

5 THE PLANETARY HIERARCHY

5.1 Introduction

¹Mankind consists of individuals (monads) who have acquired causal envelopes (47) and have in so doing passed from the animal kingdom to the human kingdom (from the third to the fourth natural kingdom).

²The hierarchy of our planet consists of individuals who by acquiring essential envelopes (46) have passed from the fourth to the fifth natural kingdom.

³There are four degrees in the planetary hierarchy: individuals who have envelopes and full consciousness in worlds 46, 45, 44, and 43. Those in worlds 46 and 45 are said to belong to the fifth natural kingdom; and those in worlds 44 and 43, to the sixth natural kingdom, or the first (or lowest) divine kingdom. In the fifth natural kingdom, the individual has his monad centred in his second triad; in the sixth natural kingdom, in his third triad. The fifth natural kingdom consists of causal selves, essential selves (46-selves), and superessential selves (45-selves). The sixth natural kingdom consists of 44-selves and 43-selves.

⁴The hierarchy dwells in the worlds 43–46, of which world 46 is part of our planetary system and worlds 43–45 are part of the entire solar system. Those who work at the planetary evolution, however, have a firm anchorage in the physical world of the planet (49:1). This is true of the planetary hierarchy as well as of the planetary government.

⁵The planetary government consists of individuals who belong to the second (36–42) and third (29–35) cosmic kingdoms and can at need consult those in the fourth (22–28). All these kingdoms develop. All strive to eventually activate the consciousness in their next higher atomic kind. In each higher kind of consciousness their capacity increases on a fantastic scale. A planetary ruler needs an entire planet in order to get an outlet for his capacity (full sovereignty in 21 dimensions) in an expedient manner. The degree of difficulty of the problems which they have to solve in this endeavour increases in each higher atomic world. Moreover, they have to fulfil various functions concerning the three aspects of reality of lower worlds and kingdoms, particularly in respect of evolution and its conditions. All this is in accordance with the Law (the sum total of all laws of nature and laws of life in the different worlds).

⁶This process can be described in various ways, depending on which one of the three aspects of existence (the matter, motion, or consciousness aspect) we choose as our starting-point. For those who have a scientific orientation, the matter aspect is the most natural, and is, besides, the easiest to comprehend for everybody. People, especially Westerners, are so ignorant of the motion and consciousness aspects, also their expressions in the worlds of man, that any mention of the higher kinds of consciousness of higher material worlds will just be misunderstood. We must be content with the fact that from world 46 (the essential world) on, the consciousness expansion of the individual implies subjective and objective omniscience in the world concerned and all lower worlds, with common participation in the consciousness of all beings and a possibility of complete knowledge of the past of these worlds. The attempts man has made to comprehend this have always degenerated into imaginative speculation. What lies beyond the possible human experience remains incomprehensible, although it provides emotional thinking with opportunities of ecstatic excesses so cherished by mystics and yogis.

⁷Essential energy (46) manifests itself partly as striving for unity (“love”), partly as wisdom. Love is what unites the planetary hierarchy with mankind. Wisdom unites the hierarchy with the planetary government. This explains why “love is the path to god”.

⁸The planetary hierarchy receives directions from the planetary government, which is subordinate to the solar systemic government, which in its turn belongs under the successively higher divine kingdoms of the cosmic organization.

⁹The hierarchy is divided into seven departments, and the individuals in the pertaining worlds belong to some one of these seven. Each department works at its special kind of motion and

consciousness.

¹⁰The matter–energy–consciousness currents from departments 1, 4 and 5 are the most important for man’s mental development at his present stage of development; 2 and 6, for his emotional life; and 3 and 7, for his physical life.

¹¹In all the higher natural kingdoms every individual is a distinct individual character. Unity is determined by everything’s conformity to law, which is the necessary condition for the absolutely frictionless harmony. Without the knowledge of the Law and the ability of exact application of the Law, the cosmos would degenerate into chaos.

¹²All members of the planetary hierarchy are servants of life in that planet to which they belong. Their task is to supervise the consciousness development of the individuals, the transmigration of the monads from kingdom to kingdom, to give man all the knowledge he needs for his development on his level. Perhaps this sounds easy to those who do not suspect how many factors they must consider in doing this. It is no use for the ignorant of life to make appeals or claims. When the individual has done his share, which he has seldom done, then he can with certainty count on getting his share too. It is not possible for any man to propose a better order of things. The cosmic organization works with unfailing precision according to all the laws of nature and laws of life in existence.

¹³Almost all members of the planetary hierarchy are incarnated in human organisms. Mankind is unaware of this. They do not make themselves known, for in so doing they would jeopardize their mission in life. Mankind is too primitive for such knowledge. When an influential minority is sufficiently advanced to understand their mission and realize their indispensable importance for human consciousness development, for continued civilization and culture, and sufficiently numerous to keep ignorance, barbarism, and other primitiveness within bounds, then they will be able to reappear as in Atlantis.

¹⁴Even in Atlantis the planetary hierarchy tried to make men acquire attractive emotional consciousness. Still – after fifty thousand years – mankind has not advanced any further. So consciousness development certainly is a slow business.

¹⁵At present, the planetary hierarchy is busily preparing for its reappearance. It therefore exhorts all its disciples to spread the knowledge of its existence. That knowledge is of great importance, for it directs mankind’s longing for a helper in its need to a concrete object and a factor existing in reality.

¹⁶In the following, some brief data are given on the planetary hierarchy, its organization, its mission to give men knowledge of reality and life (the only chance they have to get real knowledge), and to help men to activate the various kinds of superconsciousness themselves.

5.2 Everything Develops

¹Life is transformation, ever new kinds of experience in new relations of life. Standstill and crystallization hamper consciousness development. Change affords opportunities of liberation from things of lower levels.

²All develop, all in higher kingdoms as well. The planetary hierarchy today knows more than it knew a zodiacal epoch ago. It has itself acquired a vaster knowledge of worlds 43–46. It has also learnt still more about human evolution, about mankind’s possibilities of misunderstanding ever more.

³Also within the planetary hierarchy there are two categories: researchers who deepen the knowledge of their worlds, and teachers who impart to disciples ever more of that knowledge which they are able to receive, those disciples who want to understand ever more, also in order to be increasingly competent teachers themselves. What the researchers find benefits all the others, of course.

⁴You should be clear about the fact that nobody is born a teacher. It is not enough that you comprehend and understand for yourself. It is a special capability to make others comprehend,

to teach so that “even an idiot may grasp it”. The acquisition of that ability requires many incarnations. Most people have experience of teachers who lacked that ability, and of others who could put things into perspective, show how they were parts of a greater whole, put the subject into living reality, make it as exciting as a detective story.

⁵Omniscience of and in a world everybody must acquire himself, or, if it has been communicated by others, re-examine himself. Astrologers in the hierarchy ascertain vibrations coming in from the zodiac, the planets, and even other solar systems. It is one of the tasks of the planetary hierarchy to utilize those energies for the evolution of lower kingdoms (with everything that the word “evolution” implies).

⁶Those members of the planetary hierarchy who have acquired 42-consciousness have seven alternatives of further consciousness development to choose between, corresponding to the seven cosmic departments.

⁷Our solar system makes up a cosmic globe in conjunction with six other solar systems. The 42-self’s choice of department determines which one of these seven he will choose. If he prefers to remain in his own solar system, then he passes automatically into the planetary government or as a “neophyte” into the solar systemic government.

⁸The highest three cosmic kingdoms (atomic worlds 1–7, 8–14, 15–21) can be safely omitted from all expositions, since not even the planetary hierarchy knows more about them than that they exist and are the grounds and causes of the cosmic manifestation. The individuals who have attained these kingdoms have no contact with those in the worlds of the solar system (43–49). They fulfil no functions in the lowest four cosmic kingdoms (22–28, 29–35, 36–42, 43–49).

5.3 The Seven Parallel Evolutions and Hierarchies

¹There are two other main kinds of hierarchies, hierarchies for the matter aspect and for the motion aspect. At their disposal are billions of evolutionary beings at various stages of development on the various parallel paths of evolution. Only rebel mankind refuses to its own detriment to participate in the work for evolution and has made life in the physical world the hell it is.

²The evolution of the monads (primordial atoms) takes place in seven parallel streams of evolution, one of which is that passing through the human kingdom. Since each stream of evolution has its own supervising hierarchy, there are seven planetary hierarchies, if you include among the hierarchies the monads who have become 46-selves, acquired 46-consciousness, entered into the fifth natural kingdom. Information is available only on two of these seven paths of evolution: the human and the deva evolutions. The planetary hierarchy mentioned in esoterics supervises the human stream of evolution, consciousness development in the lowest four natural kingdoms.

³All the seven hierarchies mentioned are subordinate to the planetary government, which thus is common to all within the planet. The hierarchies are executives that work according to directions given them by the planetary government.

⁴The planetary hierarchy’s sphere of activity is within the consciousness aspect, concerning the consciousness development in human individuals, nations, races, as well as in lower natural kingdoms. Those tasks which fall within the law of reaping devolve on the deva hierarchy (the deva evolution within our planetary system, comprising about 200 billion individuals as compared with the 60 billion of mankind). Its tasks belong to the matter and motion aspects. It is impossible for mankind to contact it.

⁵The planetary hierarchy is called so in contrast to those “hierarchies” which mankind sometimes sees fit to invent.

⁶The Augoeides and the Protogonoi belong to the deva evolution but cooperate with the planetary hierarchy.

⁷“Nirmanakaya” is a common term for a series of successively higher beings (the lowest ones

being essential selves, 46-selves), whose function it is to scale down the cosmic energies into solar systemic and planetary ones. They serve (to use technical terms) as “transformers” and “accumulators”. They do not concern themselves with individuals or their consciousness development. Of course, irremediable human presumption and belief in its own discernment (the belief that brainwaves and fancies accord with reality) has concocted a lot of unreliable statements about them as about everything else.

5.4 A Perfect Organization

¹The planetary hierarchy is a perfect organization. By this is meant that everybody knows his place without “appointments”. No orders are given in the hierarchy, because no orders are needed. A general plan is discussed at conferences (at which all put forward their viewpoints), until all are clear about what they have to do. Those principles which follow automatically from the laws of life are self-evident. If questions arise which require higher insight, the answers are received immediately. Other requisite knowledge can be obtained from the subconscious of the higher selves without the need of taking up their attention. The common knowledge in every world exists in its globe memory. A 45-self can instantly get to know everything he does not know about everything in worlds 45–49. World 45 is the lowest world that is common to all the planets in the solar system.

²The planetary hierarchy is divided into seven departments in the fifth natural kingdom and into three departments in the sixth kingdom. However, this applies only to those who fulfil special functions in connection with the activity of the organization. In fact, there are representatives of all seven departments in all the worlds of the hierarchy.

³The best analogy of the organization of the planetary hierarchy is seven central civil service departments with subdivisions (“offices”) consisting of officials of various degrees.

⁴These seven authorities in certain respects work independently at evolution (biological as well as consciousness evolution) but are in other respects subordinate to the planetary government, which supervises them all and from time to time gives necessary directions to be worked out in detail in the authorities.

⁵The corresponding is true of the cosmic organization with its six ever higher kinds of governments. Our entire cosmos is a perfect organization since long ago.

⁶The second department of the planetary hierarchy is usually called the department of education. This has no bearing on the matters belonging to school or university, but rather to all attempts made by the hierarchy to impart reality ideas (Platonic ideas), to present esoteric knowledge to mankind.

⁷A complete reorganization of the planetary hierarchy is in progress. Henceforth, the 45-selves will not, as hitherto, be able to take beginners. A large-scale incarnation in the West of individuals at the stages of humanity, ideality, and essentiality is foreseen. The task of these ancient disciples is to be teachers of aspirants, the number of whom will increase according as esoterics attracts more attention and is more closely studied. In this way an esoteric “university” is obtained instead of the ancient knowledge orders. In this connection it should be pointed out that the Indian yoga schools, led by yogis of various kinds, did not issue from the esoteric knowledge orders, and therefore their yoga philosophy was never in agreement with the systems of knowledge taught in the planetary hierarchy’s orders instituted by 46-selves.

