.”

#### *1.4 Energy in Manifestation*

<sup>1</sup>The three basic energies maintain the manifested solar system and all the beings contained in it down to men and atoms, afford them life, and effect their development.

<sup>2</sup>The first of the three energies, the one originating from world 35, effects in the worlds of the solar system (43–49) activity of matter, rotary motion, and development according to the law of economy.

<sup>3</sup>The second energy, that from world 32, expresses itself in the worlds of the solar system in consciousness development, particularly in the development of intelligence, of causal (47:1) and essential (46:1) consciousness according to the law of attraction, and in the spiral cyclic motion of matter.

<sup>4</sup>The third energy, that from world 29, manifests itself in world 43 of the solar system, and finds expression in the expansion of the will in third selves. Practically nothing can at this stage be communicated about that expansion. Its degree can be appraised only by the degree of suitability of the envelope. Just as it is not possible for the physical vehicle (LA: the organism and the etheric envelope) fully to express the total point of development of the causal being, so it is not possible for the 46-envelope of the second self fully to express the degree of awakening of the third triad consciousness. Hence the utter impossibility for human consciousness justly to appraise the life of the monad in the third triad. The third energy also expresses itself in the law of synthesis to which the third self is subject and which includes the other two laws as subdivisions. It brings about forward progressive motion, which includes rotary and spiral cyclic motion.

<sup>5</sup>CF treats principally of the consciousness aspect of the solar system, not the matter aspect or the will aspect. It describes the beings who indwell the form, who demonstrate as animating factors through matter, and primarily through etheric matter; who are evolving a second faculty, intelligence and its energy. These beings are (points of fire =) monads, who have been brought into solar systemic manifestation to have the opportunity of developing their consciousness. When they have activated all the kinds of solar systemic consciousness, beginning with physical consciousness and activated all the kinds of solar systemic consciousness (49–43), and finally have become 43-selves, they enter their cosmic centre and bring into it the results of their evolution and expansion.

<sup>6</sup>The internal energy of matter is an effect and not a cause. It is produced by the meeting and interaction of the will energy and the consciousness energy through matter. The internal energy of matter is primarily the physical energy that demonstrates through the etheric centers of the sun and the planets as well as in the centres of man's etheric envelope. In man, the three basic energies find expression through his three triads. When evolution has reached its goal (world 46, where expansion begins), the energy of matter is not cognizable. LA: The consciousness aspect then appears to have superseded the matter aspect.

<sup>7</sup>The internal energy of matter is both active and passive. The active energy shows itself, for instance, as solar radiation and electro-magnetism; the passive energy, in inner planetary combustion. The latter energy is the basis of all physical life.

<sup>8</sup>The internal energy is the basis of life in the lower three subhuman natural kingdoms, and in the human kingdom where its physical envelopes and the emotional envelope are concerned. The energy of consciousness in conjunction with the energy of matter is the basis of human life, and united they control the first self up to the period of discipleship and the initiations.

<sup>9</sup>At the first initiation the energy of will begins to unite with the other two energies in man. From then on the individual can be said to have the basis of spiritual life or spiritual existence. In the fifth natural kingdom, the energy of will becomes as strong as the energy of consciousness and controls the energy of matter, so as to make the envelopes perfect instruments of the intention of the indwelling monad. To the extent that the functions of the lower envelopes are

expedient for life in higher worlds, they are eventually taken over by higher envelopes, whereupon the lower envelopes are abandoned to be dissolved. In the exoteric interpretation of Buddhism, this dissolution of lower envelopes has misleadingly been presented as the annihilation of individual consciousness. The further expansion of consciousness from world 46 on certainly implies the entry of individual consciousness into increasingly greater group consciousnesses, but self-identity is not lost in that process. KofL2 2.22.3; WofM 9.6.12, 9.149.1, 11.5.1

<sup>10</sup>The internal energy of matter, in the solar system, in the planet, and in man, is threefold: 1) the passive energy of the envelope centres, which produces warmth; 2) radiatory active energy, which in the physical world manifests itself as electro-magnetism; 3) the elementals of involution and the energy devas of evolution in the physical and emotional worlds.

