

**THE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE WORLDS,
THEIR INHABITANTS AND
THEIR RELATION TO HUMANKIND**

**A Cycle of Lectures Given in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of
ROSICRUCIAN COSMO CONCEPTION First Edition**

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FOREWORD

The present work represents a simple homage of the Chartered Center of Rio de Janeiro of the Rosicrucian Fellowship to Max Heindel, the Rosicrucian Order Herald to the Aquarian Age, during the 100th Anniversary of ROSICRUCIAN COSMO CONCEPTION First Edition.

For several years long, the Chartered Center of Rio de Janeiro dedicates one Saturday a month to the study of the COSMO. During 2009, from March to October, eight Saturdays were dedicated to a series of lectures summarizing the Teachings comprised in our textbook and presented under the theme THE VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE WORDS, THEIR INHABITANTS AND THEIR RELATION TO HUMANKIND. This cycle of lectures was closed In November 2009, with a debate focused on the subject and on the importance of the Teachings to the Rosicrucian Fellowship members' life.

The Western Wisdom Teachings are presented in COSMO in three parts that are answers to the questions traditionally posed by those looking for spiritual development: Who are we? Where were we coming from? Where are we going to? The first question is answered in Part One, which describes MAN'S PRESENT CONSTITUTION AND METHOD OF DEVELOPMENT. The second question is answered in Part Two, COSMOGENESIS AND ANTROPOGENESIS. The third question is answered in Part Three that explains MAN'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND INITIATION.

The cycle of lectures performed in our Center had, as a basic reference, the book of COSMO, using also, as complementary references, other sources, as indicated in the attached Bibliography. Following an idea adopted in a pamphlet edited by The Rosicrucian Fellowship, "The Inhabitants of the Planes", we ordered the lectures visiting the Worlds from the densest to the most subtle ones. We described, for each world, its functions and characteristics, as well as the role their inhabitants had and have, especially in relation to our humanity. The last lecture was dedicated to the Mission of Christ Jesus, the founder of the Universal Religion of the future. Christ did come to seek and save that which was lost and, in addition to that, to make the Initiation possible to all "whosoever will".

We devote our all gratitude to the work performed by the Elder Brothers, who made possible that the precious Teachings contained in the COSMO could reach a mankind thirsty of Truth, through the tireless efforts of Max Heindel.

PART ONE THE PHYSICAL WORD

INTRODUCTION

The Physical World is the densest of all Worlds existing in God's Universe, according to the Rosicrucian Philosophy. In the Rosicrucian Teachings, the Universe is divided into seven Worlds, as shown below:

- World of God
- World of Virgin Spirits
- World of Divine Spirit
- World of Life Spirit
- World of Thought
- Desire World
- Physical World

Each world is subdivided into seven Regions, as shown in the Diagram 2 of COSMO and described in its Chapter I. It is a law of the Universe that no being can function in any world or region without a vehicle built of the material of this world. The Diagram 2 of COSMO shows the seven vehicles of mankind, built of the material of each world or region.

There are several life waves in evolution, in different stages of development and all of them, to evolve, need to build different vehicles to function in the various regions. There is a singular point in the evolution of a life wave, as we can derive from the study of Rosicrucian Philosophy, in which the life wave reaches its individuality and becomes responsible by its own evolution. The relations established with other life waves, during the evolutionary period in which the life wave reaches its individuality are kept in subsequent periods, adapted to the new conditions prevailing in those periods, as we will see later.

The need for relations is one of the Universe forces which makes the Spirits interact one with another aiming at the growing of each one and the Divinity itself. We have been differentiated within God as Virgin Spirits, we conquered individuality to be responsible for our own evolution, but we depend on this relationship with others to evolve, something that we recall as our own origin, when we were together within God's bosom, as a great unity.

At the end of this Day of Manifestation, we will return to our origin, to share all our conquests, individual or collective, as a part of the Great Consciousness of God.

CHAPTER I THE CHEMICAL REGION OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD

The Chemical Region of the Physical World is the only region of the Universe which the major part of mankind is aware and has knowledge of. This region is the object of study of the Official Science that has developed powerful instruments as extensions of our senses to observe the macro and the microcosm. The observation of the inner worlds, however, depends yet on man's ability to see those worlds. His first step in this direction will be the etheric sight, about which we will talk a little later. When a significant number of scientists get this ability, a radical change will take place in the paradigms of science, because a great part of the phenomena that presently escape from human observation, as they occur in the invisible worlds, will become observables and, as a consequence, affordable to be studied by science. One of the most remarkable examples is the moment in which the human being leaves his (her) body, at death. A glimpse of the possible changes in science paradigms can be deduced from the impacts on medical state of the art caused by near death experiments.

The relation of human kind with other realms is vastly known by everybody, as well as the consequent problems affecting our ecosystems. All these problems result from disordered human intervention on our planet, affecting all realms, accomplished under a system of values completely distorted, not only in relationship to the other realms, but within our own human realm, in which the lack of love, the egotism and the disrespect to others have prevailed.

The other realms are used by the human being most of the time without respect, transgressing its dignity and altering significantly its system of life, to provide, according to their conveniences, the needs of human beings in dressing, feeding, well-being and fun. Fortunately, humanity is reacting against this state of things and is becoming more sensitive to these affairs, especially nowadays, because the planet is being threatened by great climatic changes resulting from the unbalance of ecosystems. Scientists have also made an extensive research on healthy diets, reaching at the conclusion that red meat should be consumed parsimoniously. The Rosicrucian Philosophy recommends the vegetarian diet as the ideal one, not based on nutritional criteria, but based on the love and respect we should devote to our lower brothers. From an ecological point of view, it was already proved that the cattle raising industry is one of the greatest responsible for the greenhouse effect, not only through the deforestation to produce pastures, but also because the formation of methane gas. Even if we analyze the question from an economic point of view, meat production is a very inefficient system in a world with a permanent preoccupation with shortage of food, because this industry consumes at least seven tons of cereals to produce one ton of meat.

It is important also to know what the Divine Plan has in store for the evolution of the others realms of Nature. The Chapter II of COSMO presents a comparative study of the four realms, showing the differences in constitution of vehicles and state of consciousness.

Humankind is the only realm that achieved individuality in the period of development we are passing through: the Earth Period. The Evolutionary Periods are presented in Part II of COSMO – COSMOGENESIS AND ANTHROPOGENESIS. Part II describes the relation of man to God and the scheme, the path and the work of evolution.

The Evolutionary Process is carried through seven great Periods of Manifestation, as follows:

- The Saturn Period
- The Sun Period
- The Moon Period
- The Earth Period
- The Jupiter Period
- The Venus Period
- The Vulcan Period

The first three periods and the first half part of Earth Period comprise the period of time devoted to the attainment of self-consciousness and the acquisition of vehicles through which the spirit in human being manifests. In that period, called “Involution”, human beings become individuals. The final half part of Earth Period and the subsequent periods to the end of this Day of manifestation, during which the individual human beings develop self-consciousness into divine omniscience, is called “Evolution”. At the end of this period, human being has acquired Soul Power and a Creative Mind. All life waves will also accomplish their goals, depending on the stage of evolution they are in.

Humankind is in its fourth evolutionary period, the Earth Period. During those four first periods, the human being acquired the seven vehicles through which the spirit manifests, from the Divine Spirit to the dense body. The other kingdoms started their evolution in periods later than the human being. The animals started their evolution in the Solar Period, the plants, in the Moon Period and the minerals, in the Earth Period. The Diagram 3 of the COSMO CONCEPTION shows the vehicles of each kingdom and the manner in which such vehicles are correlated to the different worlds.

As we have mentioned before, the period in which a life wave reaches individuality and becomes responsible by its own evolution, a remarkable relationship is established between this life wave and the one that is just starting evolution.

Humankind is a good example of this kind of relationship, because we are working with the minerals, giving it form. This work will have continuity in the Jupiter and Venus Periods, culminating in the Vulcan Period, on which we will have the privilege to give them a germinal mind, as the Lords of Mind, the Hierarchy of Sagittarius, did to us during the Saturn Period. The Lords of Mind were then human. The same happened to the Archangels, the Hierarchy of Capricorn, that are the rulers and guides of the animals. The animals started their mineral existence in the Sun Period, at which time the Archangels were human. The Angels, the Hierarchy of Aquarius, went to a similar process when

they were human; therefore they have special concern with the life wave that now inhabits the plants, to guide it up to the human stage. The plants started their mineral existence in the Moon Period, when the Angels were human.

The state of consciousness appertaining to each kingdom, correlated with its vehicle constitution is shown in the Diagram 4 of COSMO CONCEPTION.

The human being, the Thinker, has descended into the Chemical Region of the Physical World, attaining the state of waking consciousness. He is still learning to control his or her vehicles. The organs of neither the desire body nor the mind are yet evolved. They cannot be used alone as vehicles of consciousness. The Ego, however, enters into the dense body and connects these organless vehicles with the physical sense centers.

The animal spirit has in its descent reached only the Desire World and it has not yet evolved to the point where it is able to enter a dense body. The animal has no individual indwelling spirit, but a Group Spirit which directs it from without. This Group Spirit is an Archangel, responsible for the entire species.

Diagram 4 shows that the Group Spirit of the plant has its lowest vehicle in the Region of Concrete Thought and the Group Spirit of the mineral has its lowest vehicle in the Region of Abstract Thought.

As a result of this state of things, we have different states of consciousness for these kingdoms, from humankind in a state of waking consciousness to the mineral, in a state of trance-like consciousness.

As a kingdom with leadership in the Physical World, humankind has a huge responsibility of using correctly their ability and skills in their relation with other human beings and other kingdoms. We have accumulated a large sum of debts to the less fortunate people and the other kingdoms as a consequence of our acts and we need to make a great effort to pay all those debts.

The Physical World is the world where the things are accomplished and the experiences performed, with the correspondent apprenticeship. This apprenticeship is consolidated during the post mortem process when the essence of experiences becomes consciousness and virtues.

It is valid to be a dreamer and to idealize projects. But they are of real value only when we try to convert them into reality, because the Physical World is the place conceived in the Divine Plan to house our experiments and where we learn to create in the right way, based in our errors and well doings.

CHAPTER II THE ETHERIC REGION OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD

1. The Four Ethers

The Etheric Region is the responsible for the maintenance of life in the living kingdoms – plants, animals and humankind. The trained clairvoyant can see that the forces giving life to the mineral forms of humankind, animals and plants flow through these forms by means of the ethers.

According to the Rosicrucian Fellowship, there are four ethers in the Etheric Region: Chemical Ether, Life Ether, Light Ether and Reflecting Ether, as described in Chapter I of COSMO CONCEPTION.

Summarizing the information about the ethers, we must say that the Chemical Ether is the Ether responsible for the assimilation and excretion functions of the living beings. It is the only ether in activity in the minerals, as the actuating means of the chemical forces in the minerals. The Life Ether is the avenue for the operations which have for their object the maintenance of the species, that is to say, the propagation forces. The Light Ether is the avenue of forces responsible for the sensorial perception and the avenue through which act the forces generating heat in the higher species of animals and the forces responsible for blood circulation in the cold-blooded animals. Through this Ether is also built and nourished the eye. The Reflecting Ether is the avenue through which are actives the forces promoting the memory function and through which thought is impressed in human brain.

2. The Angels

The Etheric Region is considered the internal side of matter. The voluntary clairvoyants can see this region using its inner perception, which is an extension of the physical vision, working as an X-ray. They are able to see the internal part of the things and how they are constituted. Those who have this kind of vision are also able to see other inhabitants of this Region as the fairies and the Nature Spirits - the gnomes, the undines, the sylphs and the salamanders. The fairies, as a matter of fact, belong to the order of Gnomes, the Earth Spirits working under orientation of the Angels Hierarchy.

The bodies of gnomes are mainly formed of Chemical Ether and, therefore, they are physical. These bodies can be burned by fire and susceptible to aging as the human beings, but they live longer.

The undines live in water, the sylphs live on air and the salamanders are able to manipulate the fire, the rays and the thunders. They have their bodies made of life ether, light ether and reflecting ether, respectively. They have a life longer than the gnomes.

Nature Spirits accomplish important tasks in Nature, deep in Earth, in its surface, over plants and flowers, in water and on air, in the cycle of water

evaporation and in its liberation as rain, with a great contribution to the economy of Nature.

The Angels have as the densest vehicle the vital body. They reached individuality in a period before the present Earth Period, the Moon Period, as described in Part II of COSMO CONCEPTION, in its Chapter VIII, "The Work of Evolution", when the Solar System was in a condition similar to our etheric condition. They worked with the etheric forces under the rulership of Jehovah, the highest Initiate of the Angels.

The Angels are guardians of families and individuals, but their work is not similar to the work done by the Lords of Venus and Lords of Mercury, both belonging to our life wave. The beings living in these planets are far more evolved than the human beings living in Earth. Some inhabitants of Venus and Mercury were sent to Earth to help our nascent humanity and are known as Lords of Venus and Lords of Mercury. The Lords of Venus were leaders of masses of people and helped to build our civilization. The Lords of Mercury work with individuals, when they reach a higher state of development. (See Chapter XII of COSMO CONCEPTION)

The Angels work over all living beings. They work over the plants as guardians of fields and woods (plants, flowers, and fruits), rivers and oceans. They take care also of the animal kingdom, as guardians of life seeds, but do not act as Group Spirits of animal species, a work done by the Archangels. They act as Group Spirits of plant species.

The Angels are in a step above of humankind in terms of evolution. During the Moon Period they learn to work with the ethers and are now, during the earth Period, learning to operate in the Desire World, in the same way that we, in Jupiter Period, will learn to work with the ethers, because the present life wave of minerals will have then reached the plant like stage. The Angels are working now, as Max Heindel said, with humid emotions, where beautiful and pure feelings are being experimented by conscious living beings. They give intensity to pure and sacred feelings, to beauty expressions and spiritual enjoyment.