5.5 The Consciousness of the Planetary Hierarchy

¹The planetary hierarchy is omniscient in the solar system. It waits, with infinite patience, for mankind to develop so far that it realizes universal brotherhood, the will to unity, overcomes hatred, and is working for the evolution of consciousness. When this is a fact, all its knowledge will be put at the disposal of mankind. Before then, as long as men are blindly striving for wealth, glory, power, etc., they will always abuse their power (everybody according to his

possibilities), and so long mankind must live in appearances, wander in darkness.

²The planetary hierarchy has sufficient experience of the impossibility of conferring power to anyone who has not acquired consciousness of unity (46). Knowledge of the Law is not enough, for the Law is always set aside as long as the individual does not live in order to serve the whole. It is not enough to serve an ideal, an idea, a church, or anything that is a part of the whole.

³The members of the planetary hierarchy, consciously sharing in the total consciousness, regard any talk of individual consciousness as a proof of life ignorance. Even the monad consciousness is to them nothing more than self-identity. There is no isolated consciousness. The requirements for joining their hierarchy are constantly tightened up according as more and more people reach the stages of culture, humanity, and ideality. Also in those people the understanding of all things in life increases automatically. There is no standstill in the hierarchy either. The ideas of the world of Platonic ideas increase according as more and more causal selves bring their experience into it, and the corresponding is true of higher worlds. The very cosmic total consciousness is nothing more than the common experience of all monads, and this experience must increase constantly as long as the cosmos exists, must be enriched by the individual conceptions of all.

⁴45-selves and higher selves are infallible in their conception of the present and the past. However, where the future and its possibilities are concerned, even the planetary hierarchy can make miscalculations. This is clear from the fact that there are often different views within the hierarchy as to the suitability of desirable measures. What makes exactitude impossible is the law of freedom and the unpredictability of individual actions. If everything were predetermined, as many philosophers have thought, then mistakes would be impossible.

⁵The precalculations of the future made by the planetary hierarchy are based on its knowledge of the past, of what exists in the present, and of those cosmic departmental energies which are to pervade the planet during a zodiacal epoch as well as the realizations they are intended to make possible.

5.6 The Planetary Government

¹Our god is the planetary ruler at the head of the planetary government. Besides its work for its own consciousness development, the planetary government supervises the material process of the planet, the consciousness evolution of the six natural kingdoms, and the infallible application of the laws of life. The individuals of all kingdoms have to solve their problems themselves according to the law of self-realization, and are supervised by billions of individuals belonging to the deva evolution, who evolve by doing this work. Where man is concerned, these devas administer both the law of destiny and the law of reaping. This entire organization works according to laws of nature and laws of life, wherefore arbitrariness and injustice are absolutely precluded. It should be evident from this that the prevalent ideas of god are the imaginative constructions of ignorance.

²The planetary government adapts the cosmic energies (the energies of the seven cosmic departments) to planetary needs and very often after asking for the suggestions of the planetary hierarchy. Both the planetary government and the planetary hierarchy are evolutionary kingdoms that develop by having experiences and working them up, by acquiring qualities and abilities with a view to reaching higher kingdoms, by acquiring knowledge of the laws of higher kingdoms and by faultlessly applying the laws of lower kingdoms.

³The fact that probability is a law might at first surprise those who are ignorant of the accommodative laws of existence. It is inescapable in connection with the law of consciousness development, which implies relative imperfection in all the kingdoms except the highest one.

⁴Both the planetary government and the planetary hierarchy can be regarded as energy centres, from which energies pour down through the lower worlds. The energies of the planetary govern-

ment are cosmic and interplanetary and are taken charge of by the planetary hierarchy for planetary use. The energies received from the government are especially related to the motion aspect, energy aspect, will aspect, the impelling force in events and individuals. They make it possible for individuals in lower kingdoms to utilize dynamis, the absolute energy of which must be scaled down through the different worlds in order not to act destructively and dissolve the composition of matter. As free energy dynamis acts destructively.

⁵To join the planetary government acquisition of cosmic consciousness is required. This means at least 42-consciousness. Of course, 43-selves are admitted to the government without restriction for constantly recurring deliberations.

⁶The members of the planetary government belong to three different cosmic kingdoms (22–28, 29–35, 36–42); thus are at most 22-selves and at least 42-selves. Fortunately, we have no knowledge of their functions, for we are utterly unable to comprehend any one of these, and, moreover, ineradicable conceited human imaginative speculation would, as usual, idiotize it all.

⁷What the envelopes are for man (opportunities of learning) the planet with its worlds and their content of natural kingdoms, parallel evolutions etc., is for the members of the planetary government. Although everyone of them has his particular function, they profit by the experience of all the others. By function is meant the full utilization of one's own abilities in ongoing life processes. In so doing they acquire the qualifications of fulfilling ever greater functions in the cosmic processes of manifestation. By receiving "energies" from higher cosmic kingdoms and utilizing them expediently they also assimilate their "nature". By serving they acquire ever greater insight and ability. This is a thing which the disciple learns to see.

⁸Because of the immense power which the black lodge wields through the continuing idiotization of mankind (in religion, philosophy, and science – not to mention politics) and the extreme situation mankind is in at the verge of self-destruction of all physical life, those 43-selves who have become 42-selves, at the request of the planetary ruler have decided to join the government and remain in it until the "crisis" has been overcome and the planetary hierarchy has been able to reappear as the guide of evolution on our planet.

⁹A 43-self has to acquire consciousness in 42 additional worlds, cosmic worlds. But that does not mean that such selves would be in any way unqualified for their tasks within the planet and the solar system. They are fully competent to faultlessly judge all conditions within their sphere of activity. Their ignorance concerns cosmic conditions, and that is quite another thing. A rule that applies in the cosmic organization is that nobody is charged with a function that he is not fully competent to judge. Moreover, the supervision effected through the entire series of higher selves precludes any mistake.

¹⁰Theosophical writers have, unwisely, discussed the "failure of the Buddha" (an unhappy expression, besides), mentioned in Blavatsky's *Secret Doctrine*. That was no failure on account of ignorance or incompetence. It was a change of a decision – to remain in the planet instead of leaving it for other tasks. Such an action necessitates rearrangements of the plans of other individuals as well and is considered "inappropriate". We human beings, however, should be grateful for it.

¹¹Those individuals, who have become manifestal selves (43-selves) and so have acquired full subjective and objective consciousness in the worlds of the solar system, as a rule leave our solar system on their acquisition of 42-consciousness (the lowest kind of cosmic consciousness).

¹²The planetary hierarchy has sometimes called solar systemic worlds 43–49 "cosmic physical", worlds 36–42 "cosmic emotional", worlds 29–35 "cosmic mental", partly for lack of other terms for these worlds, partly because of existing analogies and relations. Perhaps the spread of such terms, duly distorted, makes people drivel about their "cosmic consciousness" when they become clairvoyant (have acquired emotional objective consciousness in 48:4-7).

5.7 *The Planetary Hierarchy in the Past*

¹“The ancients” (initiates) called the planet Venus the “morning star” (not the evening star) as well as “Lucifer” (he who brought the “light”, the knowledge to our planet). By order of the solar systemic government the Venusian planetary government relinquished some of its members, who took over the management of our planet when biological evolution had reached so far that the brain of “ape-man” could begin to be mentalized. This was 22 million years ago. The direct result of this was that the apes could begin to causalize (pass from the third to the fourth natural kingdom by acquiring causal envelopes). The condition for the transfer was, of course, that Venus was enormously far ahead of Terra in developmental respect. In fact, the mankind of Venus is the only mankind in the solar system that concludes its evolution in the current eon.

²The individuals of the fifth natural kingdom must of course have appeared as “gods” to mankind in Lemuria and Atlantis. A relic of this view recurs in the talk of the “kingdom of god” in reference to that future event when the “supermen” of the planetary hierarchy will reappear.

³In its incredible foolishness and presumption mankind banished the planetary hierarchy whose function it was to help men with their problems: political, social, economic, etc. problems, which mankind will always fail to solve until it persuades itself to call its true leaders back. Since then, the planetary hierarchy has been able to help only through imperfect human tools who have been rejected, they too. The hierarchy still continues to help in the ways that are at hand: transference of ideas into brains that are receptive to them. The fact that many of those under inspiration have thought themselves to be the authors of their more or less ingenious ideas is just a proof of the total ignorance of life prevalent.

⁴All true knowledge of existence beyond the visible world is a gift of the planetary hierarchy.

⁵Knowledge orders were instituted after the planetary hierarchy (who in Atlantis made up “the higher priesthood”) was banished by the élite educated in the temple schools of the planetary hierarchy. It became apparent that the knowledge which confers power (the knowledge of the motion aspect) is abused by all who are capable of using it for their own good. That lust for power is strengthened by fear, ambition, greed, envy, and vengefulness (the strongest expressions of hatred). The expression “sin against the holy spirit” has, as always, been misinterpreted by the theologians. Its meaning was “hatred in all its life expressions” (D.K.).

⁶The relatively harmless part of the esoteric knowledge (treating of the matter and consciousness aspects) has been allowed for publication since the year 1875. One might think that mankind would have received this “revelation” with gratitude. Instead, it has been met with frenetic opposition from all those who have been content with some one of the fiction systems even when they realize its insufficiency. They have not even cared to examine the reality content of hylozoics and its resources to explain things.

⁷Only those who have been initiated into some one of the esoteric knowledge orders of the planetary hierarchy have known about the existence of the hierarchy. Ever since the year 1875, more and more facts belonging to the esoteric knowledge have gradually been allowed for publication. Regrettably, writers who were not qualified for this task tried to compile these originally too few facts into systems. The result of this was a series of exposés, which equally injudicious readers (everybody relying on his authority) dogmatized, in so doing giving rise to the usual sectarianism.

⁸Confusion has also been wrought by the use of the term “esoteric”, ever since it was publicly known, to embellish all manner of religio-philosophical quasi-knowledge. Mystics and occultists of many kinds nowadays call themselves esotericians, although this term originally was used only in reference to those who possess esoteric knowledge (hylozoics) latently and when studying it immediately recognize that it agrees with reality.

⁹Of course the planetary hierarchy has not restricted itself merely to instituting knowledge

orders for the élite. Its members have also made frequent attempts to present mankind with life views adapted to prevalent general ways of looking at things, with the intention of orienting in life and establishing norms for expedient action and frictionless social life. Enterprising “spiritual leaders” made these views systems, and the powers that be made them the phenomena which we call religions.

¹⁰The history of religion shows how these systems of orientation were formed into inflexible, sacred dogmatic systems with the immense power such things have over a life-ignorant mankind at the lower emotional stage. This history shows how almost impossible it has been to discard misconceptions that have once slipped in, however absurd, however hostile to common sense and the most elementary humanity they have been.

¹¹Buddhism is in many respects a misstatement of the teaching of the Buddha. Islam is in many respects a misinterpretation of Muhammad’s teaching. But no religion has as thoroughly misunderstood the teaching of its author as has Christianity. The Buddha warned, fruitlessly of course, against the writings which men called “sacred”. They have been the curse of mankind.

¹²Buddhism was the first attempt to mentalize religion. Everything preceding it (Taoism, for instance) belonged to mysticism. Christos–Maitreya made use of the cosmic vibrations from the zodiacal constellation of Pisces in order to establish a path of communication between emotionality (the typical 6th department) and essentiality (2nd department). The history of religion shows those who possess sufficient understanding that both the Buddha and Christos failed in their attempts.

¹³In our times, a new attempt was made (Blavatsky, 1875) to awaken the intelligentsia, who at the time were generally beginning to recognize that philosophy (the human intellect) was unable to solve the “enigma of existence”. But the concerted, furious attack from theologians, philosophers, and scientists thwarted also this endeavour. However, the planetary hierarchy has decided to let entire clans of old initiates incarnate and to take up the battle itself against the satanists, who have hitherto been all but sovereign masters in the physical and emotional worlds. Mankind shall not need to grope in the dark any more. The knowledge of reality shall be given to the seekers, so that nobody need be ignorant any more that such knowledge is obtainable. The satanists of course make a desperate attempt to stop the teaching, and even though the struggle be long, the outcome is assured after the planetary hierarchy has decided to engage all its powers in the terrible tug of war.

