

## STUDIES IN "THE SECRET DOCTRINE"

### Failures of Previous Rounds pg. 239

We have a passage from a Master's letter which has a direct bearing upon these incarnating angels. Says the letter: Now there are, and there must be, failures in the ethereal races of the many classes of Dhyan-Chohans, or Devas (*progressed entities of a previous planetary period*), as well as among men. But still, as the *failures* are too far progressed and spiritualized to be thrown back forcibly from Dhyan-Chohanship into the vortex of a new primordial evolution through the lower Kingdoms, this then happens. Where a new solar system has to be evolved these Dhyan-Chohans are borne in by influx ahead of the Elementals (Entities . . . to be developed into humanity at a *future* time) and remain as a latent or inactive spiritual force, in the aura of a nascent world . . . until the stage of human evolution is reached. . . . Then they *become an active force* and commingle with the Elementals, to *develop little by little the full type of humanity*. That is to say, to develop in, and endow man with his Self-conscious mind, or *Manas*.

*The Secret Doctrine II, 232-233 footnote*

### The Incarnation of the Highest Seven pg. 244

In ancient Symbolism it was always the SUN (though the Spiritual, not the visible, Sun was meant), that was supposed to send forth the chief Saviours and Avatars. Hence the connecting link between the Buddhas, the Avatars, and so many other incarnations of the highest SEVEN.

*The Secret Doctrine I, 638 – (3<sup>rd</sup> par.)*

### The Birth of the Sons of Wisdom pg. 246

#### The Great Sacrifice pg. 250

This Third Race is sometimes called collectively "the Sons of *Passive Yoga*," *i.e.*, it was produced unconsciously by the second Race, which, as it was intellectually inactive, is supposed to have been constantly plunged in a kind of blank or abstract contemplation, as required by the conditions of the Yoga state. In the first or earlier portion of the existence of this third race, while it was yet in its state of purity, the "Sons of Wisdom," who, as will be seen, incarnated in this Third Race, produced by *Kriyasakti* a progeny called the "Sons of Ad" or "of the Fire-Mist," the "Sons of Will and Yoga," etc. They were a conscious production, as a portion of the race was already animated with the divine spark of spiritual, superior intelligence. It was not a Race, this progeny. It was at first a wondrous Being, called the "Initiator," and after him a group of semi-divine and semi-human beings. "Set apart" in *Archaic* genesis for certain purposes, they are those in whom are said to have incarnated the highest Dhyanis, "Munis and Rishis from previous Manvantaras" — *to form the nursery for future human adepts*, on this earth and during the present cycle. These "Sons of Will and Yoga" born, so to speak, in an immaculate way, remained, it is explained, entirely apart from the rest of mankind.

The "Being" just referred to, which has to remain nameless, is the *Tree* from which, in subsequent ages, all the great *historically* known Sages and Hierophants, such as the Rishi Kapila, Hermes, Enoch, Orpheus, etc., etc., have branched off. As objective *man*, he is the mysterious (to the profane — the ever invisible) yet ever present Personage about whom

legends are rife in the East, especially among the Occultists and the students of the Sacred Science. It is he who changes form, yet remains ever the same. And it is he again who holds spiritual sway over the *initiated* Adepts throughout the whole world. He is, as said, the “Nameless One” who has so many names, and yet whose names and whose very nature are unknown. He is *the* “Initiator,” called the “GREAT SACRIFICE.” For, sitting at the threshold of LIGHT, he looks into it from within the circle of Darkness, which he will not cross ; nor will he quit his post till the last day of this life-cycle. Why does the solitary Watcher remain at his self-chosen post ? Why does he sit by the fountain of primeval Wisdom, of which he drinks no longer, as he has naught to learn which he does not know — aye, neither on this Earth, nor in its heaven ? Because the lonely, sore-footed pilgrims on their way back to their *home* are never sure to the last moment of not losing their way in this limitless desert of illusion and matter called Earth-Life. Because he would fain show the way to that region of freedom and light, from which he is a voluntary exile himself, to every prisoner who has succeeded in liberating himself from the bonds of flesh and illusion. Because, in short, he has sacrificed himself for the sake of mankind, though but a few Elect may profit by the GREAT SACRIFICE.

