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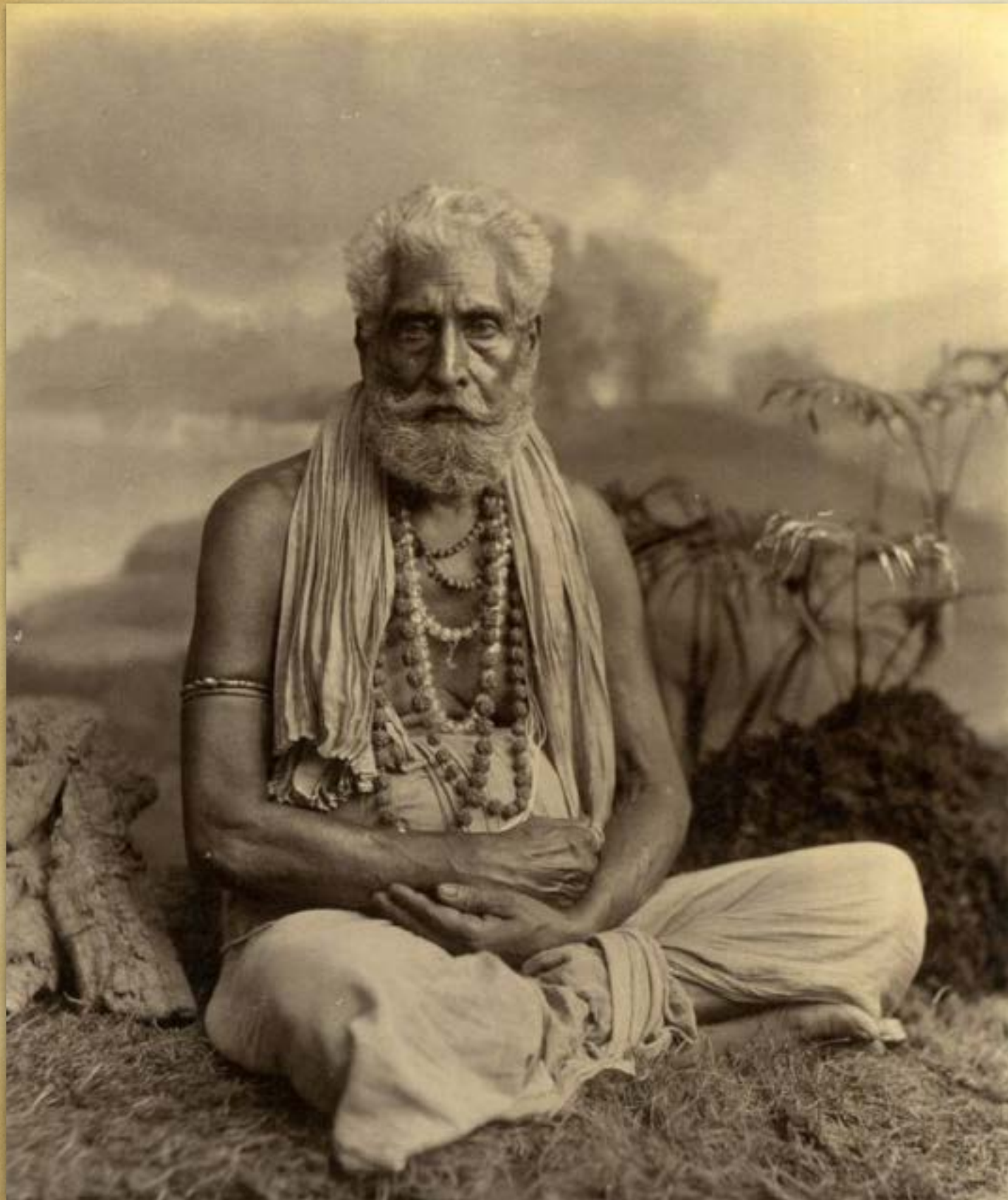






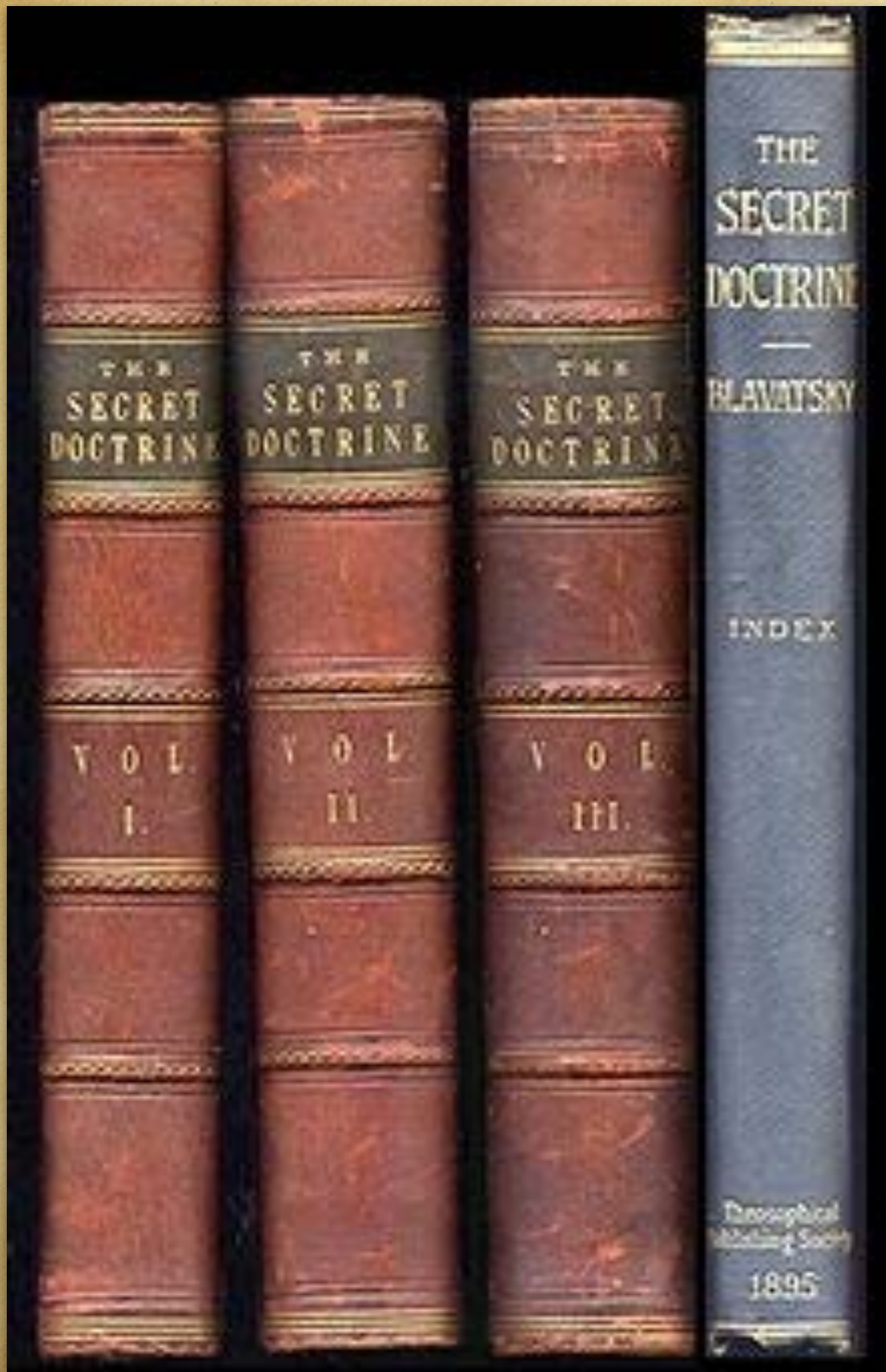






“In the presence and under the supervision of our informant, he had been entombed twenty-seven days, and then in the presence of hundreds of eye-witnesses had been disentombed. The ears, nostrils, and other orifices of his body had been stopped with ghee, and the tongue turned back into the pharynx. At his resuscitation, the refilling of the lungs with air was accompanied with a wheezing sound like the letting of steam into a radiator. The incident can be attested by many living witnesses of credibility. Mohendranath Babu told us of another Yogi—whose forehead glows with spiritual light (tejasa) when he sits in contemplation.” ODL, p.75