¹⁴Confronted with the contemporary total disorientation in respect of knowledge and the impending chaos, which is matchless in history and threatens all mankind, the planetary hierarchy has seriously considered the possibility of reappearing, should it be possible to bring about the necessary conditions for this. Having waited about twelve thousand years the planetary hierarchy now makes new preparations for its return. Intimations of these ancient plans made in the esoteric knowledge order of the gnosticians were misconceived as was everything else and resulted in the legend of the “imminent return of Christ”, of “judgement day”, of the “millennium”, and other follies.

¹⁵The conditions for its new appearance are in brief that it will be welcomed by the intellectually leading portion of mankind, who have of course recognized the ideological sovereignty of hylozoics and have taken the requisite planetary actions. By then, mankind will have reached the Sokratean realization and understood that it is incapable of “managing its own affairs”.

¹⁶Inevitably that day will come when the esoteric knowledge is generally recognized to be the only rational working hypothesis. The planetary hierarchy can return when there are esotericians in every nation, in every political party, in every social group, in every religious sect. When this realization has become sufficiently widespread, then it will be turned into public opinion. The “kingdom of god” will come when the planetary hierarchy can appear again.

¹⁷It should perhaps be pointed out that the planetary hierarchy has always existed in the

physical world. Contrary to many people's assumption, it has not needed to retreat to some heaven from where to observe the path of suffering which mankind has chosen to wander. All the higher worlds exist in the physical world of our planet. The place where the planetary hierarchy resides will remain unknown to incurable curiosity. Suffice it to say that it is absolutely inaccessible to self-invited guests. It should be noted that the Jews, on returning from Babylon, monopolized the cosmic father of all as well as the king of the planet. The king's residence (unknown to them) was called the heavenly Jerusalem, and the king himself was given the name Melchizedek.

¹⁸The planetary hierarchy has also made extensive preparations for making mankind realize, if possible, that its systems of illusions and fictions are useless and also for developing the requisite common sense. The hierarchy makes entire clans at the stage of humanity incarnate to orient in reality in as many respects as possible.

5.8 The Tasks of the Planetary Hierarchy

¹The planetary hierarchy has its tasks (its "plans") concerning consciousness activation in the lowest four natural kingdoms. The planetary government supervises all three aspects within the planet. The solar systemic government has the corresponding task in the matter of all the planets and their reciprocal actions. The higher the kingdom, the more extensive are of course the "plans".

²Terra, this "planet of sorrow", gives them particular worry. The physical and emotional worlds are in the power of the black ones, and mankind listens most eagerly to the voice proclaiming that the glory of the earth is the only thing worth striving for, blind to the meaning of life, unaware that it will in unnecessary incarnations constantly hunt the same chimeras, ignorant of and indifferent to its consciousness development. When will mankind awaken, realize its folly of having banished the only ones who are capable of furnishing true knowledge of reality, of solving those problems which mankind will never be able to solve, of being the true guides out of the labyrinth? For twelve thousand years the planetary hierarchy has waited for the possibility of returning in order to help a disoriented mankind and to liberate mankind from the dark powers that blind it.

³The entire evolution is made possible through the work of higher kingdoms. Without the interventions of the planetary hierarchy in the consciousness development of the monads (on a planet like ours, being the abode of monads with a repulsive basic tendency), this development would require an incalculable number of eons accompanied by recurrent wholesale destructions like those of Lemuria and Atlantis. From that point of view, it is thus justified to speak of the "grace of god".

⁴Those energies which we need for our development pour down into mankind through the planetary hierarchy, since its function is to supervise consciousness development on our planet. It is from the planetary hierarchy that we receive all the facts about reality and life.

⁵Those energies which are needed for the continuance of life, biological evolution, etc., we receive from the planetary government.

⁶The concept of god was an attempt to impress a primitive mankind with the idea that it is higher powers that form and maintain our visible universe with everything therein. The fact that this concept was later satanized and the theological absurdities were accepted, just shows mankind's total lack of knowledge of reality, total lack of common sense.

⁷All ideas that lead mankind forward are hierarchical ideas (KofR 2.17), coming from the planetary hierarchy. They begin as causal ideas and become mentalized. As mental ideas they are embraced by thinkers who incorporate them with their systems, so that the intelligentsia may assimilate them. Subsequently they are popularized (emotionalized) so that they are attractive to public opinion. It is by performing such tasks, among others, that workers on various levels may regard themselves as servers of evolution.

⁸“The history of the world is the tribunal of the world.” This originally esoteric expression is fully justified. There are innumerable examples (easily ascertained) of the effects of the law of reaping even in exoteric world history. The most serious one is that path of suffering which mankind has trodden in ignorance and barbarism, idiocy and bestiality, ever since the planetary hierarchy was banished.

⁹Not all members of the planetary hierarchy supervise human consciousness development. There are for them missions in life without number, functions of which mankind in its enormous ignorance of life is quite unaware and would not even be able to comprehend.

¹⁰All members of the planetary hierarchy are independent explorers of the three aspects of existence in their worlds, even though the result of everybody’s work is available to and benefits all. Those who supervise consciousness development in the human kingdom have various tasks, they too: supervision of mass development, of workers in religion, philosophy, science and technology, of those who have reached the stage of humanity and are approaching the fifth natural kingdom, of workers in social, political, cultural spheres, etc.

¹¹Also the members of the planetary hierarchy must develop, not least in order to enable individuals in higher kingdoms to pass to still higher kingdoms when they are able to do this and their functions can be taken over by their successors. Therefore, they must give the most of their attention to their own development. This entails that they can devote themselves to men just five days in the moon period (the “month”); two days before and two days after the day of full moon. Their disciples who want to contact them then are taught that procedure which makes contact possible. Of course, this presupposes that they have activated subjective causal consciousness.

¹²All life activity has its particular periodicity. Man has much to learn from this law by studying the life of nature and of consciousness: day and night, work and rest, attention and relaxation, etc. ad infinitum.

¹³There are always representatives of the planetary hierarchy in physical incarnation (avatars). At the present stage of mankind’s development, they must remain unknown to all except their disciples.

¹⁴Now that the esoteric knowledge of existence has been made exoteric, far more of it than mankind is able to work up and assimilate in hundreds of years, the planetary hierarchy does not intend to give individual instruction or special training. Henceforward that will be the business of men.

¹⁵So-called god’s guidance in men’s life consists in two kinds of supervision; the one according to the law of destiny, the other according to the law of reaping. The law of destiny might also be called the law of upbringing, and the law of reaping the law of retribution, if these terms were not misleading.

¹⁶“Upbringing” is effected according to the individual’s own desire and striving. “Retribution” has bearing on the good and evil thoughts, feelings, and deeds of past lives.

¹⁷Special attention may be reckoned on only by those who have the necessary qualifications for making a real contribution to consciousness development or to supranational striving for unity.

5.9 *The Plan*

¹All individuals in higher kingdoms are “functionaries”. Every one of them has a particular function to fulfil, an assigned task to perform like an official in a ministry. They are also supposed to work for their further development in order to acquire consciousness in the next higher world. They are teachers as well, instructors of co-workers in the worlds of man, causal selves whose chief mission in life is to serve mankind in accordance with the laws of life they know of. Furthermore, they exceptionally take as extra disciples such mental selves as have acquired perspective consciousness and such a high percentage of the requisite qualities and abilities that they stand a chance of becoming causal selves within a reasonable number of

incarnations. The twenty-four hours from one day's end to another hardly suffice for all this work, even though their capacity for work is a thousandfold greater than that of a man. The first thing a disciple has to learn is never to bother them with any personal difficulty whatever, never to ask them any favour whatever, never to attract their attention unless it concerns a vital human issue of general application, a problem that must be solved at once. It is the teacher that gets into communication with the disciple, not the other way round.

²When a 45-self finds that some particular work for the instruction or uplift of mankind is of importance, then he looks about in mankind to see who possesses the particular qualifications for doing this fairly satisfactorily. If this individual is willing, then he will be "inspired" with those mental ideas which he is able to apprehend. It matters not in the least whether the individual is a saint or an "unworthy creature" in the eyes of men; the one thing that matters is that he has the capacity for the task. Generally, the inspiring individual is not the 45-self himself but some causal self acting as his intermediary. The willing worker is seldom aware of the cause of this sudden interest of his.

³Those in higher kingdoms are individuals with an individuality. The consciousness of community of course precludes every possibility of misunderstanding. However, this consciousness presents no obstacle to divergences of opinion in all matters where exactitude is impossible and only probability is possible. For instance, this is the case with problems concerning measures to be taken for the consciousness development of mankind. According to the law of freedom, mankind has a "free will" to defy all calculations. Our mankind, in particular, has a curious aptitude for choosing in its thought and action the one wrong thing, the craziest alternative.

⁴In the planetary hierarchy there are often divergent opinions about the expediency of measures to be taken in regard to mankind. Some members are more circumspect than others who credit mankind with faculties of right understanding and use of knowledge and energies put at man's disposal. Sometimes the former prove right, sometimes the latter.

⁵One thing must be laid down. The plan for evolution shall be implemented and is also being implemented. When and how this is done, however, depends on mankind, the only kingdom that can counteract the plan and also manages to do so to an amazingly high degree. Therefore, it is almost impossible for the planetary hierarchy to state exact points of time for the implementation of the various details of the plan. It is to be understood that this entails a constant rearrangement of the requisite measures. Mankind does its best to thwart all measures. It prays to god that he do everything that, according to the law, mankind must do itself. And that granting of wishes which is possible is not accepted, but the good is counteracted in almost all respects. Thus the planetary hierarchy has abundant opportunity to ascertain mankind's lack of understanding and of good will (common sense).

⁶Add to this the fact that men wonder that god does not do a lot of things, which according to the law he cannot do, and lose their "faith in god". Well, losing that kind of faith in that kind of god is rather a gain. Long and efficient development of reason is needed before men will be able to "believe" right. As long as such a theology as the current one can be accepted, all mental conditions are absent.

⁷The planetary hierarchy is always full of plans for the helping of mankind, the helping of races, nations, cultures, sciences, everything that can be done to make consciousness development possible and to facilitate it. Strange as it may seem, two laws of life limit the hierarchy's activity: the law of freedom and the law of self-realization. (The law of reaping falls outside the hierarchy's sphere of activity.) It is a task which to an esoterician seems almost hopeless, considering the almost total disorientation in reality and life, those illusions and fictions contrary to the laws of life and common sense, which continually and anew thwart the plans of the hierarchy, bringing them to nothing. Those few individuals, who can instinctively or consciously (by serving in accordance with the law) contribute to this, meet with very little

understanding and are even counteracted by those who ought to know better.

⁸Disciples, especially those having the first department in their causal envelope or triad envelope, often make the mistake of thinking out their own plans according to the kinds of services they are able to perform. They learn eventually to appreciate the wisdom of working with that overall plan for the organized work which the planetary hierarchy alone can mark out.

⁹The planetary hierarchy's plan for mankind in its entirety is that mankind realize universal brotherhood, the unity and cooperation of all and everybody. There is no mysticism in its work, but it is sober, matter-of-fact, purposeful common sense. We need not "unite with god", since we are all co-sharers in the unity of the cosmic total consciousness. We realize this divine state by realizing the unity with all life. That is the one true religion, which has become so totally bungled and twisted. That individual who is ahead of mankind in his development has reached the fifth natural kingdom by realizing unity for himself. When all mankind has acquired the will to unity, then the work for consciousness development will be an automatic procedure, because the goal is the world of unity, the world of love, which we realize automatically in the physical world, the "heavenly kingdom on earth".

¹⁰As for the future, the planetary hierarchy starts from the plan existing in the present which it intends to implement. The essentials of the plan, that which makes further evolution possible, are always carried out. This does not mean, however, that the plan will always be implemented either as the planetary hierarchy has conceived or at the time calculated. Those two factors, which time and again have thwarted the calculations of the hierarchy, are the ignorance and resistance of mankind and the immense opportunities of the black lodge to influence human egoism.

