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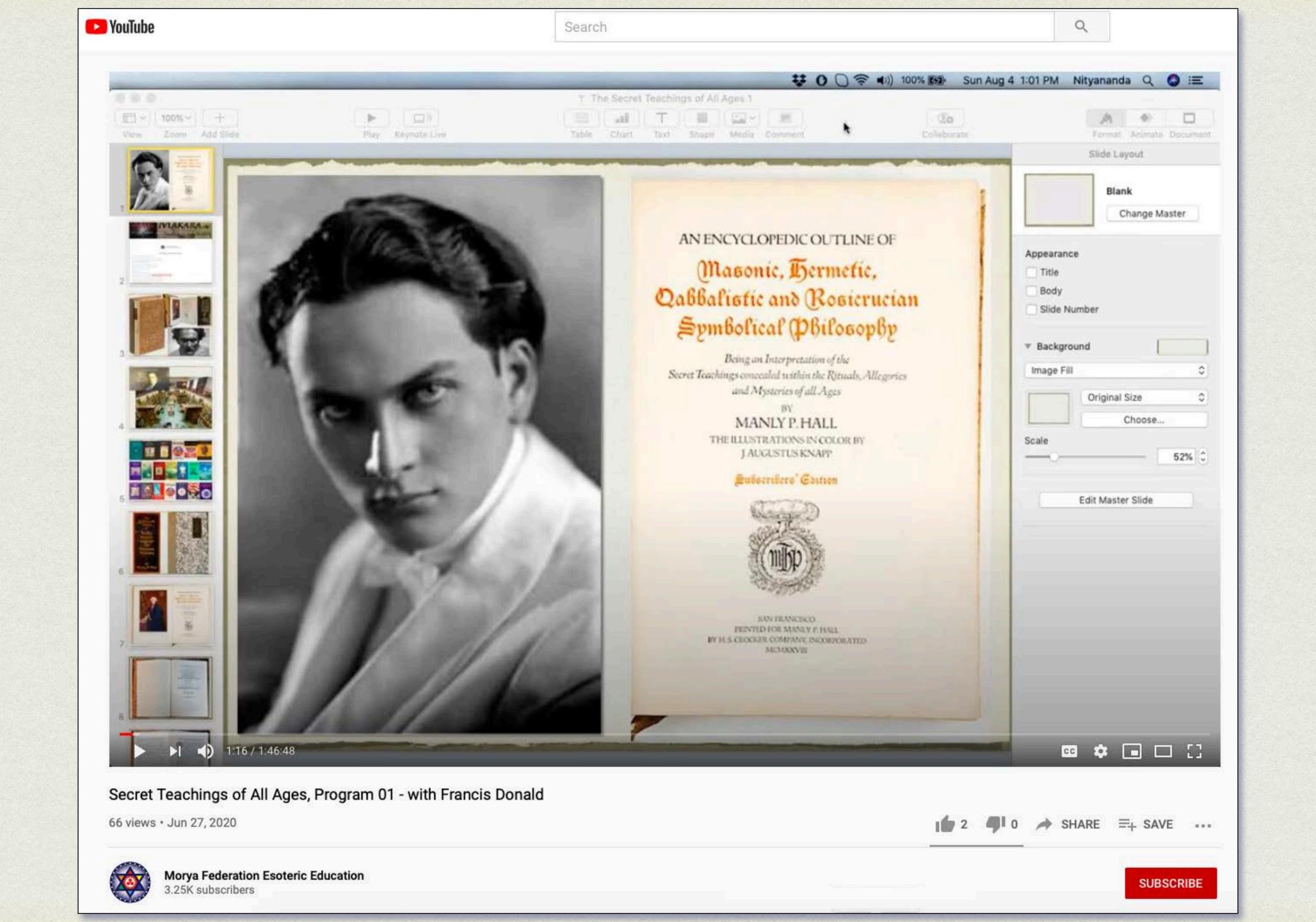
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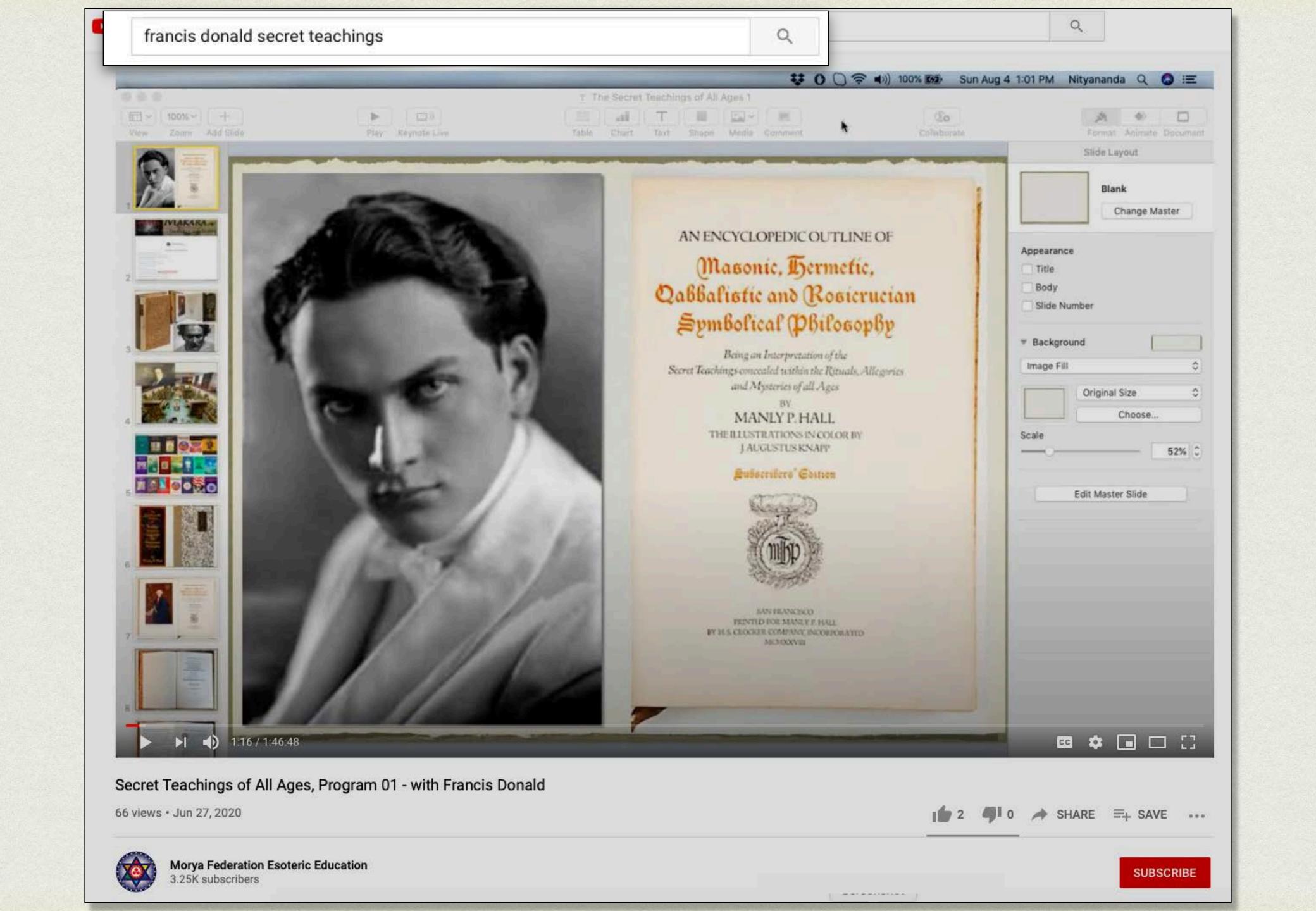