“There are several entries [in my diary] about helping H. P. B. to write "her new book on Theosophy". On 23rd May, it seems, she "broke ground" for it; on the 24th I "gave her, by request, the skeleton outline of a book embodying such crude ideas as suggested themselves to one who did not intend to be the writer of it"; on the 25th I "helped in preparing the Preface"; on 4th June we finished it; and that seed lay in the mummy's hand five or six years before it sprouted as The Secret Doctrine for which the only thing I then did was to invent the title and write the original Prospectus. After coming to Bombay I had quite enough common routine work to do without helping to write another book of cyclopaedic bulk. ODL, p.89-90





MAHATMA SHISIR KUMAR GHOSE

(the founder of the "Amrita Bazar Patrika", in 1869).

Born August 1840—Died 10th January 1911, 1:35 P.M.

Our acquaintance with the Editor of the famous opposition journal of Calcutta, the *Amrita Bazaar Patrika*, began with a letter that we received from him on 12th May. He had read a report of my Framji Cowasji Hall lecture and asked our friendship. The correspondence eventuated in his coming over from Calcutta to see us... As he was so sincerely interested in our interpretations and defense of his sacred books, H. P. B. did some few phenomena for him; for instance, pulled some black hair from her own head, rang the astral bells and (8th September) my Diary records "duplicated in his presence and at his request a magic mirror with a black frame and handle, that she had received today from a Master." I was present and thus was it done. He was to leave in two days, and begged her to show him the phenomenon of duplication, so that he might fully comprehend her teaching as to the nature of matter and force, and their potential relations to the power of a trained will. She persistently refused for some time, but finally, when he caught up the mirror in question and asked her to duplicate that, she said she would if he would promise not to bother with any more such requests. He promising, she took the mirror in her hand, rose from her chair, turned her back upon us, and in another moment threw on the seat two identical glasses. Then, exhausted, she dropped into her seat and sat silent for some minutes to recover herself. Shishir Babu is happily, still living, and will be able to set me right if I have made any mistake in telling the story. ODL, p.91-2



The Occult Catechism contains the following questions and answers:

**“What is it that ever is?”**

*“Space, the eternal Anupadaka”*

**“What is it that ever was?”**

*“The Germ in the Root.”*

**“What is it that is ever coming and going?”**

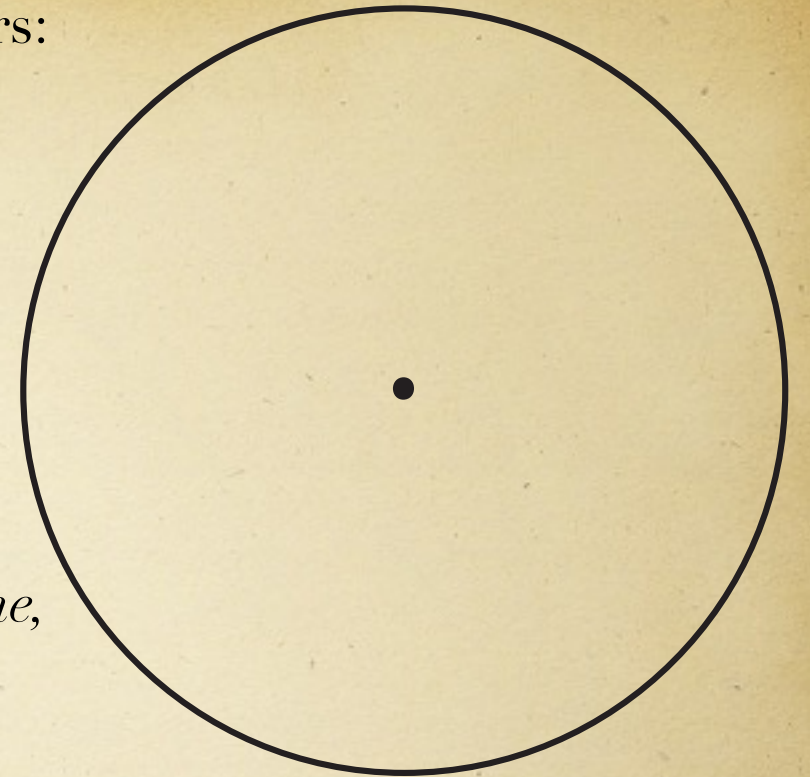
*“The Great Breath.”*

**“Then, there are three Eternals?”**

*“No, the three are one. That which ever is, is one, that which ever was is one, that which is ever being and becoming is also one: and this is Space.”*

**“Explain, oh Lanoo (disciple).”**

*“The One is an unbroken Circle (ring) with no circumference, for it is nowhere and everywhere; the One is the boundless plane of the Circle, manifesting a diameter only during the manvantaric periods; the One is the indivisible point found nowhere, perceived everywhere during those periods; it is the Vertical and the Horizontal, the Father and the Mother, the summit and base of the Father, the two extremities of the Mother, reaching in reality nowhere, for the One is the Ring as also the rings that are within that Ring. Light in darkness and darkness in light: the ‘Breath which is eternal.’ It proceeds from without inwardly, when it is everywhere, and from within outwardly, when it is nowhere. It expands and contracts (exhalation and inhalation). When it expands the mother diffuses and scatters; when it contracts, the mother draws back and ingathers. This produces the periods of Evolution and Dissolution, Manvantara and Pralaya. The Germ is invisible and fiery; the Root (the plane of the circle) is cool; but during Evolution and Manvantara her garment is cold and radiant. Hot Breath is the Father who devours the progeny of the many-faced Element (heterogeneous); and leaves the single-faced ones (homogeneous). Cool Breath is the Mother, who conceives, forms, brings forth, and receives them back into her bosom, to reform them at the Dawn (of the Day of Brahmâ, or Manvantara). . . . .” SD1, p.11*





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Space viewed as a “Substantial Unity”—the “living Source of Life”—is the “Unknown Causeless Cause.” SD1 p.10

Space is called the “Mother” before its Cosmic activity, and “Father-Mother” at the first stage of re-awakening.” SD1 p.16



“What is it that ever was?”

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“The Germ is invisible and fiery; the Root (the plane of the circle) is cool; but during Evolution and Manvantara her garment is cold and radiant.” SD1 p. 12



What is it that is ever coming and going?”  
“*The Great Breath.*”



“The Great Breath is the *fons et origo* [source and origin] of force and of all individual consciousness, and supplies the guiding intelligence in the vast scheme of cosmic Evolution.”