¹¹Esoteric history shows that the mankind of our planet with its repulsive basic tendency, except perhaps ten percent, has done its utmost to counteract evolution (has abused both knowledge and power) and has succeeded in this beyond expectation. Also the minority mentioned has in its injudicious belief in fatuous paper popes chosen the longest possible roundabout way.

¹²The current exoteric historical way of looking at things ties up the future to the past, not understanding that all life is change, that all exoteric ways of looking at things are temporary.

¹³No higher kingdoms set the tempo of evolution, but mankind. Those who will for development work themselves up to the élite, the highest stage of human development. In so doing they demonstrate to the planetary hierarchy what prospects of development gradually exist for mankind. And it is to this élite that the planetary hierarchy adapts its guidance of consciousness development. The laggards, who do not want or cannot keep up with the pace of evolution, may lag behind to continue on another planet, possibly in another solar system, when that time will come.

¹⁴A common misconception is that mankind's cry for help rouses higher kingdoms to intervene. As if they had not foreseen the need long ago! Mankind has nothing to teach them. It is not worthwhile to take extra measures, however, unless mankind is ripe to perceive the help given, wherever it comes from, and use it right. Higher kingdoms are willing to help, but the help given must further evolution. Else it will lead astray.

¹⁵The planetary hierarchy works for the "salvation" of all mankind, not in order that some few individuals may reach the fifth natural kingdom. The individual does not enter that kingdom alone. He brings his group with him. He will learn about this group by helping others to reach higher, to attain to clarity. Like is attracted to like, and in some certain incarnation he will find himself surrounded by his esoteric group.

¹⁶Anyone who cannot realize this, but thinks himself chosen and far ahead of others and remarkable also in other ways, may certainly be said to have misunderstood the whole thing. There are entire clans at the stage of humanity. It follows from this that "salvation" is not individual but collective. Those who "want to be saved" should discover the collective and

work for the salvation of the collective, not their own. Anyone who forgets his own salvation for that of others has understood what it all is about. Mankind has to learn to put off its conceit, its subjectivism, its individualism, and to acquire a sense of proportion. The talk about unity is no empty phrase. The law of unity is the law of salvation. "He who is on the path exists not for himself, but for others." (K.H.–Pythagoras) This is always forgotten. "Care for others and forget yourself", and you will be rid of 90 per cent of all your concerns.

¹⁷When a second self (the monad in the second triad) is to acquire higher kinds of consciousness, then he must do this in the physical world in order to find in it the higher world, in the physical to ascertain the objective tenability and pass the definitive final test.

¹⁸The planetary hierarchy works in order to produce a mankind in which the majority lives for the welfare of everybody and not for selfish individual objectives. When people live for others, everybody will receive his due share and nobody will want for anything.

¹⁹The planetary hierarchy plans to stimulate the next generations to be increasingly interested in the psychological problems, the marriage problem, the problem of religions, the problems of upbringing and education. The hierarchy foresees a radical reform of the entire educational system. The knowledge of man's envelopes will entail an interest in the individual's ability to master the consciousness of these envelopes and to perfect the "personality". Clans at the stage of culture will incarnate increasingly as the possibilities of reaching the stages of humanity and ideality are offered to them. They will also be group conscious, which will entail better prospects for them to choose the right partners with mutual physical, emotional, and mental attraction. They will also be able to judge who have their centres above the diaphragm vitalized, which will be another guarantee of harmonious married life. They also have prospects of having children who are individuals at higher stages.

²⁰Group consciousness, the consideration of the welfare of the group instead of individual egoism, will be a great step towards the stage of unity and will facilitate the acquisition of telepathic consciousness of community.

5.10 Living in Mankind is for Them a True Sacrifice

¹The planetary hierarchy awaits the opportunity of reappearing among mankind in order to help men with their consciousness development more effectively. That this implies an enormous sacrifice for the individuals in the fifth and sixth natural kingdoms is a fact that probably only esotericians are able to comprehend. It also requires careful and extensive preparation with an expenditure of force that is possible only through the additional force contributed by the planetary government and, possibly, by other planetary systems.

²The work of the hierarchy in connection with mankind involves on the hierarchy's part a triple sacrifice. They must scale down their "thinking" to the level of illusions and fictions (thus to a level which must appear as idiocy to them). And the enormous amount of attempts they make to help men meet with no appreciation at all.

³Moreover, they must abandon all plans of further consciousness development in their own worlds. Will mankind understand what such a sacrifice means?

⁴To try to orient a totally disoriented mankind, to impress mankind with so much reason that it will be able to solve its problems of life otherwise insoluble in millions of years, to make mankind see the meaning of the incarnations and the meaninglessness of living a mere physical life, may well be said to be a more than Herculean task. To live in this ocean of repulsive and idiotizing vibrations must for them be an experience comparable to life in hell.

⁵In order to come into contact with man those in higher kingdoms must inhibit the enormously strong vibrations of their envelopes. They must live the illusions and fictions of the idiots. Human envelopes emit vibrations that disgust them more than the worst noise, the loudest colour, or the most offensive stench disgusts us.

5.11 *Esoteric Personalities*

¹In the planetary hierarchy the tradition is that an individual keeps the name he carried in that incarnation during which he became a 45-self, whatever names he has received in subsequent incarnations. There are exceptions to this rule, of course. Jeshu remained Jeshu, although he became a 45-self in his incarnation as Apollonios of Tyana. However, that was of course due to his universally known contribution as a 46-self.

²Since present 44-self Pythagoras and present 45-self Kleinias are best known in the West under these names, these names will be used when referring to them, although quotations from them belong to later incarnations.

³There are many legends of 45-self Count de Saint-Germain. Since also causal selves are able to remember all their past incarnations, he could tell people about events that he had witnessed many thousands of years ago. To the monad consciousness, incarnations are days in a long life, a life that of course is not interrupted even when the organism “is asleep”. Ignorance either thought his organism was immensely old or regarded him as a charlatan.

⁴The then 45-self M. admitted in 1882 that the planetary hierarchy, which in 1775 had been opposed to the idea of publicizing the esoteric knowledge, was right and that K.H. and himself had failed in their experiment. But certainly it was not their fault. Had Pythagoras (K.H.) been permitted to put forward the hylozoic mental system as it stands (KofR 1.4–1.41), then the result would have been different. Then all the seekers of the world would have received what they longed for and needed, a perfect, logical “working hypothesis” (hypothesis because the knowledge of reality must remain a hypothesis for man); then we would have been spared all those quasi-occult sects, which the philosophically and scientifically educated intelligentsia justly have refused to accept. Such as the matter was presented it was bound to fail. That was not the fault of the two 45-selves, however, but of the planetary hierarchy, which would not give K.H. free rein to manage the matter as he wanted. He had studied Western natural science and realized that its way of looking at things must also be made the basis of the presentation of esoterics. The subjectivism of philosophy had proved untenable. It was no mere coincidence that his chief disciple in the human kingdom, C. W. Leadbeater, started from the matter aspect and was most successful of all with his clarifying presentation. One may just regret that he did not receive the requisite facts for a presentation of the hylozoic system. After K.H. had become a 44-self he was given other tasks, and C.W.L. was to content himself with what he could ascertain himself. K.H.’s successor, 45-self D.K., had his own disciples and emphasized increasingly the consciousness aspect, being the most suitable study for those who pursue the 2–4–6 path, that path which he has pursued himself. However, Western natural research follows the 1–3–5–7 path, and it will need Pythagorean hylozoics as a basic working hypothesis.

5.12 *Buddha and Christos*

¹Life is power. Everything is power. Power is at everybody’s disposal. This power, which makes everybody happy, is the power of unity. Without love for all, the power will act destructively, no knowledge will be of any avail, faculties will just entail ever increasing responsibility and ever worse reaping. Without unity realized in our lives suffering will just increase in the world.

²This has been said by Buddha as well as by Christos. This has been heard by everybody. Few they are who draw the consequences, who heed the Law. However, those who realize this knowledge in their lives will soon enter the world of supermen. That knowledge of life, which makes the realization of unity possible, can be understood by the simplest mind.

³When asked by a pupil whether one should dare to doubt religious teachings, Buddha answered that if reason was god’s greatest gift to man, then god could not be angered at a man who did his best with this reason. According to him, it is wrong to accept anything that conflicts with your own common sense (such as it is). It should be added that the planetary hierarchy

prefers atheists and skeptics to those blind believers who can accept all manner of absurdities, in so doing destroying the “principle of reason”, the sense of reality.

⁴Buddha tried to teach people to use their common sense. Indian mythology was teeming with gods (330 million). What they knew about them was just legend. He wanted people to come down to earth and to use their physical incarnation to solve the problems of physical life. The normal individual cannot know anything about the superphysical. And anyone who believes in what others say will be the victim of any madness whatsoever. That message did not suit the Brahmin priesthood, however, so his disciples were expelled from India.

⁵Christos wanted men to love one another. It is hatred that makes life a hell for all. If men could be made to love, then there would be a kingdom of heaven on earth. But they could not be made to love. And so his teaching was distorted, and hatred destroyed all who tried to realize his teaching.

⁶Common sense and love. That was what the two divine messengers wanted to show mankind. Instead, people made religions of their teaching. When will men see that this was a mistake?

⁷If men strived after common sense and the brotherhood of all, then they would receive the knowledge of reality for nothing. Instead, they started to philosophize, not understanding that knowledge is a system of facts and that they can never ascertain superphysical facts by themselves. Esoterics is common sense. Common sense is required in order to put facts into their correct contexts. Anyone who has acquired common sense is able to comprehend esoterics and to see that reality must be such as esoterics describes it.

⁸The teachings of Buddha and Christos were distorted since they spoke to initiates and uninitiated alike, and it is the conception of the uninitiated that has been given out as being their doctrines.

⁹The Buddhists were expelled from India because their teaching was a menace to the power of the highest caste. The truth has always been dangerous for all priestly power. Those in power have always monopolized knowledge and formulated it to suit their own ends.

¹⁰It was the Brahmins who expelled the Buddhists from India. Even today the Brahmins (with the Vedas and the Upanishads as their paper pope) have not understood Buddha, which indeed is possible only for an esoterician. Buddha is as misinterpreted in India as Christos in the West.

¹¹In biographies of Buddha, also in those written by such people as believe they are initiates, we may read about “Buddha’s progress to adeptship”. And such balderdash is produced about a then 43-self and head of the second department of the planetary hierarchy. Is this supposed to be “esoteric psychology”? In his incarnation Buddha is said to have “attained nirvana” (which is world 45) when instead he attained world 42 and thereby entered the second divine kingdom (36–42). In occult literature we can read that Buddha as well as previous Tathagatas reorganized the planetary hierarchy, which thus is supposed to have had some defects which needed rectification. On the contrary, a regrouping always takes place when a 43-self leaves our planet or his office and the vacancy thus produced needs to be filled.

5.13 *The Secretary of the Hierarchy, 45-Self D.K.*

¹In the year 1875 the planetary hierarchy started to make a fresh attempt at contacting mankind directly and not just select members of secret knowledge orders. A number of disciples (particularly Blavatsky, Besant, and Leadbeater) were assigned to present some basic facts about reality. In 1920 the hierarchy considered that the time had come to let a special secretary make a more detailed exposé. 45-self D.K. dictated 18 books to a disciple in physical incarnation, Alice A. Bailey, and had them published in her name. In her autobiography A.A.B. relates how this was done. D.K.’s chief work is *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, a commentary to Blavatsky’s *Secret Doctrine*.

²The present secretary of the planetary hierarchy (appointed in 1925), present 45-self D.K.

(Djwhal Khul), formerly Kleinias (a disciple of Pythagoras), Dharmajyoti (a disciple of Buddha), Aryasanga (founder of the Yogachara school of Buddhism about 500 A.D.), might henceforth be called Kleinias just as 44-self K.H. (Koot Hoomi) is called Pythagoras. These were their names when they were incarnated in Greece, and thus they are Western.

