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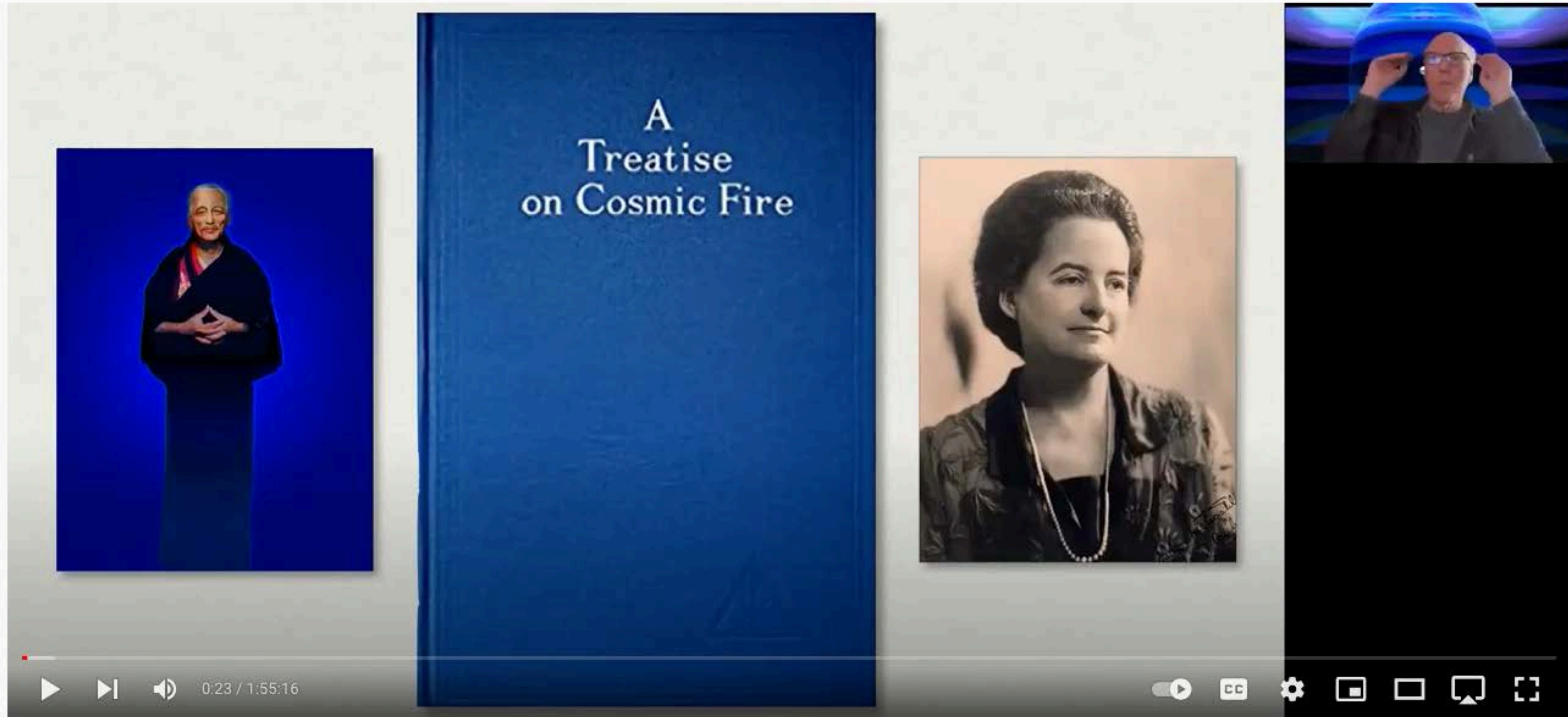
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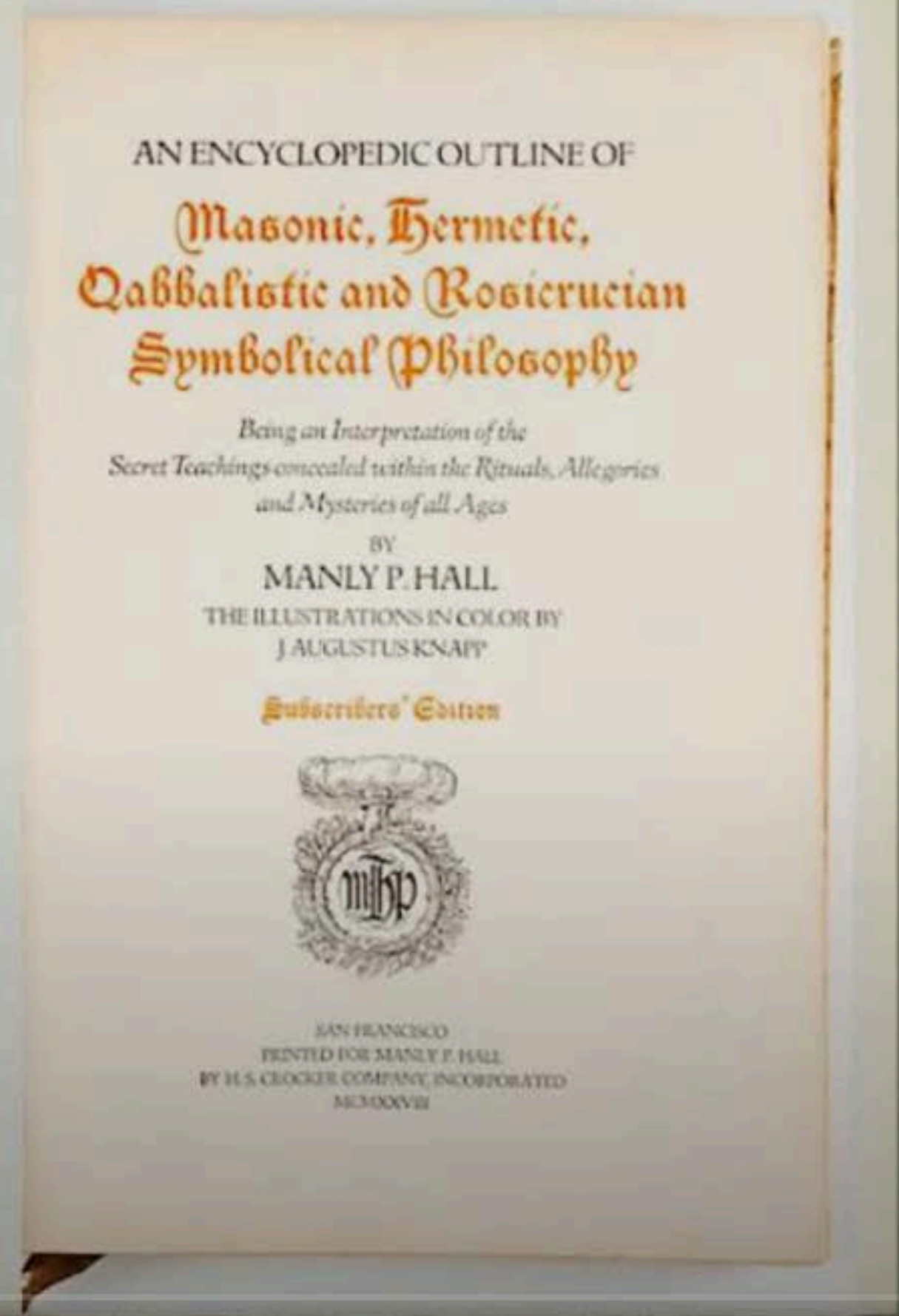