SD1 p. 14

“The Divine Breath”  
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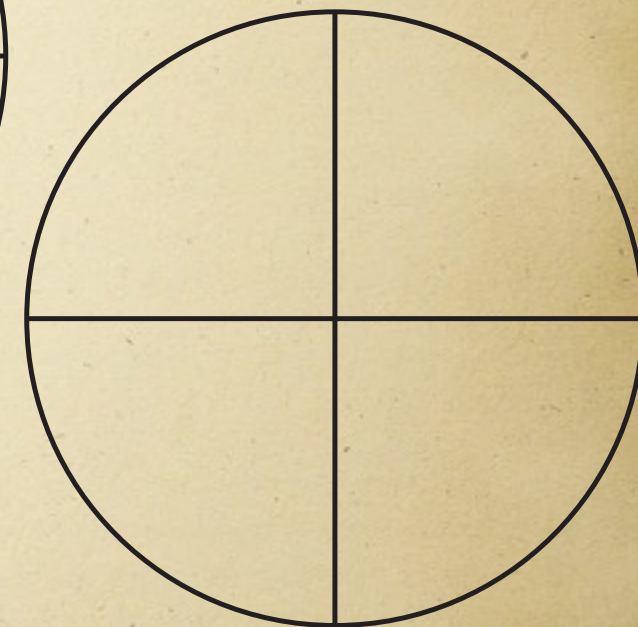
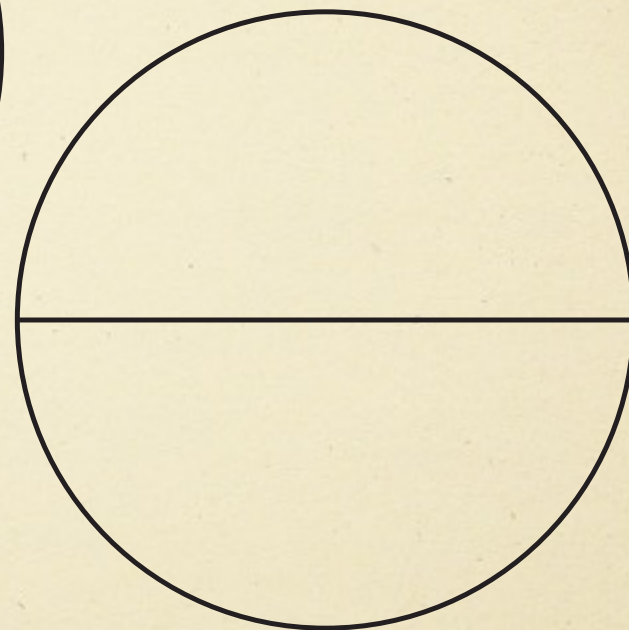
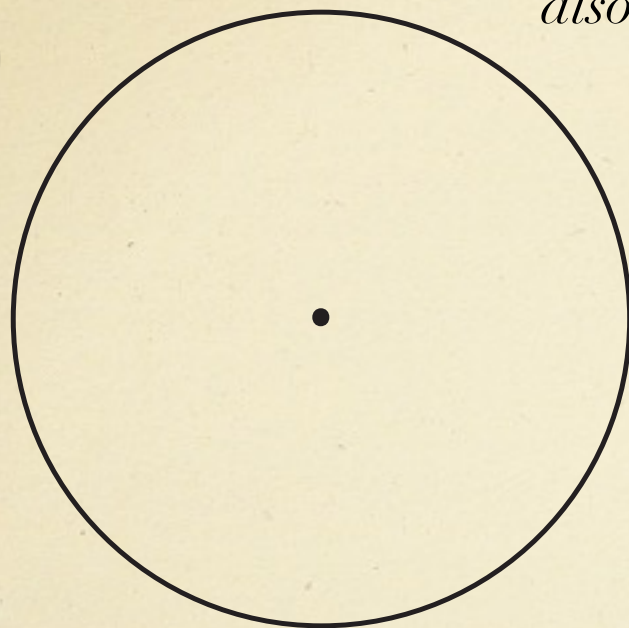
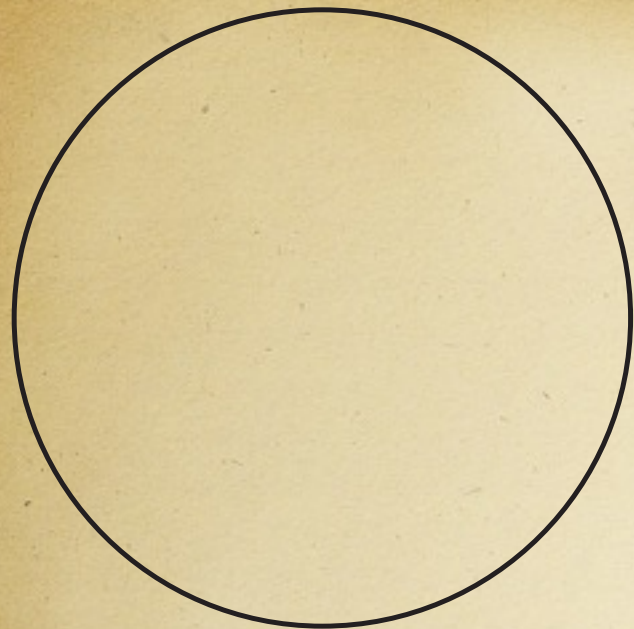












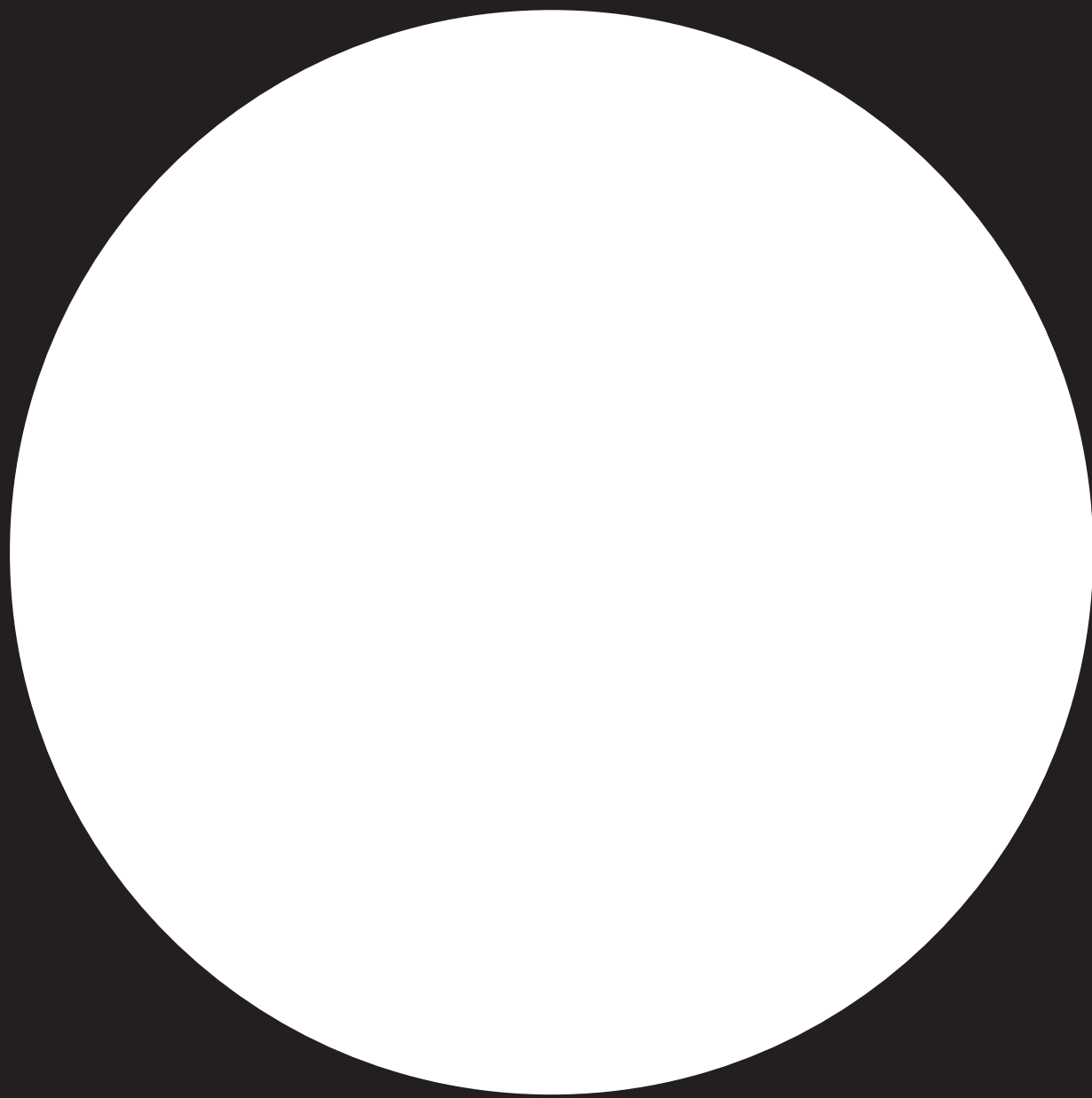
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“The one circle is divine Unity, from which all proceeds, whither all returns.”