³D.K. is the future world teacher K.H.'s (Pythagoras') right hand. To all appearances he will some time succeed Pythagoras as the world teacher. He has renounced individual development almost entirely in order to afford to mankind the planetary hierarchy's knowledge to the extent that this is possible. The current zodiacal epoch (Aquarius) should be the last "incarnation" of the present world teacher, Maitreya-Christos, before he leaves our planet to continue his consciousness expansion in interstellar kingdoms. Pythagoras will then succeed him and Kleinias-D.K. will be his deputy.

⁴D.K. has seven envelopes (gross physical, etheric physical, emotional, mental, causal, essential, and superessential). In the fifth natural kingdom he is a second self. At the same time he is a first self in the physical world. And as a first self he is an Oriental with the outlook of a yoga (advaita) philosopher. As a teacher he sometimes is a physicalist, sometimes a mentalist. As a philosopher he is predominantly a subjectivist, since objective, material reality to him has the function of merely being the vehicle for consciousness. He admits that he is not familiar with the specially Occidental way of looking at things, which also in hylozoics is primarily based on the matter aspect. It is obvious that this has influenced his mode of presentation in many respects, a fact which his readers are wise to keep constantly in mind.

⁵D.K. is considered to be the foremost expert on esoteric history and on esoteric literature, the literature accumulated during millions of years and kept in the esoteric archive, also the literature from Atlantis. His writings are indeed studded with quotations and symbols, symbolic and archaic expressions. During immense ages, when consciousness development was incredibly slow and the opportunities for it were minimal, the members of the hierarchy had plenty of time to sum up their experiences and to write. Of course, the bulk of this literature would be incomprehensible to us even if it were reinterpreted into our modern languages. The carefully chosen quotations cited by D.K. have at least the merit that they bear witness to the existence of this literature. Besides, it cannot be understood until two conditions are fulfilled: the ability of mental consciousness to understand ideas regardless of language form, and a knowledge of the matters under discussion.

⁶D.K. has given out new esoteric facts about discipleship, the planetary hierarchy, cosmic evolution, etc. The condition for understanding the contents of his books is a thorough knowledge of the esoteric mental system of hylozoics. It has indeed been seen that these books cannot be put into the hands of the "uninitiated", such people as do not possess the knowledge latently from previous incarnations. It is the same recurrent phenomenon: those who do not understand but who believe they are able to understand have become more or less cracked and have misconceived the most of it. Also theosophists are proofs of this. The other occult sects, which have been disoriented by their incompetent leaders, have never had any opportunity even to misunderstand their quasi-esoterics, since in those cases you cannot speak about the possibility of understanding at all.

⁷Certainly there are exceptions to this rule: such people as have seen their misconceptions when through the study of hylozoics they have got the requisite basic concepts and then have been able to do a bit of rethinking. We must not assume, however, that this is possible for the majority.

⁸Then D.K. says himself that he has written for future generations and disciples, that only causal selves can interpret his communications with full understanding, and that he has written with precisely those in mind, who are expected to incarnate in greater numbers at the close of the century. Those authors, however, who wish to make esoterics comprehensible to the contemporary intelligentsia, find much of well-nigh irreplaceable value in his works.

⁹It is perhaps interesting to know how Kleinias defines vice and virtue.

¹⁰Vice is the energies of the envelopes of incarnation, synthesized in the personality, because they keep the self in these envelopes and counteract the causal energies.

¹¹Virtue is for the self to utilize the causal energies and by their means to control the personality (the energies of the envelopes of incarnation).

¹²For aspirants it is important to realize the risk of breathing exercises such as they are performed by yogis and other teachers ignorant of life. The important thing in these exercises is the knowledge of what energies thereby vitalize the etheric envelope and the organism and to which centres these energies are to be directed by consciousness. This is known only to causal selves.

¹³If mankind duly considers the work of D.K., this will mean that the planetary hierarchy can come into closer contact with men, and when public opinion in this manner has come to realize that there must be a fifth kingdom in nature, then the entire hierarchy will be able to appear again, and, as formerly in Atlantis, guide mankind.

¹⁴Only then will mankind receive the true knowledge of reality and life and will see the foolishness of going back to ancient, historical sources, which just add to disorientation. History has always hampered research. The historical man is an atavistic phenomenon.

5.14 The Ignorance of the Existence of the Hierarchy

¹Ever since the planetary hierarchy was banished (was forced to live in obscurity) mankind has been ignorant of its existence. Perhaps “banished” is not the exact word. It is a misnomer in so far as it was a voluntary withdrawal with fatal consequences for the mankind then living. Had the planetary hierarchy desired to use its resources of power, then it would have been able to put down the rebellion. But it was not allowed to do that, according to the Law. If mankind wants to follow the black lodge, then the Law cannot hinder that. The law of freedom, which grants man the right to choose, is an inviolable law of life.

²The planetary hierarchy drew the consequences of the attitude taken by mankind. If men would not let themselves be led by those who had the knowledge of reality, then they had to try to do without the hierarchy. Since the year 9564 B.C., when the last remnant of Atlantis, the island of Poseidonis, was submerged, nobody who knew about the existence of the hierarchy was allowed to make any mention of it and mankind has ever since been ignorant of everything connected with higher kingdoms. Instead, the black lodge introduced the fiction of “god”, which has been an article of faith ever since. And history bears witness how the idea of god has changed during the ages. That is how it must happen, since it was a fiction.

³Anyone who lacks the knowledge of the planetary hierarchy and government is ignorant of reality, no matter how learned he is.

⁴When the planetary hierarchy in Atlantis was banished by a mankind stirred to mutiny by the lower priesthood, the hierarchy declared that it would be willing to return when mankind had had enough of the tyranny of ignorance and asked the hierarchy to return. Until then those who have desired to get into communication with them have been made to fulfil certain qualifications. In secret orders they were informed about these qualifications.

5.15 Shall We Speak or Be Silent about the Hierarchy?

¹The planetary hierarchy wishes that its existence be made known. But it requests that the individuals who make it up may remain unknown. Above all, they do not wish to be the objects of any kind of worship. We disturb them by our thoughts, and therefore they should be left alone also in that respect.

²The disciple is informed that he is to live and work without a thought of his teacher (“master”), who wants to be “left alone” and always helps when he thinks fit. “Prayers for help” show that the disciple is not fit for a disciple.

³For particular reasons members of the planetary hierarchy have requested that their private lives be left in peace from human curiosity. Whatever in that line has been made public knowledge has met with their emphatic disapproval on account of its general unreliability as well as the inconvenience and trouble it has caused them in their work. Those particular conditions, which existed in the matter of the pioneers for their first appearance after the year 1875, have been misjudged and so raised deplorable expectations of discipleship in individuals who have not even attained the stage of the mystic. Henceforth it will be possible only for groups to contact them personally.

⁴It should be emphasized as well that no members of the planetary hierarchy ever appear in the emotional world and that they never communicate through spiritualist mediums.

⁵After all the unreliable drivel about the planetary hierarchy it has been clearly announced that no disciple of the hierarchy ever gives himself out as being a disciple. Those who speak of any connection whatever with any member of the hierarchy thus are either deceivers or self-deceived. Besides, anyone who in his teaching needs to invoke a “higher authority” in so doing has demonstrated his unsuitability.

⁶The planetary hierarchy cherishes no illusions to the effect that the “world” will realize its existence. They know sufficiently of the historical lagging behind and the power of the old fictions. For the next few generations, they expect that only those who have been initiated into genuine knowledge orders and thus have the knowledge latently will be able to liberate themselves from prevalent ideologies when they again get an opportunity to study esoterics, now in its publicized form. Therefore, it is important that attempts are made to discover and contact these seekers, who in most cases have rather become skeptics.

⁷The hierarchy has ample experience of how few let themselves “be chosen” of all those who have been “called”. When they realize that duty should enjoin them to inform other people about esoterics, they lose much of their mental interest and their hope to derive personal advantages. If enthusiasm succeeds in vitalizing their emotions, these yet prove too weak to incite them to work for the cause in the physical.

5.16 The Reappearance of the Planetary Hierarchy

¹Ever since in Atlantis the planetary hierarchy withdrew in order to show men that they could not do without its help, the hierarchy has waited to be called back. It is ready to reappear as soon as mankind has reached that insight. But that is also an indispensable condition, since the hierarchy otherwise would not be able to do what is required. According to the law of freedom, the hierarchy cannot force anybody to receive help; according to the law of destiny, the hierarchy cannot help if the help given cannot be rightly apprehended or used; according to the law of reaping, the hierarchy cannot do anything if it does not have the right to help. Mankind must have had sufficient experience of life and power of judgement to realize this. Then it has developed so far that the overwhelming majority can be impressed with this.

²The hierarchy also takes measures to demonstrate this. Then it will be able to fulfil its mission: to help mankind with its consciousness development and solution of such problems as cannot be solved without its assistance. If conditions were normal, as they are on other planets in the solar system, then evolution would go on without resistance in accordance with the Law and extra help would not be necessary. But since mankind on the whole consists of monads with a repulsive basic tendency, the will to unity is lacking, the instinct for brotherhood is lacking, the basic goodwill and readiness to help are lacking, the desire to understand is lacking. The receptivity to the vibrations of emotional attraction is abnormally weak and that to the vibrations of repulsion is correspondingly abnormally developed. Hatred rules mankind. Hatred is mankind’s “elixir of life”. Only in the exceptional people is impersonal love the elixir of life. This is also the explanation why the history of mankind has been that of unspeakable suffering.

³The planetary hierarchy will not come in order to satisfy the excessive material demands of

egoism. When men recognize each other as brothers, then all problems of physical necessities will be solved automatically. If there were a will to unity, then life in the physical world could be what it is on other planets: a paradise. Without the will to unity there can never be “peace on earth”.

⁴Such as conditions have developed, the energies of emotional attraction are not sufficient to overcome hatred. Essential energies from world 46 are required for this. It is these energies that the planetary hierarchy wants to help men to learn how to apprehend and to assimilate. And for this the visible presence of the planetary hierarchy is required.

⁵The reappearance of the hierarchy before the public does not at all mean that mankind may enter some paradise arranged by the hierarchy. That belief is one of the innumerable illusions of the ignorance of life.

⁶Life is consciousness development through work and toil. No external forces lift mankind up the rungs of the ladder of development. The law of self-realization is, like all other laws of life, an unshakable law.

⁷The appearance of the planetary hierarchy means a change of atmosphere with a scattering of those illusions and fictions which now dominate even that portion of mankind who are seekers, the demonstration of the total disorientation of man-made ideologies. Falsehood will not as now rule mankind, will not be unchallenged.

⁸From the ideological point of view the reappearance of the hierarchy will rather mean an aggravated struggle between “the children of light and the children of the world”; between those who want to enter the world of Platonic ideas and the essential world of unity of the fifth natural kingdom and those who refuse to renounce power, glory, wealth, who are content with the level of development they have attained, who want to go on living in the religious etc. views of the past, and above all those who seek to counteract evolution by all means.

⁹When the planetary hierarchy reappears, the needs of mankind will be provided for. Without its assistance it will take millions of years. For love requires essential energy and willingness to receive it. And it is the hierarchy that mediates this energy.

¹⁰What people need is love, understanding, and right human relations. And the conditions for their realization of these ideals are freedom, certainty, and security. All must be granted the right to think, feel, say, and do what they consider right and proper within the limits set by the equal right of all. They must have certainty of the meaning and goal of life. They must have security.

¹¹Freedom, certainty, and security are those three supports which man needs to be able to live as a man. Freedom and security are those external supports for which we are dependent on the spirit of brotherhood. Freedom is the recognition of our divine right to be free within the limits of the divine law. Certainty is that inner support which we get from a fundamental knowledge system that clarifies the meaning and goal of life. Security is obtained through guaranteed protection against enemies, destitution and poverty, the right to help when helpless.

¹²However deplorable the situation mankind is in at present, yet there have never been such great prospects for the reappearance of the hierarchy. There is a seeking in our times after a tenable foundation for a world view as well as a life view.

¹³Millions of people are working for better human conditions. Millions are ready to make their contribution; they just lack the clear ideas as to the right procedure. Millions are inquiring into the meaning of life. Countless people would greet with enthusiasm the prospect of ordered conditions for mankind, would acclaim with rejoicing anyone who could guarantee them this. Never has there been such a universal understanding of the idea that everything must be done for the betterment of the human condition.