3. The Lucifer Spirits

Were the humanity been kept under the leadership of Jehovah, the highest Initiate of Solar Period, and their Angels, there would not have been the suffering and pain which have characterized the human evolution. The coming of Lords of Venus and Mercury had been planned for a certain period of time, to establish the Mysteries and to help humanity in creating its civilization. The Lucifer Spirits brought freedom to humankind before this period of time, making necessary to anticipate the coming of Lords of Mercury much time before this planned period of time, in order to neutralize the influence of the Lucifer Spirits.

In the Sun Period, the Angels have not yet achieved individuality; they got it only in the Moon Period, the period following the Sun Period. During the Sun Period, they were evolving together with the Archangels, the "humanity" of that period. Max Heindel tells us, in the COSMO CONCEPTION, that the globes, in

the Sun Period, were glowing light-balls, but the chief characteristic feature of the globes of the Moon Period may be best described by the term "moisture". The difficulty started when the life wave of the Angels, guided by Jehovah, got down to the humid ethers of the Moon Period, as a preparatory stage to descend to the dark and cold material space. A group of Angels, the Lucifer Spirits, rebelled against this plan, because they became accustomed to the fiery conditions of the Sun Period.

Therefore, these two classes of Angels are in opposite positions: The Angels linked to water element, that evolved following the conditions established by the Divine Plan and that now are working with the "humid emotions" of the Earth Period and the Lucifer Spirits, which are working with the "fiery passions", attracted by the element fire.

The Lucifer Spirits, rebelled against Jehovah, found out a way between the Angels and the human evolution to make possible their progress in evolution. The Angels did not need a brain to have access to Cosmic Wisdom, because they sent out their whole love, without selfishness and, in return, Cosmic Wisdom flowed into them. Man sent out only part of this love. The other part he selfishly retained to build his inner organs of expression, a larynx and a brain. The Lucifer Spirits could not have access to Cosmic Wisdom because they have rebelled against the Divine Plan and they could not gain knowledge without the use of an inner organ like the physical brain. Then, the only way they had to gain knowledge was to use man's physical brain. The Lucifer Spirits entered the spinal cord and spoke to the woman, whose imagination had been aroused by training during the Lemurian Epoch. They revealed to the woman her own body and that of the man and taught her how, together, they might create new bodies, at will. However, with this procedure, man and woman were disobeying Jehovah's orientation, to use the creative forces only under adequate astrological conditions.

With this influence, the Lucifer Spirits were promoting self assertion in man. They instigated the mental activities by means of the other part of the creative force which was carried upward for work in the brain. The part of creative force, expressed as passions and used to gratify the senses, was more intense in man than any other self assertion expressions and it was, for that reason, very appropriate for the Lucifer Spirits to accomplish their purpose. Defiance is the prominent attitude of Lucifer Spirits and their key note is intensity. They encourage freedom without any type of limitation and the urge to dare or to accomplish is so intense that becomes irresistible.

Before human being's enlightened by the Lucifer Spirits, he had not known sickness, pain nor death, resulted from the misuse of creative forces for the gratification of senses. Besides the incentive to use the creative forces for the gratification of senses, the Lucifer Spirits were also instigators of all mental activities, because the forces used to create the brain were of same nature as the ones used to generation of bodies, as said above. As instigators of mental activities, reasoning was stimulated, as well as the focusing on objective actions, leading man to gain knowledge of the Physical World. So human beings develop Science and ability in Arts and Crafts, worldwide. It was a sort of

compensation for knowing sickness, pain and death resulting from the premature conquest of our independence and consciousness of the physical world, given by the Lucifer Spirits, the “light givers”, in spite of being a false light.

Max Heindel said that, in his opinion, a great number of Lucifer Spirits may not reach their own evolution and, by that reason, they will have to come back to Chaos. But, according to him, some of them are working with the Lords of Mercury to teach lessons of regeneration to make possible their return to their life wave and to proceed in their evolution to the end.

We know that the Archangels inhabit the Sun and the Angels the moons, but the Lucifer Spirits cannot inhabit any of the luminaries because they were not able to help the generation process in a pure and not egoistic form. They were then transferred to the planet Mars. From an astrological point of view, Mars rules Aries which, by its turn, rules the head. Mars rules also Scorpio which rules the genital organs. There is a strong link between these two signs, if we recall that the creative force was divided into two parts, the part which was carried upward being used to build the larynx and the brain. Scorpio is a mysterious sign, but it is remarkable that Mars rules a fiery sign, Aries, and, at the same time, rules a watery sign, Scorpio, that rules the reproduction organs. The regency of Mars over a watery sign may point out a returning way that is opening an opportunity for the Lucifer Spirits to recuperate their evolutionary process, changing generation into regeneration.

There is another remarkable point related to Scorpio Hierarchy, the Lords of Form, registered in an almost imperceptible way, perhaps to follow the tradition of mystery associated with this sign. In the alphabetical index of COSMO CONCEPTION, in the topic “Lords of Form”, it is said that “*They reconstruct dense body, giving germ of brain*” (The Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception, pg 550). It is a confirmation of the strong link between the creative forces, the brain and the Hierarchy of Scorpio. This Hierarchy is not only responsible for evolution during the Earth Period, but corresponds also to the sign of regeneration, a fundamental aspect to bring the evolutionary process of mankind back to the mainstream.

The Evolutionary Process is always presenting new opportunities for stragglers to recuperate the evolutionary stage in which they would be, had not they deviated from the right way. But even when these opportunities were not sufficient to provide the needs of those stragglers, the Great Beings make a great sacrifice to rescue the lost ones. This brings about the famous saying that “there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent”. We will talk about this subject when we describe the Christ Mission.

We finalize this chapter with the story of the prodigal son. In this story, the younger son, to whom the father gives his inheritance, represents the human life wave. The journey of the younger son from his father’s home symbolizes the descent of mankind from the “Garden of Eden” or the spiritual state of consciousness enjoyed by humankind in the beginning of its evolution, to its

state of consciousness in the physical world. During its journey in the physical world the prodigal son (humanity) wastes its inheritance (the Life Force) in a dissolute life, that is to say, used the creative force unwisely.

Then it comes a spiritual famine, as a result of mankind losing contact with spiritual worlds. It eventually sees the nullity of such an existence and decides to return unto the Father's House. The Father will naturally come to meet him. God always comes more than half way to meet us when we decide to return to His ways.

Then the Father said to his servants to bring forth the best robe and to put it upon the prodigal son. This robe represents the "golden wedding garment", the spiritual vehicle which we shall all build at some future time during the return to the "Father's House".

The older brother, being aware of the fact, became angry "and would not go in; therefore came his father out and entreated him". The older brother represents the angelic life wave. He complains that the father never made a great rejoicing for him. The Father replies that it is because the older has always been with him, that is to say, the angelic wave has always remained with the Father in the Spiritual Worlds. They never made a descent into matter as did humanity. Naturally, everything that is the Father's has always been theirs.

We believe that this story may be applied, by extension, to the Lucifer Spirits, if seen as prodigal sons, too. So, the work they are performing with regeneration, besides the help that is being given to mankind, may be the way back to their own evolution.

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**PART TWO
THE DESIRE WORLD**

INTRODUCTION

The Desire World, like the others, has the 7 subdivisions called regions and through the cosmic forces present in those regions the living beings find incentive for doing and moving. Desires, emotions, aspirations, passions and feelings express themselves in the matter of the different regions of the Desire World, as forms express themselves in the Chemical Region of the Physical World. In the Desire World the distinction between matter and force it is not as clear as in the Physical World. If the law ruling the Chemical World is the inertia, a tendency of the matter to remain in status quo, it is not so in the Desire World, where matter itself is fluid and in unceasing motion. The Desire World is color and light, changing all the time, in which the forces of animal and human being intermingle with the forces of Hierarchies of spiritual beings which do not appear in the Physical World (COSMO CONCEPTION, Chapter I).

The Desire World is in constant movement and it wouldn't be different with the desire body of man, moving incredibly fast. The desire stuff, which in one moment is in the head, in the next instant will be at the feet and will keep moving permanently. The desire body of man, due to its time of evolution, does not have organs like the physical or vital bodies. There are, however, perception centers, looking like vortices and which keep the same position all the time, in spite of the continuous moving of desire stuff. In the major part of humanity, those centers are mere eddies and of no use as means of perception. Those centers are more developed in clairvoyants, voluntary or involuntary like the mediums. It is the direction of rotation of these centers, clockwise or counterclockwise, that differentiate the voluntary from the involuntary clairvoyants (See COSMO CONCEPTION, Chapter II, and "TEMAS ROSACRUZES", El Mundo del Deseo). The desire body is rooted in liver, as the vital body is rooted in the spleen. The desire stuff, as said before, is permanently flowing through currents moving along curved lines to all the points in the desire body periphery which forms an ovoid and come back to the liver through a certain number of vortices. This happens to all beings with hot blood having feelings and emotions. These curved lines formed by desire stuff in continuous moving tint themselves according to the nature of emotions and feelings of their possessors. The humid emotions we've mentioned in the preceding part of this work look like full clouds, with delicate and sparkling colors and hues. The lower emotions show themselves as heavy and obscure

colors and like fire lightening in case of anger or hate. In the case of appetites gratification the red color prevails, in hues that will vary according to the nature of these appetites, reaching at times the scarlet. The feeling that reduces the vibrations of the desire body, freezing it, is fear. Its effects are immediately felt in the desire body, creating lines of gray color, waving through the person's aura. With the continuation of the process, the light and beauty of normal colors seem to be covered and hidden by this heavy and gray mist. In cases of extreme fright, the desire stuff freezes entirely, provoking eddies around the vortices. Max Heindel warns us against fear, as a great hindrance to soul grow.

The emotions, feelings and all others forms made of desire stuff are under the dominion of two great forces – Attraction and Repulsion, which act in a different way in the three denser Regions of the Desire World from that in which they act in the three upper Regions, while in the central Region, the fourth, is a neutral region, the Region of Feelings. In the fourth Region, interest or indifference provokes or not the action of one of the two forces (See the Regions of Desire World in Diagram 2).

Only the Attraction Force acts in the three upper Regions of Desire World. The Attraction Force is also found in the lower Regions, where it works against the Repulsion Force, to balance its destructive action. In the densest Region of desire World, the region of the coarsest passions and desires, the Repulsion Force is stronger. In the Second Region, the Region of Impressionability, there is equilibrium between the two forces. The impressions generated by facts are neutral and result from the sensorial perceptions of the Vital Body. In the Third Region, the Region of Wishes, the Attraction Force is greater than the Repulsion Force. The wishes generated in the Third region are egoistic in nature.

All forms in the Desire World tend to attract to itself other forms of the same nature to expand thereby. In the upper regions of the Desire World, this tendency finds adequate conditions to come through, due to the fact that only the Attraction Force is active and Good becomes stronger and grows without limits. In the First Region, evil would have the tendency to grow without limits were not the destructive action of the Repulsion Force. When a coarse desire form is attracted to another of the same nature, there is a disharmony in their vibrations, whereby one has a disintegrating effect upon the other. A good example is shown in COSMO CONCEPTION, when it describes the destructive action of a lie. The two descriptions of the same fact, one true and another false, act with mutual destructiveness one upon the other.

By this reason, evil cannot be fought if the intention is to destroy it, because another form is generated in the lower regions of Desire World, where the Repulsion Force is prevailing. Evil must be transmuted into good, by means of emotions generated in the higher regions of the Desire World, where there is only the Attraction Force. We must always seek the good in evil things. The intention any one has to face this situation is a form of desire stuff made of material from the Fourth Region. If our attitude is of indifference, there is no intention and the subject does not reach our conscience. If our attitude is of interest, the nature of our intention will determine the quality of desire stuff to be

used. The intention to destroy leads to a form using desire stuff from the lower regions. The intention to find the good in the evil actions will lead to a form using desire stuff from the higher regions.

One of the remarkable characteristics of our evolution process is the strong presence of duality in our lives, forcing us to make choices, at every moment. This also happens with the feeling of indifference, which can make contributions to our development, in a positive or negative way. Negative, when we waste an opportunity for a good deed and we sin by omission. Positive, when we are tested and indifference can be a god strategy to “lead us not into temptation”, because the intention to fight against it can arouse the kind of emotions we are trying to avoid.

ACTIVITIES OF LIFE

The activities of human Ego, in waking consciousness, are of great intensity in the Desire World, in the present stage of human evolution, as described in the Chapter II of COSMO CONCEPTION, from which we have extracted a résumé.

As Egos, we observe, through our senses, the impressions made by the external world upon our Vital Body. We observe also the feelings and emotions generated by these impressions on the Desire Body. All these impressions, feelings and emotions, reflected through our mind, reach the Ego's consciousness.

From the mental images thus produced and with the help of our own mind we make our conclusions. These conclusions are ideas. With our will power we project these ideas through our mind. Clothed with mental stuff extracted from the Region of Concrete Thought, these ideas take concrete shape as thought forms.

The mind is like a projecting lens of a movie projector. The mental image is projected in one of the following directions, according to the will of the thinker that ensouls the thought form:

1 – The image can be projected against the desire body to arouse the feeling which will lead to immediate action. The aroused feeling may be of interest or indifference. If the feeling aroused is indifference, it depends upon the spiritual energy contained in the thought form whether it will be able to compel action or not, leaving in the last case a weak impression in the reflecting ether when its energy has been nullified.

If the feeling aroused is interest, one of the two twin forces, Attraction or Repulsion, will be stirred up. In case of Attraction being the force aroused, it seizes the thought, adds life to it and clothes it with desire stuff, making it able to act in the etheric brain, propelling the vital force through the voluntary nervous system and voluntary muscles to perform the desired action.