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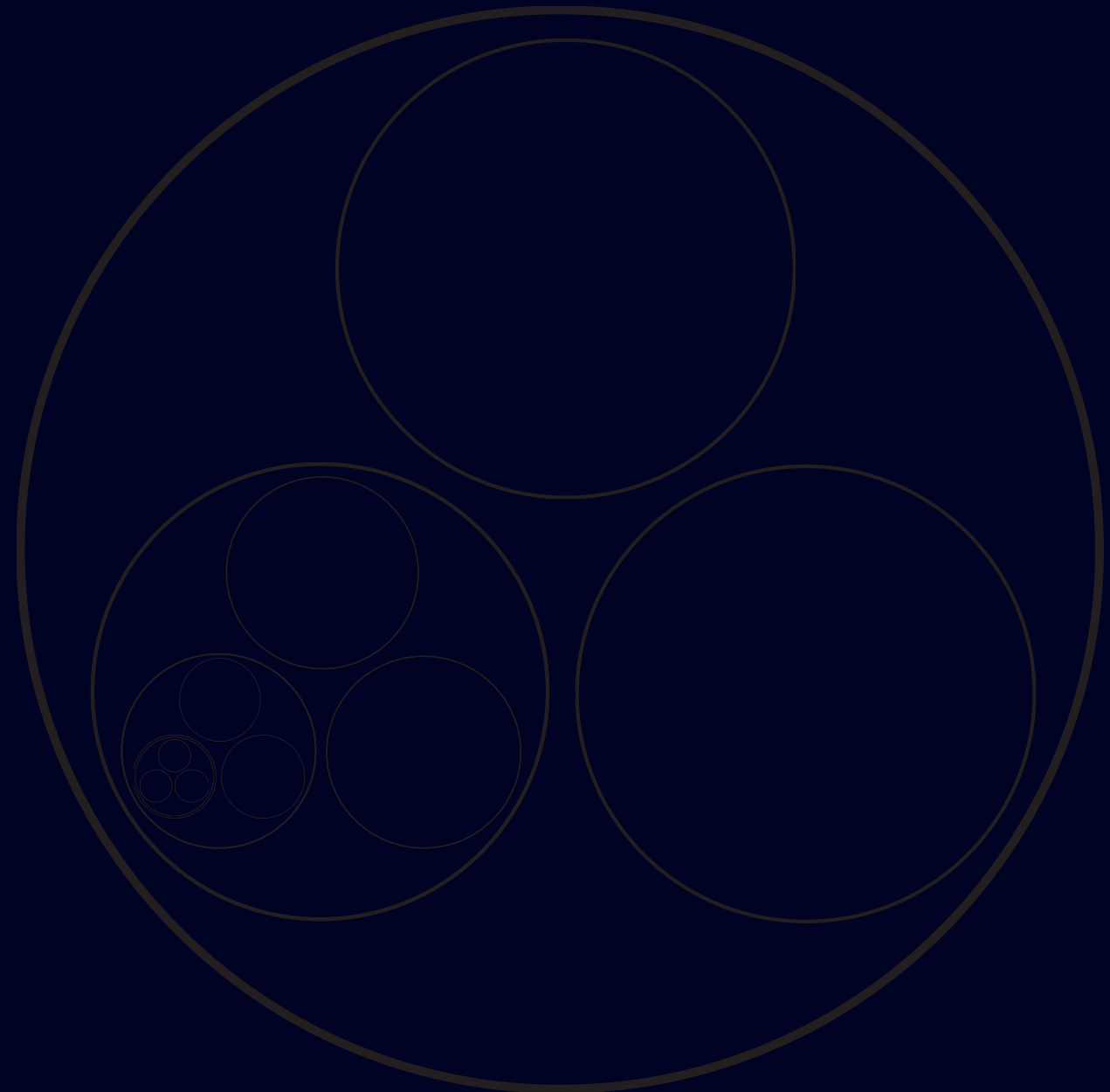
*“The Eternity of the Universe in toto is a boundless plane; periodically “the playground of numberless Universes incessantly manifesting and disappearing;” SD1 p.17*