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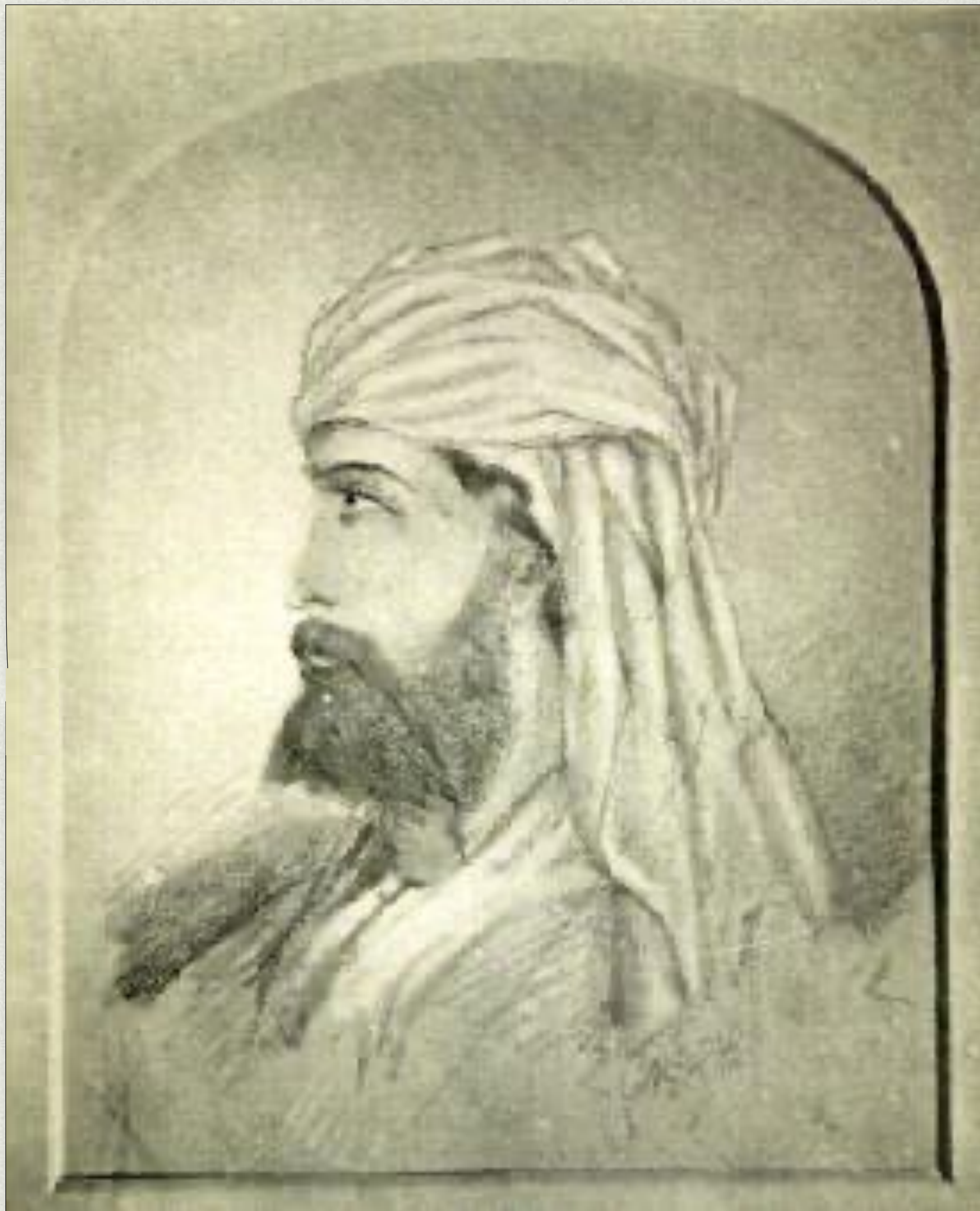
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My earlier readers will recall my description of the way in which my adept Guru redeemed his promise that he would give me his portrait at a convenient time. This was a profile likeness, drawn by an amateur who was not an occultist, either trained or untrained, and so, while the resemblance was unquestionable—as I verified later in personal intercourse—it did not show the soul-splendor that lights up an adept's countenance. Naturally, I wanted to get a better portrait if possible, and bethought me to try whether my sympathetic artistic colleagues in London could get clearer, more life-like, spiritual glimpses of this divine face.