In case of Repulsion being the force aroused there will be a struggle between the will of man and the desire body, a struggle between the higher and lower

natures. The spiritual force, in spite of resistance established by the repulsion force, will seek to clothe the thought form in the desire stuff needed to manipulate the voluntary nervous system and muscles. If the spiritual force is stronger than the repulsion force, the action will be performed, leaving in the memory a vivid impression of the struggle and the victory. If the Repulsion Force is stronger, the action will not be performed and an impression of the process is also impressed in memory for future use.

The mastery of the desire body by the will of man is related in the parable of impotent man, described in Chapter 5 of St. John's Gospel, of great interest for those following the mystic side of spiritual development, but equally important to all aspirants to higher life.

According to this story, there was a pool in Bethesda having five "porches". At intervals an angel came and troubled the water. The first person who stepped into the water after the angel had stirred it was made whole of whatever disease afflicting him. There was a man who had a disease for 38 years, but was never able to be the first one to step into the pool. Someone else always got into the water before him. Christ cured the man and told him to go his way and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon him.

The five porches represent the five physical senses, through which contacts with the physical world are made and emotions aroused in consequence. The angel who stirred the water is a highest spiritual force which, while it is in our emotional nature, will cure any and all diseases. Thus, while our pool of Bethesda is being troubled (higher vibrations), our diseases disappear. But the man in the story could not get into the water soon enough. He had flashes of higher emotional activity, but before he could derive any benefit from them, a physical or lower emotion, symbolized by another man, would step in before him. This is quite common to happen to us. We have a beautiful and lofty ideal, but it does not last too much time before another thought or emotion of lower or egoistic nature, related to our ideal takes its place, driving us back to our original position of waiting for the angel to stir up again the pool. Max Heindel described this situation as the one in which we think we have pure gold, but in fact we have a less valued alloy. But when the Christ is formed within us, He will cure our sins. But He tells us that if we do not cease committing the sin that caused the disease, it will come again upon us, as a reference to the Law of Cause and Effect, which decrees that we must reap as we sow, because we must always walk in harmony with the Laws of God.

2 – When the mental images of impacts from without do not call for immediate action, these images may be projected upon the reflecting ether, together with the thoughts originated by them, to be used in some future time.

3 – A third way of using a thought form is when the thinker projects it toward another mind to act as a suggestion or to provide information, as in telepathy.

When the designed for a thought form has been accomplished or its energy exhausted, it gravitates back to his (her) creator, bearing with it an indelible record of all the process. The success or failure is registered on the negative

atoms of the reflecting ether of the creator, where it forms that part of the record of the thinker's life, known as sub-conscious memory. This memory has an important role in the evaluation of man's life in his post-mortem state, where the twin forces of Attraction and Repulsion also plays a preponderant role, as it will be described afterwards.

The conscious and sub-conscious memories are related to one life experiences. There is also a super conscious memory, storing all the faculties and knowledge obtained in previous lives. This memory is engraved in the Life Spirit, the spiritual counterpart of the vital body. It manifests in our lives as character and conscience.

From the experiences lived by the human being derives the building of a triple soul (See Diagram 5 of COSMO CONCEPTION):

Emotional Soul - extract from the Desire Body - feeds the Human Spirit
Intellectual Soul - extract from the Vital Body - feeds the Life Spirit
Conscious Soul - extract from the Dense Body - feeds the Divine Spirit.

THE DESIRE WORLD AND THE ARCHANGELS

The Archangels Hierarchy acts mainly in the Desire World, in the same way that the Angels act in the Etheric Region. In the Desire World we can find also the humanity, at night, during the sleeping period, and in the interval between rebirths, in its post-mortem existence.

The Archangels are the "humanity" of Sun Period, the second Cosmic Day of Evolution of our Solar System. As in any other life wave, there are the more and the less advanced in their evolution, but the Divine Plan provides opportunities for all to evolve. Some Archangels became Race Spirits, guiding and taking care of human nations or races, other Archangels work as Group Spirits, taking care of and guiding animal species.

The Archangels that are guiding peoples and nations do that in during peaceful days but also in days of war. The sacred literature show cases in which an Angel leads His people to fight another people guided by another Archangel and one of them allows that the other people are winners, because that was a necessary lesson to be learned by the latter. The Good is always the ultimate goal to be attained.

The division of mankind in different nations and peoples was necessary to form evolving groups more homogeneous but, at the same time, brought the inconvenient of promoting a strong separation between all those groups and stimulating fights, envy and hate with one another. One of the consequences of all these struggles and disharmony was that, in the past, the Regions of Soul Life, Soul Light and Soul Power are almost inhabited by human beings, because they seldom were able to make a good deed.

Christ is the Highest Initiate of the Archangels Hierarchy and none, save Him, is qualified to bring the relief that shall fully meet our needs. His Mission will be described in the last part of this work. But we may mention now that a tremendous spiritual impact was caused by Christ when He diffused His own Desire Body throughout our planet, thereby cleansing it from all the vile influences which had grown under the regime of Race Spirits. Being urged by Him to follow the ways of love and service, human beings became able to function in the Higher Regions of Desire World, after death and sometimes during their sleep. Christ gave us a command, essential to human redemption and able to unify all human beings: to preach the Gospel and to heal the sick, symbolizing the two developing poles that humanity will use, respectively the rational side, through the mind and the devotional one, through the heart.

THE MOMENT OF DEATH

In Western World, death is a traumatizing event, because a great number of people see death as the end of everything, differently from a much smaller number of people that consider death as a moment of transition in a process which culminates in rebirth as a new starting point. There are a good number of religions, especially the oriental ones, adopting the theory of rebirth. In the Western World, which is still in the leadership of technological development, to believe in rebirth is far from being the dominant thought, even in the Christian Religions, what suggests some kind of correlation between the rejection of laws of Consequence and Rebirth and material development. The COSMO CONCEPTION, in its Chapter IV, gives us the clue to solve this question, when talks about wine as a factor in evolution. When humanity have reached the present epoch of evolution, the Arian Epoch, and has to face consciously the existence of the Physical World, found out extremely adverse conditions, especially having as a reference the present conditions of life in the world. Since then, the material progress has grown exponentially and life conditions became much more amenable than the conditions prevailing in a remote past. Besides that, the acquisition of conscience in the Physical World has been premature, as we have tried to show in the precedent part of this work, when we talked about the Lucifer Spirits. And, last but not the least, the memory of consciousness of the inner worlds was still very vivid in humanity at that moment. Then, the only way in which an appreciation of concrete physical existence could be aroused in man was by depriving him of the memory of his higher, spiritual existence for a few lives. The knowledge of the Laws of Rebirth and Cause and Effect was not convenient for the human being, at that moment, because it would reduce or even eliminate the interest of man in conquering the material world. A new product was added to the human meal, the wine, because of its restrictive effect on the spiritual principle of man. This procedure was approved by Christ, being meaningful that His first act was to change water into wine, as related in John's Gospel.

The evolutionary needs are now different. Humankind has reached a higher level of material development, notwithstanding its usage is mainly directed to the richest classes and the wealth distribution is not even. The prevalence of materiality over spirituality is the main source for those distortions and it is more and more necessary that humanity reconciles itself with the knowledge of the

laws of rebirth and consequence. With this knowledge, humanity would be able to understand more clearly the evolutionary process, to collaborate with it and to become free of a very sour materialism, a hindrance to its spiritual progress.

When death occurs, the higher vehicles, vital body, desire body and mind, are seen to leave the dense body with a spiral movement, taking with them the soul of one dense atom. This dense atom not only remains stable during all life in Earth, but it has been and it will be a part of every dense body of this Ego during its evolution, since the beginning of Period of Saturn. This dense atom, by this reason, is called the seed atom. During life, the seed atom is situated in the left ventricle of the heart, near the apex.

Each of the four vehicles of human being has a seed atom. The seed atom of the vital body is located in the solar plexus, when man is in a state of waking consciousness. The seed atom of the desire body is located in the vortex of the liver, when man is in waking consciousness and the seed atom of the mind is located in the frontal sinus. The four seed atoms are linked by a chord, called **silver chord**, composed of three segments: one segment of mental stuff, linking the seed atom of mind to the seed atom of desire body; another one of desire stuff, linking the seed atom of desire body to the seed atom of vital body and a third one of ether, linking the seed atom of vital body to the seed atom of dense body (Temas Rosacruz, volume II). Animals have also a silver chord, but the segment of mental stuff is connected to an Archangel, the Group Spirit, belonging to Him.

There is a great similarity between the processes of sleeping and death. In both processes, the Ego is seen leaving its body taking with him (her) the higher vehicles, the mind and the desire body. The Ego takes with him (her) also the silver chord and, attached to it, the seed atoms of vital body, desire body and mind. During sleep, the vital body remains close to the dense body. In the case of Invisible Helpers, their higher ethers get out with the Ego, making the Helper conscious and able to function in the inner worlds. The silver chord maintains its integrity, in this case.

When death occurs, as a result of a collapse of archetypal forces responsible for life, the vital body leaves the body together with the higher vehicles. The silver chord breaks off in the junction of heart and it leaves also the dense body. The Ecclesiastes, when talking about death, in its Chapter 12, says: "or ever the silver chord be loosed...Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the Spirit shall return unto God who gave it." The connection of the etheric segment with the desire stuff segment is kept, after death, for three and a half days, to allow the reading of the previous life panorama by the Ego. This connection looks like two figure sixes reversed, as it is described in COSMO CONCEPTION. The images of previous life are registered in light and reflecting ethers, which are connected to the seed atom of dense body. The reading of these images, the previous life panorama, is accomplished by the Ego, while these images are impressed in the desire body, in reverse order, that is to say, from the old age to the infancy. During the reading, the Ego feels nothing about the images, being merely a spectator. All these images will form a basis for the activities to be developed by the Ego in the Purgatory and First Heaven, where

he (she) will reap the fruits of all experiences he (she) had in the past life. When the resistance of vital body reaches a limit, it becomes paralyzed and it follows the rupture of the silver chord at the point where the two sides unite. The vital body returns to the dense body but no longer interpenetrates it, decaying synchronously with the dense body.

The occultists recommend that, during the above mentioned three and half days, the body should be kept in a silent and harmonious place, avoiding lamentations and noise, where the Ego may make a calm and deep retrospection of its life. When he (she) wakes up, there always will be friends and angelic assistants by its side. He (she) will never be alone. After this period of three and a half days, Max Heindel recommends the cremation of the body, for sanitary reasons.

If noise and lamentations should be avoided near the lifeless body, what to say of the growing practice, due to the development of medical techniques, of organs removal for transplanting. Medical doctors say that, for a successful transplant, the heart must still be beating. For occultists, this means that the donor is still living. To make feasible the transplants, medical doctors defined the encephalic death. This is diagnosed when there is irreversible absence of the brain stem functions, determined by a clinical examination. This practice of collecting vital organs from patients diagnosed as dead by encephalic death was argued by a number of catholic specialists in a meeting sponsored by the Vatican, in February of 2005. Some critics of this practice call the attention to the fact that the complete absence of brain activity does not mean necessarily the real death of the patient, what is in concordance with the Rosicrucian Teachings. Besides that, patients with encephalic death may still feel pain when its organs are taken off for donation. In May, 2000, the Royal College of Anaesthetics Magazine recommended, in its editorial, that the donors should be anaesthetized before the surgical operation to extract vital organs, considering the arbitrariness of criteria used to declare an encephalic death.

“The original seed atom of a recipient of a transplanted heart, we believe, would remain with the etheric counterpart of his original heart, which continues a part of its vital body. We also believe it likely that, once a heart transplant has taken place, the Angelic Beings in charge of such matters would transfer the recipient’s seed atom to the apex of the donor’s heart, which now is pumping blood through the recipient’s body” (Pamphlet of Rosicrucian Fellowship on organs transplants). Before the donor’s heart is transferred to recipient’s chest, it is filled with recipient’s blood, product of the recipient’s Ego, an important point to the success of transplant.

Normally, the encephalic death is an outcome of an accident that deprived the person from its life, before it occurs by natural causes. In natural death, the archetype stops its vibration but, in a provoked death, the archetype continues to vibrate until the moment in which the natural death is planned to occur. In the provoked death, the higher vehicles are maintained, but there is no more a dense body to accomplish the activities in the Physical World and the archetype of this body, in the Region of Concrete Thought, persists as an empty mold.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship students do not approve vital organs transplants in which it is a requisite that the heart is still beating at the moment of its removal, by the following reasons.

From the donor's point of view, to have the heart removed still beating characterizes a provoked death, in spite of the fact that death (from an occultist's point of view) would be inevitable as a consequence of encephalic death. According to the Rosicrucian Teachings the recently dead person needs tranquility to concentrate itself in its past life panorama reading and feels when its body is perturbed, because the silver chord has not yet been broken where the two sides unite and where is located the vital body seed atom. The surgical procedure needed to remove the heart interferes, brutally, in the Ego's concentration on its past life panorama, preventing him (her) to have all the benefits that this task was designed to provide.

From the recipient's point of view, the utilization of a transplanted organ does not help him (her) to build an archetype of a better organ for next life. The ability to do that would be an outcome of the spiritual progress it would be able to develop in present life. If he (she) does not correct the spiritual reason for having a debility in the organ concerned, it is probable that similar or worse troubles will occur in a forthcoming life. It is a known fact that it happens to occur a change in recipient's personality after the transplant. In our opinion, this is possibly explained by the fact that the archetype of donor's life keeps vibrating until the natural death is expected to occur. These vibrations may reach the recipient, possibly influencing its personality.

On the other hand, the motivating factor that leads a person to be a voluntary donor, when this person is still living, will give this person a credit in the Universal Bank in Heavens. The usual form of compensation, provided by the Recording Angels, for those Egos who had problems in concentration and fail to have an adequate retrospection of its past life, is to cause him (her) die as a child, as described in COSMO CONCEPTION. Therefore, the child has no purgatorial existence and goes straightforward to the First Heaven, to be taught by friends, in order to compensate the lost of its past life experience.