<sup>11</sup>The energies of the first two kinds are effects the causes of which are the work that the energy devas do with their environment. (LA: It must be borne in mind here that the envelope centres of man are in themselves deva beings.) Passive energy generates the forms of life of the lower natural kingdoms. Active energy causes the development of those forms.

<sup>12</sup>In man, passive energy builds the organism with its cell and produces sexuality. Active energy is a factor as yet but little comprehended. It appears in that radiation of his etheric envelope which makes man a healer.

<sup>13</sup>It is necessary to differentiate between this radiation from the etheric envelope and such magnetism as is an emanation from an envelope of a higher kind, usually the emotional envelope. The magnetic radiation of the emotional envelope is connected with the manifestation of the energy of the second department (ray) energy in the envelopes of man. The energy of the second department has its abode in world 44, whence it is scaled down, first to world 46, and then to world 48. KofL3 14.3.1

## THE ENERGIES OF THE ENVELOPES

### *1.5 The Three Channels of Energy*

<sup>1</sup>From the very use of the term “envelope” it will be noted that we are considering those energies which manifest themselves through those external forms, those veils of matter which hide and conceal the inner reality. We shall not here take up the subject of the envelopes in the higher worlds, but deal only with the energies that animate the three lower envelopes – the physical envelope in its two divisions (the etheric envelope and the organism), the emotional envelope, and the mental envelope. It is frequently overlooked by the casual student that both the emotional and the mental envelopes are material, and just as material in their own way as is the organism, and also that the matter of which they are composed is vitalized by a triple energy, as is the physical envelope.

<sup>2</sup>The gross physical energies of the organism have their centre at the base of the spine. This centre has a situation in the organism that corresponds to that of the sun in the solar system. This centre radiates its energy in all directions, using the spinal column as its main channel, but working also in close connection with certain central nervous ganglia, and having a special association with the spleen.

<sup>3</sup>The etheric envelope, which is an exact replica of the organism, is the instrument of active or radiatory energy and the vehicle of prana. Its function is to store up all the light and heat it absorbs from the sun, and to transmit them, via the splenic centre, to all parts of the organism. In the future it will come to be recognized that the spine and the spleen are of the utmost importance to the physical well-being of man, and that when the spinal column is duly adjusted, and when the spleen is freed from congestion and in a healthy condition, there will be little trouble in the organism. When the etheric envelope absorbs prana sufficiently and when the organism receives and assimilates it adequately, the organism will function as

desired.

<sup>4</sup>Modern physicians should study how the energies of the etheric envelope are united with those of the organism. They would then concern themselves with the removal of nerve congestion or material congestion, so as to leave a free channel for the energies. This union of energies now is effected naturally and completely in every human being, but in the previous solar system it was one of the signs that the individual in question had attained a definite stage of development or a certain degree of initiation. Just as initiation and liberation are marked in our present solar system by the expedient union of the energies of the three triads, so in the earlier solar system those stages of consciousness development were marked by the union of the energies of the first triad, and then their union with the energies of the second triad. In that earlier period the effects in physical reality of the energies of the third triad were so faint and so hidden as to be scarcely recognizable. There is a correspondence to this in the animal kingdom, where instinct rules and the (intuition =) second triad consciousness is only potential, and (the spirit =) the third triad dimly overshadows. Yet all is part of a divine whole (LA: the monads that are not actually divine are at least potentially divine).

<sup>5</sup>The subject of the active radiatory energy of the macrocosm (the solar system and the planets) and microcosm (man) will be dealt with in detail later. Here we will only deal with the passive internal energy of the solar system, the planets, man, and the atom.