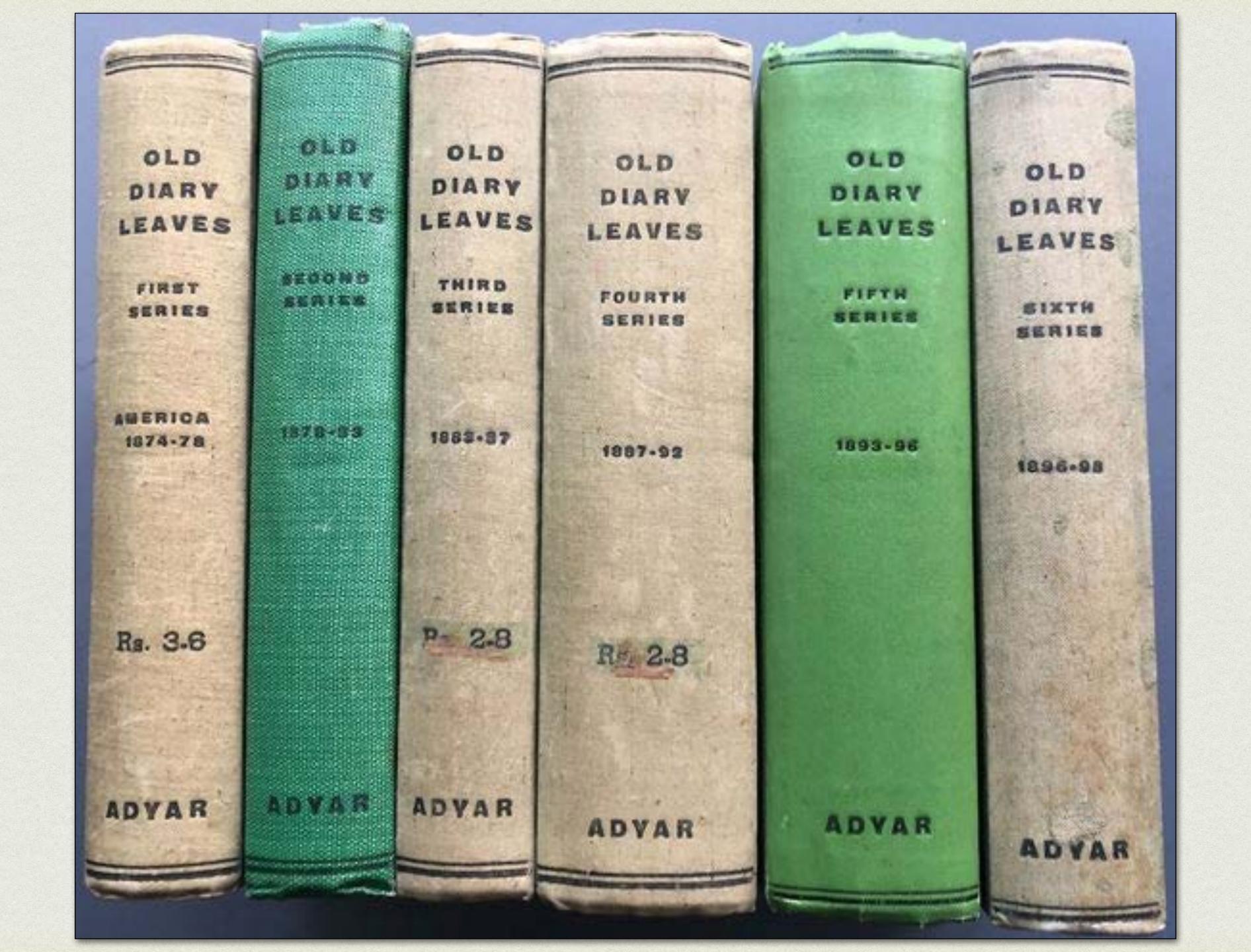




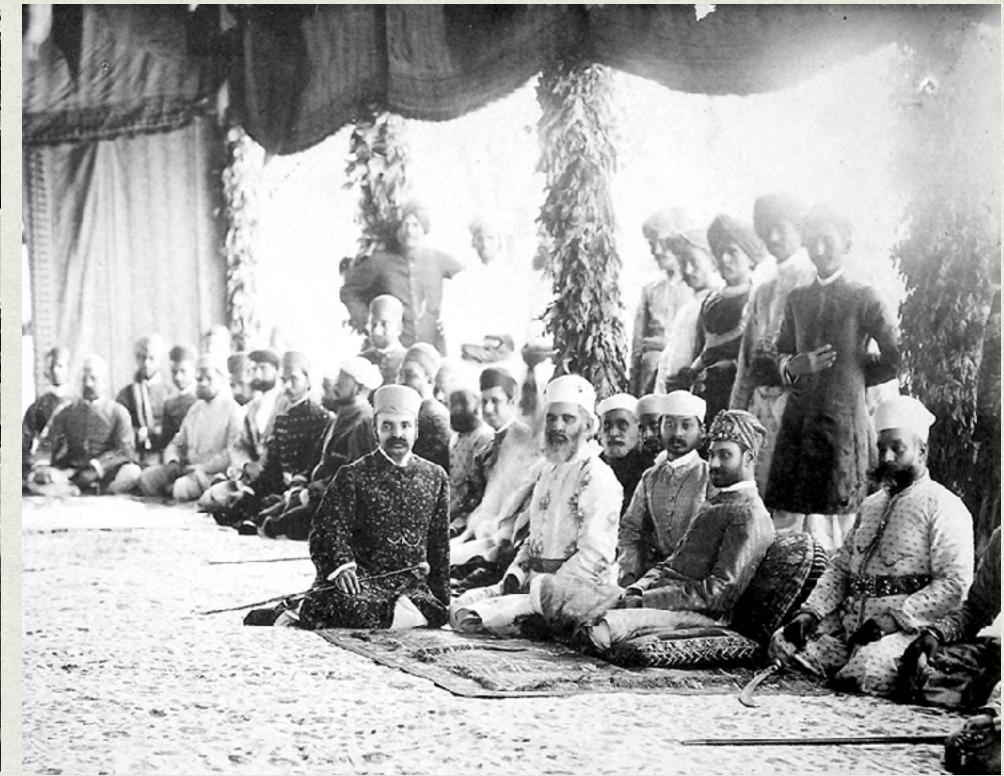


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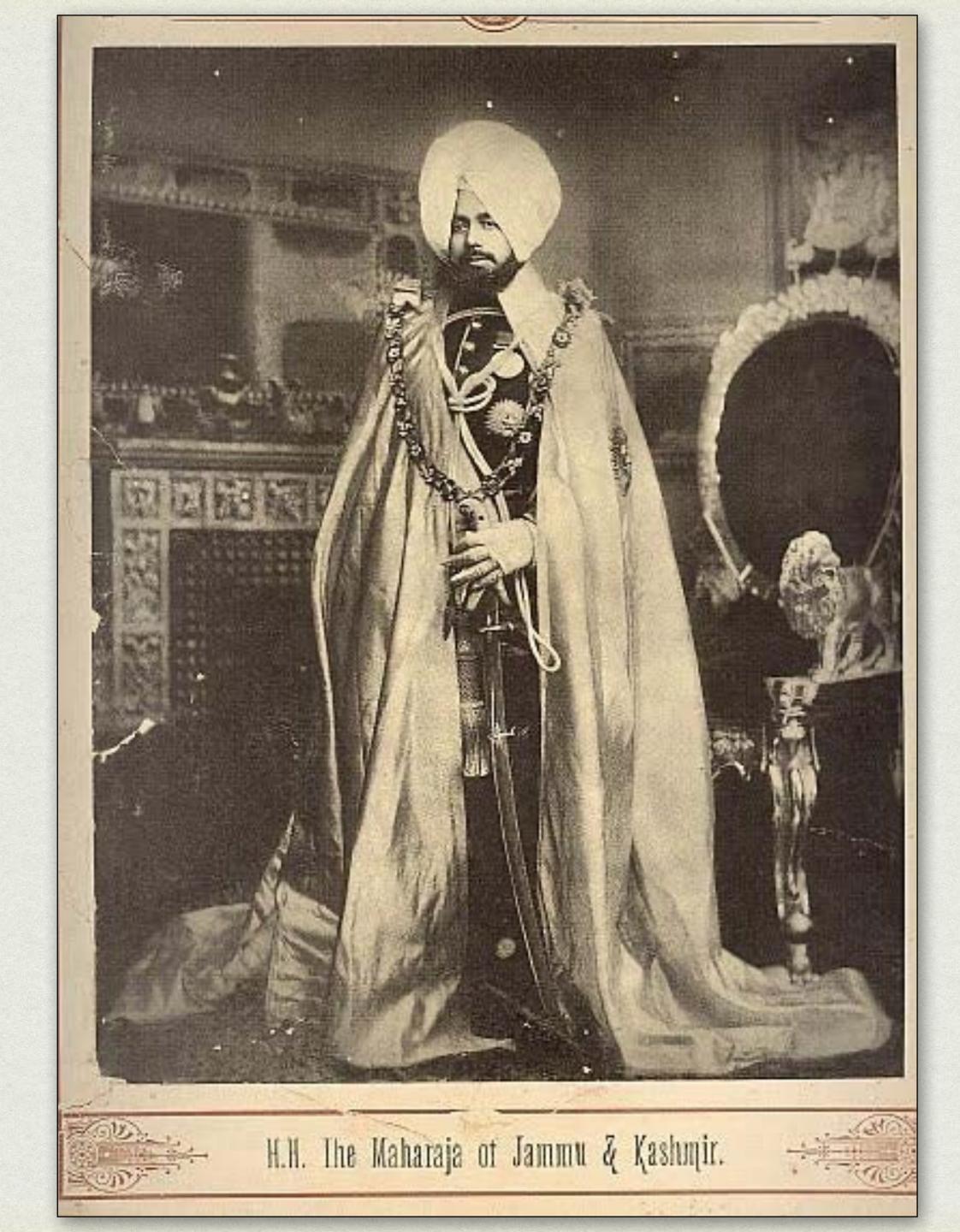


Reception by the Maharajah of Kashmir

The next morning at 10:30 a Minister of the Durbar brought me word that His Highness begged the honour of my presence at the Palace. In our compound stood two elephants and four fine saddle-horses, richly caparisoned, with housings and saddle-covers of Kashmir-shawl work, and silver-mounted bridles and stirrups, awaiting my pleasure, with a guard of honor of armed sepoys. I chose the