THE PURGATORY

The three lower regions of Desire World form the so called Purgatory. Its mission is to eradicate the bad habits acquired during previous lives, by making impossible its gratification. Besides that, the Purgatory experience deals with the specific actions of evil nature practiced by the Ego during its past life. The images of past life panorama were impressed in the desire body. This panorama is presented to the Ego in reverse order, in order to show the cause that has produced the effect. The person suffers exactly what he (she) made others suffer being dishonest, cruel and intolerant and so on. Through this suffering, it learns to behave kindly, honestly and with tolerance to others. Furthermore, the clearer the images were etched in his (her) desire body, the more efficient will be the conscience formation process. This is the main reason to keep an environment of peace and harmony during the three and half days that succeed death. Nobody should be afraid of Purgatory, because it is really

an hospital to the soul, in which people morally sick receive the necessary care to restore their health. The treatment may be too painful for those which keep themselves firmly attached to their vices and bad habits and resist to the action of centrifugal force trying to liberate those people from the lower desire stuff which are responsible for feeding those bad habits and vices. But there are angelic and human helpers trying to give comfort to them in their suffering. As long as the Ego get rid of this lower desire stuff from its desire body and starts to think in a constructive and spiritual manner, its wishes, hopes and desires get better. These new conditions make him (her) able to rise to the First Heaven, the higher regions of Desire World, where the Attraction force is the only force present in those regions, making it possible to build a world of beauty and order.

The experience in purgatory is etched in the seed atom of desire body as the essence of past life, proportioning to the Ego, in future lives, a more active consciousness which will allow him (her) to behave righteously and mercifully.

The Elder Brothers of Rose Cross, with an ardent desire to help humanity, designed an exercise which reproduces, during life, the conditions of Purgatory and First Heaven. It is the Retrospection Exercise, whose procedure we recommend to be carefully read in the COSMO CONCEPTION. This exercise consists of thinking over the happenings of the day after retiring at night. We must review each incident of the day, in reverse order, trying to reproduce the same conditions of Nature. In this revision, we should take note of the moral aspects, considering whether we act rightly or wrongly, in each particular case. We should blame ourselves for wrong doing but also approve of the good we have done. When we realize the wrong of certain habits and determine to eradicate them still in this life, we are expunging the pictures of them from the sub-conscious memory and making it not necessary to face them in the purgatory after death. By this procedure, the Ego will have an extra time in the Desire World to serve his (her) brothers, using its conquered talents during its preceding life. By this manner, the Ego is accomplishing in one life what he (she) is expected to do in perhaps two lives.

THE BORDERLAND

There is a class of people for which the post-mortem existence is particularly empty and monotonous: the business human being, so absorbed in his (her) activities that he (she) thought nothing of the higher life and of the actions leading to soul growth, the actions aiming at serving their brothers in God. Those people may live a good life, following honest and moral standards which may keep them free from vices and bad habits that make people suffer in Purgatory but, as they did not do actions leading to soul growth, they will not feel any joy at the First Heaven. They go to the Fourth Region of Desire World, the Borderland, an intermediate region between the Purgatory and First Heaven, a region where feeling is more intense. Due to their lack of interest in higher emotions, what they feel is a great monotony. But this condition leads them to learn the lesson that they need to fill their lives with activities of real value. The materialist that denies God and thinks that death is the end of everything, is in a pitiable condition. He (she) realizes its error but, as he (she)

always denied spirituality, thinks that he is suffering a great hallucination and remains in this condition until suffering brings him (her) some enlightenment.

THE FIRST HEAVEN

After leaving the Borderland, the Ego rises to the three higher regions of Desire World, where the results of its suffering are incorporated to the seed atom of the desire body as consciousness. Then the panorama of past life unrolls itself again before the Ego, backwards, showing only the good acts of its life. The Ego lives then all the joy of right doing and feels all the gratitude he (she) deserves from those he (she) has served or helped, in the same manner that the Ego will feel again all the gratitude he (she) felt when he (she) have been helped. The First Heaven is a place of joy, without any bitterness. All have the opportunity to build, through their thoughts, the things that could not be done in Earth for benefic purposes.

The human beings which die as children have a beautiful life in the First Heaven. The plasticity of desire stuff and the fact that Desire World is the world of color make it easy the building of marvelous living toys for those children. At the same time, their instruction is not neglected and the children are grouped into classes, according to their temperaments. As the desire body of these children was not quickened yet, the Ego goes directly to the First Heaven to return to Earth in a new life, with the same desire body and mind. If the Ego in the life previous to the one in which it dies as a child has died in conditions in which the reading of the panorama was disturbed by lamentations or by a violent death, this Ego will have its compensation in the First Heaven. He (she) will be helped by friends to learn the lessons that were lost by a weak etching on the desire body.

In all Worlds, God's Justice is always present, nourished by Its Infinite Love.

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PART THREE THE WORLD OF THOUGHT

INTRODUCTION

The World of Thought, like the Physical World, is divided into two parts, the Region of Concrete Thought, comprising the four densest regions and the Region of Abstract Thought, comprising the three most subtle regions. Shortly, we may say that the Region of Concrete Thought provides the mind stuff in which the ideas generated in the Region of Abstract Thought clothe themselves. The Region of Abstract is the region of all abstract or germinal ideas, source of all material forms, not only the physical ones, but also the living forms and the forms manifesting emotions. Max Heindel, in Chapter XIX of COSMO CONCEPTION, when he is talking about the five dark globes which are our habitation during the cosmic nights, says that the densest of these five globes is located in the Region of Concrete Thought. He also says that, in Christian parlance, the Region of Abstract Thought is the Third Heaven and the Region of Concrete Thought is the Second Heaven.

The Region of Abstract Thought is the place where the Human Ego (the Virginal Spirit involved by its threefold spirit) inhabits. It is not the real home of Ego, because, for the common human being is not sufficiently evolved as to work alone in this region, needing the help of other Hierarchies. The Ego rests in this region a period of time enough to prepare itself for a new life. But, as said in the COSMO CONCEPTION, "we, ourselves, as Egos, function directly in the subtle substance of the Region of Abstract Thought, which we have specialized within the periphery of our individual aura." In the waking state, as said in the precedent part of this work, it is from this region that we view the impressions made by the external world upon the vital body through the senses, together with the feelings and emotions generated by them in the desire body. All these impressions, feelings and emotions, reflected through our mind, reach the Ego's consciousness.

From the mental images thus produced and with the help of our own mind we make our conclusions. These conclusions are ideas. With our will power we project these ideas through our mind. Clothed with mental stuff extracted from the Region of Concrete Thought, these ideas take concrete shape as thought forms. We've also shown, in the precedent part of this work, how these thought forms lead to action, involving the desire body. (See Chapter III of COSMO CONCEPTION)

A schematic vision of the seven regions of the World of Thought can be seen in the Diagram 2 of COSMO CONCEPTION. The densest region, the Continental Region, contains the archetypes of the physical forms of all kingdoms, formed from the germinal ideas conceived in the seventh region of the World of Thought, containing the germinal ideas of mineral, vegetal, animal and human forms. In the same manner the second region, the Oceanic Region, contains the archetypes of universal life, formed from the germinal ideas conceived in the sixth region, containing the germinal ideas of plant, animal and human lives. Finally, the third region, the Aerial Region, contains the archetypes of emotions, feelings and desires, formed from the germinal ideas conceived in the fifth region, containing the germinal ideas of animal and human emotions. The mind belongs specifically to the fourth region of the World of Thought, the Region of Archetypal Forces, being the focal point of the reflection of spiritual worlds in material worlds. The Region of Archetypal Forces is the region through which the Creative Hierarchies work, including the humanity itself. The Archetypal forces create the archetypes for the lower regions, because all existing things are crystallized thought forms.

The human Ego inhabits the fifth region, not entirely conscious of itself for the great majority of human kind. In the present epoch, the Arian Epoch, the Human Spirit is developing itself, because the Arian Epoch is the fifth one of this fourth revolution, in the globe D. In our evolutionary process, each fifth stage of development is a stage of development of Human Spirit, as well as the first stage is a stage of development of dense body, the second stage a stage of development of vital body, and so on for the desire body and mind. The sixth and seventh stages of development are related to Life Spirit and Divine Spirit, respectively.

The World of Thought, more precisely the Region of Abstract Thought, is also the final stage of a life cycle and the beginning stage of a new one, as pointed out in the diagram "A Life Cycle", at the end of Chapter 3 of COSMO CONCEPTION. We will talk about this subject in the Chapter 3 of the present part of this work.

CHAPTER 1 THE SECOND HEAVEN AND ITS INHABITANTS

1. The Human Ego in the Region of Concrete Thought

After staying a period of time in the First heaven, the higher regions of Desire World, the human being enters the Second Heaven, the region of Concrete Thought. It is clothed only with its mind of the past life and the three seed atoms of its past bodies left behind. At leaving the desire body, the Ego is perfectly conscious and everything seems to fade away. His (her) soul is filled with a great peace. "No faculty is alive, but he (she) knows that he (she) is". The occult science calls this stage as the Great Silence. He (she) is at home, where he (she) is going to live for centuries and, when the person awakes in the Second

Heaven, the person hears the sound of the spheres, because this region is the region of sound, as the Desire World is the region of color.

There is a great work to be performed in the Second Heaven. Here the quintessence of the three bodies is built into the threefold spirit and also the important activity of preparing for next life is performed. The fruits of past life are assimilated and the future environment is prepared for a new existence, with the co participation of other Egos that will share the same environment. Therefore, all the denizens of the Second Heaven work upon the archetypes of the future things of Earth which are in the Region of Concrete Thought. By this procedure they change the physical form of the Earth and promote gradual modifications in its aspect. The future environment in which they will perform new experiences will then be adequate to their evolutionary needs, when they will be born at that place. "Thus the world is just what we, ourselves, individually and collectively, have made it."

But the work of human beings in the Second Heaven is not restricted to the preparation of the future environment. They are also actively involved in build bodies that are the best form of expression for the Egos. They are helped in this task by the Creative Hierarchies. The artists, the mathematicians, the musicians and other professionals are helped by these Hierarchies, in the building of bodies that can allow the expression of their talents and skills. The human beings learn in Heaven to build the vehicles that will be their tools in the future life.

2. The Lords of Mind

The Lords of Mind are the dominant Hierarchy in the Region of Concrete Thought and are correlated to the constellation of Sagittarius. They were the humanity of the dark Saturn Period, when our Solar System existed in the Region of Concrete Thought as a globe of mental stuff in which we were incrustated, each one with its own individual divine spark. The Lords of Mind worked upon this globe of mental stuff in the same way that we are now working upon minerals, establishing a link that will continue in the following periods of evolution. A similar link was established between the Lords of Mind and our humanity, giving conditions that this Hierarchy, reaching a creative status in the Earth Period, be able to give to humankind the link of mind irradiated from their own bodies. This happens in the last part of Lemurian Epoch, for the most advanced and in the Atlantean Epoch, for the common humanity.

In his book, *The Rosicrucian Mysteries*, Max Heindel mentions that the Apostle Paul speaks of Lords of Mind as evil and exhorts us to withstand them. By means of a metaphor, Max Heindel explains what it seems to be an anomaly.

"Let us suppose that an expert organ builder has constructed a wonderful organ, a masterpiece. Then he has followed his vocation in the proper manner, and is therefore to be commended for the good which he has done. But if he is not satisfied to leave well enough alone, if he refuses to give up his product to the musician who understands how to play upon the instrument, if he intrudes his presence into the concert hall, he is out of place and to be censured as evil."

This intrusion of the Lords of Mind reaches us as subtle influences, which may lead us to materialism and separatism, due to the circumstances that involved our evolutionary process. In the Lemurian Epoch, as described in COSMO CONCEPTION, "the Lords of Mind took charge of the higher part of the desire body and the germinal mind, impregnating them with the quality of separated selfhood, without which no separate, self contained beings such as we are today would be possible." As the human consciousness prematurely descended to the Physical World, influenced by the Lucifer Spirits, an alliance occurred between the desire body and the nascent mind, the latter still in its mineral stage. Consequently, human kind went deeper in materiality than it was planned to be. This was the origin of the "false light" and the "false Ego", which greatly contributed for the problem faced by humankind and made it necessary at last the intervention of Christ. The Lords of Mercury were called to help in this regeneration process before it was originally planned and took charge of the concrete mind, establishing the nine lesser Mysteries, in such a way that the intellect might be liberated from the desire body mastery and become an instrument of the spirit.

The process to get a cleansed mind is found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 8. The esoteric interpretation of the correspondent parable is described by John Scott's book, "The Four Gospels Esoterically Interpreted", as quoted below:

"A Woman is brought to the Christ who had been taking in the very act of adultery. Those who seized her quoted Moses as saying that she should be stoned. They ask Christ what should be done to her. This incident was supposed to have taken place in the temple. The scribes and Pharisees represent phases of the mind. The woman of course represents the heart. It has been guilty of violating a law and the mental attributes pass harsh judgment on it, as they are capable of seeing only the letter of the law. But Christ, with the Love-Wisdom which He brings into the "temple" of the being, sees only with the eyes of love. He refuses to listen to the things the scribes and Pharisees tell Him about the woman. This fact has a very deep occult significance. The Christ Consciousness in Man will have nothing to do with evil thoughts and treats them with indifference. Indifference is the only weapon with which to fight these things. The only way in which we may prove that we have conquered evil is by being indifferent to it in a personal sense. Christ radiated the love vibration, which automatically overcomes the vibration of sin."

"Christ realizes that almost all evil originated in the mind, since the mind was formed from one half of our original sexual powers. He also knows that if the scribes and Pharisees were not so intensely interested in evil, they would not be so eager to criticize the fallen woman. Therefore, then He wrote on the ground, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone", not one of the scribes or Pharisees was able to accuse the woman."