<sup>6</sup>We must remember that both the emotional and the mental envelopes have their centres, which are counterparts of the centres of the etheric envelope. Those centres perform functions connected with the evolution of the material envelopes. (LA: Consciousness in the proper sense, that is: self-consciousness, is possible only through self-initiated activity in the centres of the causal envelope. Activity in the centres of the envelopes of incarnation generates functions that are mechanical but not conscious. That is why the first triad is called the “matter aspect” and only the second triad, to which the causal envelope belongs, is called the “consciousness aspect” – a terminology which can certainly cause a confusion of ideas but which nevertheless sheds light on a very important truth.)

<sup>7</sup>One fundamental fact about the internal physical energy, whether that of the solar system, the planet, the man, or the atom, is that this energy exists in a central nucleus and reaches the periphery through three channels.

<sup>8</sup>At the very heart of the physical *sun* is such a centre. The three channels in this case are three kinds of energy: heat, electricity, and light, or prana. By the use of the term “channel” is meant that the energies in question are radiated from the centre of the sun to the limits of the solar system. Everything which those energies hit on their way will be influenced in some way. On a solar systemic scale all of those energies are regarded as internal, even though on a planetary scale they are considered external. Those energies have to do with the matter aspect, not with the consciousness or will aspect.

<sup>9</sup>Deep in the heart of the *planet*, such a planet as the Earth, for instance, are the energies that occupy the central sphere and that make life on the surface possible at all. Where the moon is concerned, these energies are practically exhausted, and therefore the moon shines only through borrowed light that is not united with any light coming from within.

<sup>10</sup>Just as in the sun, in the Earth, too, these internal energies work through three main channels: 1) Productive matter, the matter of the planet vitalized by energy. This matter nourishes and protects all the beings that dwell in it. 2) Electrical fluid, which is sometimes called “animal magnetism”. It expresses the distinctive quality of the planetary envelope, and is the opposite pole to the solar electrical fluid. Correctly using these two energies of opposite polarities when they meet is the unrealized aim of scientific endeavour at this time. 3) That emanation of the planet which might be called planetary prana. It is that which is referred to when one speaks of the health-giving qualities of Mother Nature. Planetary prana acts directly on the organism and is absorbed through the pores of the skin.

<sup>11</sup>*Man.* In the etheric envelope, at a place corresponding to the base of the spine, is the centre of the driving energy of the human system. From this centre it radiates in three channels, which correspond to the organic spine. Three effects of this energy are bodily warmth, nervous energy, and pranic emanation. They are counterparts of the systemic and planetary energies just mentioned. Nervous energy is the vitalizing fluid that stimulates the nervous centres and creates electrical response to the contact between the nerves and the brain. Pranic emanation demonstrates principally in the health aura and has nothing to do with what is called man's magnetic or personal radiation, which is of emotional, mental, and higher kinds.

<sup>12</sup>Also the emotional and mental envelopes have corresponding triple radiations of energy. Thus this concerns the material energies of those envelopes, not the consciousness energies that manifest themselves through those envelopes. LA: The difference between first triad energies and second triad energies is meant here.

<sup>13</sup>*The atom*, too, has a triple energy radiation, which has been discovered by science to some extent.

<sup>14</sup>All triple energies discussed here are ultimately manifestations of the third department of the solar systemic government. The three departments of that government are, in turn, manifestations of cosmic beings. Correspondingly, the seven departments of the solar system are manifestations of the seven planetary rulers and beings. The three departments of the solar systemic government handle, respectively, balancing (application of law), consciousness development, and transformation of matter. The third department is at present more developed than the other two, since it carries with it the results of the previous solar system, the particular system of the matter aspect. The second department concerns the present solar system in particular; and the first department, the future, third solar system. In itself, none of the three is greater than any one of the other two. (Laurency comments: In the previous solar system, the Holy Spirit was crucified.) Out of manifestation time is not, and without (objectivity =) matter states of consciousness are not. (LA: Note these two enunciations, which are important hylozoic tenets.)