The above-described amateur portrait produced by Monsieur Harrisse at the "Lamasery" in New York on February, 1878





Upon broaching the subject, the five—three professionals and two amateurs—whom I addressed, very kindly and willingly consented, and I lent each in turn the photographic copy of the original crayon sketch that I had with me. The results were very instructive. One had got the right idea of his complexion, another of his profile and a third, my respected friend Mme. De Steiger, of the luminous aura that shimmers about his head. But neither of the five was, on the whole, a better likeness than the New York sketch by Monsieur HARRISSE. Before this competition was finished, Herr Hermann Schmiechen, a very well-known German portrait-painter, domiciled in London, joined the Society and, to my great delight, at once agreed to have the inspirational test tried with him.

Probable photograph of  
The Master Kool Hoomi



Isabelle de Steiger, c. 1880





The photograph was handed him with no suggestion as to how the subject should be treated. He began work on 19th June and finished it on 9th July. Meanwhile I visited his studio four times alone and once with H.P.B., and was enchanted with the gradual development of the mental image which had been vividly impressed upon his brain, and which resulted in as perfect a portrait of my Guru as he could have painted from life. Unlike the others, who all copied the profile idea of HARRISSE, Schmiechen gave the face in full front view,

and poured into the eyes such a flood of life and sense of the indwelling soul as to fairly startle the spectator. It was as dear a work of genius and proof of the fact of thought transference as I can imagine. In the picture he has got all—the face, complexion, size, shape and expression of eyes, natural pose of head, shining aura, and majestic character. This is also true of the companion portrait which Schmiechen painted of our other chief Guru, and one feels as if the grand eyes were searching his very heart. —ODL3:162-4

The Master Kool Hoomi  
by Hermann Schmiechen, 1884



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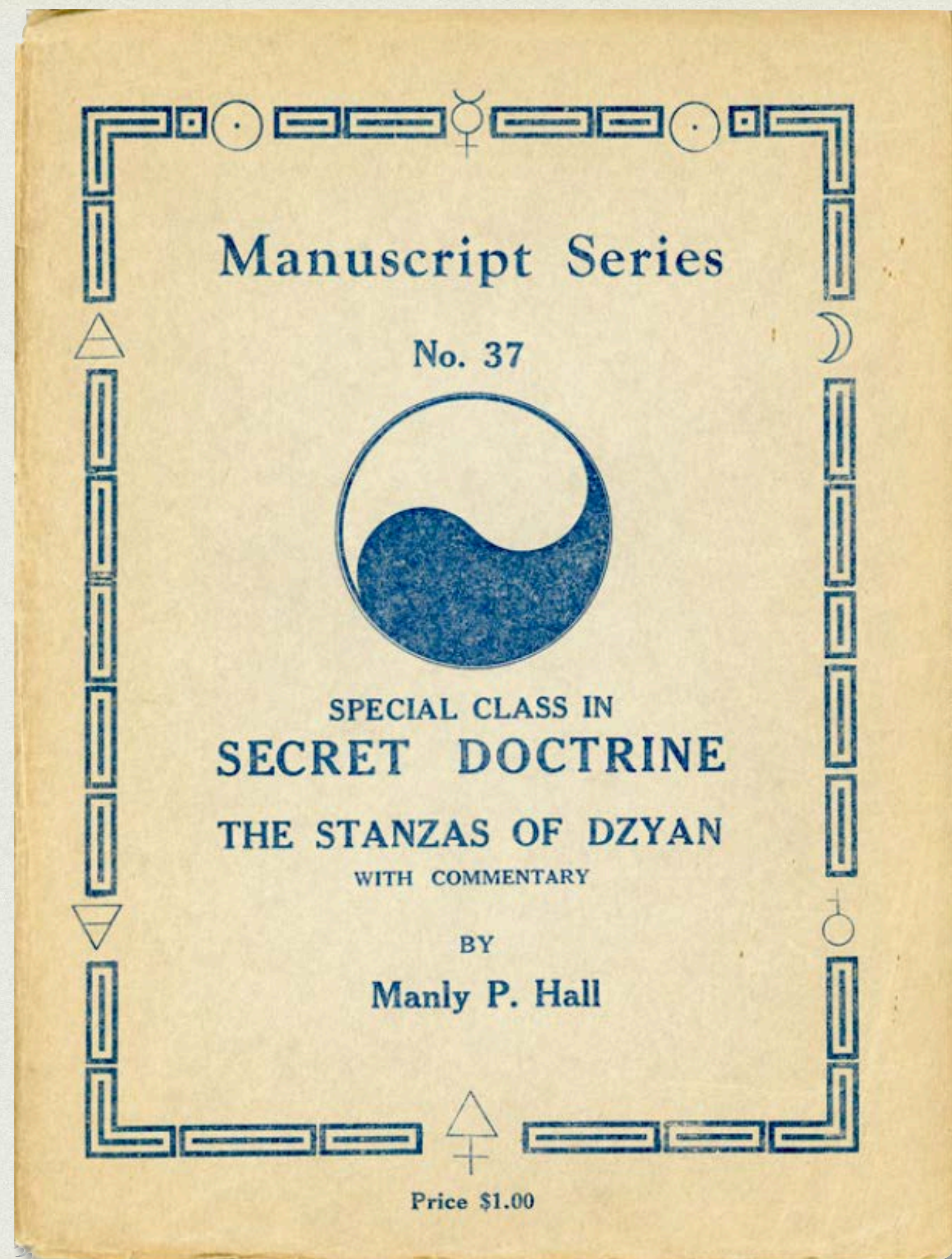
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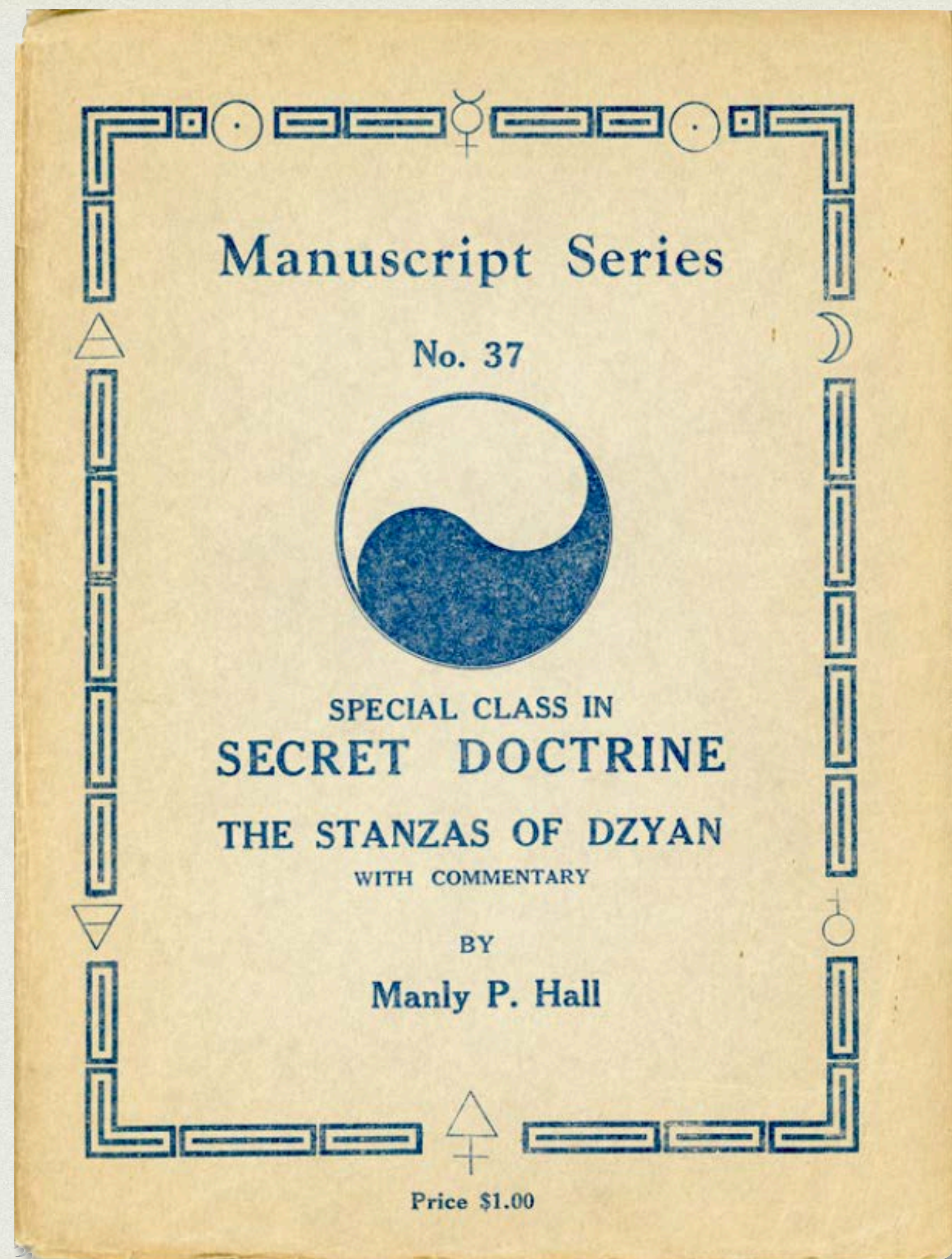