"The mind blames all of its troubles and downfalls on the emotional nature. The Christ Wisdom shows us this is not correct. In this symbolic story we were taught that if the mind were clean, it would not condemn the heart, since evil is more attached to the mental phase of being than to the heart. (...) Therefore, we must not, as the scribes and Pharisees lay the blame for our sins on the

“woman” or emotional self, but must get the source of it in the mind. When we do this, we shall find that the heart will do as Christ told the fallen woman, “Go and sin no more”. The heart will no longer sin when it is under the influence of the Christ, but the Christ cannot rule man until the mind is first cleansed.”

The role of mind as instrument of the spirit is emphasized in St. Matthew’s Gospel, Chapter 3, when it talks about John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea: “Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (...) Prepare ye the way of Lord, make His path straight.”

We find also in John Scott’s book quoted above, an esoteric explanation for this text:

“John the Baptist represents the mind or mental enlightenment. That is why is said that the John the Baptist must come first. It is necessary for us to have some understanding concerning regeneration before we can intelligently proceed. We must first become awakened through our mental faculties to the necessity of purifying the body before we raise the Christ force. This “John” preaches to the various faculties in the unregenerated body or “wilderness” that they must make of this wilderness a kingdom of heaven. John tells us that we must prepare “the way of Lord” and “make His path straight”. We must first purify our bodies and then direct the Life Force up the straight path of regeneration. This process is taught in the Rosicrucian Fellowship to its students.”

CHAPTER 2 THE THIRD HEAVEN AND ITS INHABITANTS

1. The Human Ego in the Region of Abstract Thought

When the Ego enters in the Third Heaven, the Spirit has already assimilated the fruits of its past life in its seed atoms and has already worked in the modification of the Earth environment where he (she) is supposed to stay in its future life, with its brothers and sisters that the collective fate brought together. In this region he (she) rests for the next descent to the lower worlds.

After a certain time, comes the desire for new experiences and the contemplation of a new life. Before the spirit’s vision appears a panorama of its new life, containing only the main events from which it cannot run, according to the law of Cause and Effect. Apart from these events, the Spirit is free to choose the details.

The preparation for rebirth and the birth of the new vehicles will be consider further in the Chapter 3 of the present work.

2. The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit or Jehovah is the leader of the Angels, the humanity of Moon Period. Jehovah, the highest Initiate of the Moon Period, is the third aspect of Trinity that lives in the Sun, but it is considered the Moon Regent because He works from the Sun with the planets having satellites. The biological reproduction or generation is ruled by the lunar forces. As the moon of our planet was formed during the Lemurian Epoch, Jehovah is supposed to start His work with human generation in this Epoch.

The Holy Spirit functions in the Region of Abstract Thought, where the Human Spirit also inhabits. Similarly, Christ, the highest Initiate of the Sun Period functions in the World of Life Spirit and The Father, the highest Initiate of the Saturn Period, functions in the World of Divine Spirit. In Chapter 15 of the COSMO CONCEPTION, when it talks about Jesus and Christ-Jesus, it is said that "Christ, the highest Initiate of the Sun Period, uses the Life Spirit as lowest vehicle, functioning as consciously in the World of Life Spirit as we do in the Physical World". Then, by analogy, we can extend the same concept to the Holy Spirit and to the Father. The diagram 14 of the COSMO CONCEPTION shows the vehicles that these three exalted Beings had in comparison with the respective humanities of the three past periods of Evolution.

The Holy Spirit is the author of all Race Religions, which are ruled by Archangels that help Jehovah in this task.

The Holy Spirit, even being an exalted Cosmic Being, it is not God itself. But it is common to praise Him as the Third Aspect of God, because He has His higher vehicle in the World of God, as shown in the diagram 14. Christ and The Father, by the same reason, can be worshipped as God, because They have, similarly, Their higher vehicles in the World of God.

3. The Lords of Form

The Lords of Form, the Hierarchy of Scorpio, inhabit also the Region of Abstract Thought. We can confirm this assertive using also the diagram 14. Assuming that all the Hierarchies have seven vehicles, following a pattern very well represented in diagram 6, the Hierarchy of Scorpio may have its lowest vehicle in the Region of Abstract Thought, similarly to Jehovah.

The Hierarchy of Scorpio is one of the twelve hierarchies that form the natural Zodiac. They are the twelve creative Beings mentioned in Genesis, when it says: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". Collectively, they have influenced man from the feet to the head, through the rulership of their respective signs over the human bodies. In the Earth Period the Hierarchy of Scorpio had already evolved sufficiently to take charge of the work developed in that Period, in which form and matter are the dominant issues. We should notice that the seventh region of the World of Thought is the region that contains the germinal idea of form of the four kingdoms. The seventh region reflects itself in the first region of the World of Thought, where we find the archetypes of physical form of all kingdoms.

The Lords of Form are the most active Hierarchy of Earth Period and have worked with the development of humankind vehicles in the first half of this

period. When the Saturn Period was recapitulated in the first revolution of the present period, the Lords of Form worked on the sympathetic nervous system inherited from the Moon Period with the purpose of divide this system into two parts. The voluntary nervous system with a frontal brain could then be created, as a preparation to receive the germ of mind given by the Lords of Mind. As mentioned before, the germ of brain was given by the Lords of Form and built after the division of the creative force, half of it being directed upward, with this purpose. Therefore, the separation of sexes was accomplished, work performed under the rulership of the Lords of Form. The Lords of Form worked with all germinal vehicles of mankind during the three first revolutions of Earth Period, because they were also in charge of the development of the three seed atoms, as well as the evolution of the Human Spirit. The influence of the Lords of Form and its regent Mars during the first half of the Earth Period was remarkable. That is why the first half of this Period was called Martian Half. In the Second half of this period, Mercury and the Lords of Wisdom will be the dominant influence of it. That is the reason why the second half is called Mercurial Half.

As a conclusion, we may say that the Hierarchy of Scorpio is not only the responsible for the Evolutionary Process in the Earth Period, but also corresponds to the sign of regeneration, whose process is primordial for humankind to recover from the fall caused by the Lucifer Spirits. However, trying to find the good in everything, we have to consider the relevant conquests made by the human being so far, under the influence of those spirits.

CHAPTER 3 A LIFE CYCLE

1. The Path of Evolution is a Spiral

We have visited so far, in our work, the Physical and Desire Worlds and the World of Thought. Now, we are going to focus our attention in the dynamic process taking part in these three Worlds, the Evolution, especially as it occurs during the present Earth Period. During the present period of evolution, we are restricted to evolve within these three worlds, in each life cycle, as described at the end of Chapter III, in the COSMO CONCEPTION. It is a learning process, guided by two fundamental Laws, the Law of Rebirth and the Law of Consequence. The Law of Rebirth postulates a process of development through repeated embodiments in vehicles of increasing efficiency, containing the essence of past experiences added to our vehicles as virtues and consciousness. The Law of Consequence leads us to the best environment, compatible with our needs in the evolutionary process. Each rebirth is designed for us to go through new experiences, conquer the world and ourselves, to master our personality and to develop self control. But there is a third force, beyond these two Laws, that springs from the being itself, the Epigenesis, the ability to create new ways and not the selection between known alternatives.

One of the remarkable characteristics of the Evolutionary Process is the recapitulation of conditions similar to those already experimented by the beings

in development, but in crescent levels of perfection. That is why the symbol of the Evolutionary Process is a spiral, in which each step, in spite of repeating conditions already experimented, is in higher and higher stages of perfection.

Since Saturn Period, when we have received the germ of the dense body, in the first revolution of this period, this recurrent pattern is repeated along the evolutionary process. Each first revolution of any period is a recapitulation of the work performed in our dense body. It is called Saturn Revolution. Similarly, the second revolution recapitulates the work done in the vital body, whose germ was given in the second revolution of Sun Period. It is called Sun Revolution. The third revolution recapitulates the work done in the desire body, whose germ was given in the third revolution of Moon Period. It is called Moon Revolution. We proceed under the same logical sequence until the seventh revolution, which develops some kind of work connected with the Divine Spirit, as this vehicle was awaked in the seventh revolution of Saturn Period. As it is a work connected with the Divine Spirit, it is called Vulcan Revolution, the seventh and last period of evolution. In fact, the same pattern can be found in the more detailed levels of the process, with spirals within spirals. So, the first revolution of any period, the permanence in globe A and the first epoch in any globe are a recapitulation of the work done in the Saturn revolution. By the same reasoning, the second revolution of any period, the permanence in globe B and the second epoch in any globe, if made after the first occurrence of this revolution, are a recapitulation of the work done in the Sun revolution. Similarly, the same reasoning applies to the other revolutions, globes and epochs. The new work of a period, globe or epoch only starts after the recapitulation of what have already been done.

We believe that this recurrent pattern of recapitulation aims at the building of a firm basis over which new activities may be developed, resulting from the expression of our Divine Nature, the force of Epigenesis. Errors are certainly committed with this expression, as we have plenty of examples, but there always be opportunities to evaluate and correct those errors and to compensate for them. We know that after we expiate our faults and bad habits in Purgatory, we come back in new lives to be tested again in the same failures to prove that we have learned the lesson. It is a recapitulation of the same conditions in a higher pass of the spiral, helping us to grow.

The recurrent pattern we have just talked about can be recognized in the life cycle each spirit has to follow up, from one rebirth to the next one, recapitulating conditions always in a higher pass of the spiral.

2. Preparations for Rebirth

After remaining in the Third Heaven for a time, comes the desire for new experiences for the spirit, to what follows the contemplation of possible alternatives for a new life panorama. These are visions of the future life, in which the images are presented in the same order that they will occur in this future life. The Ego chooses one of these alternatives and when the selection is made, it cannot be changed.

Before the spirit descends into matter, it is without the vehicles forming its personality, having only the forces of the four seed atoms of the threefold body and the mind. Its descent begins and the forces of the mind of its last life, latent in its respective seed atom, are awakened. The seed atom starts then to attract matter from the Region of Concrete Thought to which it has affinity, forming, at the end of the process, the Ego's new mind.

The process is repeated when the Ego reaches the highest region of Desire World, in which the seed atom of the desire body starts to attract matter of this region to which it has affinity, continuing the process until it reaches the first region of this world.

The seed atom of the vital body is the next to enter in activity. The etheric matter is attracted in the same manner as to the higher vehicles, according to the affinity it has with the seed atom. But the building of the vital body and the placement in the right environment is done by the Recording Angels, because the human being is not yet prepared to do it by itself. They impress the reflecting ether of the vital body in such a way that the pictures of coming life are reflected in it. Quoting from the COSMO, "the returning Ego itself incorporates therein the quintessence of its former vital body and in addition to this also does a little original work".

In this work of preparation for rebirth, it stands out the selection of the environment and the family in which the Ego will be born. Each Ego brings, from previous lives, a set of relationships that will be established again in the next life, according to the selection he makes after examining the panorama alternatives he is presented to in the Third Heaven. It is important to notice that a part of its life will be composed of events that will necessarily occur, according to the Law of Consequence, because they constitute what is considered as a "ripe fate".

The vital body, as molded by the Recording Angels, will proportionate the form of the dense body, organ by organ. It is placed, as a matrix, in the womb of the future mother. The seed atom of the dense body will be placed in the head of one of the spermatozoids of the father.

The Ego to be born accomplishes some work on the seed atom of its dense body when it incorporates the quintessence of physical qualities brought from past lives and contributes, if it is able to do so, with something original for its new vehicle. In this work, it is restricted to use materials taken from its parents. That is why the selection of adequate parents is so important in order to find the materials compatible with the archetype of its new life.

After the ovum is impregnated, the mother's desire body works upon this ovum from eighteen to twenty one days, the Ego standing outside, but close to its mother. Upon the expiration of this time, the Ego enters the mother's body and broods over its new vehicle until the birth of it.

In the booklet "The Silver Cord and the Seed Atoms" (included in the book Temas Rosacruz), published by The Rosicrucian Fellowship Headquarters,

reference is made to some notes left by Max Heindel and published in *Rays from the Rose Cross* in 1928, telling us that during the first twenty days of gestation, the fetus blood is nucleated by mother's life, ruling the process of body building. After that, the Ego starts to work, from outside, over the fetus. Then the lower part of the Silver Cord, made of ether, starts to spring from the seed atom of the dense body, in the heart. At the same time, the part of the silver cord made of desire stuff, starts to grow from the central vortex of the desire body. Max Heindel tells us that it is in the fourth month that the spirit interpenetrates the vehicles of the fetus, similarly to what happened in the fourth epoch, the Atlantean, when the Ego interpenetrated its vehicles. This interpenetration of the Ego is simultaneous to the union of the etheric and desire parts of the silver cord in the solar plexus, in the junction of the two sixes, where is located the seed atom of the vital body.

3. Birth of the Bodies

The Physical Body is the first body to be born. The vehicles of the new-born are not immediately actives and the child depends entirely on the adults taking care of it. The vehicles beyond the physical are not born immediately. It is important to register the information that the dense body is in its fourth and last evolutionary period, information necessary to make an analogy for the development of the other vehicles. In the next period, the Period of Jupiter, the Conscious Soul, the extract of the experiences obtained with the dense body, will be absorbed by its spiritual counterpart, the Divine Spirit, in the seventh revolution of this period.

By analogy, the same pattern is expected to occur for the other vehicles, that is to say, four periods are necessary to complete the evolutionary path of all vehicles that form the personality. Therefore, the next body to be born is the vital body, when the child reaches seven years of age. It is remarkable to see that the pattern represented by the number seven is present in the birth of the four vehicles. Not by coincidence, seven years correspond to the period in which the Earth makes its course around the Sun seven times, similarly to the seven revolutions of each evolutionary period around the globes. During one year, we go through the influence of the twelve signs, representing the twelve Hierarchies. During the first seven years of life, the vital body of the child is still within the macrocosmic vital body, the Mother Nature. During this period, the negative poles of the ethers are more active. At seven years of age, the birth of the vital body occurs, and starts to actuate independently. The vital body will reach its maturity in the Period of Jupiter and the Intellectual Soul, the extract of the experiences obtained with the vital body will be absorbed by the Life Spirit in the sixth revolution of the Venus Period.