<sup>15</sup>The three triads with their energies are essential expressions of the three departments of the solar systemic government: the third triad expresses the first department; the second triad, the second department; and the first triad, the third department. The solar ruler uses the first department in union with the second department to manifest will and consciousness, and the third department for manifestation in lower worlds. Correspondingly, the three triads are instruments for the will, consciousness, and manifestation of the monad in the worlds of the solar system. In our 49-globe, in its fourth seven-globe, on the fourth globe of this seven-globe, in the current fourth eon, the energies of the third department are uniting somewhat with those of the first department. Through this union, all the evolutionary monads in all the worlds of the solar system receive stimulating energy. The object of this union is the perfected manifestation of (the second department =) consciousness.

<sup>16</sup>The cooperation of the three triads (LA: such a cooperation that the first triad in time will be aligned with the second triad; and the second triad, with the third triad), the merging of the three main departments, and the cooperation of the three cosmic collective beings have in view the development of the middle one of these trinities. In the previous solar system it was not so, but now it is so. When viewed from the cosmic causal-mental world (29–35), the three departments of the solar systemic government make up a unity, the personality of the solar ruler. The significance of the second or middle factor in our solar system explains the excessive energy of the emotional envelope and why it is the central envelope of the personality (LA: the first self). The emotional envelope drives and controls physical man and the consciousness of most people. The emotional envelope demonstrates the temporary union of “spirit” (the will aspect) and matter.



## 1.6 Energy Beings and Energy Devas

<sup>1</sup>The following treats of energy beings and energy devas and their relation to the first triad.

<sup>2</sup>In the solar system, the devas within each world are ruled by the deva lord of that world, seven deva lords in all, of the seven worlds 43–49. The deva lord of world 47, Agni, also rules the devas and nature beings of worlds 47–49. The seven deva lords, 43–49, embody the seven centres of a cosmic physical deva being. This being, whom H.P.B. called Fohat, is the basis of the internal energy of the solar system. The most important and leading deva lords out of the seven, where material energy is concerned, are Shiva for world 43, Brahmā for world 45, and Agni for world 47. It is essential to remember here that these devas are material energy and represent the matter aspect.

<sup>3</sup>A corresponding relation, where the consciousness aspect is concerned, is the fact that seven 44-selves with their ashrams (groups of initiate disciples) form the seven departments within the planetary hierarchy. These departments are at the same times the seven centres of the (heavenly man =) the planetary being. Laurency: Heavenly man = the sum of those who have taken at least the fifth degree when a root-race is dissolved – therefore, seven such ones are formed in each globe-period = the perfect ones of a root-race.

<sup>4</sup>Under the seven deva lords there are in each world numerous groups of beings from mighty dominant devas down to little nature beings. Some of the better known groups of energy beings in the physical and emotional worlds will be enumerated next.

<sup>5</sup>In the *physical world*, salamanders are the little nature beings that exist in all fires, both in those on the earth and in the earth's interior. They are of the same group as the fire spirits that afford warmth to the organisms of men and animals.

<sup>6</sup>The Agnichaitans are such greater fire spirits who are active in volcanoes and large fires. They are closely allied to a still more important group of devas, who form the fiery envelope of the sun.

<sup>7</sup>The pranic beings are those minute fiery beings who are found in the etheric envelopes of human beings, animals, and plants.

<sup>8</sup>Other energy beings inhabit light, devas in the great light rays.

<sup>9</sup>The energy beings of the *emotional world* are more difficult for human beings to understand, having not, as yet, the ability to see in that world. Those beings afford energy to the emotional envelope, and there are lower and higher kinds of them. Those of a lower kind make up the energy of desire, those of a higher kind make up the energy of aspiration.

<sup>10</sup>The building and destroying devas of the emotional world are called Agnisuryans. They are the lower counterparts of essential (46) devas who have similar tasks and sometimes are called by the same name.

<sup>11</sup>Further information about physical and emotional devas is given in Sections 8 and 9.