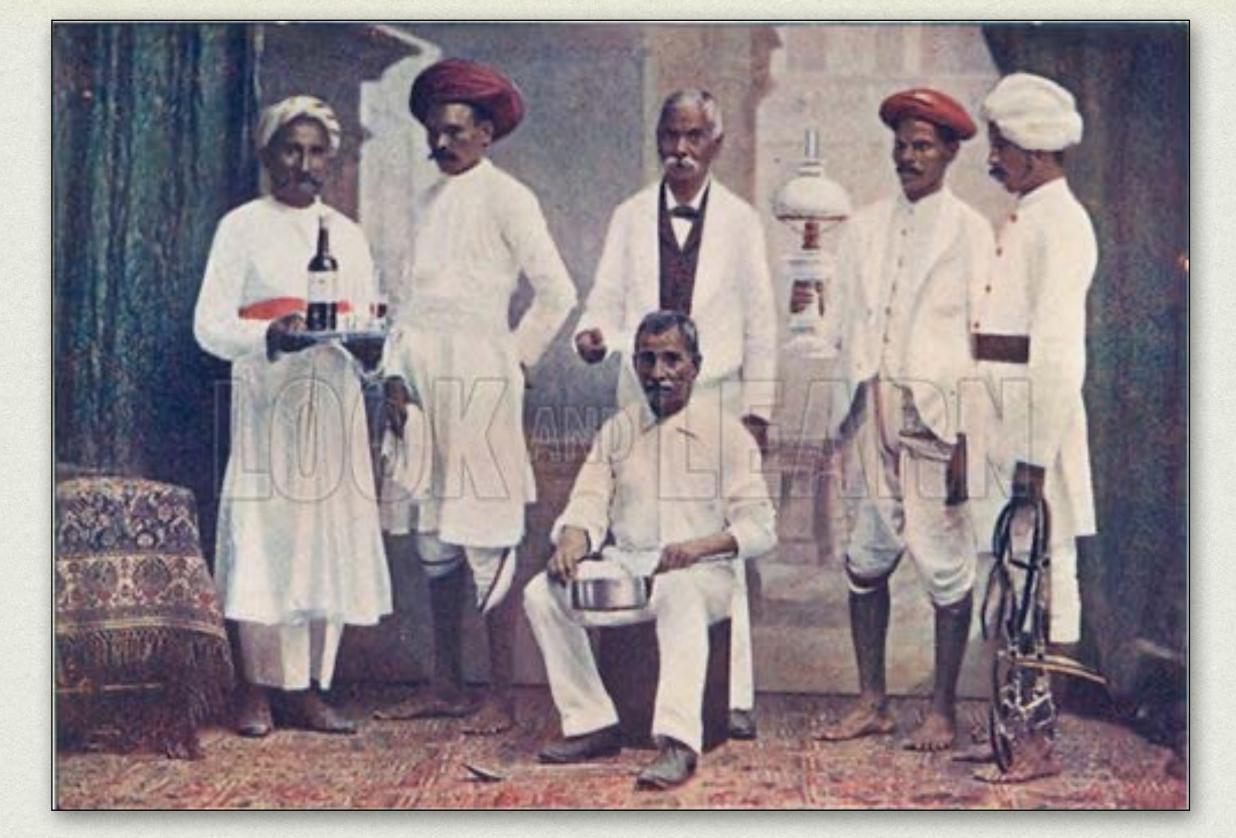
elephants, so we mounted the sagacious, kneeling beasts and went on our way, the sepoys in front to clear the road. We threaded the narrow streets of Jammu, driving all wayfarers to the nearest shelters, and at last reached the Palace. There were the usual enclosing walls with massive gates, the outer compound with horses, elephants, camels, oxen, donkeys, heavy wains, light vehicles (ekkas), piles of straw, bags of grain, building materials, etc., all in confusion, armed sentries pacing