When the child reaches fourteen years of life, the Desire Body is ready to be born. The Desire Body is in its second evolutionary period and needs two more to reach maturity. In a new life, by analogy, it needs two more periods of seven years after the birth of the dense body to be born. During this period of seven years from seven to fourteen, the Life Ether of the Silver Cord reaches its maturity, as a preparation for adolescence and its growth is synchronic with the maturity of the desire segment of the silver cord. At fourteen years of age, the

Desire Body is born and, at the same time, the Light Ether reaches its maturity, causing the period of “hot blood” of adolescence, because it is through the blood heat, function of the Light Ether, that the Ego denotes its presence in the body. The young being recognizes then itself as an individual. The Emotional Soul, the extract of the experiences obtained with the desire body will be absorbed by the Human Spirit in the fifth revolution of the Vulcan Period.

After fourteen years of age, the individual mind nurtured by the macrocosmic mind starts to develop its latent possibilities to allow the creation of original thoughts. The birth of the mind occurs at twenty-one years of age, after three periods of seven years, because the mind is in its first evolutionary period. The Light Ether will then be completely developed, what will allow the production of blood in the adequate temperature, giving conditions for the Ego to take complete possession of its vehicles. Simultaneously to the development of the mind in the third period of seven years, we observe the growth of the mental part of the Silver Cord, linking the seed atom of the mind to the seed atom of the desire body. During this third period of seven years, we also can see besides the complete development of the light ether part of the Silver Cord, the growth of the reflecting ether part of the same segment of the Silver Cord, growth that can extend itself, according to the notes of Max Heindel, until twenty-eight years of age. According to these notes, the growth of that part of the Silver Cord made of Reflecting Ether, follows the growth of the mental segment of the Cord, possibly due to the importance of the Reflecting Ether to the process of thinking. The perfected mind, embodying all its conquests during its pilgrimage will be absorbed by the Divine Spirit at the end of the Vulcan Period.

4. Spiritual Development

The preparation process for rebirth and the birth of our vehicles show the wisdom of the Divine Plan of Creation, giving to all human beings in evolution the instruments they need to transform their latent powers in dynamic ones. These instruments are the vehicles that compose human personality - the dense, vital and desire bodies and the mind, given as seed atoms to humankind during the Involution Period. The product of the utilization of these bodies and the perfected mind will be absorbed by the Spirit as Soul Power and a Creative Mind, at the end of the present Day of Manifestation.

The purpose of the physical existence of each Ego is to acquire experience through those instruments. It is helped throughout its entire path in evolution, especially through the religions, whose main effort is directed to develop the devotional side of the human being, trying to provide the necessary conditions for the human being to be in harmony with its Higher Self.

Other kind of helping is provided to those who are looking for an understanding of the Universe and its laws through an intellectual approach. This is the particular field of action of the Occult Schools. As said in COSMO, “all Occult Schools are divisible into seven, as are the Rays of Life, the Virgin Spirits. Each School or Order belongs to one of these seven Rays, as does each unit of our

humanity". Proceeding, the COSMO states: "The Rosicrucian Order was started particularly for those whose high degree of intellectual development caused them to repudiate the heart." But the final purpose of all schools and religions is the same, to unite the lower to the Higher Self, with the lower self at the service of the Spirit. In the Gospel According to St Matthew (8:5-13) and St. Luke (7:1-10), when Jesus was entered in Capernaum and there came to Him a centurion, reference is made to the type of aspirant characterized as an occultist. The Centurion may represent this occult type of individual, as interpreted in John Scott's book, "The Four Gospels Esoterically Interpreted". Christ is surprised at his faith. He would not suspect any person not of the mystic or heart type to have so much faith, when He said: "I have not found so great faith no not in Israel".

The objective of the Occult Schools is the training of the different vehicles of man, which must be made synchronically, because the changes in each vehicle aiming at its betterment cannot be made if the other vehicles do not transform themselves with the same purpose. If we take great care of our body, because the body is the temple of the Spirit, greater should be our concern about the vibrations taking place within this temple, through our words, emotions, feelings and thoughts. The frequent use of prayer may provide within us a vibration level propitious to the formation of an adequate state of peacefulness and harmony. And the Lord's Prayer is the ideal prayer to be used, because it speaks to all vehicles we have, as we can learn from the COSMO, in its Chapter XVII, diagram 16.

The modern human being is practically entirely devoted to the outside world, related to the other beings through its senses. But in a remote past, the human being was in touch with the inner worlds, and the pineal gland and the pituitary body were the organs allowing this contact. This ability to see the inner worlds was manifested in the Moon Period and in the last part of Lemurian Epoch and in the first part of the Atlantean Epoch. As said before, in the Chapter 2.3, when the Saturn Period was recapitulated in the first revolution of the present period, the Lords of Form worked on the sympathetic nervous system inherited from the Moon Period with the purpose of divide this system into two parts. The voluntary nervous system with a frontal brain could then be created, as a preparation to receive the germ of mind given by the Lords of Mind. Since the Lemurian Epoch, the humankind has been working on the voluntary nervous system, to adapt it to its needs and to make it susceptible to will control. Since the last part of Atlantean Epoch, when it was possible to the Ego to get full control on its body, the connection between the two glands, pituitary body and pineal gland, and the voluntary nervous system has been established and eventually will be completed. The human being, to establish connection with the inner worlds, must awake these two glands, but now in a higher cycle of the spiral, because they will be connected with the voluntary nervous system and therefore, under the dominion of Ego's will.

The Gospels mention the awakening of the pineal gland in a symbolic language. It is said in Matthew (27:60), that Joseph of Arimathaea laid the body of Jesus in His own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock. According to John Scott, "the new tomb which is hewn out in the rock represents the pineal gland,

the spiritualization of which is part of the process of building the Philosopher's Stone". There is a great analogy between death and resurrection and the process of Initiation. In both processes, the Spirit leaves the body and is conscious of the inner worlds. The difference is that in death, there is no return to the physical body. Also in Matthew (16:18), Christ said: "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church." This is also a reference to the building of the Philosopher Stone, according to the mentioned author John Scott. This is accomplished through the raising of the Life Force and by directing it properly when raised.

The awakening of the organs of knowledge is a result of an esoteric training. But before the aspirant is apt to receive specific instructions for that purpose, he (she) has to live a life of high moral standard, serving his brothers to the utmost of his (her) efforts. The forces the aspirant deals with to reach its purpose are the creative forces he saves for its spiritual development. The creative forces should be otherwise used only to allow the rebirth of another soul and those who are in better conditions to generate dense bodies adequate to the needs of beings waiting for this opportunity have the duty to do so. Several Egos spiritually advanced cannot be born, because they do not find parents pure enough to give them the appropriate material to build the kind of dense bodies they need. Joseph and Mary propitiate the most beautiful and sublime example, generating the most pure body that it was possible to generate to be used by an Archangel, the Christ.

The unused sexual force starts to ascend the spinal cord and it surges upward in stronger and stronger volume, as shown in diagram 17 of COSMO CONCEPTION. This life force traverses the heart and the larynx or the spinal cord and the larynx or even both, depending on the spiritual nature of the aspirant (mystic, occultist or adept), then passing directly between the pituitary body and the pineal gland. When the candidate has lived the life for a sufficient time and is found worthy and qualified to receive esoteric instructions, he is taught certain exercises, to set the organs of knowledge into vibration, as explained in COSMO, Chapter XVII, "ESOTERIC TRAINING". After that, the aspirant is a clairvoyant able to perceive the inner worlds. But to proceed in its development, he (she) needs a vehicle in which he (she) can also function in the inner worlds.

Among the higher vehicles of the human being, only the vital body (the two higher ethers) is ready to function in the inner worlds, because the mind and the desire body are not yet organized for that. The higher ethers are means of perception and memory, what allows them to be used to register, in our conscious memory, the supra physical experiences we have after the awakening of clairvoyance. The higher ethers are also the dwelling of the Intellectual Soul, built by aspirant life after life. That is why it is called soul body, that is to say, a shelter for the soul. The Higher Ethers are an instrument of the Ego in the Invisible Worlds while the lower ethers remain near the body during the sleeping time. The reader should read the Chapter XVII of COSMO CONCEPTION to have a better understanding of the esoteric training process. At the end of this chapter are described the exercises to be performed to build the inner vehicle – concentration, meditation, observation, discrimination,

contemplation and adoration, besides the very basic exercise already presented in this work, the retrospection exercise.

We are living, now, the Arian Epoch of Globe D of Earth Period. As it is the fifth epoch, a work is being done connected with the Human Spirit. During the fifth revolution of Moon Period, the Seraphim awaked the third aspect of our threefold spirit. It is in the Region of Abstract Thought that the Spirit knows itself as a spirit separated from the other spirits. This tendency to separateness is still very strong in our fifth epoch. We still are living all problems of separateness caused by Race Religions. Only in the Sixth Epoch, when the work of evolution will be focused on the Life Spirit, awaked in the sixth revolution of Sun Period, the feeling of fellowship will be much more intense, because the World of Life Spirit is the first Universal World and the world of Christ Consciousness.

But we do not have to wait for the Sixth Epoch to start to cultivate this feeling of Fellowship and to live a life of service, a natural expression of this feeling. Functioning in any world should always have the purpose of accomplish a service in harmony with the Divine Laws. Of course, this assertive should be much more emphatic if we are working in the inner worlds. The Vital Body, the vehicle that allows us to function in the inner worlds, is the counterpart of the Life Spirit and the Life Spirit is the lower vehicle in which Christ functions. The Christ Force, once raised in our being, should be permanently fed. And the food for this Force is Service. Max Heindel emphasizes that only Service leads to the vital body growing. Reading and exercises performing, by themselves, have no effect on soul growing. The same message is transmitted in the St. John's Gospel, Chapter 4, in the parable of Christ and the woman of Samaria at the Well of Jacob or the spinal cord. As explained in John Scott's book, "the fact that Christ sat at the top of the well signifies that the Christ Force had been raised to the top of the spinal cord. Christ wishes a drink and asks the woman of Samaria to draw it for Him. This means that this Force must be continually drawn upward to feed the Christ Consciousness."

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**PART FOUR
THE SPIRITUAL WORLDS**

1. INTRODUCTION

We have visited, so far, the Physical World, the Desire World and the World of Thought and focused our attention in the dynamic process taking part in these three Worlds, the Evolution, especially as it occurs during the present Earth Period. Now we are going to talk about the inhabitants of the Spiritual Worlds that played an important role in our evolutionary process, worlds in which humanity had not yet developed consciousness. We have made before in this work some comments about the Region of Abstract Thought (Third Heaven), which is the first Spiritual World and also the first of the five dark globes in which we indwell during the Cosmic Nights.

In the present phase of its evolution, in Earth Period, the Third Heaven is the highest plane in which human being is able to ascend. There it remains the necessary time to prepare itself for a new life. The Spiritual Worlds are the dwelling of the Creative Hierarchies that are helping humanity to evolve and have developed an important work in the building of our vehicles.

In this last part of our work we are going to mention, with all gratitude and respect evoked by this theme, the work of a Being unique in Universe, Christ Jesus. Only Christ Jesus has twelve vehicles, as shown in the Diagram 14 of the COSMO, forming an uninterrupted chain from the Physical World to the World of God. "None save He is able to feel such compassion or so fully understand the position and needs of humanity". The Mission of Christ is to save the lost and to bring Peace and Good Will to humankind.

2. THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS – INVOLUTION PERIOD

According to the occult knowledge, we are evolving in what is called a Day of Manifestation, with a beginning and an end. As described in COSMO, in the beginning of a Day of Manifestation a Great Being, God, limits Himself to a certain portion of space to create a Solar System for the evolution of added self-consciousness. "He includes in His own Being hosts of glorious Hierarchies of, to us, immeasurable spiritual power and splendor". They are the result of past manifestations of this same Being and also of other Intelligences, in different degrees of development. The Higher Beings help the other with lesser degree

of consciousness, during the Evolutionary Process. When a being reaches its individuality, it will proceed in its expansion of consciousness, but by its own means. All beings in evolution should have the tools necessary to their evolution. These tools are their vehicles. Each vehicle is built with the matter of the region or world in which it is going to function, an indispensable requisite to work in that region or world.

During the Evolutionary Process, there is a period of time dedicated to the acquisition of all the vehicles the Ego needs to reach its individuality, called Involution Period. For our humanity, it was necessary three and a half periods to acquire the seven vehicles forming our being, since the Saturn Period to the half part of Earth Period. This time depends on the evolutionary past of each life wave, including past days of manifestation. So, the Lords of Mind obtained their individuality in Saturn Period, the Archangels in Sun Period and the Angels in Moon Period.

The Chapter VII of the COSMO describes the path of evolution the life waves are supposed to pass through, during this Day of Manifestation, schematically represented in Diagram 8.

The human life wave indwells initially Globe A, located in the World of Divine Spirit, in Saturn Period and makes a complete revolution through globes A to G. During this first revolution, the Saturn Revolution, the human life wave is given the germ of its dense body. During the seventh revolution, the Vulcan Revolution, the Divine Spirit is awaked in the human being. When the life wave abandons the Globe A, for the seventh and last time, this globe starts to disintegrate. The forces of this globe, in a way analogous to what happens to our seed atoms, are transferred to the world immediately below, the World of Life Spirit, to form the new globe A, to be used in the Sun Period. The same happens to the other globes, which are transferred in a similar way. After completed the seven revolutions, passing through the seven globes, it follows a Cosmic Night, where activities of preparation for a new period are accomplished.