## THE FIRST TRIAD

### 1.7 The Work of the Three Departments

<sup>1</sup>In each material world where the monad acts through an envelope it has for its focal point an atom (LA: or a molecule of the fourth kind). This serves as a nucleus for the distribution of force, for the conservation of faculty, for the assimilation of experience, and for the preservation of memory (Compare this with PhS 2.15.3). These atoms (LA: and molecules) are in direct connection with one or other of the three great departmental energies which are connected with the monad: the energies of the third triad, the second triad, and the first triad. Each of these departmental energies is connected with some one of the three units of the first triad and has a direct action on the spirals of that unit. The lowest threefold, the first triad, undergoes a twofold process:

<sup>2</sup>First the three units are vitalized in turn, so that first the lowest unit, next the middle unit,

and last the highest unit holds the light the most strongly, until this lowest triad is entirely luminous.

<sup>3</sup>Eventually transmutation takes place, or to word it otherwise, the polarization eventually shifts from this, the lowest triad, into the second triad with its three units. The 49-atom of the first triad is transcended, and the polarization shifts to the 47-atom of the second triad. The 48-atom is transcended, and the polarization shifts to the 46-atom of the second triad. The 47-molecule is superseded, and the polarization shifts to the 45-molecule of the second triad. This is all brought about by the action of the three departmental energies upon the triad units and upon their immanent consciousness and energy life.

<sup>4</sup>The departmental energy of the first triad has a direct action upon the triad physical atom; the departmental energy of the second triad, upon the emotional atom; and the departmental energy of the third triad has a close connection with the mental molecule. The three departmental energies do not act simultaneously, but as everything in nature they work in cycles. The departmental energy of the third triad begins to act upon the first triad mental molecule only when the individual has received discipleship and has passed the first initiation. The departmental energy of the second triad acts powerfully and continuously upon the emotional atom as soon as Augoeides can make a good connection with the man directly in his physical brain. This occurs when the man is highly evolved emotionally and mentally and is nearing discipleship.

<sup>5</sup>Each of the three departmental energies has a threefold action: It plays upon the outer wall of the atom (LA: or molecule) and affects its rotary and vibratory action. It stimulates its nucleus and increases its radiation of energy. It works upon the spirals and activates them.

### *1.8 The Departmental Energy of the First Triad and the Physical Atom of the Triad*

<sup>1</sup>The departmental energy of the first triad stimulates the first four spirals (LA: as counted from below). The departmental energy of the second triad affects the fifth and the sixth spirals, so that their energies are roused from their passivity into full activity. The departmental energy of the third triad stimulates the seventh spiral. (LA: The activation of the spirals of the triad units is a condition of the acquisition of objective consciousness and self-consciousness in the corresponding molecular kinds. PhS 3.16.4; KofL1 9.54.6; KofL2 6.13.10; KofL2 6.18.9,10; KofL3 2.2.2; WofM 4.7.3; WofM 11.4.3)

<sup>2</sup>There is great interest attached to this subject and wide reaches of thought and vast fields for study open up before the earnest student. The threefold action of departmental energy varies periodically and in sequence according to the department of the third triad; but the subject is too vast to be handled here and now.

<sup>3</sup>The fact that the inherent energy of the physical triadal atom is activated by the departmental energy of the first triad is a down-scaling, a repetition on a lesser scale, of a corresponding process on a solar systemic scale. The energy of the third department of the solar systemic government (35) was responsible for ordering atomic matter 43–49 in such a way that it could eventually be built into a form. The subsequent building of the form was the task of the second department (32). Something corresponding to this happens on the human scale: the departmental energy of the first triad exercises functions in connection with the matter aspect on the human scale, and this is manifested in particular in the activity of the physical atom. (The chain of down-scaling goes: 35 to 43 to 49). Through life in the physical world (the kind of life where the triad physical atom has its fullest expression) that matter is arranged and separated which must eventually be built into the causal envelope through the activity of this envelope. “Among the functions of the lower envelopes is to contribute to the development of the causal envelope, by supplying it with causal matter as well as by influencing this matter into activity. This is done by involution of causal matter into the lower envelopes and by vibrations from these envelopes.” PhS 2.23.7