It is under the direct, silent guidance of this MAHA — (great) — GURU that all the other less divine Teachers and instructors of mankind became, from the first awakening of human consciousness, the guides of early Humanity. It is through these “Sons of God” that infant humanity got its first notions of all the arts and sciences, as well as of spiritual knowledge ; and it is they who have laid the first foundation-stone of those ancient civilizations that puzzle so sorely our modern generation of students and scholars.

*The Secret Doctrine I, 207-208*

### Spheres of Expectation pg. 254

(a) Says the Catechism (Commentaries): --

... ”*Into the forms projected by the Lha (Pitris) the two letters (the Monad, called also the Double Dragon ) descend from the spheres of expectation.\* But they are like a roof with no walls, nor pillars to rest upon.*” ...

\* The intermediate spheres, wherein the Monads, which have not reached Nirvana, are said to slumber in unconscious inactivity between the Manvantaras.

*The Secret Doctrine I, 57*

### Asuras and Suras pg. 256

Two important points are involved herein: - (a) Primarily in the *Rig-Veda*, the Asuras are shown as *spiritual divine beings*; their etymology is derived from *asu* (breath), the Breath of God, and they mean the same as the Supreme Spirit or the Zoroastrian *Ahura*. It is later on, for purposes of theology and dogma, that they are shown issuing from Brahmâ’s thigh, and that their name began to be derived from *a*, privative, and *sura*, god (solar deities), or *not-a-god*, and that they became the enemies of the gods. ....

*The Secret Doctrine I, 59 - (3<sup>rd</sup> par.)*

### The Seven Embryonic Humanities pg. 260

...the Secret Doctrine postulates three new propositions, which stand in direct antagonism to modern science as well as to current religious dogmas: it teaches (a) the simultaneous evolution of seven human groups on seven different portions of our globe; .....

*The Secret Doctrine II, 1*

### Manasaputras, Lunar Pitris, Animal Monads, etc. pg. 263

The human *Ego* is neither Atman nor Buddhi, but the higher *Manas*. ....

(pg. 80) Hence, as the higher Pitris or Dhyanis had no hand in his physical creation, we find primeval man, issued from the bodies of his *spiritually fireless* progenitors, described as aëriform, devoid of compactness, and MINDLESS. He had no middle principle to serve him as a medium between the *highest* and the *lowest*, the spiritual man and the physical brain, for he lacked *Manas*. The Monads which incarnated in those *empty* SHELLS, remained as unconscious as when separated from their previous incomplete forms and vehicles. There is no potentiality for creation, or self-Consciousness, in a *pure* Spirit on this our plane, unless its too homogeneous, perfect, because divine, nature is, so to say, mixed with, and strengthened by, an essence already differentiated.

***The Secret Doctrine II, 79 (+80)***

Between man and the animal whose Monads (or Jivas) are fundamentally identical - there is the impassable abyss of Mentality and Self-consciousness. What is human mind in its higher aspect, whence comes it, if it is not a portion of the essence - and, in some rare cases of incarnation, the *very essence* - of a higher Being: one from a higher and divine plane?

***The Secret Doctrine II, 81***

### The Forces of the Universe pg. 268

To thoroughly comprehend the idea underlying every ancient cosmology necessitates the study, in a comparative analysis, of all the great religions of antiquity; as it is only by this method that the root idea will be made plain. Exact science - could the latter soar so high, while tracing the operations of nature to their ultimate and original sources - would call this idea the hierarchy of Forces. The original, transcendental and philosophical conception was one. But as systems began to reflect with every age more and more the idiosyncracies of nations; and as the latter, after separating, settled into distinct groups, each evolving along its own national or tribal groove, the main idea gradually became veiled with the overgrowth of human fancy. While in some countries the FORCES, or rather the intelligent Powers of nature, received divine honours they were hardly entitled to, in others - as now in Europe and the *civilized* lands - the very thought of any such Force being endowed with intelligence seems absurd, and is proclaimed *unscientific*. ....

***The Secret Doctrine I, 424***