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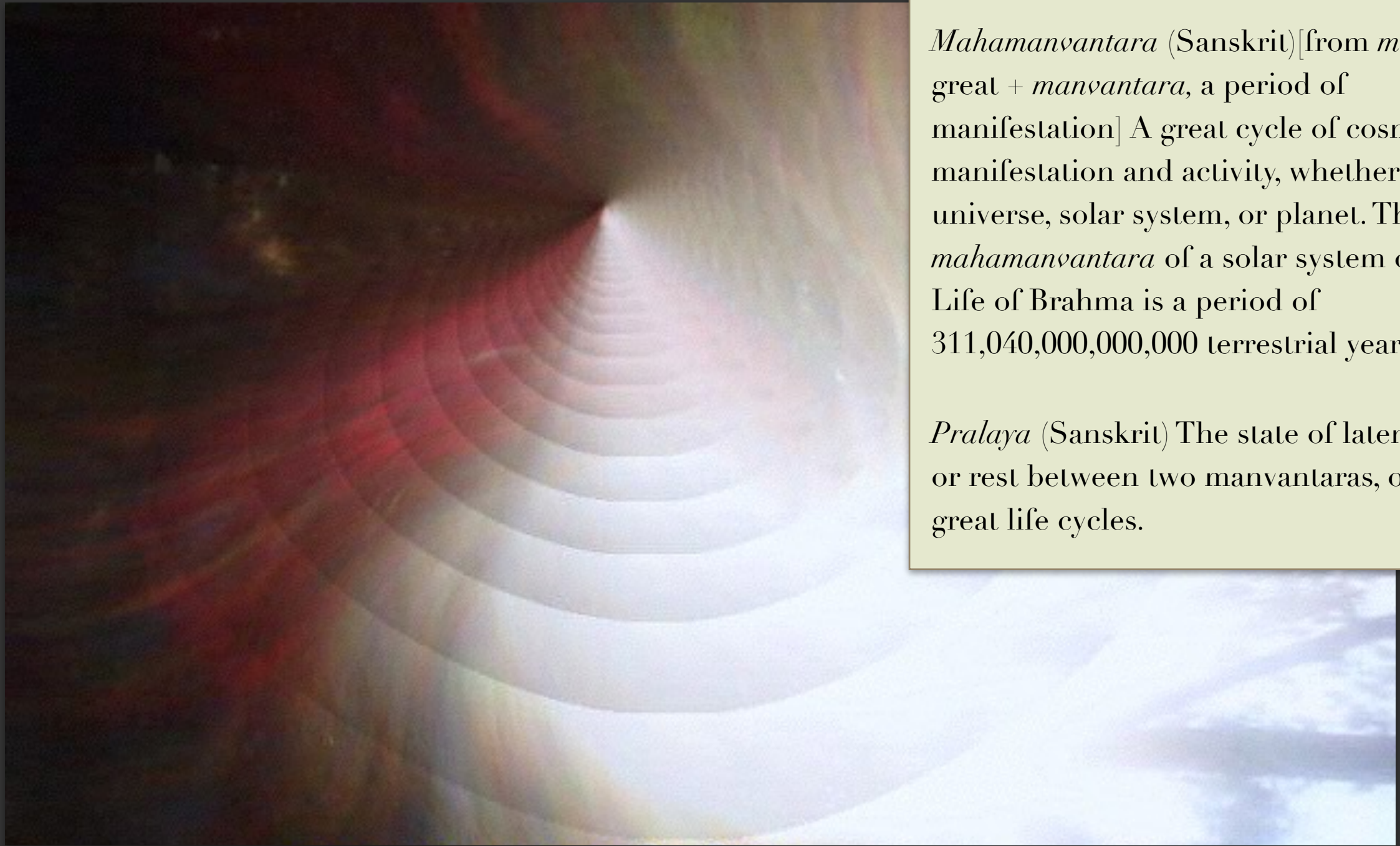






*Light in darkness and darkness in light: the 'Breath which is eternal.' It proceeds from without inwardly, when it is everywhere, and from within outwardly, when it is nowhere — (i.e., maya, † one of the centres‡). SD1 p.11*



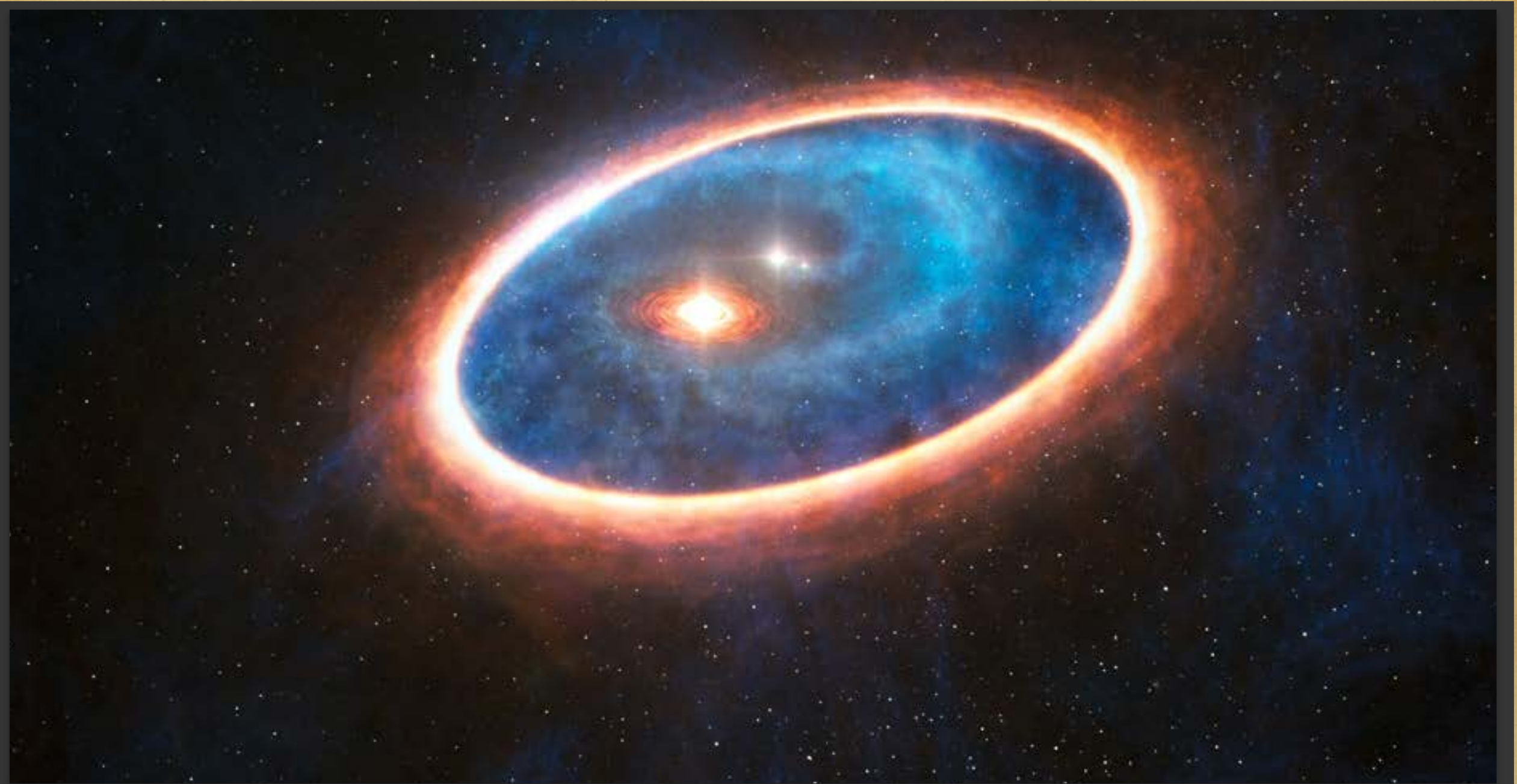


*Mahamanvantara* (Sanskrit)[from *mahā* great + *manvantara*, a period of manifestation] A great cycle of cosmic manifestation and activity, whether of a universe, solar system, or planet. The *mahamanvantara* of a solar system or Life of Brahma is a period of 311,040,000,000,000 terrestrial years.

*Pralaya* (Sanskrit) The state of latency or rest between two manvantaras, or great life cycles.