### *1.9 The Departmental Energy of the First Triad and the Law of Reaping*

<sup>1</sup>A brief summary of what has been said so far: First the three basic energies of the solar system were dealt with such as they manifest themselves in the macrocosm (LA: the expansion of the solar systemic being) and microcosm (LA: the evolution of the monads in worlds 43–49), and certain hypotheses were laid down on this subject. Then followed the consideration of (the first of the fires =) the energy of the third solar systemic department and its connection with the energy inherent in matter. After some study of the threefold manifestation of this energy in the solar systemic being, the planetary beings, and the evolutionary monads (including man), there was a treatment of the departmental energy of the first triad and its connection with this third energy. All that has been dealt with so far has concerned matter, a fact that must be borne carefully in mind when studying the whole of this first section of CF (CF 37–220).

<sup>2</sup>In the second section of CF (CF 221–1226) all will be considered from the standpoint of (mind =) the consciousness aspect and the second triad, and in the third and final section (CF 1227–1283) everything will be considered from the standpoint of the (divine ray =) the will aspect and the third triad.

<sup>3</sup>LA: By the term “matter” AAB means now the matter aspect and the energies inherent in matter, now the first triad and its worlds (47:4–49:7), since the matter aspect is the most prominent one in them. Correspondingly, she means by “soul” or “mind” now the consciousness aspect generally, now the second triad and its worlds (45:4–47:3), since the consciousness aspect is the most prominent one in them. And finally, she makes “spirit” mean now the motion or will aspect generally, now the third triad and its worlds (43:4–45:3), since this aspect is the most prominent one in them. Laurency points out (KofL3 4.1.10) that this double use of the terms produces a “wild confusion of ideas”.

<sup>4</sup>The guardians of the law of reaping in our solar system, the so called Lipika Lords, are four in number. Three of them are closely connected with the three departments of the solar systemic government, while the fourth one synthesizes the work of the first three ones. In our planet, they have their counterparts and points of contact in the three “buddhas of activity” and their head, the planetary ruler. From this it is clear that one of the buddhas of activity wields a direct influence on the departmental energy of the first triad and adjusts its activity. The buddhas of activity are the three cosmic selves who stand immediately below the planetary ruler, the lord of the world.

<sup>5</sup>The reaping of matter itself is an abstruse subject and has as yet scarcely been hinted at. It is nevertheless indissoluble mixed up with the reaping of the individual. It involves a control of both atomic and molecular involutionary matter (LA: called by an older terminology monadic and elemental essence, respectively) as well as atomic rotary (primary) matter; all of it in the lowest three solar systemic worlds, 47–49. It is concerned with the lower four spirals of the three units of the first triad, with their development, their activity, their attachment to the envelopes of the monad, and with their development to final perfection and consequent dissolution. It deals with the building of matter into form by the interaction of the energies of the second department and the third department.

<sup>6</sup>The reaping of (forms =) the envelopes of incarnation is likewise a vast and involved subject, but a factor of real importance which should not be overlooked when viewing the evolution of a world, a group of worlds, or a system from higher levels. Everything (in these lower worlds) is, in its totality, the result of actions taken by cosmic beings in an earlier cycle, effects which are working out in atoms, molecules and their aggregates, which we call forms and envelopes. The effect of the departmental energy of the first triad upon the (internal fires =) energies of the envelopes of incarnation therefore, in effect, is the result of the influence of the planetary government representing the department in question, as this government works

out that portion of reaping which falls to its share in any one cycle, greater or lesser. The planetary government thus processes the effects of causes which it set in motion earlier in relation to the other governments. We get an illustrative parallel in the effects which individuals have upon each other, in influencing, stimulating, or retarding each other. We have to remember that no fundamental influence originates from the physical world, but only at least from the emotional world and works thence through the etheric world to the gross physical world.

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