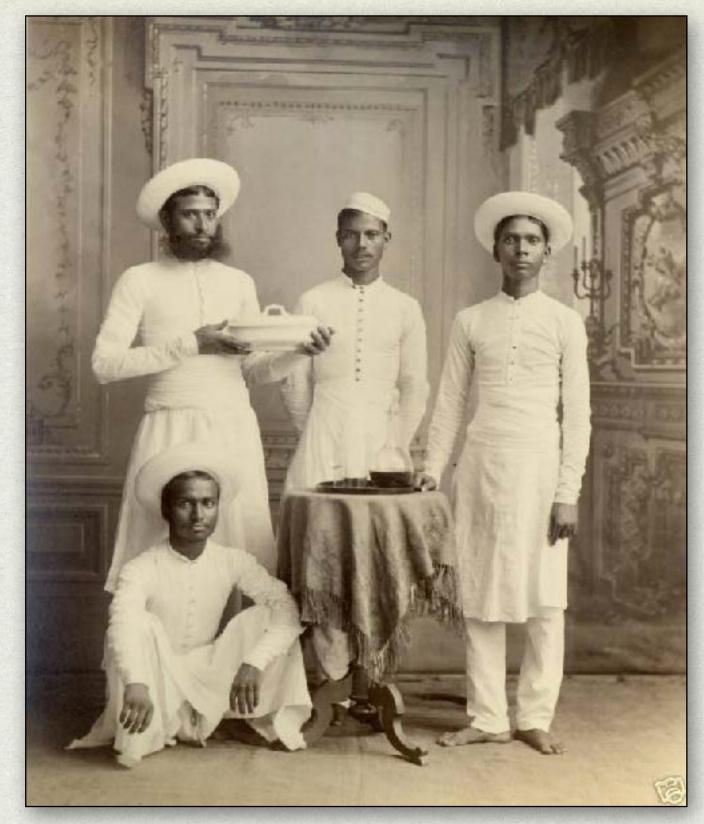
their beats, and soldiers in untidy undress lounging about. Then came an inner court and the Palace gateway, through which we passed, mounted a wide staircase and found ourselves in the Presence Chamber. The Maharajah came soon and received me with an air of kindness and stately courtesy that showed beyond doubt that I was welcome. His first expression to Pandit Gopinath, my interpreter, was one of pleasure to see me in his national costume.



A carpet and back-bolster had been spread for him on a slightly raised platform, before which we were to sit on the carpeted floor: but he dragged the bolster from there, placed it on the floor, motioned me to sit beside him, and called me his elder brother. He was a man of noble presence, with an intellectual face and the splendid eyes of the Hindu, which by turns can be full of pathos, blaze with anger, or penetrating with intelligent interest. His personality fitted the kingly office perfectly, which is more than can be said of some other sovereigns whom I have seen, and who looked rather like cooks or grooms than highborn rulers of men. I found him to be a thoughtful Vedantin, well acquainted with philosophical

systems. He fully believed in the existence of living Mahatmas, and trusted in them to do for India all that her Karma made possible, but no more. He gently broached the subject of his own ill-health, said he knew of my cures and of the recent prohibition to continue the practice, but asked if I would not at least relieve the acute pain he was then suffering from. I consented, of course, and on his removing his turban, did what I could for him with mesmeric healing passes. He submitted to my manipulations with perfect docility, which, I must confess, gave me a peculiar sensation, for Americans are not in the habit of handling sovereigns like common men, however they may theoretically regard them as their equals.





Palace servants, 19th century

I had the pleasure of removing His Highness' pain, and when the audience closed he begged me to visit him twice a day during my stay, that we might talk of the high religious themes which equally interested us.

The same evening, when I was sitting in our bungalow, I saw a queer procession of men enter from the verandah. First came a Court official, attended by a servant carrying a pair of scales and another with some heavy bag on his shoulder, which was gravely laid at my

feet. Then followed a string of twenty-one other dark-faced, turbaned servants, each bearing on his head a flat basket of fruit or sweets, which were piled on each other on the table, counted by the Court officer, and the men dismissed. While I was wondering what all this could mean, Gopinath was told that His Highness received me as a guest of the first-class, and, as such, twenty-one baskets were sent me; there were guests of three classes, of which the second received fourteen baskets, the third seven baskets,

below that people did not count! He then opened the gunny-bag, poured the contents —silver coins—into the scales, weighed them, and took my receipt for Rs. 500. This, he explained, was "table money," though why he should give me that when our every possible and impossible wish was gratified, I could not imagine. However, it was the custom of the Court of Kashmir, and His Highness' honor was involved in doing things as they had always been done from ancient times by Indian kings. –ODL:48-51









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as those raised at Tyre to the four Elements, which were placed on pedestals whose four angles faced the four cardinal points: adding that "the angles of the pedestals had equally the four figures of the Zodiac" on them, which represented the same orientation (Antiquities I., VIII., ch. xxii.).

The idea may be traced in the Zoroastrian caves, in the rock-cut temples of India, as in all the sacred square buildings of antiquity that have survived to this day. This is shown definitely by Layard, who finds the four cardinal points, and the four primitive elements, in the religion of every country, under the shape of square obelisks, the four sides of the pyramids, etc., etc. Of these elements and their points the four Maharajahs were the regents and the directors.

If the student would know more of them, he has but to compare the Vision of Ezekiel (chap. i.) with what is known of Chinese Buddhism (even in its exoteric teachings); and examine the outward shape of these "Great Kings." In the opinion of the Rev. Joseph Edkins, they are "the Devas who preside each over one of the four continents into which the Hindus divide the world."* Each leads an army of spiritual beings to protect mankind and Buddhism. With the exception of favouritism towards Buddhism, the four celestial beings are precisely this. They are the protectors of mankind and also the Agents of Karma on Earth, whereas the Lipika are concerned with Humanity's hereafter. At the same time they are the four living creatures "who have the likeness of a man" of Ezekiel's visions, called by the translators of the Bible, "Cherubim," "Seraphim," etc.; and by the Occultists, "the winged Globes," the "Fiery Wheels," and in the Hindu Pantheon by a number of different names. All these Gandharvas, the "Sweet Songsters," the Asuras, Kinnaras, and Nagas, are the allegorical descriptions of the "four Maharajahs." The Seraphim are the fiery Serpents of Heaven which we find in a passage describing Mount Meru as: "the exalted mass of glory, the venerable haunt of gods and heavenly choristers not to be reached by sinful men because guarded by Serpents." They are called the Avengers, and the "Winged Wheels."

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The second order of the angelic hierarchy, succeeding the seraphim. In Hebrew, the singular form of crizing is is but the description is nowhere found. According to Aben Ezra, the word means all sorts of images in general. Several rabbis assert that the form was that of a child; considering the D as a servile letter, they read crizing. Chrbia, which in Chaldee means, like an infant. From this idea have arisen the little winged heads used in religious paintings. The etymology of the word is, however, doubtful. In Syriac, criek means strong, powerful, perhaps in allusion to the ox used in agriculture, the root crizing labourer. Rosenmüller considers that Moses found the figure of the chroub in the sanctuaries of ancient Egypt, where the image of the lion symbolized strength and majesty; the bull, constancy, firmness, and force; the man, corresponding with humanity and gentleness—φιλανθρωπία; and the eagle, with the

energy and sublimity of the Divine nature. Among the seven ophite spirits, the first, the lion, corresponded with Michael; the second, the bull, with Uriel; the third, the dragon, with Raphael; the fourth, the eagle, with Gabriel; the fifth was a bear, corresponding with Thautabaoth; the sixth, according to Celsus, had the form of a dog, and was named Erataoth; and the seventh, according to Origen, had the shape of an ass, and was called Onod or Thartharaoth. The Cherubim have also been compared to the γρύφες, or griffins of the Persians—guardians of the mountain of gold. But the word ברוב, Chroub or Cherub, has a great affinity with Chebub, a celebrated spirit in the Persian mythology, who is represented with wings, and a sword in his hand. The first mention of chroubim is in Genesis iii. 24, where they are thus described; and as Moses must have been undoubtedly familiar with Persian, Assyrian, and Ninevite cosmology, it is there we may seek for the true origin of the term. If the discoveries of Mr George Smith in Assyria prove anything more distinctly than anything else, it is that the mythology of Genesis was derived by the Jehovistic and Elohistic authors of the Jewish cosmogony from the libraries of the sovereigns of Nineveh, Babylon, and Warka, or Erech. The cherubim also overshadowed the mercy-seat, or covering of the ark, and between them the Shekinah rested, and thence the bathkol, or voice of God, issued. The four mystical animals played a great part in the Kabbalah, and the cherubim no doubt partook of their nature in the eyes of the ancient worshippers of God.