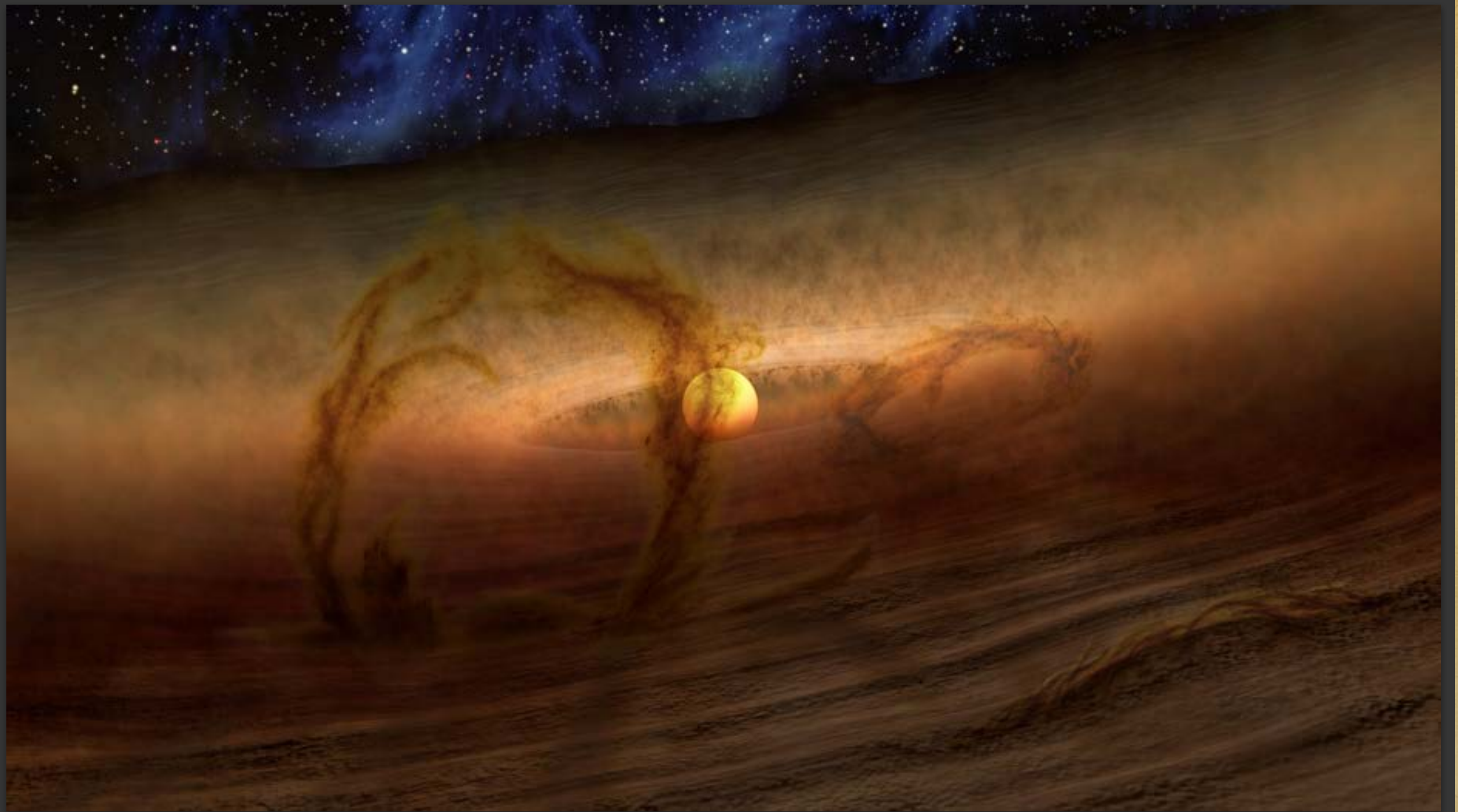
‡ Esoteric philosophy, regarding as Maya (or the illusion of ignorance) every finite thing, must necessarily view in the same light every intra-Cosmic planet and body, as being something organised, hence finite. The expression, therefore, “it proceeds from without inwardly, etc.” refers in the first portion of the sentence to the dawn of the **Mahamanvantaric** period, or the great re-evolution after one of the complete periodical dissolutions of every compound form in Nature (from planet to molecule) into its ultimate essence or element; and in its second portion, to the partial or local manvantara, which may be a solar or even a planetary one. SD1 p.11





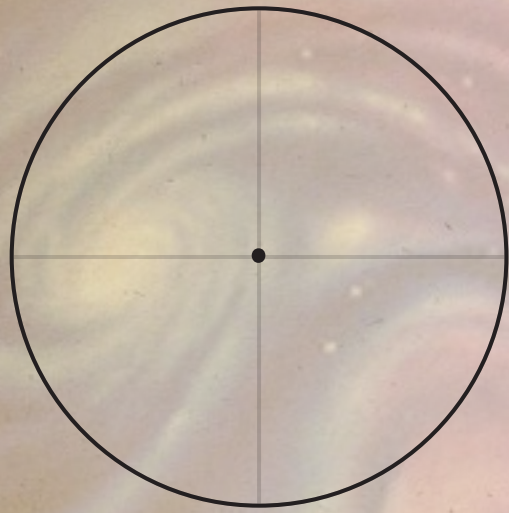
‡ By “centre,” a centre of energy or a Cosmic focus is meant; when the so-called “Creation,” or formation of a planet, is accomplished by that force which is designated by the Occultists life and by Science “energy,” then the process takes place from within outwardly, every atom being said to contain in itself creative energy of the divine breath. Hence, whereas after an absolute pralaya, or when the pre-existing material consists but of one Element, and breath “is everywhere,” the latter acts from without inwardly: after a minor pralaya, everything having remained in status quo in a refrigerated state, so to say, like the moon at the first flutter of manvantara, the planet or planets begin their resurrection to life from within outwardly. SD1 p.11



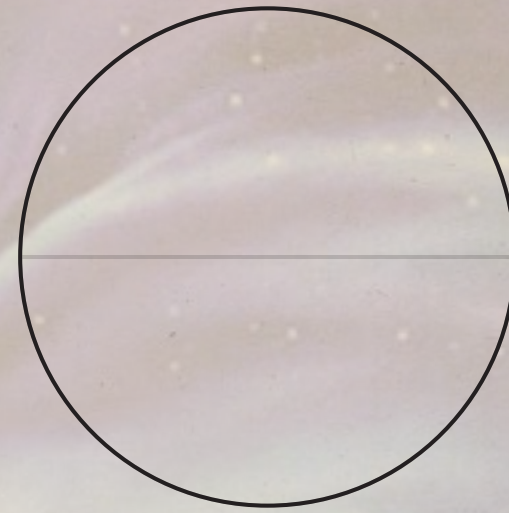


*It expands and contracts (exhalation and inhalation). When it expands the mother diffuses and scatters; when it contracts, the mother draws back and ingathers. This produces the periods of Evolution and Dissolution, Manvantara and Pralaya.*





Manifestation  
Creation  
Manvantara  
Evolution  
Expansion  
Exhalation  
From within outwards  
The Mother diffuses and scatters



Dissolution  
Withdrawal  
Pralaya  
Involution  
Contraction  
Inhalation  
From without inwards  
The Mother draws back and ingathers









*“The Germ is invisible and fiery; the Root (the plane of the circle) is cool; but during Evolution and Manvantara, her garment is cold and radiant. SD1, p.12*





“One of the symbolical figures for the Dual creative power in Nature (matter and force on the material plane) is Padma, the water-lily of India. The Lotus is the product of heat (fire) and water (vapour or Ether); fire standing in every philosophical and religious system as a representation of the Spirit of Deity, the active, male, generative principle; and Ether, or the Soul of matter, the light of the fire, for the passive female principle from which everything in this Universe emanated. Hence, Ether or Water is the Mother, and Fire is the Father.” SD1, p.57





*“The ray of the “Ever Darkness” becomes, as it is emitted, a ray of effulgent light or life, and flashes into the “Germ” —the point in the Mundane Egg, represented by matter in its abstract sense. But the term “Point” must not be understood as applying to any particular point in Space, for a germ exists in the centre of every atom, and these collectively form “the Germ;” or rather, as no atom can be made visible to our physical eye, the collectivity of these (if the term can be applied to something which is boundless and infinite) forms the noumenon of eternal and indestructible matter.” SD1, p.57*