¹⁴In just a few generations many more people will have seen that theological, philosophical, and scientific fictionalism is untenable. There are already millions who, unaffected by dogmas, work for the establishing of right human relations. What is lacking in them, however, is the

certainty as to the manner in which to realize the good in the most expedient way. Many have thought that democracy would show the way. Regrettably, this very diffuse ideal is a piece of wishful thinking. You do not build a better world by satisfying an ever-increasing desire for possessions where envy is the actual impelling force. You cannot build society on the principle of envy. A society constructed without due consideration for the stages of human development cannot be upheld in the long run.

¹⁵It would be meaningless for Christos to return as a single person. At the present stage of mankind's development, with a mankind that is capable of accepting the current ideologies, those illusion and fiction systems which display such great ignorance of life, such an endeavour would be completely hopeless. Not until a decisive élite has acquired the esoteric knowledge of reality will there be such general understanding of the necessity of calling the planetary hierarchy back that the endeavour has any prospect of success.

¹⁶Anyone who has the least understanding of the immense distance there is between our mankind and the planetary hierarchy must realize that its reappearance means a true sacrifice. Anyone who has some understanding of what is meant by this kind of sacrifice can perhaps conceive how the idea of sacrifice has been so distorted by primitive mankind such as has happened in Christian theology. The doctors in a mental hospital are perhaps in the best position to realize what such a sacrifice means. Their prospects of restoring their patients to their "normal" reason are small. It can be as difficult to replace the conceited belief in our own power of judgement by the realization of insufficiency. Sokrates had much experience of that. If we were to wait for the day when mankind by itself had realized the necessity of calling back the planetary hierarchy, then there is a risk that it would take several thousand years. But there are other possibilities, thank goodness. Clans at the stages of culture, humanity, and ideality will incarnate, and their concerted work will sweep away the ideologies of the prevalent ignorance of life. Thus we can expect a true mental revolution, a revolution in politics, philosophy, and science.

¹⁷The theologians will of course counteract the plans of the planetary hierarchy and do their best to hinder mankind from calling it back. They have their paper pope, the "pure, unadulterated word of god" (which nobody has been able to interpret right), by means of which they will prove that Christos is not Christos.

¹⁸The fathers of the Church have a great responsibility, having acted as disciples of a master whom they never knew and to whom they have testified falsely.

¹⁹Also the philosophers have their paper popes, Kant or Russell or some other fictionalist. Those who have accepted some fiction system are subsequently immune to all rational arguments. That is the manifest risk with studies in the history of ideologies.

²⁰To the scientists there is no "higher world", so hylozoics is to them an imaginative construction. A simple comparison between the hylozoic world view and the scientific one or the miserably poor hypothesis systems of philosophy should, indeed, be enough to show them that no human intellect has been able to formulate that system.

²¹There is a danger that academic opinion, which has always lagged behind the times, will idiotize common sense. As long as these learned men are regarded as authorities by the great mass of uneducated people, no consciousness development is to be expected.

²²When the intelligentsia recognize the faultiness of prevalent opinions, then they will be more observant of what basis so-called authority is built on. For an esoterician, that basis can only be an elaborated hylozoic world view and life view. It is true that facts are always facts. But these facts must be put into their correct contexts and, ultimately, into the correct system. And a better system than the one provided by the planetary hierarchy cannot be produced even by the black lodge, even if it makes desperate attempts, working at it with its usual frenzy.

²³We must expect that, when the existence of the planetary hierarchy is generally known, all manner of imaginative people (seers and poets) will drivel about everything they cannot know from their own experience, everything they have read and heard and misunderstood.

Imagination is sovereign in the higher regions of the emotional world, and every mystic experiences there everything he wants. And, as we know, they have no difficulty in convincing their readers, always lacking in judgement, of the reality of their imaginative constructions. This need not at all be instances of deliberate deception. Martinus, Swedenborg, Steiner, Ramakrishna and others without number are instances of the impossibility of finding any criteria of reality whatsoever in the higher regions of the emotional world.

²⁴When the planetary hierarchy can appear among men again as in Atlantis, then, according to what it has said, the nature of religion, the purpose of science, and the goal of education will be clarified. These are not what people think today.

²⁵The planetary hierarchy wants to give mankind a new science, called by D.K. the science of “invocation and evocation”. It will clarify the possibilities of contact between the individuals in all kingdoms, the relations and mutual influences existing. It will clarify faculties not yet clearly comprehended and a number of phenomena that have of course been misinterpreted, such as telepathy, the discovery of ideas, inspiration, prayer, etc.

²⁶When the planetary hierarchy reappears and becomes the “spiritual guide”, then those who have the qualifications of acquiring higher kinds of consciousness will get immensely greater chances to do so thanks to the enormous stimulation they receive. Mankind will also get all the proofs it will need to realize that esoterics is correct. That will of course bring about a complete revolution in people’s attitude to each other and to all other life. Esoterics will be recognized as the only rational working hypothesis. To those who can only comprehend it, esoterics will be a religion, of course. To those who understand, it will be a hypothesis with overwhelming probability. It cannot be anything else until man has become a causal self and can ascertain facts for himself. Once they have come round from their delusive ways of thinking, the theologians will realize that the saying in the “New Testament”: “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of god”, has been erroneously reported and therefore totally misunderstood. “Born again” meant the passing of the monad from the first triad to the second triad. They will also understand the import of the expression: “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father, which is in heaven, is perfect.” How have the theologians interpreted that exhortation? It was a circumlocution of the exhortation given to those disciples who had become second selves that they must strive to become third selves.

²⁷The reappearance of the planetary hierarchy will entail that the worlds of the fifth natural kingdom become accessible in quite another manner than is the case now. They will not reckon with just the physical, emotional, and causal-mental worlds any more, but also the worlds 46 and 45 will be included in the worlds of mankind. And that will give us the “kingdom of god on earth”, which has been so much talked about and which the theologians have never been able to understand right.

5.17 Seekers

¹The great majority of the intelligentsia of our times have begun to see that the existing ideologies are untenable, and have begun to doubt whether human reason will be able to solve the problems of existence. Indeed, reason will not be able to do it, which Gautama Buddha made clear as early as about 2600 years ago. This is due to the fact that the objective consciousness of the normal individual (the majority) can ascertain facts in only about one per cent of material reality.

²But the knowledge of reality has always been available for those seekers who have had the qualifications for comprehending and not abusing it. That knowledge has been given to mankind by the planetary hierarchy, which supervises consciousness development and the members of which have instituted the esoteric knowledge orders.

³Signs showing that these seekers were ahead of the rest of mankind were always their inability to accept any of the ideologies of their times and their instinctive certainty that the

knowledge must exist so that they remained seekers. The others either have been content with prevalent fiction systems or have thought they were able to construct better ones themselves. Conceited enterprisingness has filled libraries and archives with untold acute and profound speculative systems, which in our times the learned have begun to compile into a history of ideas.

⁴These seekers at the humanist stage have the stage of the mystic behind them in their consciousness development, and so do not join any such occult societies as are proliferating for the present, whose members think themselves called to achieve great things in the future. These societies will soon have had their day. Those co-workers which the planetary hierarchy needs are no dogmatists with esoteric paper popes, but individuals who are independent in thought and action, unaware of the task they have taken on them and decided to perform before they incarnated. Their new envelopes of incarnation know nothing of it, and the continuity of their monad consciousness has been lost at their incarnation. Their latent instinct of life drives them, however, and they find (even though after much erring) their true field of work. Their lot is not an easy one. They are looked on as dreamers and utopianists. Often they act destructively, since they see the necessity of setting mankind free from its fiction systems. As they cannot feel at home in the existing societies, their lives must often be spent in unintentional isolation. Nor can they reckon on encouragement or assistance. They find their way into politics, finance, science, the educational field. They are free of nationalism, partisanship, sectarianism, dogmatism. They have long ago acquired tolerance and goodwill and try to bring about right human relations.

⁵Those clans which incarnate with latent knowledge from the ancient esoteric knowledge schools will have access to the necessary esoteric literature, which will resuscitate their knowledge. They will reach the highest posts everywhere in society, so that not even public opinion, which only goes by such merits, will by its inert mass be able to offer resistance any longer.

⁶It will eventually dawn even on the most slow-witted that facts about superphysical reality can be obtained only from the fifth natural kingdom and that only from there true help is to be had for the solution of the basic problems. It is just a matter of time when mankind will call back that planetary hierarchy which the deceived masses in their immense folly contributed to banishing in Atlantis.

5.18 Discipleship

¹There are plenty of secret “knowledge orders” or rather occult sects. Of course, the only proper thing would be to differentiate between occultism and esoterics and use the latter term for the knowledge that was taught in the orders of the planetary hierarchy.

²Most occult sects have individual development as their (at least avowed or generally accepted) aim. This is not necessarily a sign of egotism but might as well indicate a desire to be able to serve better. According to the planetary hierarchy it is by working for others that you have the experiences that make you develop most rapidly. Then the personality steps back before the task and thereby the self acquires the impersonal attitude most easily.

³The planetary hierarchy looks for co-workers in the physical world. Without such workers the hierarchy is not able to achieve much. Anyone who wants to become a disciple should, therefore, aim at making himself fit to be a helper. Those who live for their own development are unfit to be tools of the planetary hierarchy. By becoming a tool, the individual develops most quickly.

⁴The planetary hierarchy is not particularly interested in those who eagerly work for their own development. It is not at all as the mystics in their religious sentimentality believe, that the planetary hierarchy is on the hunt for suitable candidates for discipleship. Discipleship is anyone’s own business. Rather, it is newly accepted disciples who hunt for aspirants to discipleship, thus trying to help the ignorant of life to activate consciousness in higher

emotional and mental molecular kinds.

⁵What the planetary hierarchy needs is fit tools in its work for mankind. In order to be such a tool, you need not have esoteric knowledge, nor be an aspirant to discipleship. The hierarchy seeks for individuals who have the right motives and common sense (47:5), and who are unselfish.

⁶The hierarchy is looking for individuals on the verge of the stage of ideality, or the causal stage, who are willing to assist the hierarchy in its work for mankind and who possess more than ordinary competence. And those who prove themselves fit for the task are given more and more tasks and learn in so doing how to solve their own problems.

⁷The hierarchy is looking in mankind for co-workers who live in order to serve. As their capability for this increases with their self-acquired competence, this is of course to advantage. But service must be their primary motive. The hierarchy wants to uplift all mankind. The progress of individuals is of significance only as it reinforces the capacity for supplying aid.

⁸The hierarchy wants first of all to set men free from their illusions and fictions, so that we shall be able to make physical life a paradise, live in peace with each other, and overcome hatred in all its countless manifestations; “peace on earth and good will toward men”. That is the next goal of the hierarchy. Religions that give themselves out as showing the path for the “salvation of the soul” are on the wrong track. The soul need not be saved. It is the task of the self to become conscious in the envelope called the soul and, by filling the deputy’s place, become the “soul” itself and so become “conscious of its own divinity”, its unity with all.

⁹Only he who, through the study of the esoteric writings, has acquired knowledge of reality and life, realizes how abortive is the entire theological view on man and his mission in life. What the theologians and their echoes call saints are individuals who have concluded their emotional consciousness development in an incarnation as a saint in order to pass to the humanist stage with its higher mental development within the highest two kinds of mental consciousness (47:4,5) as a condition for the acquisition of causal intuition (47:1-3).

¹⁰The planetary hierarchy employs men in the physical world (49) as well as in the emotional world (48). Those who believe that only saints are fit to be their tools are greatly mistaken. They can use any man whatever, regardless of his so-called moral qualifications. They use anyone who is best suited to a particular assignment. They use all who possess the very qualities or capabilities that are required for the carrying out of a particular task, of course preferably such people as have once and for all and without reserve declared themselves willing to perform tasks for the hierarchy as best they can. If they were to use only “perfect” individuals, then none would be fit, for such ones do not exist in the human kingdom. Most so-called saints are not at all particularly suitable where intellectually able people are needed. The planetary hierarchy must use men, for that is its only possibility of working in mankind.