The first revolution of Sun Period deals with a new work performed on the dense body, preparing it to receive a vital body, whose germ is given during the second revolution, the Sun Revolution. During the sixth revolution, the Venus Revolution, the Life Spirit is awaked and in the seventh, additional work is done on the Divine Spirit. Through a process similar to the one above described, the forces of the globes are transferred to the worlds immediately below, where it will be located the globes of Moon Period. After another Cosmic Night and the recapitulation of the work done on the vehicles already in possession of humanity, the germ of desire body is given to humankind, during the third revolution of Moon Period, the Moon Revolution. During the fifth revolution, the Jupiter Revolution, the Human Spirit is awaked.

Only during the fourth Period, the Earth Period, the human being is given the link that will permit its individualization, the mind, during the fourth revolution, the Earth Revolution. But the first germ of separate personality was implanted in the higher part of the desire body by the Lords of Mind, during the latter part of

the Moon Revolution. This separate selfhood was a fundamental requisite for humanity to obtain individuality.

The Involution Period is symbolized by the Golden Seven Branched Candlestick, one of the articles of the East Room of the Tabernacle, the mystical symbol that preceded the Cross and Roses Emblem. The Candlestick was made entirely of pure gold and consists of a shaft or principal stem, rising upright from a base, together with six branches. The branches started at three different points on the stem and curved upward in three semi-circles of different diameters, symbolizing the three periods of development (Saturn, Sun and Moon) which humanity went through before the Earth Period, not yet concluded. The stem itself is the seventh branch and signifies the Earth Period. Each of these seven branches terminated in a lamp, supplied with purest olive oil.

The work of Evolution during this Involution Period is described in Chapters VIII and IX of COSMO. The Chapter X is dedicated to the Earth Period, until its fourth revolution.

3. THE LEGACY OF CREATIVE HIERARCHIES

The twelve Hierarchies are the Creative Beings referred to in Genesis, when it says: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness". Collectively, they influence human being from the feet to the head, through their correspondent signs ruling the human body.

A system of Celestial Hierarchy had already been described by Dionysius, the Areopagite. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Dionysius developed, in fifteen chapters, a treatise on the doctrine of celestial hierarchy, comprising nine angelic choirs divided into closer groupings of three choirs each (triads). The names of the nine choirs are taken from the canonical books and are arranged in the following order:

First Triad: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones (Gemini, Cancer and Leo);
Second Triad: Virtues, Dominations and Powers (Virgo, Libra and Scorpio);
Third Triad: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Sagittarius, Capricorn and Aquarius).

According to the Ecclesiastic Legend, it was Paul that introduced Dionysius into these mysteries, as explained in the book "Temas Rosacruz", Volume II, when it talks about the inhabitants of the World of Thought. In the Celestial Hierarchy described by Dionysius the Hierarchies of Aries and Taurus that helped in the beginning of the evolutionary process and withdrawn from creation before the existence of Solar System are not present. Our Hierarchy of Pisces is not present too, because the system developed by Dionysius is an Angelic System.

The Diagram 14 in COSMO gives us a clue to understand how the Hierarchies are constituted, in respect to the vehicles they have at their disposition to function in the regions and worlds of the Seventh Cosmic Plane represented in Diagram 6 of COSMO. Diagram 14 shows us the existence of thirteen regions,

which were used to build the vehicles of seven life waves in evolution, from the Lords of Mind to the present minerals. The Diagram shows also the vehicles of the ordinary humanities and their respective higher Initiates of the Saturn, Sun and Moon Periods.

Each region corresponds to a Zodiacal Sign and the thirteenth one, the highest one, corresponds to the signs altogether, in the same way that the white light is the sum of all colors of the spectrum. We can also observe that, from Sagittarius to Pisces, each region corresponding to the sign is the lowest region in which the Hierarchy has developed vehicles and functions like a “base” for its activities. In Chapter 15 of the COSMO CONCEPTION, when it talks about Jesus and Christ-Jesus, it is said that “Christ, the highest Initiate of the Sun Period, uses the Life Spirit as lowest vehicle, functioning as consciously in the World of Life Spirit as we do in the Physical World”. By analogy, we can extend this concept to all the Hierarchies in activity in the present Earth Period, the seven Hierarchies from Virgo to Pisces, described in Diagram 9 of COSMO.

According to this generalization, we can suppose, by analogy, that the Hierarchy of Scorpio has seven vehicles, built with matter from the Region of Abstract Thought to the lowest region of the three regions in which is divided the World of God. The vehicles of this Hierarchy, according to this supposition, are the same vehicles of Jehovah, the highest Initiate of Moon Period. The same supposition may be made for the Hierarchy of Libra, with seven vehicles built with matter from the World of Life Spirit to the second region of the three regions in which is divided the World of God, the same vehicles that are in use by Christ, the Highest Initiate of Sun Period. The same supposition may be applied to the Hierarchy of Virgo, with seven vehicles built with matter from the World of Divine Spirit to the highest Region of the World of God, the same vehicles that are in use by the Father, the Highest Initiate of Saturn Period. As the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit have vehicles in the World of God, they are considered themselves as God for those with sensitivity enough to feel this sublime condition. For the same reason, they are considered part of the Holy Trinity.

According to this supposition, only the Hierarchies from Virgo to Pisces, the Hierarchies working for their own evolution, have vehicles restricted to the Seventh Cosmic Plane. The five Hierarchies, from Aries to Leo, if they have seven vehicles, part of these vehicles may be built with matter from the Sixth Cosmic Plan. The Diagram 6 of the COSMO reinforces the pattern established by the number seven in the constitution of the Universe and, by analogy, we can conclude that all Hierarchies have seven vehicles. If this conclusion is true, it confirms that these five Hierarchies have a different condition and explains why these Hierarchies have withdrawn to liberation, after having worked of their own free will to help human being during the three periods that preceded the Earth Period, according to Diagram 9. The two first Hierarchies gave some assistance at the beginning of our evolution. They are not considered in the Celestial Hierarchy of Dionysius.

The three Hierarchies of these five that helped humanity during the Involution Period are the Hierarchies of Gemini, Cancer and Leo, the first triad of

Dionysius System. The Hierarchy of Leo helped us in Saturn Period, giving the germ of dense body in the first revolution and awaking the Divine Spirit in the seventh revolution of this period. The humanity owes to the Thrones its denser body and the first principle of the threefold spirit, symbolized by the greater semi-circle of the Candlestick. When we visit the Temple in Mount Ecclesia we see the Leo panel in the west wall of the Temple Sanctuary. In the article "Temple Symbolism", Part II, Rays from the Rose Cross, we read, "Leo is the sign of the risen Christ and the emblem of spirit development. Leo represents the Path of Initiation through the heart. The Rosicrucian Path of Initiation commences at the door of intellect under the mental sign of Aquarius (eastern door of Temple Sanctuary) and leads to liberation at the altar of the heart under the dominion of Leo Hierarchy." The Hierarchy of Cancer awakened, during the sixth revolution of Sun Period, the second spiritual principle, the Life Spirit. The Hierarchy of Gemini awakened, during the fifth revolution of Moon Period, the third spiritual principle, the Human Spirit.

The Hierarchy of Virgo and the Hierarchy of Libra gave us the germs of the vital body and of desire body, in the second revolution of Sun Period and in the third revolution of Moon Period, respectively, and helped the Leo, Cancer and Gemini hierarchies in their work on our threefold spirit. The Scorpio Hierarchy did not take part, during the Earth Period, in the work of giving the germs of our vehicles, but were the responsible for giving the germ of our brain. The Scorpio Hierarchy worked also on the vehicles of humankind in the first part of Earth Period. The Lords of Form are the hierarchy most active of the Earth Period, because the material part of evolution is in its highest degree and the form is the dominant factor. We should notice that the seventh region of the World of Thought is the region that contains the germinal idea of form of the four kingdoms. The seventh region reflects itself in the first region of the World of Thought, where we find the archetypes of physical form of all kingdoms.

The Hierarchies of Virgo, Libra and Scorpio, according to the suppositions made after the Diagram 14, use the World of Divine Spirit, the World of Life Spirit and the Region of Abstract Thought as lowest vehicles, respectively, there functioning as consciously as we do in the Physical World. So, these hierarchies, the second triad of Dionysius System, sufficiently evolved in the Earth Period, are in charge, respectively, of the Divine Spirit, Life Spirit and Human Spirit of our humanity.

In the Sun Period, the Cherubim worked with the Lords of Wisdom awaking the Life Spirit and giving the germ of Vital Body in human beings, symbolized by the second semi-circle of the Golden Candlestick. In her book, "Bible Interpretation", Mystery of the Christos, vol VII, Parts III and V, Corinne Heline says that the Hierarchy of Cancer, the Cherubim, holds for Earth the cosmic pattern of the divine feminine principle in all creations and it is its ministry to guard sacred places. Virgo is the sign of purity and service, two qualities that come together. The Healing Service of the Rosicrucian Fellowship says that "an unclean vessel cannot contain pure and wholesome water, nor can a spotted lens give a true picture", referring to the necessary conditions for the effectiveness of the Healing Service. There is a strong link between the attributes of these two Hierarchies responsible for giving us these two vehicles,

the Life Spirit and its counterpart, the vital body, when we consider the importance and mutual effect of sacredness and purity for living the true life. We can infer that the work accomplished by these two Hierarchies with the vehicles of human beings are very much attuned, and are imprinted in these vehicles as a legacy of inestimable value, urging us to live a life of purity and service.

During the Moon Period, the Seraphim worked with the Lords of Individuality awaking the Human Spirit and giving the germ of desire body in human beings, symbolized by the third semi-circle of the Golden Candlestick. According to Corinne Heline, the cosmic pattern held by the Seraphim for the Earth is that of great peace which will be the heritage of the coming Christed race. Heline says also that Gemini is the sign of twins what signifies duality on material plane and polarity on spiritual plane. On the other hand, the cosmic pattern held by Libra is beauty and harmony. Heline says that Libra stands as a milestone at the place of the soul's decision, pointing on the one hand to the path of purity, chastity and the Immaculate Conception as symbolized in Virgo; on the other to the "fall" in generation as symbolized by Scorpio, the eight house sign which decrees that all human forms conceived by the present mode of generation must die. Duality plays an important role in material world as a source for Ego decisions, during its learning process. We can also infer that the work accomplished by these two hierarchies with the vehicles of human beings are very much attuned, providing us the skills to deal with the opportunity of choices which feeds our souls with the essence of the experiences following our decisions.

In Earth Period, the Sagittarius Hierarchy gave to human being the germ of mind, what is symbolized by the stem of the Golden Candlestick. According to Corinne Heline, the cosmic pattern held by the Lords of Mind is of Earth as a vast alter-piece made radiant by the golden aura of the Supreme Light of the World. Sagittarius is always symbolized by light, the light of spiritualized mind. Sagittarius is dual in nature and its pictorial symbol is a centaur, in which the lower and higher natures are represented. From the time humanity elected to follow the way of materiality (Scorpio) instead the way of spirit (Virgo), Sagittarius has been the sign of promise, of hope, of aspiration. This promise is represented by the regency of Sagittarius over the higher mind, the mind capable of abstract reasoning, in order to be liberated from its dependence of the lower nature and allowing the heart to effectively rule our actions.

4. THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS – EVOLUTION PERIOD

After receiving the germ of mind, during the first half of Earth Period, the human being became an individual. At this point, the Evolution Period started for humanity, period that will last until the end of this Day of Manifestation, as sketched in the Diagram 8 of the COSMO. Until now, human being has developed different levels of consciousness, a different level for each Evolutionary Period. The consciousness state of the Saturn Period was unconsciousness corresponding to deep trance. The consciousness state of the Sun Period was unconsciousness resembling dreamless sleep. Consciousness state in Moon Period was picture consciousness corresponding to dream state.

Only in Earth Period, humanity reaches a state of waking, objective consciousness.

In Jupiter Period, human being will indwell the Globe D located in the Etheric Region. It will no longer have a dense body, because the physical body was in its fourth and last period of development in Earth Period. In the Jupiter Period the forces of the dense body will be superimposed upon the completed vital body that will be in its fourth and last stage of development. In this period, the state of consciousness of humanity will be a self-conscious picture consciousness. The human being will recover its capacity of seeing the inner worlds, but then under the dominion of will, with the ability to create internal pictures. In Jupiter Period, mind will be vivified to some extent and human being can then imagine forms that will live and grow, like plants, because the present minerals will reach a condition similar to the present plants. At the end of Jupiter Period, the Conscious Soul, a product of the spiritualization of dense body, will be absorbed by its spiritual counterpart, the Divine Spirit, during the last revolution of Jupiter Period, because any seventh stage is a stage related to a work accomplished by the Divine Spirit. The Divine Spirit will also absorb the Human Spirit at the end of the Jupiter Period, but the attributes of the Human Spirit will be retained, incorporated to the Divine Spirit.

In Venus Period, the Globe D will be located in the Desire World. Similarly of what will be occurring in Jupiter Period, the forces of dense and vital bodies will be superimposed upon the completed desire body that will be in its fourth and last stage of development. In this period the state of consciousness of humanity will be an objective, self-conscious, creative consciousness. In Venus Period, human mind will be able to create living, growing and feeling things, because the present minerals will reach a condition similar to the present animals. The Intellectual Soul, the product of the spiritualization of vital body, will be absorbed by its spiritual counterpart, the Life Spirit, during the sixth revolution of Venus Period, because any sixth stage is a stage related to a work accomplished by the Life Spirit. At the end of Venus Period, the Divine Spirit will absorb the Life Spirit.