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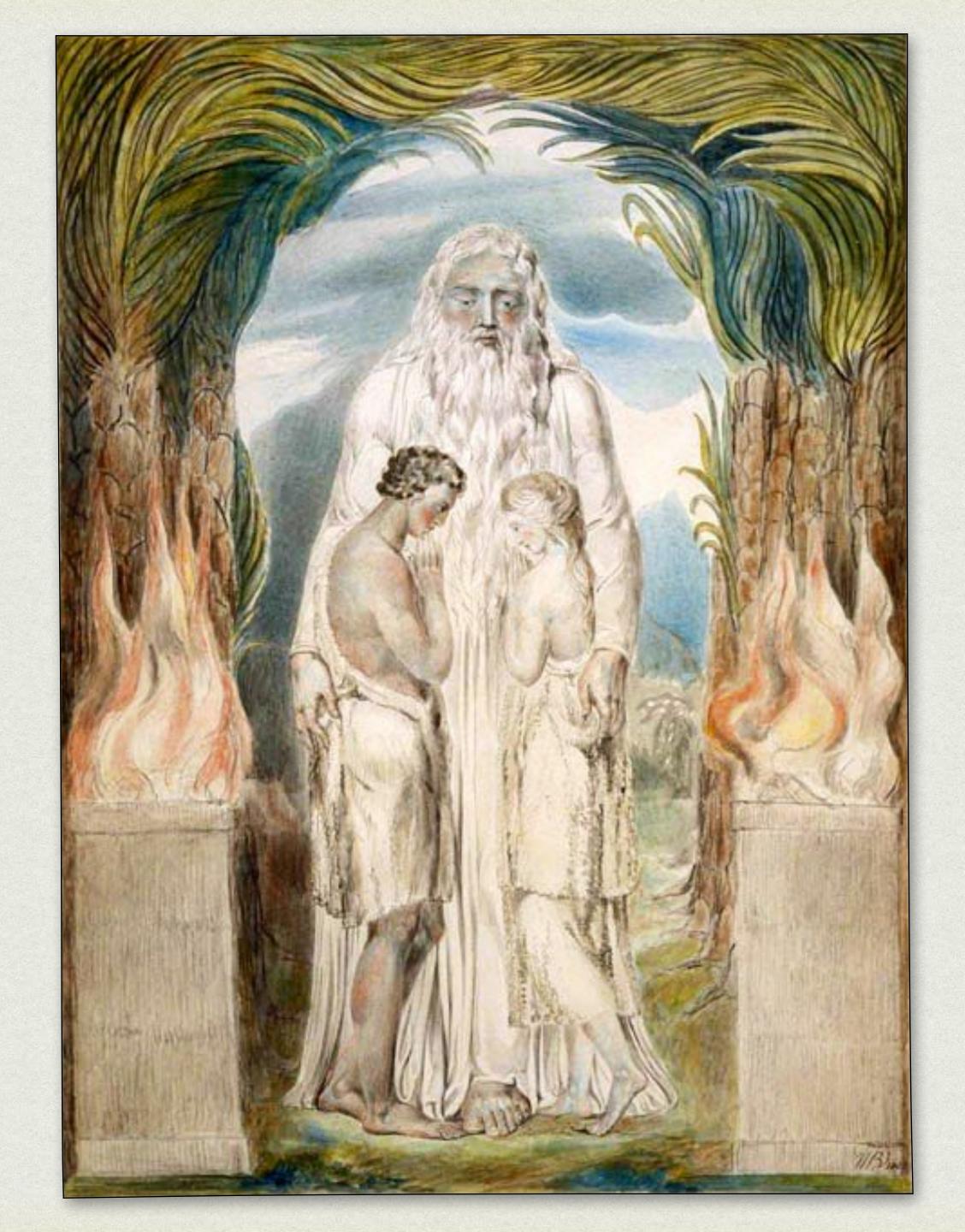
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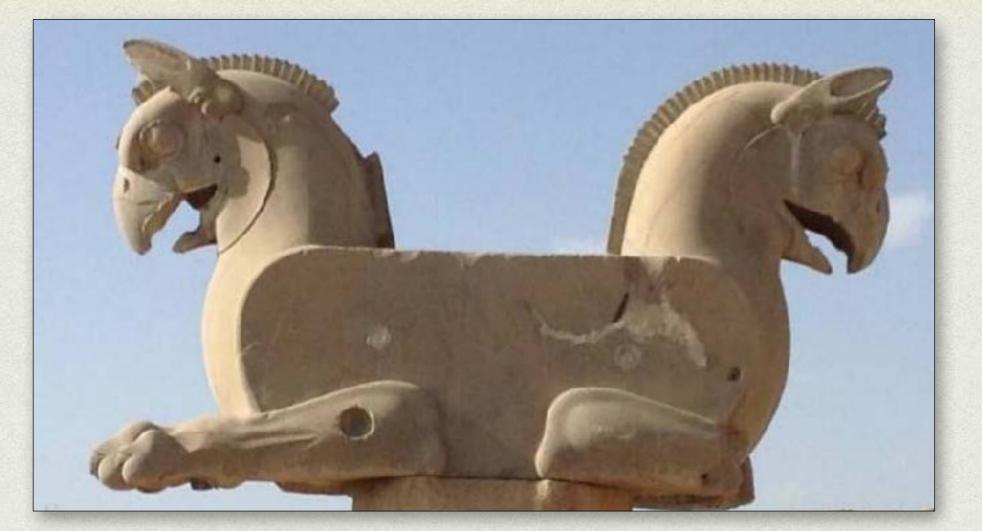
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The second order of the angelic hierarchy, succeeding the seraphim. In Hebrew, the singular form of crizing is crizing; but the description is nowhere found. According to Aben Ezra, the word means all sorts of images in general. Several rabbis assert that the form was that of a child; considering the considering the considering the considering the considering the consider as a servile letter, they read cricing. Chrbia, which in Chaldee means, like an infant. From this idea have arisen the little winged heads used in religious paintings. The etymology of the word is, however, doubtful. In Syriac, considering, powerful, perhaps in allusion to the ox used in agriculture, the root considered in allusion to the sanctuaries of ancient Egypt, where the image of the lion symbolized strength and majesty; the bull, constancy, firmness, and force; the man, corresponding with humanity and gentleness—φιλανθρωπία; and the eagle, with the

energy and sublimity of the Divine nature. Among the seven ophite spirits, the first, the lion, corresponded with Michael; the second, the bull, with Uriel; the third, the dragon, with Raphael; the fourth, the eagle, with Gabriel; the fifth was a bear, corresponding with Thautabaoth; the sixth, according to Celsus, had the form of a dog, and was named Erataoth; and the seventh, according to Origen, had the shape of an ass, and was called Onod or Thartharaoth. The Cherubim have also been compared to the γρύφες, or griffins of the Persians—guardians of the mountain of gold. But the word ברוב, Chroub or Cherub, has a great affinity with Chebub, a celebrated spirit in the Persian mythology, who is represented with wings, and a sword in his hand. The first mention of chroubim is in Genesis iii. 24, where they are thus described; and as Moses must have been undoubtedly familiar with Persian, Assyrian, and Ninevite cosmology, it is there we may seek for the true origin of the term. If the discoveries of Mr George Smith in Assyria prove anything more distinctly than anything else, it is that the mythology of Genesis was derived by the Jehovistic and Elohistic authors of the Jewish cosmogony from the libraries of the sovereigns of Nineveh, Babylon, and Warka, or Erech. The cherubim also overshadowed the mercy-seat, or covering of the ark, and between them the Shekinah rested, and thence the bathkol, or voice of God, issued. The four mystical animals played a great part in the Kabbalah, and the cherubim no doubt partook of their nature in the eyes of the ancient worshippers of God.