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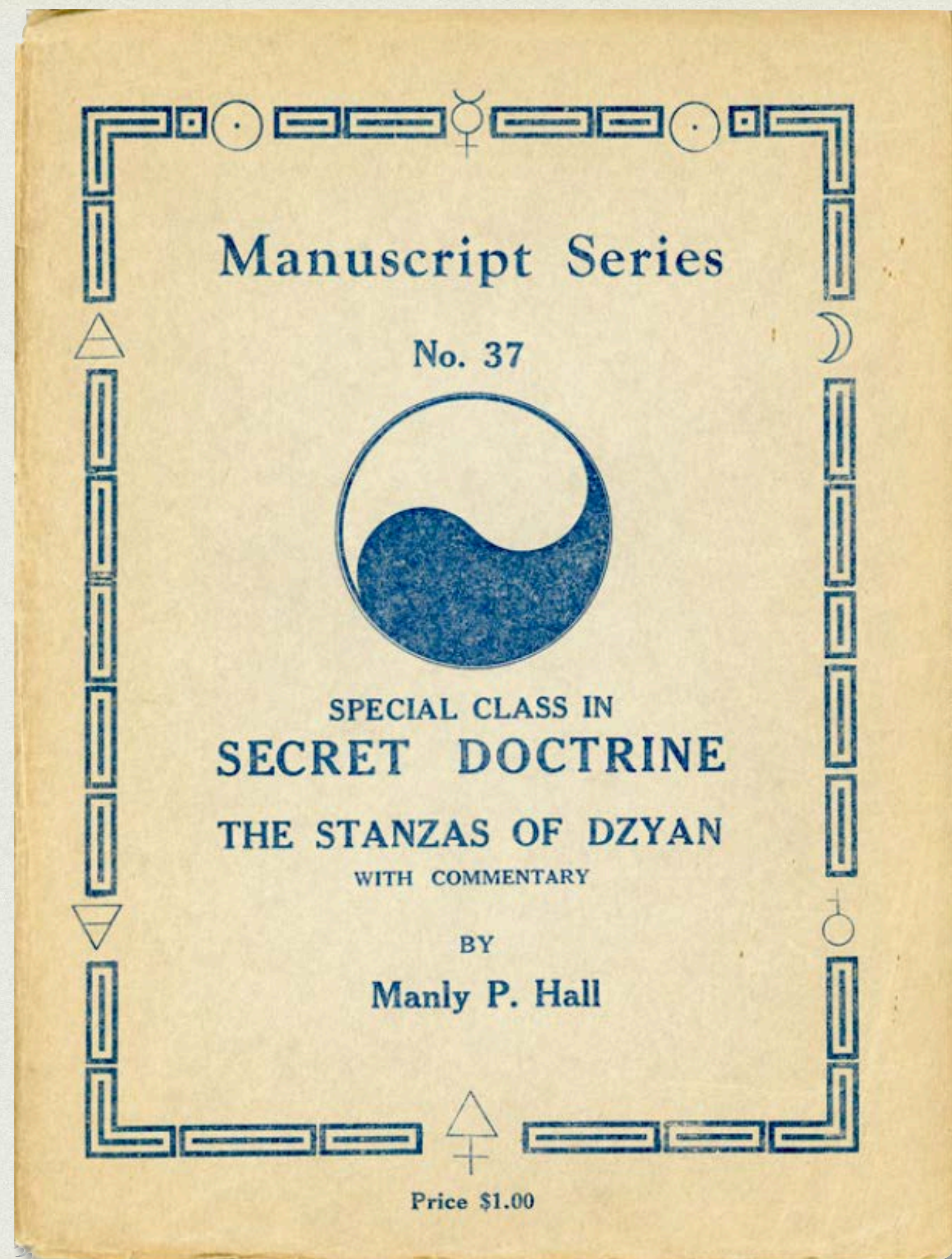