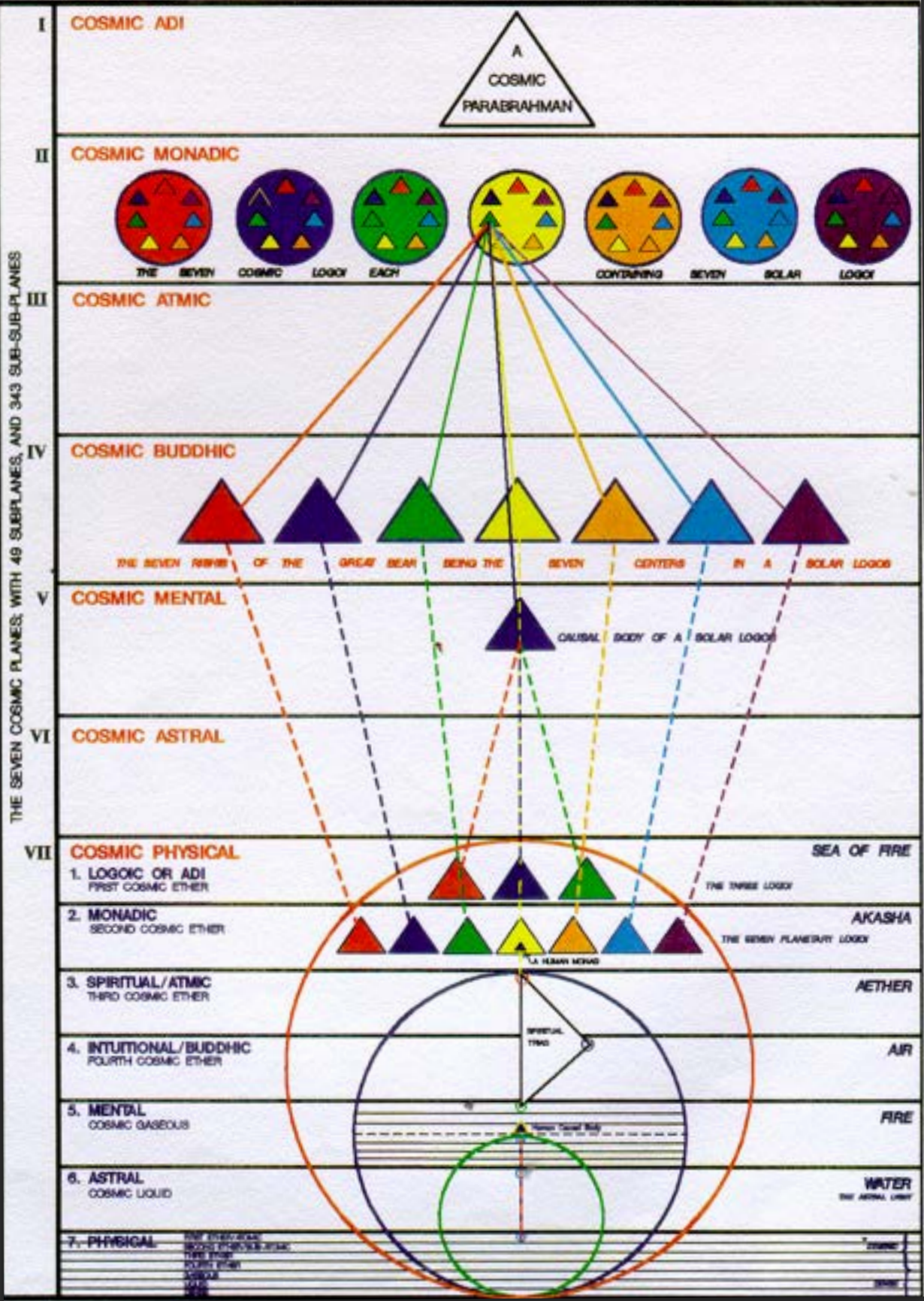
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“For clearer understanding on the part of the general reader, it must be stated that Occult Science recognises Seven Cosmical Elements— four entirely physical, and the fifth (Ether) semi-material, as it will become visible in the air towards the end of our Fourth Round, to reign supreme over the others during the whole of the Fifth. The remaining two are as yet absolutely beyond the range of human perception. These latter will, however, appear as presentments during the 6th and 7th Races of this Round, and will become known in the 6th and 7th Rounds respectively.”\* SD1, p.12