¹¹Formerly and as a rule, anyone who had attained the humanist stage (they were few) was accepted as a disciple, as soon as there was a vacancy in the planetary hierarchy (which occurs whenever a 43-self passes to the first cosmic kingdom), and was given the necessary directions to enable him to be admitted into the hierarchy. Nowadays, there are thousands of disciples on their way to become causal selves, and this is the reason why the hierarchy has decided to gather them into an organization within the hierarchy. It has been named the “new group of world servers”. It is a “kingdom” between mankind and the hierarchy that has been given the task of preparing for the reappearance of the hierarchy and of admitting into itself all who have decided to attain the fifth natural kingdom in the shortest possible time. They recognize one another by their participation in universal brotherhood and serve mankind irrespectively of race, nation, creed, sex, etc. They live in order to serve without thoughts of their own development, or special privileges, or good sowing, or any reward whatever by men or by the planetary hierarchy. They form no organization, but measures will be taken to make it possible for them to learn of each other’s existence, thereby giving them the opportunity of co-operating across all racial and

national barriers for the benefit of all mankind, and for the raising of its level of development in particular.

¹²The members must find one another, and they do so by acquiring the qualities of attraction and the abilities of perspective consciousness. Impatience will not wait, but qualities and abilities are not acquired merely by studying them. You do not at once re-create yourself (the tendencies in your envelopes of incarnation) such as you have become in a mankind at or near the stage of barbarism during tens of thousands of incarnations. But it can be done more quickly than most people think, if one-pointed purposefulness, perseverance, and steadfastness have been acquired. No short cuts are taught, and stability is tested in daily work. Anyone who does not have his incarnation as a saint behind him must not reckon on being “accepted” in his current incarnation. However, those new energies, which after the year 1950 are put at the disposal of the “spiritual workers and servers”, make possible a development that is incomparably more rapid than any time before in the history of mankind.

¹³All esotericians can certainly serve individually. But they should also be on the look-out for those new groups of esoteric servers which have already started functioning, are constantly enlarged and also try to find one another. It is only as a member of such a group that the individual can come into contact with the planetary hierarchy.

¹⁴During that phase of intensified activity for the planetary hierarchy for which the period from 1875 to 1950 was a preparation, the workers in the vineyard of esoterics have largely been reduced to individual work. The prospects of collaborating in a group are constantly being improved, however, and such work is incomparably more efficient than individual work. Teamwork is the future method of working.

¹⁵We all belong to some esoteric family and clan. The members of such groups have had common experiences of life during thousands of incarnations. All know each other, help each other, trust each other. Understanding is direct, criticism is precluded.

¹⁶Aspirants to discipleship are brought together, in the incarnation in which the invitation to discipleship was made, with their esoteric groups in order to learn to form a common envelope, something corresponding to the animal’s group-soul. At the work on forming it, the group envelope is supplied with mental and emotional molecules from the participants’ envelopes, so that the group envelope eventually becomes a living being of community. It is via this group-soul that the members receive their training from the teacher and also achieve telepathic contact with each other. The collective soul becomes like a larger self for all in the group, who grow aware of each other’s thoughts and feelings.

¹⁷On account of that deception in all respects concerning the knowledge of superphysical reality and all that self-deception which is inevitable when the unpractised have occult experiences, the planetary hierarchy emphatically declares that anyone who has not been accepted as a disciple, thus is not in direct personal contact with the planetary hierarchy, does not live in telepathic contact with his esoteric group, runs a great risk of making mistakes. The planetary hierarchy is the fifth natural kingdom and no mystical phenomenon but the most natural of all natural things. The first condition for discipleship is healthy critical common sense, and that is lacking in most people who occupy themselves with occultism. It is better to be a skeptic than a believer. It is better to distrust your own experiences than to believe that you are “far advanced”, “an elect soul”. The mystic as a rule is living in an “overheated spiritual atmosphere” which makes common sense impossible. Perhaps those spiritually heated persons will calm down somewhat when they learn that “so great a soul as Platon” is calculated to become a causal self only in the zodiacal epoch of Sagittarius. Anyone who wants to be “saved” before all the others has very small prospects even of reaching his next higher level. “Save” others first; then you will be “saved” yourself. That is the only way.

¹⁸There is in the hierarchy a ceremony which confirms the self-acquisition of higher kinds of consciousness. People have wrought regular mischief with such so-called initiations. There are

initiates who have not participated in any ceremony. You do not boast of your faculties. The planetary hierarchy will see no more of this mischief.

¹⁹Esotericians take no interest in personalities and their private lives. They are interested in the self's stage of development and prospects of understanding. It is in that respect they try to help. Biographies, with their gossip of private life, which most people find exceedingly interesting, are trespassings into spheres that are forbidden zones for the esoterician, as is every kind of curiosity and occupation with the affairs of other people. Esotericians take the same view as the planetary hierarchy, which does not intervene in the individual's life except for the furthering of his development. Everything else is taboo. Whatever falls under the law of reaping is outside the hierarchy's province. Only whatever concerns the law of development, the law of unity, and the law of destiny belongs to its field.

5.19 We Do Not Receive More Knowledge Than We Need

¹Those who study esoterics and are bent on receiving all tenable facts about existence from the planetary hierarchy are often disappointed when their questions are not answered.

²Men want to know so much about all manner of phenomena, knowledge which mankind has not the slightest use of, does not need in order to serve evolution, cannot use in the human kingdom. Nor do we receive such facts from the planetary hierarchy. There is immensely much which is more important for us in order to live meaningful lives.

³No kingdom receives more knowledge from higher kingdoms than is necessary for the consciousness development of this kingdom and for understanding existence at a certain stage of development. Moreover, no kingdom is presented with such facts as in the course of evolution must be possible to ascertain in this kingdom.

⁴Disciples are often informed that their questions do not concern essentials for their own development, that many questions will be answered by mankind itself in the future, and then mankind must wait until it can do this itself. The curious must learn to leave off their impatience. Patience is a quality closely akin to humility.

⁵The planetary hierarchy has not given us knowledge of reality in order that we may feel important, superior, and despise the uninformed. The hierarchy has not given us knowledge that confers power in order that we may abuse it to the detriment of life. Anyone who does not want to serve has no right to either knowledge or power. Those who have got opportunities of receiving knowledge or of wielding power are thereby put to the test. Those who abuse knowledge or power should not count on getting new opportunities very soon. There are lower cultures. There are worse brains. The powers of reaping have many means of making people relearn.

⁶The planetary hierarchy has expressly stated that much that has already been communicated is beyond the possibility of verification or comprehension by others than causal selves. For the seekers, however, it furnishes materials for reflexion and analysis, although they must of course take care not to draw definitive conclusions. Mankind consists of individuals at different stages of development (not to be confounded with stages of education), and also those at the highest stages must get opportunities of such meditations as can result in the activation of the superconscious that is within their reach, try their strength in unknown spheres. It is by forming rational (perspectivist) hypotheses that consciousness and the faculty of divination are developed. The risk is always that divination is taken for reality. Divination is not intuition but that searchlight which is sent out in all directions in order to find facts, if possible.

⁷There are those who are concerned that further scientific discoveries of forces of nature will lead to the self-destruction of mankind, since all such discoveries are made to serve hatred, oppression, and war. The planetary hierarchy has of course gone into the matter. Therefore, no new energies from the fifth department will be allowed to pour down into the worlds of man. It will take some time yet before those that have already reached these worlds have exhausted the

possibilities of their vibrations. After the year 2000, however, they are inactive and mankind has in its immense folly severed this connection. For millennia to come there will be no possibilities of revolutionary scientific discoveries.

5.20 The Seventh Department and the Aquarian Epoch

¹During the zodiacal epoch of Aquarius, the seventh department will be dominant, and it remains to be seen how its supreme chief (formerly known as Saint-Germain) will lead research.

²The seventh department was formerly called the department of ritual or ceremonial magic, three words that have of course been misinterpreted by the usual ignorance of life which will explain everything that it cannot comprehend. Ritual or ceremony consists in a series of symbolic actions, which carefully represent those methodical processes which mental energy undergoes when a faultless experiment in the lowest physical molecular kinds is to be obtained. The whole process was called magic. It should be understood that symbolic actions are completely meaningless for those who have not mastered the technical procedure. The purpose of the ritual is to enable the magicians present to participate in the process simultaneously and so obtain the enormously heightened effect of the combined energies.

³Thus ritual concerns co-operation in a group. Without the requisite knowledge of the technique, ritual is an empty ceremony without meaning. The best natural qualifications for magic are found in those whose causal envelopes belong to the seventh department, next in those who have this department in any one of their envelopes of incarnation. Such individuals should be more frequently met with in the new zodiacal epoch. The increasing possibilities of efficient exploitation of the pertaining zodiacal vibrations will of course be utilized. Teamwork and group work of other kinds are already growing more and more frequent.

⁴We may expect the elaboration of an entirely new “magical” method, a group method to supersede the former, individual one. This new method has two great advantages. Individual abuse is prevented and the group work provides the participants with a common protection. Regrettably there is an even greater risk for the community in case the knowledge would fall into the hands of a group of unscrupulous individuals. How ruthlessly the possibilities furnished by any organization are exploited we have regrettably already experienced in the fields of our politics and economy with their general lawlessness and corruption. As long as such a risk exists (and it does with the present and next generations) the new magic will remain just a possibility. Probably, we shall have to wait until the planetary hierarchy is called back.

5.21 The Planetary Hierarchy Does Not Claim Omniscience

¹According to the planetary hierarchy, all members of higher kingdoms decline to be regarded as gods, objects of worship, adoration, oblation, etc. Even if they are eons ahead of us in development, they are on the path to still higher kingdoms.

²The planetary hierarchy does not claim omniscience. But it can always decide whether it knows or knows not. Even in higher kingdoms they entertain hopes in matters where they do not know for certain. An esoterician must be able to perceive the difference between the expression of such a hope and a definitive explanation.

³The secretary of the planetary hierarchy (45-self D.K.) makes fun of the theosophists’ belief in the omniscience and omnipotence of their “masters”, and justly. But then they do not know that a 45-self has 44 more worlds to “conquer”. It is certainly true that a 45-self is omniscient and omnipotent in the worlds of man (47–49), which in respect of knowledge means that he can find out everything he wants to know about these worlds and their past. The 45-selves have their special tasks, however, and are fully occupied round the clock with fulfilling the functions they have taken on themselves. The very few who in addition can be teachers of select disciples have in so doing taken on themselves an extra burden, which is more trying than these disciples may conceive. Perhaps the analogy of a doctor’s job in a mental hospital can give a better idea

as to the nature of their burden.

⁴In any case they have no opportunities of familiarizing themselves with either general or individual fictitiousness. It would, besides, be pointless. At the various stages of development from mental selves (47:5) through causal selves (three degrees) and essential selves (seven degrees) up to 45-selves, there are thousands of individuals whose foremost task it is to serve mankind. It is these that the “master” can use as connecting links. They are in direct contact with men in science, politics, etc., and can inform their assigners as well as “inspire” people.

⁵It is not the fault of the hierarchy that the stamp of infallibility has been put on books written by its disciples, usually after these books have been deliberately garbled. The hierarchy declares firmly that the Vedas, the Kabbalah, the Old and New Testament, the Koran, the Talmud, etc. are no “sacred scriptures” and would not be accepted by the hierarchy as containing the knowledge of reality and life, exact historical facts, what people call the “truth”. Everything in them is misinterpretation of symbols at the best. The knowledge of reality has never been exoteric before the year 1875. The works dictated by 45-self D.K. can be understood correctly by “initiates” only. There is a risk that they will be misinterpreted like other truly esoteric writings. By “truly esoteric” is meant those which have been approved by the planetary hierarchy.

5.22 *The Immense Distance*

¹For the esoterician to be able to help people with their many problems of life it is necessary that he familiarize himself not just with the opinions of the day but also with the literature of past centuries, which otherwise he could safely file away. That literature is of historical interest at the utmost, being an example of mankind’s general disorientation in reality and life during a few millennia. But if it seems so to the esoterician, how will it seem to the planetary hierarchy when it reappears and finds itself compelled to study the products of error in order to meet men on their level of communication? No wonder that the hierarchy thinks that it needs to make extensive preparations for this task.