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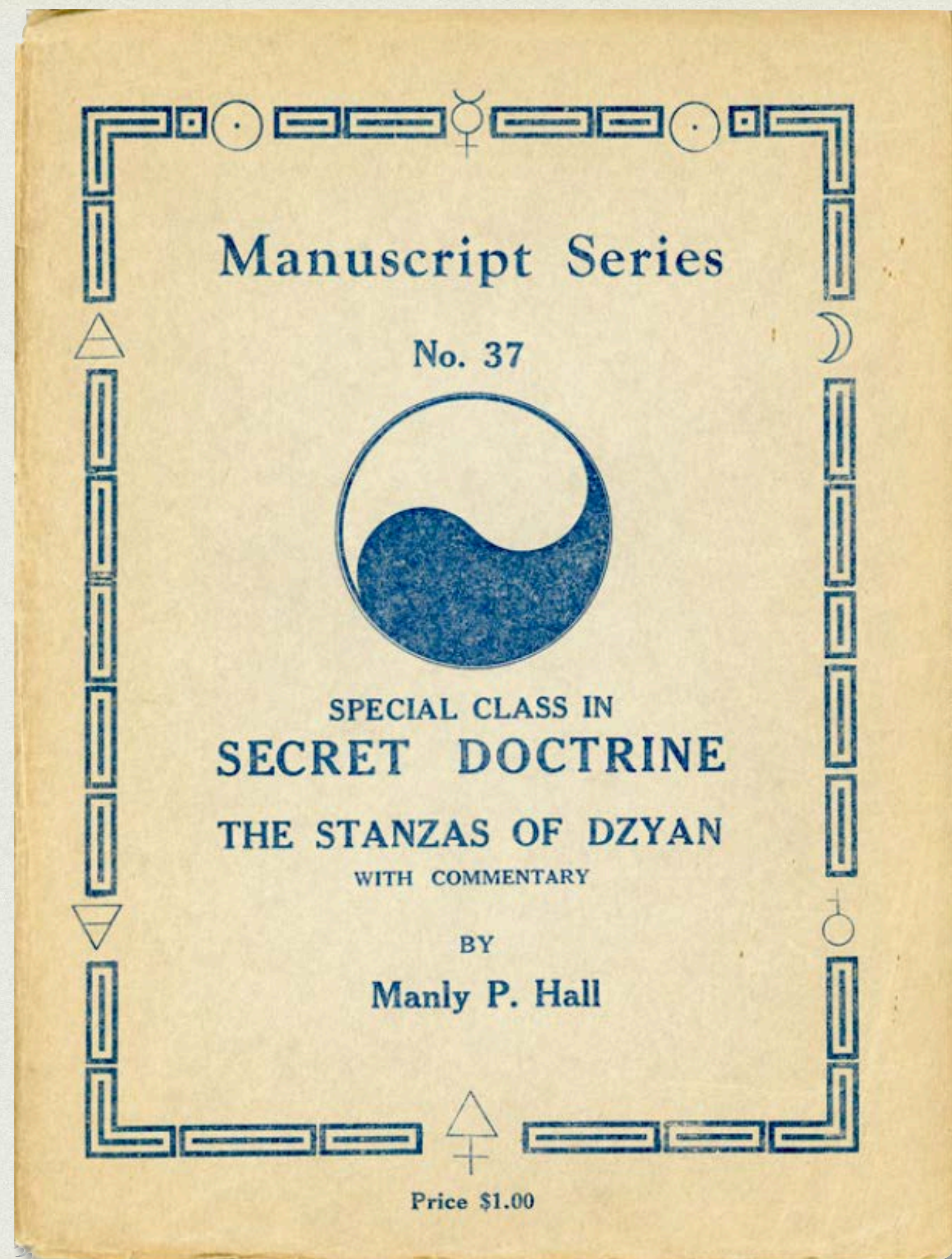