The mysterious Catacombs of Kom el Shoqafa in Alexandria were discovered a little more than a hundred years ago when a donkey disappeared into a hole in the earth. What was uncovered was a complex of 3 story underground catacomb. While the upper floor is pretty bare from design the middle floor has a unique tomb that combines Egyptian, Greek, and Roman iconography.

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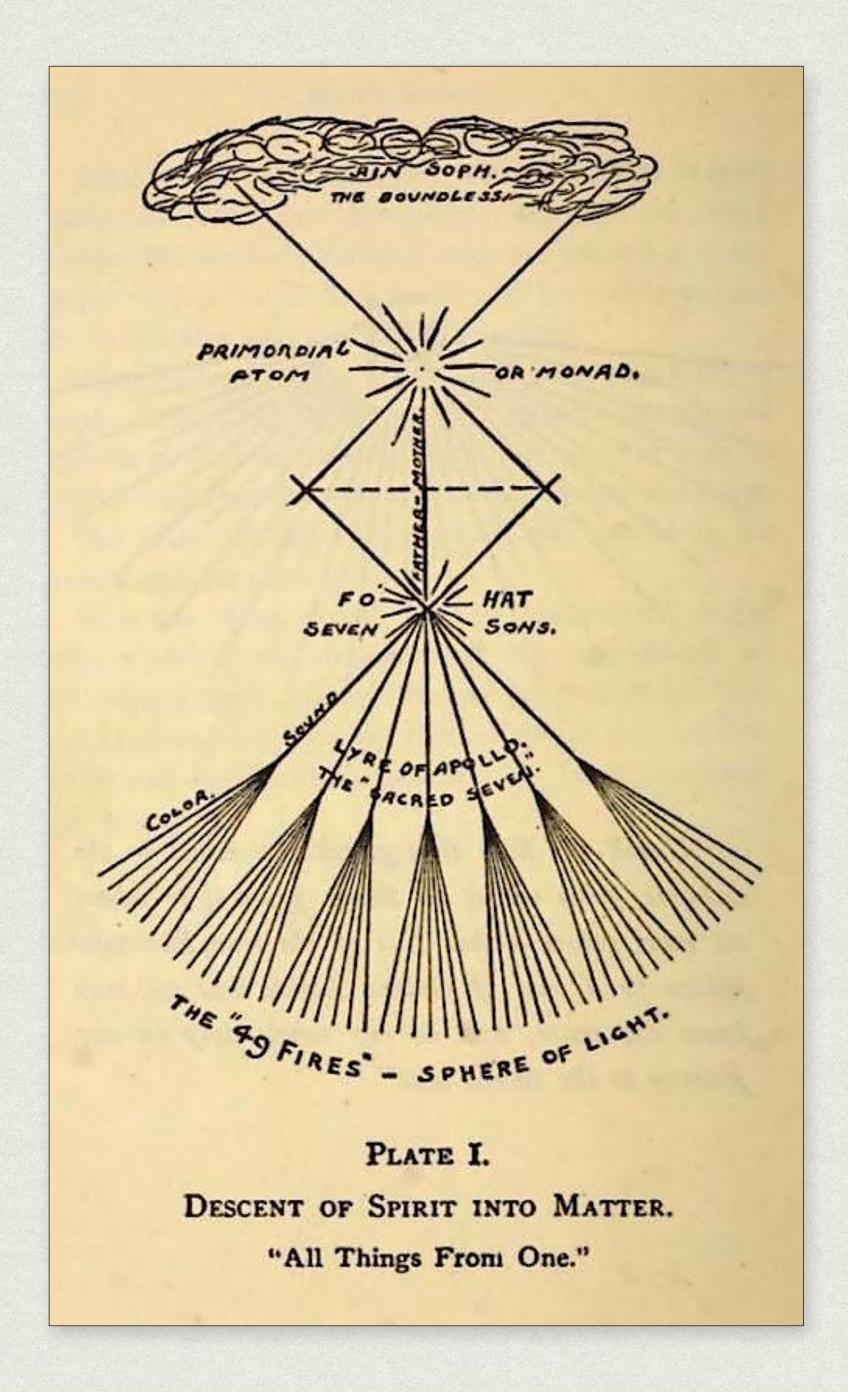
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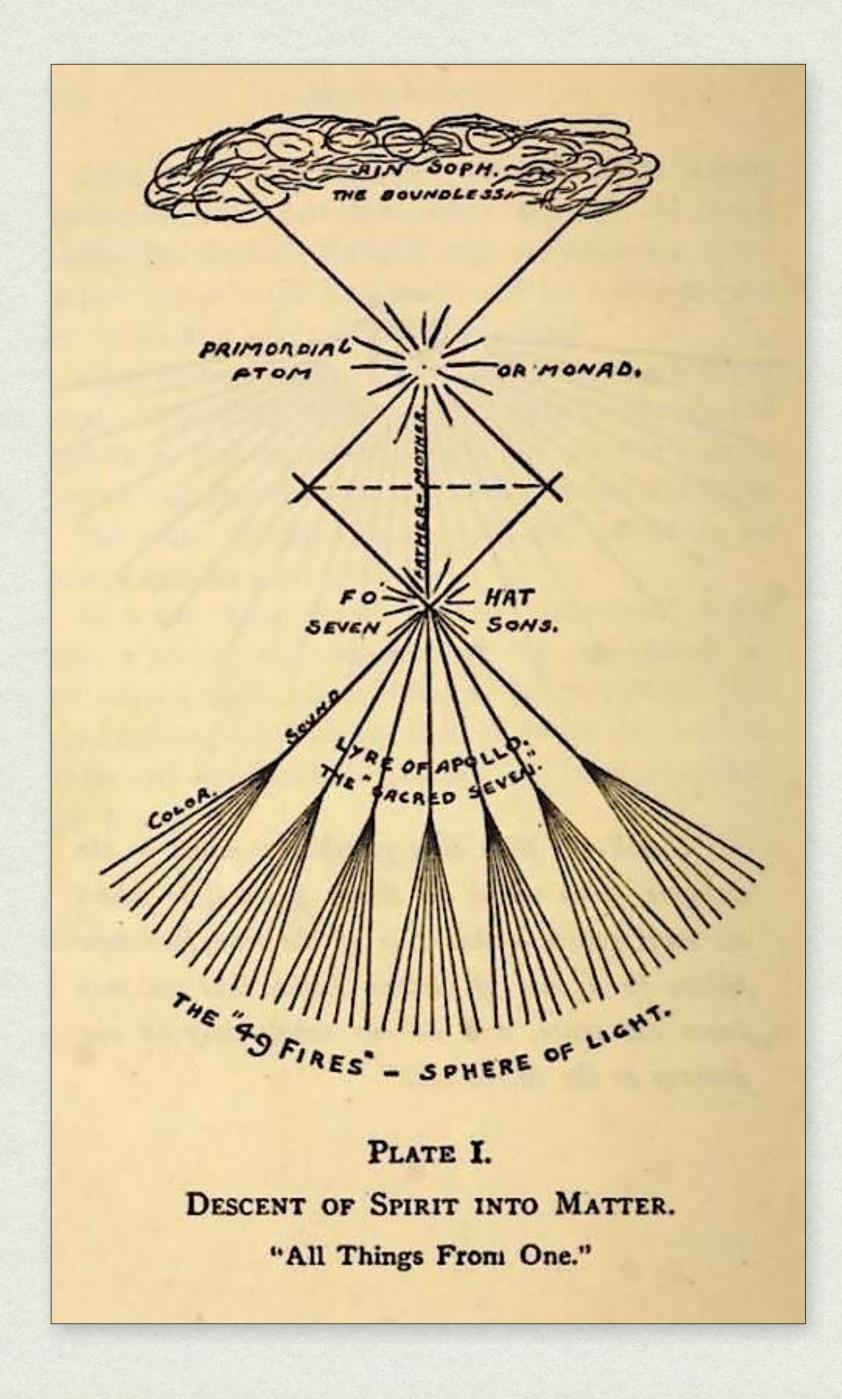
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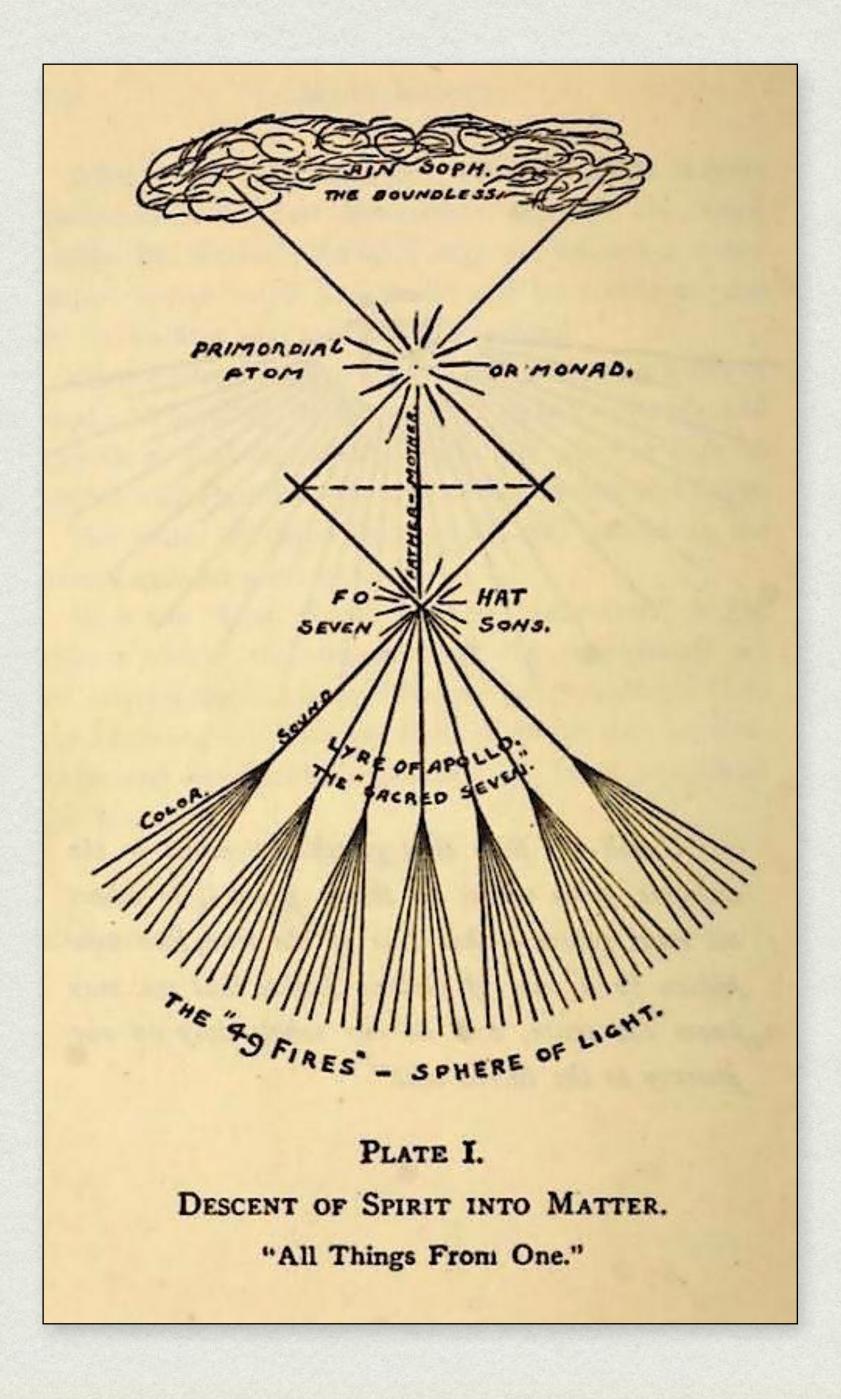
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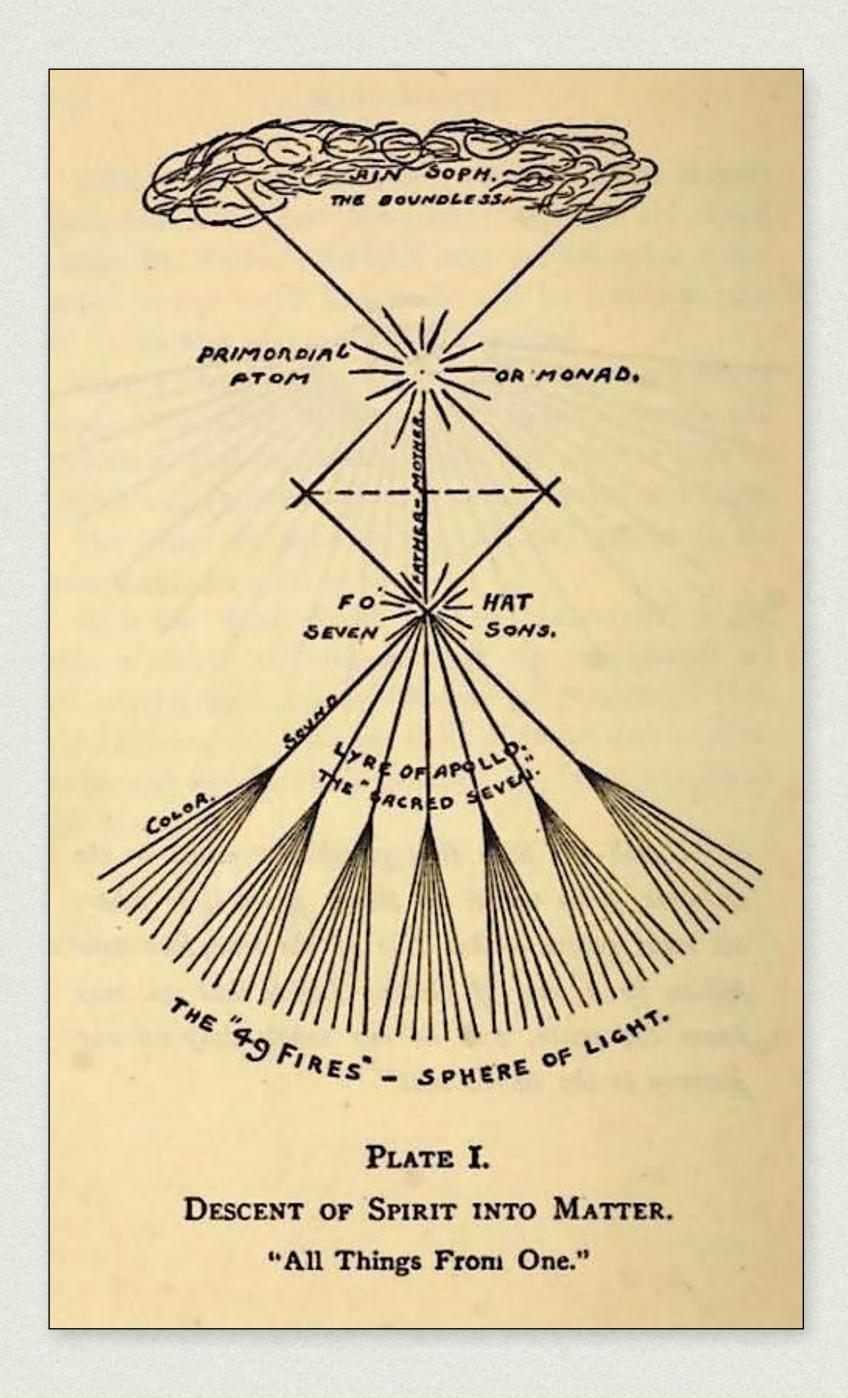
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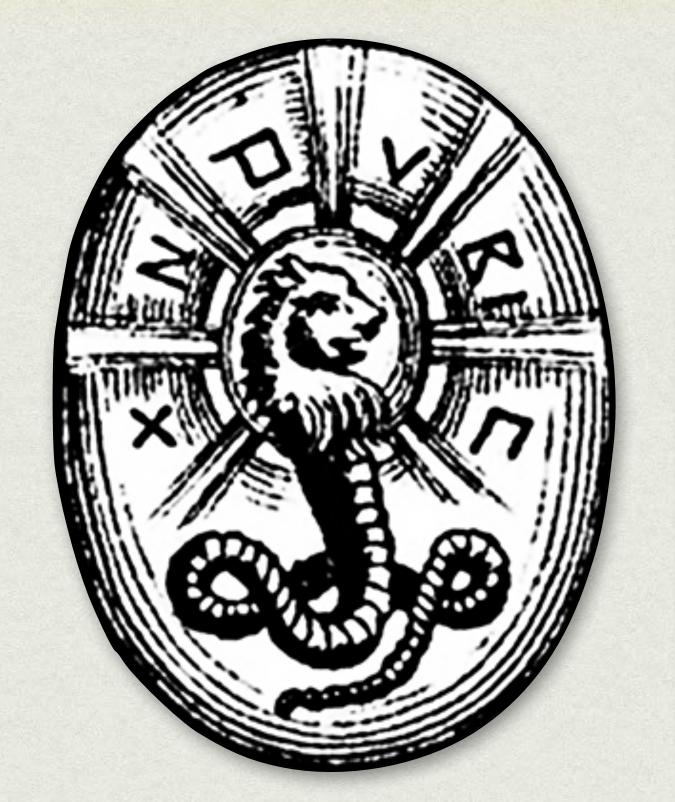