²It cannot be stressed too emphatically that for the selves in higher kingdoms to get in touch with those in lower kingdoms is a strenuous, energy-intensive enterprise. The individuals in the fifth natural kingdom live in a world of consciousness so utterly different from that of the individuals in the fourth kingdom that it is a true sacrifice for them, when contacting men, to try to apprehend their illusory and fictitious conceptions, which are so far from reality concepts (“Platonic ideas”). This holds good all the way. The distances in consciousness are so enormous that their attempts at contact can best be compared to attempts at self-idiotization, immensely limiting in all respects. Add to this the fact that the radiation of energies by higher selves would unfailingly harm the lower selves if not special and “strenuous” measures of protection were taken. In that case you can really speak of “sacrifice”. That is one of the many reasons why it is necessary to have a graded gamut of individuals on different levels, individuals who can scale down the knowledge of reality. Every disciple of the planetary hierarchy is found somewhere on this gamut. There are whole series of causal selves, essential selves, etc., who work together for a final communication of the knowledge. Those who convey the knowledge to men are lowest on the gamut, even though they do not realize it. It is a matter of regret that, hitherto, they often have not received the desirable training for their task.

³It should be pointed out that the planetary hierarchy has no “world view and life view”, no “ideals”, etc., such things as are necessary for man’s orientation in the worlds of life ignorance. Those who have access to the collective consciousness of the planet or the collective consciousness of the solar system need no systems of thought for their orientation in life.

⁴Therefore, they prefer that individuals at the higher mental stage (47:4,5) elaborate suitable systems of knowledge for philosophers and scientists. Even causal selves, thus those who have acquired causal consciousness, are not very well suited to do mental construction work.

Blavatsky is a typical example of this unsuitability. To causal selves, “facts” are no “concepts”, but living realities which they find infinitely difficult to “concretize”, scale down into mental conceptions. Moreover, to put causal facts or Platonic ideas into mental systems is for causal selves a toilsome mosaic work, which calls for specially trained capacity, a capacity that Blavatsky did not possess.

⁵The planetary hierarchy is limited in its work also through the disciples whom they must use in the physical world, since that is the only way for them to work among men. Those mental molecules which they rain down into the mental world are mostly without effect, since so few people are prepared to pick them up. Thus much depends on the mental and emotional capacity of their disciples, their philosophical, scientific, cultural orientation as well as their talents for expression, their capacities for communication with people in social life or in writing. Social life is more important, since the impressions they make go directly to the individuals influenced. Their literary influence could reach more people if their works were better known. But that effect remains minimal as long as publishers and booksellers look just to the economy of the matter and are uninterested in printing and selling books that are in little request. How many realize that they, by advancing the esoteric literature, sow a good sowing for the future? How many readers are anxious to let others learn about the knowledge? How many realize their responsibility?

⁶The thoughts (mental vibrations) of men cannot reach beyond the mental world. Otherwise those in the worlds of the fifth kingdom would be disturbed in their work. It is quite enough that our mental vibrations have a disturbing effect on their work in the mental world, even though the mental molecular kinds used by them are immensely more effective, since the higher atomic kinds involved into the mental molecules have been activated.

⁷Sometimes, at least formerly, there were those who criticized statements made by 45-selves. Such things evidence an inability to realize the immense distance in capacity for perception. On the other hand, our teachers admit that their presentations of the knowledge have not always been made with a view to man’s prospects of understanding. Then, of course, it all depends on what stage of development they supposed in those who were to receive the teaching. You cannot always write so that everybody will understand it. Then there would be too much that could not be said at all.

⁸“We may all thee-and-thou our lord”, for we are all brothers, whatever kingdom in nature we are in. But those who are familiar with their god should take care to be on familiar terms with everybody. However, their power of reflection does not reach that far. They certainly want to be familiar with higher beings, but not with those whom they, in their incredible stupidity, regard as lower beings.

5.23 How the Planetary Hierarchy Looks on Reality

¹The secretary of the planetary hierarchy (45-self D.K.) asserts emphatically the necessity of regarding the energy aspect as the essential one. All consciousness expressions are energy phenomena. Men are almost totally ignorant of the fact that, on the whole, they handle nothing but energies and that they mostly use them wrongly. Physical as well as emotional and mental energies are causes that have effects. The energies must have outlets. And if these outlets are not expedient, then they harm, act destructively in some respect.

²The planetary hierarchy understands fully the difficulties and sufferings of physical life, which is clear from the fact that a 45-self calls the physical world a “real cold hell”. If anyone thinks this exaggerated, it just evidences his ignorance of life.

³It has been said that “suffering exists only in the lowest three physical and emotional spheres (49:5-7, 48:5-7)”. But this is true only of the sufferings of egoists. Since the higher includes the lower, suffering is perceptible also in higher kingdoms and often causes real agony there. Besides, there is that “suffering” which lies in work until the problem has been solved, in

striving for a goal not yet attained, in seeing one's own limitation and inability, in not being able to help.

⁴The planetary hierarchy does what it can to stimulate men to right action, to demonstrate possibilities and clarify responsibilities; it sends out teachers and disciples to lead and educate the race. But it never seeks to force or control anybody. It does what it can to turn evil into good, clarify situations, and hint at the right solution of problems. Further it cannot go if mankind is to be brought up to be independent individuals. Ignorant people wonder for instance why the planetary hierarchy did not prevent the world wars. It is beyond question that the hierarchy was able to do so. In so doing, however, it would have violated the Law and impeded development. That it never does. At any cost whatever men must learn to decide themselves how they should act.

⁵The planetary hierarchy cannot demand any promise of obedience. You cannot promise anything the content of which is unknown to you. The hierarchy cannot give orders to anybody. It cannot force anybody to act against his own conviction. Everybody has a right to his own view on everything and has the right to be the "master of his own wisdom", however erroneous this might be. Nobody may be deprived of that right which according to the Law and the divinity of life is unalienable. Everybody is responsible for everything himself, a responsibility according to the law of incorruptible, implacable justice.

⁶The planetary hierarchy recognizes no neutrality, no "third standpoint". Such an attitude is regarded as cowardice, error, treason. In the choice between right and wrong, truth and untruth, freedom and slavery, law and lawlessness, there is no possibility of compromise. He who is not for is against.

5.24 The Planetary Hierarchy and Mankind

¹To the esoterician, "god" is the symbol of omniscience, omnipotence and law personified, of higher kingdoms in nature, of the cosmic total consciousness or of the Law. God is no person, but a collective which has the task of supervising everything and also does so efficiently. The concept of god as a person was introduced by the Jewish religion, since the Jews needed a Jehovah (Jahveh), who made them his "peculiar people". Besides, anyone may have his own idea of god. The essential thing is the knowledge of the presence of "god", the trust and personal certainty.

²You can, of course, call the head of the planetary government "god". But he himself does not approve of that designation, since there are higher natural kingdoms also for him.

³Man's "god" is the "fifth natural kingdom", the planetary hierarchy. It is from there that we receive all knowledge, all "power", all help.

⁴The members of the planetary hierarchy as a matter of principle regard all monads in all natural kingdoms as their brothers, since they are conscious of the unity of all life.

⁵The planetary hierarchy is an accomplished organization, which sees to it that all monads are supervised, the more effectively the higher the kingdom and stage of development the monad has reached.

⁶The hierarchy helps whenever it may according to the Law, whenever help is required for the individual's development. It helps in the way it sees to be best. The hierarchy is the shield. Only with its help is "victory" possible.

⁷To the planetary hierarchy, locutions such as "struggle, battle, victory, defeat", etc., are symbolical and may be replaced by "resistance, work, toil" etc. The planetary hierarchy guarantees success. It is up to everybody to receive it.

⁸The hierarchy does its share if you do your share. The "heavenly" ladder is within you. But you must climb and not look down.

⁹All prophets and reformers will fail who believe they can do without the hierarchy. Under the banner of the hierarchy your mind is strengthened against cowardice and treachery, and

victory is assured.

¹⁰There is no more rewarding task than to serve the hierarchy.

¹¹No evil can befall anyone who trusts in the hierarchy. The heart centre is the connection with the essential world and the hierarchy.

¹²Concentration towards a given point has an effect. It makes your thought steady. The hierarchy is such a point.

¹³All higher worlds are well-organized states with rulers who supervise everything.

¹⁴Anyone who lives for the hierarchy liberates himself from much unnecessary bad sowing, from much evil.

¹⁵All endeavours are easy when you are in contact with the hierarchy. It is the hierarchy that inspires and guides. Anyone who trusts in the hierarchy need never be afraid.

¹⁶Men betrayed the hierarchy, turned away from their helpers in order to be great and important. They cry for light and persevere in their selfishness. They find only darkness and impotence.

¹⁷Without the help of the hierarchy nobody reaches up to the fifth natural kingdom.

¹⁸The hierarchy is Ariadne's thread out of the labyrinth. Anyone who seeks the hierarchy finds unity, the knowledge and the power.

¹⁹The physical and emotional worlds are in the power of the black lodge until the hierarchy has been called back.

²⁰We are all watched over. To those in higher kingdoms the past (every thought, feeling, word, and action) exists in the present, so that the supervision is a relatively easy arrangement. That was what was meant by the old saw "god is watching you".

²¹Anyone who is constantly aware of the "presence of god" is in contact with the hierarchy.

²²The cosmic organization is perfect. Even for the planetary hierarchy there is a "divine guidance". Even for it there is a "divine will", namely the Law such as it expresses itself in the worlds of the hierarchy. The hierarchy bows humbly and gratefully before the Law, because it has learnt to obey. The mindfulness of the Law increases the sensitivity to the Law, strengthens the instinct, gives better insight, understanding, and ability. Through obedience we get energy.

²³Live for the hierarchy! Anyone who forgets himself, forgets the lower for the higher and has gained immeasurably thereby.

²⁴It is not enough to have devotion for the hierarchy. Your heart must vibrate in harmony with the hierarchy.

²⁵Those who want to overcome must keep to the hierarchy, which is the only protection against the black ones.

²⁶Man has through his chain of triads a connection with the hierarchy; his second triad belongs to the essential kingdom; and his third triad, to the first divine kingdom. It is up to man to keep this connection unbroken.

²⁷The black ones further evolution by forcing men to seek the hierarchy. Doubt, darkness, chaos, hindrances, impotence are the work of the black ones and teach men to trust the hierarchy, however hopeless everything seems. Fear no enemies! They just do necessary work and teach men to see that the hierarchy is the only certain thing. The more the hierarchy is alive in our feeling and thought, the greater our power and joy.

²⁸It is not enough to have passive trust, for passivity is as good as death, and the hierarchy is no undertaker.

²⁹Anyone who wants "favours" must also demonstrate his willingness to help the planetary hierarchy, not with occasional actions but in his entire attitude to life.

³⁰The help often comes at the last moment, when everybody has closed the door on those who require help.

³¹Men are traitors to the best within them and thereby traitors to the hierarchy. They never consider the fact that they counteract the hierarchy.

³²Accept the hierarchy as a necessity, for it is; it is the protection of mankind!

³³For anyone who lives with the hierarchy before his eyes there is no triviality, no ordinariness, but life becomes an exploration expedition.

³⁴We do not serve the hierarchy with prayers but by lightening the hierarchy's burden.

³⁵The hierarchy has no need of lip-service but of action. It agrees in the question of Christos: "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

³⁶The hierarchy lays down no commandments, for all such things are against the law of freedom. (The Law is the law of cause and effect in all relationships of life, known and unknown ones.) However, the hierarchy shows us what is in accordance with the laws of life.

³⁷Without the hierarchy mankind will never find its way out of the darkness. This the black ones know and do what they can to stifle the knowledge of its existence.

³⁸The hierarchy is Paradise. It is no Eldorado, however, no place for drones, but a place of work where men learn how to perform the labours of Hercules and become heroes.

³⁹"We who belong to the hierarchy love all beings whatever level of development they are at. We beg all men to stand up and say: All men are my brothers. My brother's wrongs are my wrongs. My sister's burdens are my burdens. What matters it if your words find no echo in the hearts of those about you?"

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