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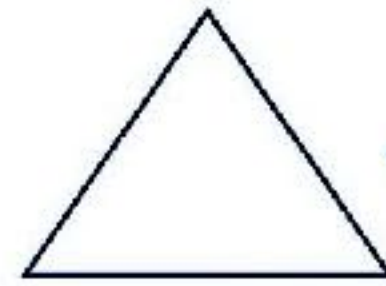
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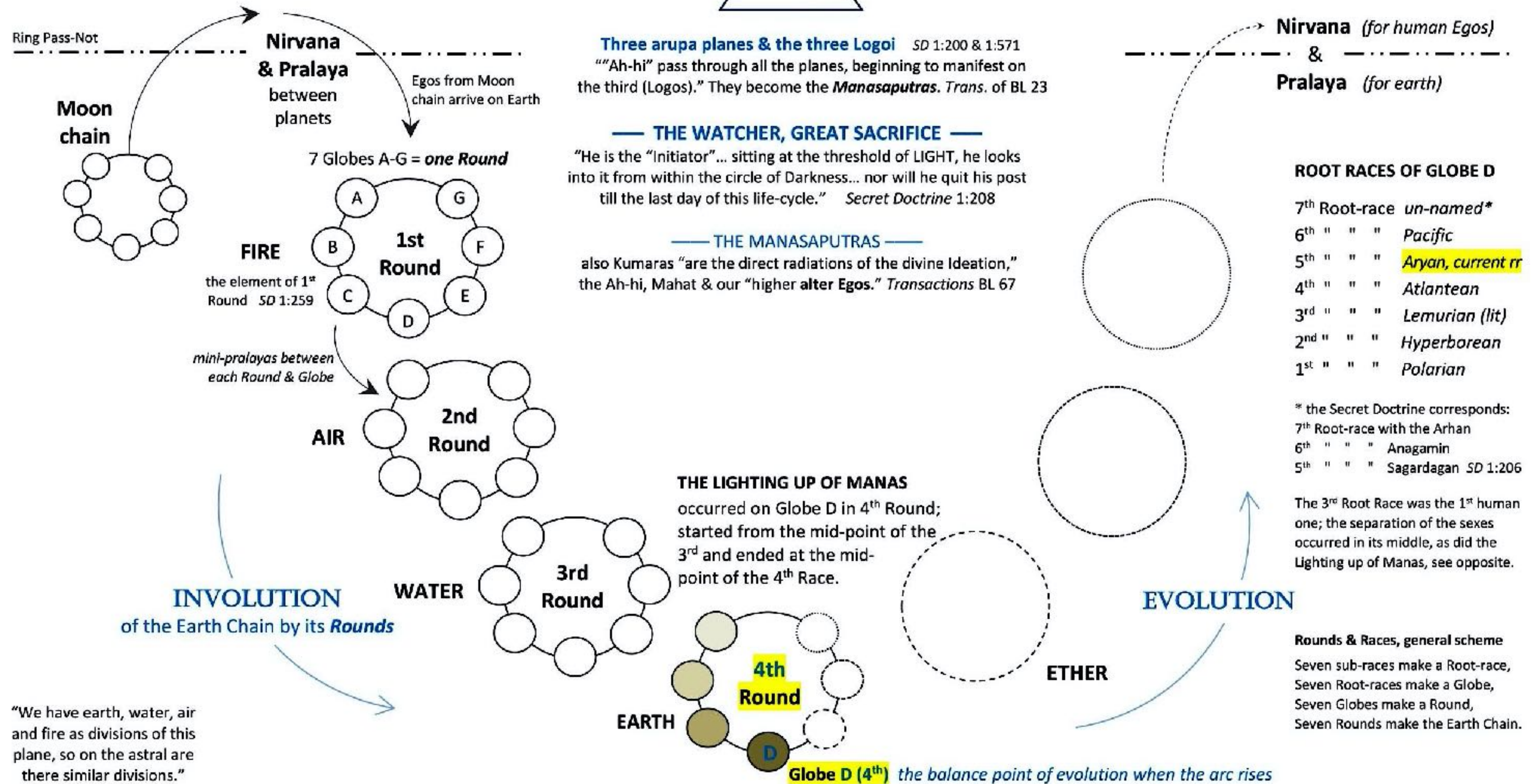


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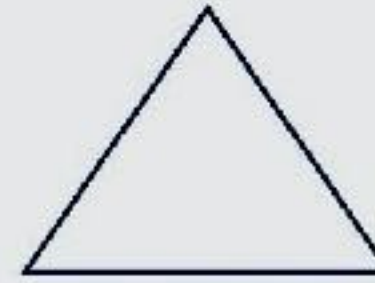
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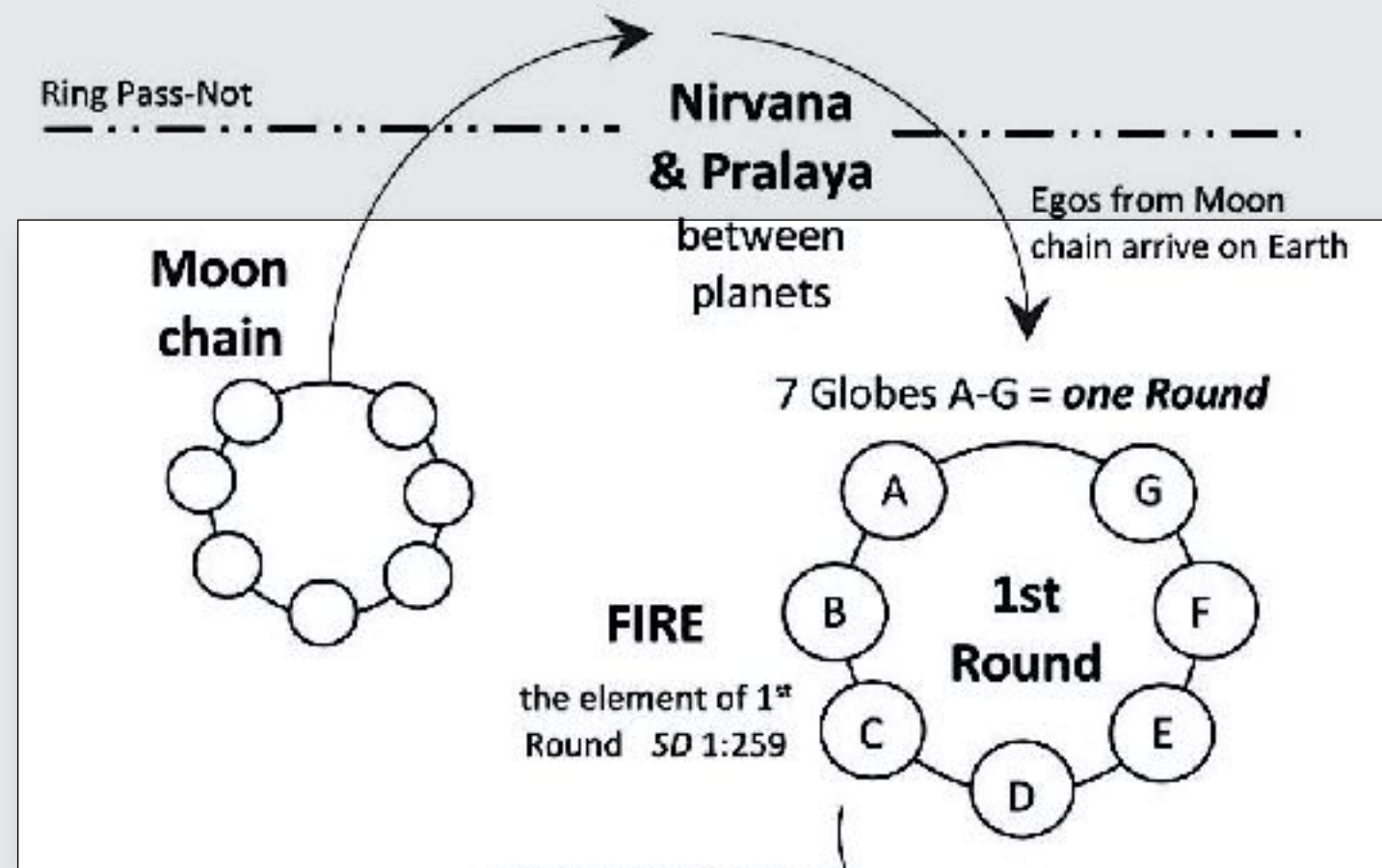