# VII. PHYSICAL

## PHYSICAL PLANE

### COSMIC DENSE

#### PLANE OF THE PHYSICAL

HD - HEAD CENTER  
HT - HEART CENTER

T - THROAT CENTER

BS - BASE OF SPINE

SP - SOLAR PLEGE

GO - GENERATIVE ORGANS

S - SPLEEN

ATOMIC

SUB-ATOMIC

SUPER-ETHERIC

ETHERIC



PHYSICAL  
PERMANENT  
ATOM

FIRST ETHER

SECOND ETHER

THIRD ETHER

FOURTH ETHER

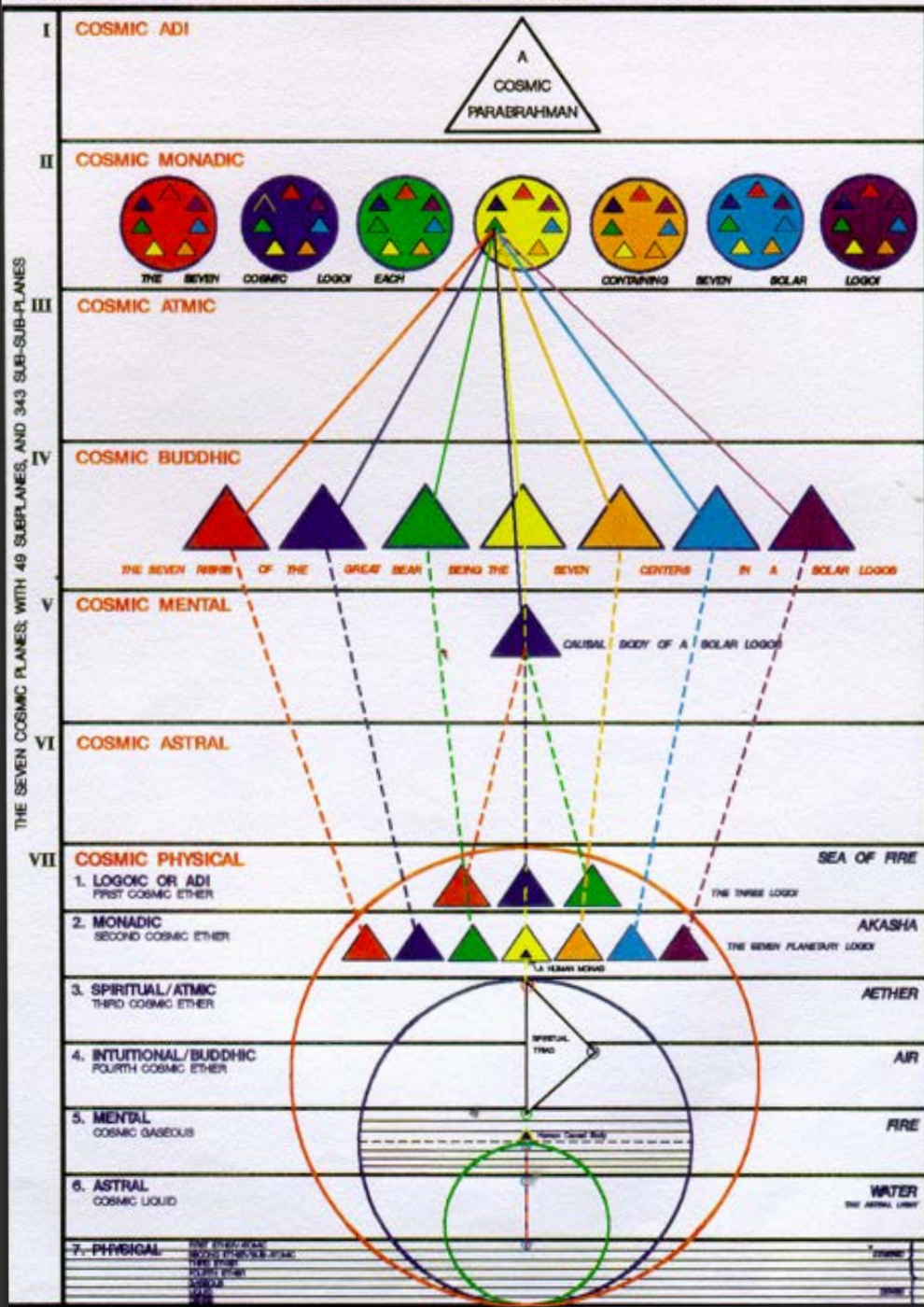
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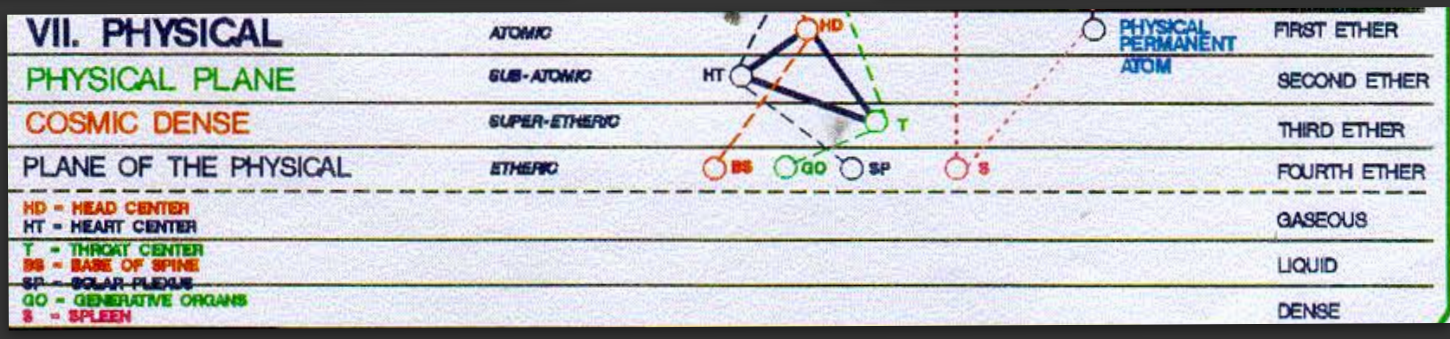
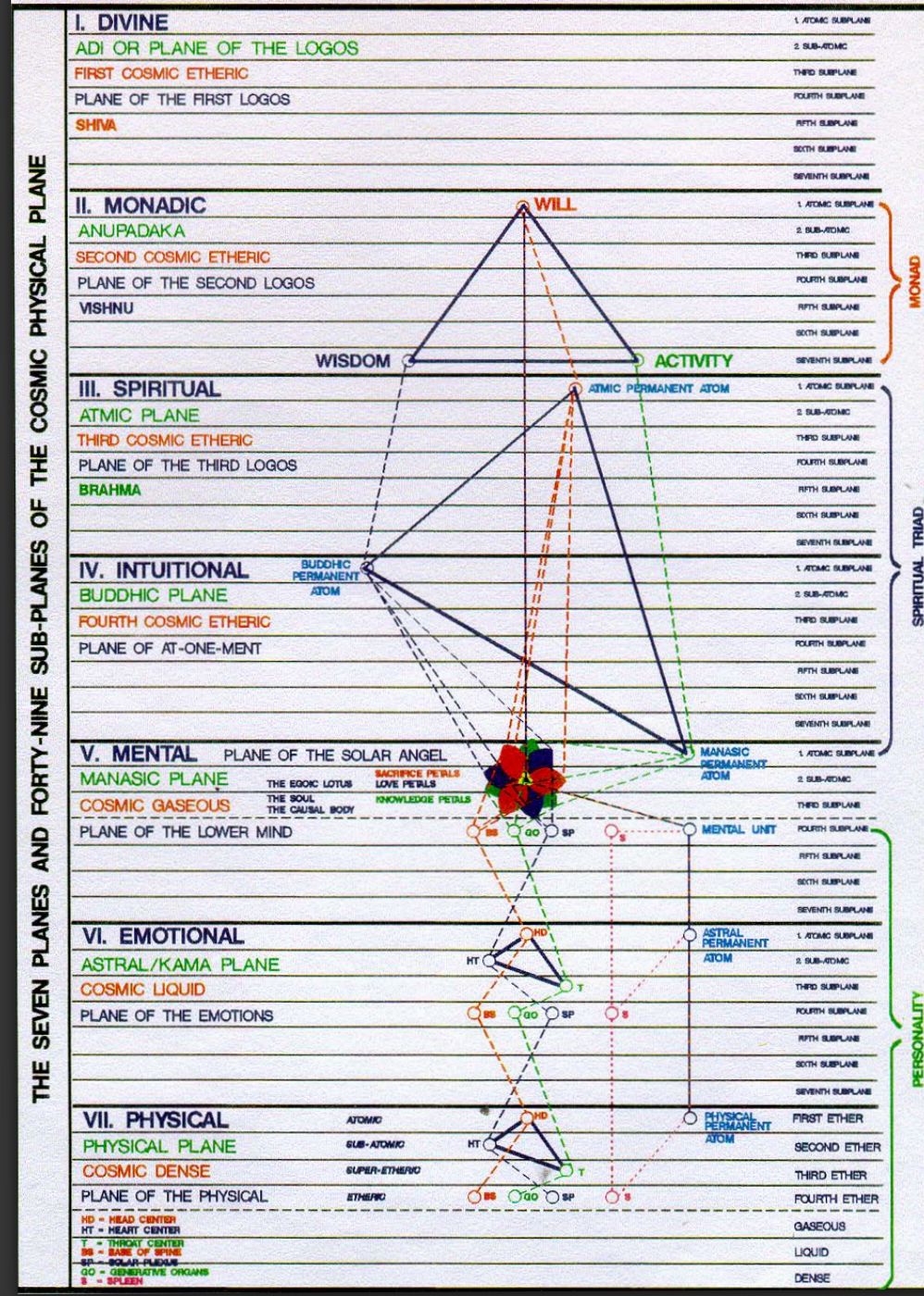
DENSE



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A.U.M. Chart VI THE EGOIC LOTUS AND THE CENTERS



THE SEVEN COSMIC PLANES, WITH 49 SUBPLANES, AND 343 SUB-SUB-PLANES

THE SEVEN PLANES AND FORTY-NINE SUB-PLANES OF THE COSMIC PHYSICAL PLANE

MONAD

SPIRITUAL TRIAD

PERSONALITY