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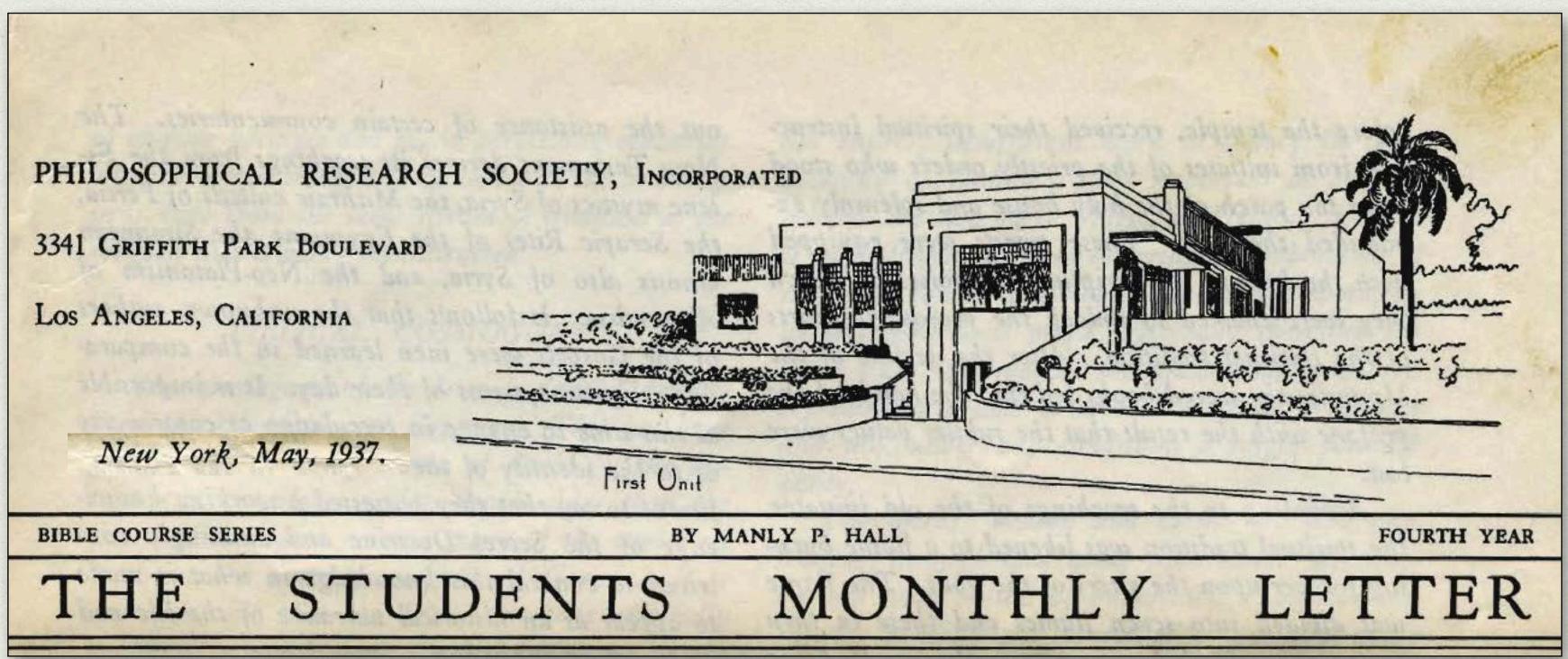
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Planetary spirits parallel the Buddhist dhyani-chohans or dhyanis; with the exception that the Buddhist phrase has far larger application as it includes not merely planetary spirits but likewise spiritual beings of various grades in a solar system. The higher planetaries are those presiding over an entire chain of globes, and their influence extends over all the seven, ten, or twelve globes of a chain. There are also planetaries belonging to the same general planetary hierarchy who preside over a single globe of a chain, and again lower planetaries such as those in more or less immediate touch with mankind. There are