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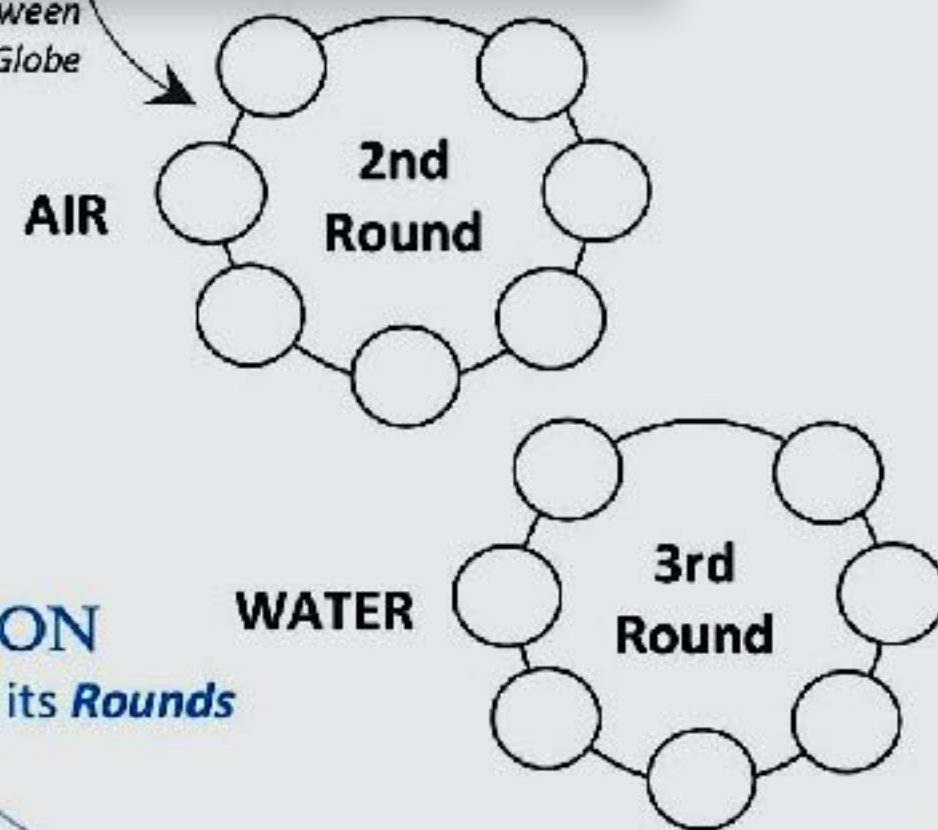
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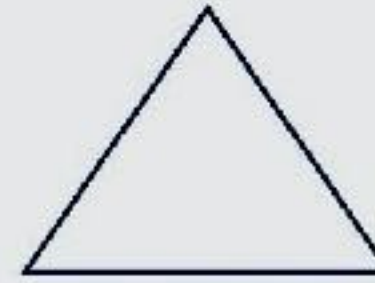
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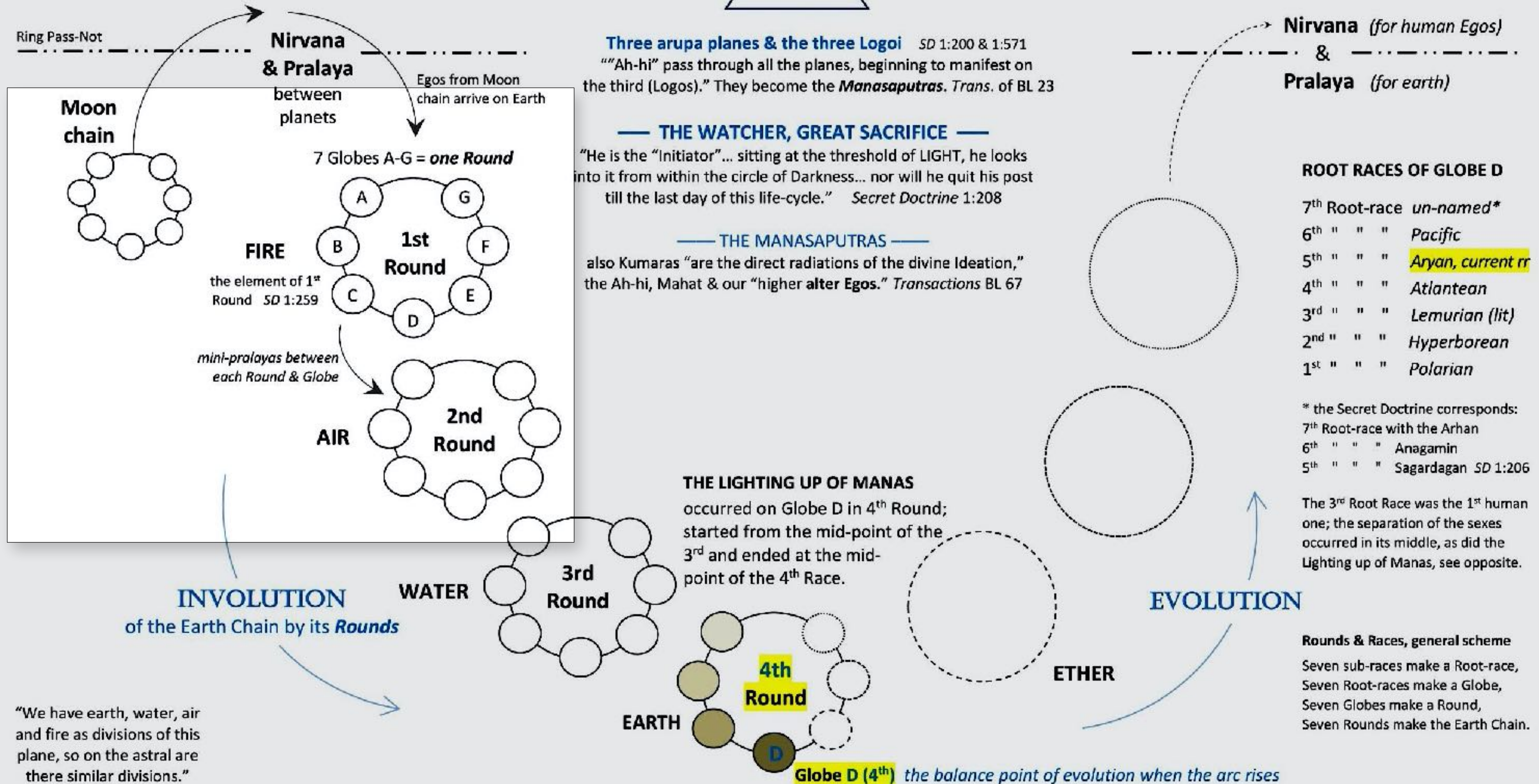