In Vulcan Period, Globe D will be located in the Region of Concrete Thought. In a way analogous to the other two preceding periods, the forces of dense, vital and desire bodies will be superimposed upon the completed mind that will be in its fourth and last stage of development. The mind will reach the highest expression of the human vehicles built in material worlds. The consciousness attained in this period will be the highest spiritual consciousness, whose description cannot be made with our present understanding level. In Vulcan Period, the mind will be able to create living, growing, feeling and thinking beings, because the present minerals will reach a condition similar to us now. We will reach a stage of development similar to the stage attained by the Lords of Mind in Saturn, but in a higher condition, if we take into consideration the effects of the evolutionary spiral. The Emotional Soul, the product of spiritualization of the desire body, will be absorbed by its spiritual counterpart, the Human Spirit, then within the Divine Spirit, in the fifth revolution of Vulcan Period, because any fifth stage is a stage related to a work accomplished by the Human Spirit. The perfected mind, containing all that was conquered by the

vehicles forming the personality, will be absorbed by the Divine Spirit, at the end of Vulcan Period.

It is important to note that the period in which a Hierarchy reaches a similar condition to the one reached by our humanity in Earth Period, attaining individuality, is a period in which it completes the development of its densest vehicle and establishes relations with other life waves, less developed, relations which are kept in subsequent periods in different and more advanced conditions.

The humanity itself is a good example of this assertive, because it is working with the minerals, in the period it attained individuality, the present Earth Period. This work will have continuity in the next periods, as described above, culminating in the Vulcan Period, when we will have the privilege of giving a germinal mind to the present minerals, as the Lords of Mind did to ourselves, when they became individuals. The same happens to the Archangels that worked with the present animals when they were equivalent to minerals in the Sun Period, period in which the Archangels became individuals. And the same happens also to the Angels that worked with the present plants when they were equivalent to minerals in the Moon Period, period in which the Angels became individuals. We may expect, by analogy, that the Archangels will give the germinal mind to the present animals in the Jupiter Period and that the Angels will give the germinal mind to the present plants, in Venus Period. If this conclusion is correct, we see similarities in the evolutionary path of the life waves of Lords of Mind, Archangels and Angels, the lower Triad of Dionysius System, and Humanity. They all became humanities in this Day of Manifestation and came to age three periods of evolutionary career before the life wave they are responsible for giving a germinal mind come to age too. And we can conclude also that becoming an individual and being responsible for your own destiny is a paramount feature of this Day of Manifestation, because in each period of this Day we have a life wave becoming an individual, since the Lords of Mind to the present minerals, in a total of seven life waves.

From what has been said, we can infer, by analogy, a pattern that may possibly be repeated in each Day of Manifestation. During an Involution Period, a new life wave receives all the tools they need to evolve, through the work of other more advanced Hierarchies, some of them doing that for their own evolution and others doing that only for love. When these Virginal Spirits come to age, as individuals, they start to work with other younger life waves, in the same way that the older life waves did with them. The older life waves serve the younger ones to evolve and are very grateful for that. In some point of their path, they reach perfection and some of them made a beautiful choice, to serve the younger ones not for their own benefit, but only for love and goodwill. But all Hierarchies and life waves remain together in a unity that reflects the subtle presence of the Creator of all in all.

5. CHRIST JESUS

5.1 THE EVOLUTION OF RELIGION

As an individual, the human being became responsible for its actions, but was not abandoned by the Creative Hierarchies in its development process. Humankind has always received help in this process. The first help is Race religions, aiding humanity to overcome the desire body, preparing it for union with the Holy Spirit. The COSMO CONCEPT says that the Holy Spirit is the Race God and all languages are expressions of it. That is why the Apostles, when fully united and fully with the Holy Spirit could speak different languages and were able to convince their hearers. The Race religions had as objective the uprising of human race through a feeling of kinship limited to a group, a family, a tribe or a nation.

Under the dispensation of Race religions, the desire body is perfected through the law, which acts from without over individuals, rewarding or punishing them according to their acts. The fear of God was put against the desires of the flesh. The Race religions purpose is to emancipate intellect from desire demonstrating that sin consequences are always painful and it provokes the wrath of God. But mastering the desire body has been always a very difficult task. During the Lemurian Epoch, for the most advanced, and during the first part of Atlantean Epoch, for the remaining human beings, the desire underwent a division into two parts. The higher one became a kind of animal soul, which took part in the building of the cerebro-spinal nervous system until the germinal mind was aggregated. With the fall of man, under the influence of the Lucifer Spirits, the human being became prematurely conscious of the material world, but it was not yet prepared to function in a world that it was barely able to master. It lost the etheric consciousness, as symbolized by the expulsion of the Garden of Eden. The nascent mind that should obey to the commands of the Ego united to this animal soul and became a slave of desire, enhancing the material affairs over the spiritual ones. Due to this condition, the law application, especially the Law of Consequence, was intensified in the evolutionary process, through the Race religions, in the tentative of curbing the desire body. As consciousness was in the material world, the lessons were much more focused in material possessions than in spiritual values, and rewards and punishments were also focused in material goods, until humanity evolved and, consequently, the religions evolved too. All Race religions are under the responsibility of Race Spirits, under the command of Jehovah. Jehovah, as the highest Initiate of the Hierarchy of Angels has as lowest vehicle the Abstract Mind, built with substance of the Region of Abstract Thought, where is the Human Spirit, the spiritual counterpart of the desire body.

The consequence of this state of affairs was that, under the law, almost all human beings sin and stayed practically all post-mortem period in the Purgatory. The debts formed under the Law of Consequence became bigger and bigger. The desire nature was so strong that was very difficult to control it. Besides that, the fundamental principle of Race religions is separation, promoting self growing at the expenses of other peoples and nations. To continue in that way, evolution would suffer a great impact and many souls might lose the opportunity to evolve in this Day of Manifestation, unless Race religions are succeeded by a more constructive religion.

By this reason, Christ came to help the lost, as we comment in the next item. This was the second kind of help received by humanity, the Religion of the Son, whose objective is the union with the Christ, through the purifying and control of vital body. The purpose of Christian Religion is the uplifting of human being, to form a Universal Brotherhood, integrating the beings without losing their individualities. The Law, not abolished, should give its place to Love, as a fundamental principle.

The next help will be the Father Religion, where all separateness will be abolished and all will be united as one and there will be neither me nor you and all will become one. This will happen in a yet distant future, in which we will be able to understand the unity of each one with all.

5.2 CHRIST AND HIS MISSION

In COSMO CONCEPTION, Chapter XV, when he is writing about Christ and His Mission, Max Heindel explains us the meaning of the sentence “Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God”, found in the Christian creed. In this sentence there are three widely different Beings, “Three Great and Exalted Beings, different vastly in glory, yet each entitled to our deepest and most devout adoration”.

The only begotten Son of God, the Word of Whom John speaks, is the second aspect of the Supreme Being, created by the first aspect, the Power, as represented pictorially in the Diagram 6 of COSMO.

Christ is the highest Initiate of Sun Period, represented in the Diagram 14 of COSMO, with vehicles from the World of Life Spirit to the World of God. As we have said before, in this part of our work, as Christ has His two highest vehicles in the World of God, He is worshipped as God Himself, the same happening with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for the same reason.

Jesus is the man belonging to our life wave, the man that has, for many lives, trod the Path of Holiness and fitted Himself for this great honor and mission. His parents were also beings of highest human purity and performed the act of fecundation as a sacrament, in order to give Him the purest body ever conceived in Earth.

But how did Christ accomplish His Mission in Earth? Max Heindel tells us that, at the end of a period in which a life wave becomes humanity, they keep the vehicles corresponding to the globes in which they have functioned. We have examples close to us like the hierarchies forming the third triad of Dionysius System, the Lords of Mind, the Archangels and the Angels. And the Initiates of these life waves are able to evolve vehicles for themselves in the higher regions, as shown in the Diagram 14. When this happens, they keep in use seven vehicles, discontinuing the use of the lowest ones. So Christ, the highest Initiate of Sun Period, uses Life Spirit as His lowest vehicle, whereas His brothers, the Archangels, use the desire body as their lowest vehicle. The World of Life Spirit is the first universal world, where unity begins to occur, ceasing differentiation. And this condition was quite relevant to Christ mission, to

overcome separateness brought by Race religions. But His main mission was to give a chance of salvation to all beings called "sinners" which by the normal scheme of evolution, through the action of the Laws of Rebirth and Consequence, were destined to be thrown out of this Day of Manifestation to proceed in their evolution in the following day. It is the Law of Love being superimposed to the Evolutionary Laws, through the sacrifice of Exalted Beings, creating new opportunities for all, even those considered the lost ones.

To fulfill His mission, Christ needed to reach the level of consciousness of human beings, in the Physical World. He had ceased to use, ordinarily, vehicles such the Abstract Mind, Concrete Mind and Desire Body, although He had learned to build them in the Sun Period and have retained the ability to build and function in them whenever required. During His evolution, Christ had no experience with the development of vehicles in a level of matter below the World of Desire. To create vehicles in the Physical World, whereas possible, would be inconvenient for an Exalted Being like Christ. Besides that, these vehicles would not reflect the problems that turned out necessary the mission of Christ. In His mission, Christ used all these vehicles He had the ability to build, taking only from Jesus the Vital and Dense bodies, when Jesus reached the age of thirty years old. Christ penetrated in these vehicles and used them until the death of Jesus. After the destruction of the dense body of Christ, Christ appeared to His disciples in vital body, working with it for a short period of time. He will use the same vital body of Jesus to reappear to mankind, when the time comes.

Christ Jesus, to fulfill His mission, had to be killed. The blood of Jesus that had been a vehicle of Race Spirit should flow and should be purified of its influence. All links promoting separateness like family, groups, and races should be abandoned in name of the Universal Brotherhood and of the all-embracing love. When the blood of Jesus flowed from vital body centers, the Solar Spirit of Christ became free from the physical vehicle of Jesus and could penetrate the Earth with His individual vehicles. He could then diffuse His own desire body through our planet, what gave Him the key to work thence over the Earth and over the humankind, from within. All years Christ goes through a cycle which starts in September, when the Blessed Lord turns from the glory of the highest Heavens and begins His descent toward physical realms, till the Supreme work of the Lord Christ in the months of June, July and August, when He works with the Threefold God and the first Triad of Dionysius System (Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones) in replenishing, energizing and spiritualizing the Earth and everything upon it (Corinne Heline, "The Mystery of Christos").

Besides purifying the desire body of Earth, to give a chance to the so called lost to save themselves, Christ open the Initiation way to everybody and not only to the chosen ones, brought to the Temple by the Hierophants of Light. At the moment in which the blood flowed on Golgotha, the veil of the Temple was rent and ever since that moment, whosoever that seek admittance will find it.

5.3 THE AWAKENING OF CHRIST WITHIN

We have said before that awakening of the organs of knowledge is a result of an esoteric training. We have said also that before the aspirant is apt to receive specific instructions for that purpose, he (she) has to live a life of high moral standard, serving his brothers to the utmost of his (her) efforts. The forces the aspirant deals with to reach its purpose are the creative forces he (she) saves for its spiritual development. When the candidate has lived the life for a sufficient time and is found worthy and qualified to receive esoteric instructions, he is taught certain exercises, to set the organs of knowledge (pituitary body and pineal gland) into vibration, as explained in COSMO, Chapter XVII, "ESOTERIC TRAINING". So, the external perception of the outer world is expanded to include the perception of the inner world and the aspirant becomes a voluntary clairvoyant, as we have mentioned before. As explained in COSMO, the pineal gland is the organ in which is primarily seated the Human Spirit. The brain and the cerebro-spinal nervous system is the system in which is secondarily seated the Human Spirit. The pituitary body is the organ in which is primarily seated the Life Spirit and, secondarily, the Life Spirit is seated in the heart. The Divine Spirit, the Silent Watcher, the inmost part of our threefold spirit, has its stronghold in the root of the nose and has its secondary seat in the passive skeleton of the dense body, similarly the inmost part of our body systems, with no connection with the outer world.

As we have mentioned for several times, human being reached the consciousness of Physical World prematurely and the mind that should be the Ego instrument to govern the threefold body, has frustrated this objective establishing a strong link with the lower self to do as it pleases. But the Ego has another point to back up its activities, the heart, as it is explained in the COSMO CONCEPTION, Chapter XV – "The Heart as an Anomaly". The Life Spirit is secondarily seated in heart, as mentioned above. The heart is cross-striped like a voluntary muscle and, in fact, it will be so, when love and universal brotherhood principles, made abundant by Christ, became stronger than reason sustained by the interests of personality. When the heart became a whole voluntary muscle, the circulation of blood will be under control of the unifying Life Spirit to withhold the blood from those areas of the mind devoted to selfish purposes.

The mastery of Life Spirit over an Ego vehicle gives feasibility to the formation of Christ within, as the Life Spirit has, as its counterpart, the vital body, whose higher parts, the light and reflecting ethers, can grow through a life of service to build the soul body, what gives ability to the aspirant to work in the inner worlds. But it is necessary, especially for those searching the way through a rational approach, that the mind became enlightened before the spiritualization of the heart, the basis for the formation of Christ within.

The process of mental enlightenment is represented in the story of Zacharias, the priest, and Elizabeth, his wife, a story that must be enacted within each of us before the story of the union of Joseph and Mary can take place within. John, the child of Zacharias and Elizabeth represents mental enlightenment. As

described by John Scott, Zacharias became dumb before his child was born, because we are all dumb in a spiritual sense before the birth of enlightenment mind.

It was the duty of Zacharias to burn incense in the temple, signifying that we must continually send up the pure and sweet incense of sanctification in the temple of our body before the birth of the John within can be accomplished.

With the birth of John, the mouth of Zacharias was opened and he was able to speak because only after that our words become to have real wisdom. The child was in the desert, a place of preparation, until his presentation in Israel. This symbolizes that even after the mind becomes spiritualized it must go through a period of preparation before it reaches its ultimate strength.

The aspirant that comes to a School like the Rosicrucian Fellowship follows a way that aims at the enlightenment of its mind to permit, at the end that the heart can actuate with all its power. As quoted before, "the Rosicrucian Path of Initiation commences at the door of intellect under the mental sign of Aquarius and leads to liberation at the altar of the heart under the dominion of Leo Hierarchy."

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