

GOTTFRIED de PURUCKER on HUMANITY (on function of humanity in our Globe Earth)

E.I. 7, THE DOCTRINE OF THE SPHERES, p.116-7

Our Earth is lower in the scale of its individual evolution than is the average humanity inhabiting it, although the spiritual entity of which the Earth is the physical expression, bears the same relation to its humanity that the human soul bears to the composite atoms of the lower part of the human constitution. Reflect over this remarkable fact.

Now some of our esoteric students may wonder whether these words refer to the Earth as Globe D of our own Planetary Chain, or to the Chain as a whole. The answer is that they refer to our Globe Earth in particular, but can refer by analogical application equally well to every other globe of our Planetary Chain. The fact is that each such globe is, from the evolutionary standpoint, less advanced than is the ‘humanity’ of the evolving Egos which at any time inhabit it, or, otherwise stated, pass through it during the course of the Rounds through the globes of the Planetary Chain.

In this connexion I am reminded of a certain passage from K. H. in *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett*, which has seemed to cause confusion and difficulty in the minds of students. I will quote it hereunder:

K.H.: p. 94 (2nd ed.), Letter No. XV, Jul. 1882.

“The correspondence between a mother-globe and her child-man may be thus worked out. Both have their seven principles. In the Globe, the elementals (of which there are in all seven species) form (a) a gross body, (b) her fluidic double (linga sariram), (c) her life principle (jiva); (d) her fourth principle kama rupa is formed by her creative impulse working from centre to circumference; (e) her fifth principle (animal soul or Manas, physical intelligence) is embodied in the vegetable (in germ) and animal kingdoms; **(f) her sixth principle (or spiritual soul, Buddhi) is man** (g) and her seventh principle (atma) is in a film of spiritualized akasa that surrounds her.”

Now I would like to point out that the two statements, the one by me and the one by the Master, do not refer to identically the same thing. The Master had in mind the sevenfold nature of the physical sphere of the Earth only, and was not dealing with our Globe Earth as a cosmic septenary — which it most certainly is, containing as it does all the seven Element-Principles of the Universe from the Cosmic Ātman down to the Globe’s Sthūla-śārīra. The Master was dealing only with our Globe Earth in its sevenfold aspect as the Globe’s terrestrial Sthūla-śārīra alone, with the seven ‘elements’ and seven ‘principles’ of such Sthūla-śārīra. This fact in itself is a proof of what has often been stated, that every one of the seven portions of a septenary entity is in itself sevenfold or septenary; so that even the Sthūla-śārīra is a septenary entity: it has its ātman, buddhi, manas, kāma, and all the other principles, as has every unit in Boundless Space. And of this sevenfold characteristic of our physical plane, we human beings form the buddhi life-atoms during our transit.

In an exactly analogical and indeed identical manner, man’s physical body, or Sthūla-śārīra, may be divided into seven ‘principles’ or ‘elements’ formed of portions of all the parts of his constitution expressing themselves on the physical plane in and through man’s physical body. For instance, in man’s body all the seven species or classes of elementals form the grossest physical matter of the human body, its fluidic double, and its life-principle or Prāṇa; whereas the fourth principle of the physical body is a portion of the element of Kāma working through it; its fifth principle is the brain-mind’s psycho-magnetic activity; its sixth principle is the reflexion in the body of man’s higher human soul; and the body’s seventh principle or Ātman is the aura, or ākāśic auric fluid, that surrounds the human body — and which ākāśic fluid, as elsewhere plainly stated in these *Instructions*, is the Auric Egg of man in its lowest or most material aspect.

E.I. 9 – CORRELATIONS OF COSMIC AND HUMAN CONSTITUTIONS, p.46-7

A few words may be helpful here with regard to the statement elsewhere made by me that we as humans are higher evolutionally than is our Globe D, our Earth, on which at present our Human Life-wave is stationed. I have elsewhere tried to throw some light on this matter, which seems quite needlessly to have perplexed some of our esoteric students. Now I would not say that we as individual human beings are higher than the Planetary Spirit of Globe D is, for this would be quite wrong, and I do not think that I have ever used such words – at least I hope not – which would give this entirely erroneous impression. The truth is that the Spirit, or spiritual parts of the Planetary Spirit, of Globe D is higher in evolution than is the Spiritual Monad of any human being, but we human beings as such are higher, and obviously so, than is our Globe D or Earth which is the outermost or most material veil or garment of Globe D's Planetary Spirit.

Therefore I may say that the human hierarchy, the human race, represents a rather more evolved stage on the ladder of life than has been attained by the Earth on which we live. And why? Because we are the manifestations at the present time, in quasi-astral, almost gelatinous bodies, of life-atoms of a spiritual type, which stage the globe, considered as an entity, has not yet attained. **Human beings collectively, rather than distributively, represent the buddhi-mânasic quality of the Earth.**