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The Lipika Lords, controlling the periodical manifestation of life are, roughly speaking, divided into the following groups, which it might be of interest to note:

- 1. Three extra-systemic or cosmic Lords of Karma, Who work from a centre in Sirius through the medium of three representatives. These form a group around the solar Logos, and hold to Him a position analogous to the three Buddhas of Activity Who stand around Sanat Kumara.
- 2. Three Lipika Lords Who are the karmic agents working through the three aspects.
- 3. Nine Lipikas Who are the sumtotal of the agents for the Law working through what the Qabbalah calls the nine Sephiroth.
- 4. Seven presiding agents of karma for each one of the seven schemes.

These four groups correspond in manifestation to the Unmanifested,

manifesting through the triple Aspects, and under Them work an infinity of lesser agents. These lesser agents might again be somewhat differentiated, each of the following groups being found in every scheme and on every ray-emanation.

- 1. The Lipika Lords of a scheme Who, through the manipulation of forces, make it possible for a planetary Logos to incarnate under the Law, and work out His cyclic problem.
- 2. Those who (under the first group) control the destiny of a chain.
- 3. Those who are the energy-directors of a globe.
- 4. Agents of every kind Who are concerned with the karmic adjustments, incident upon the periodical manifestation of such forms as:
- a. A round, seven in all.
- b. A kingdom in nature, seven in all.

- c. The human kingdom.
- d. A rootrace, subrace and branch race.
- e. A nation, a family, a group, and their correspondences in all the kingdoms.
- f. A plane.
- g. The reptile and insect world.
- h. The bird evolution.
- i. The devas.
- j. Human units, egoic groups, monadic lives, and myriads of other forms, objective and subjective, planetary and interplanetary, in connection with the Sun, and in connection with the planetoids.

All work with energy emanations, and with force units under cyclic law, and all have the same objective,—the producing of perfected activity, intensification of heat, and of radiant magnetic light as an expression of the will or purpose of each embodied life.

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