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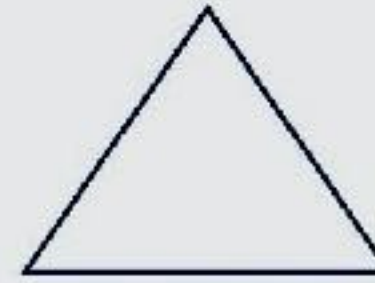
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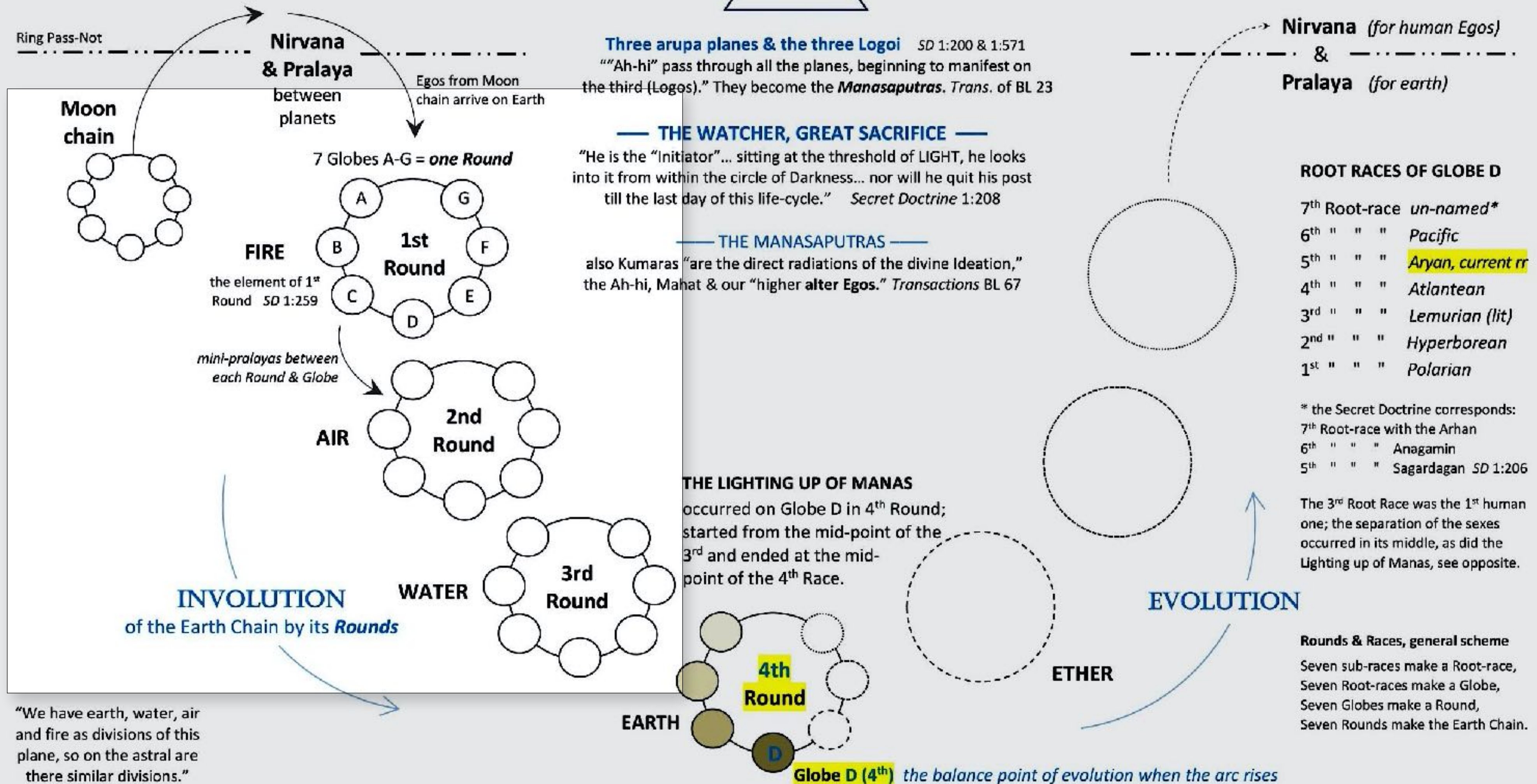


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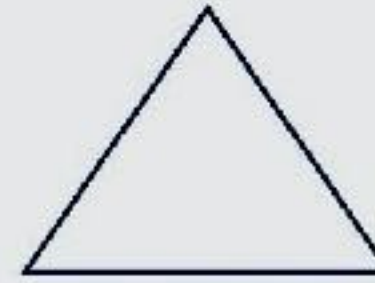
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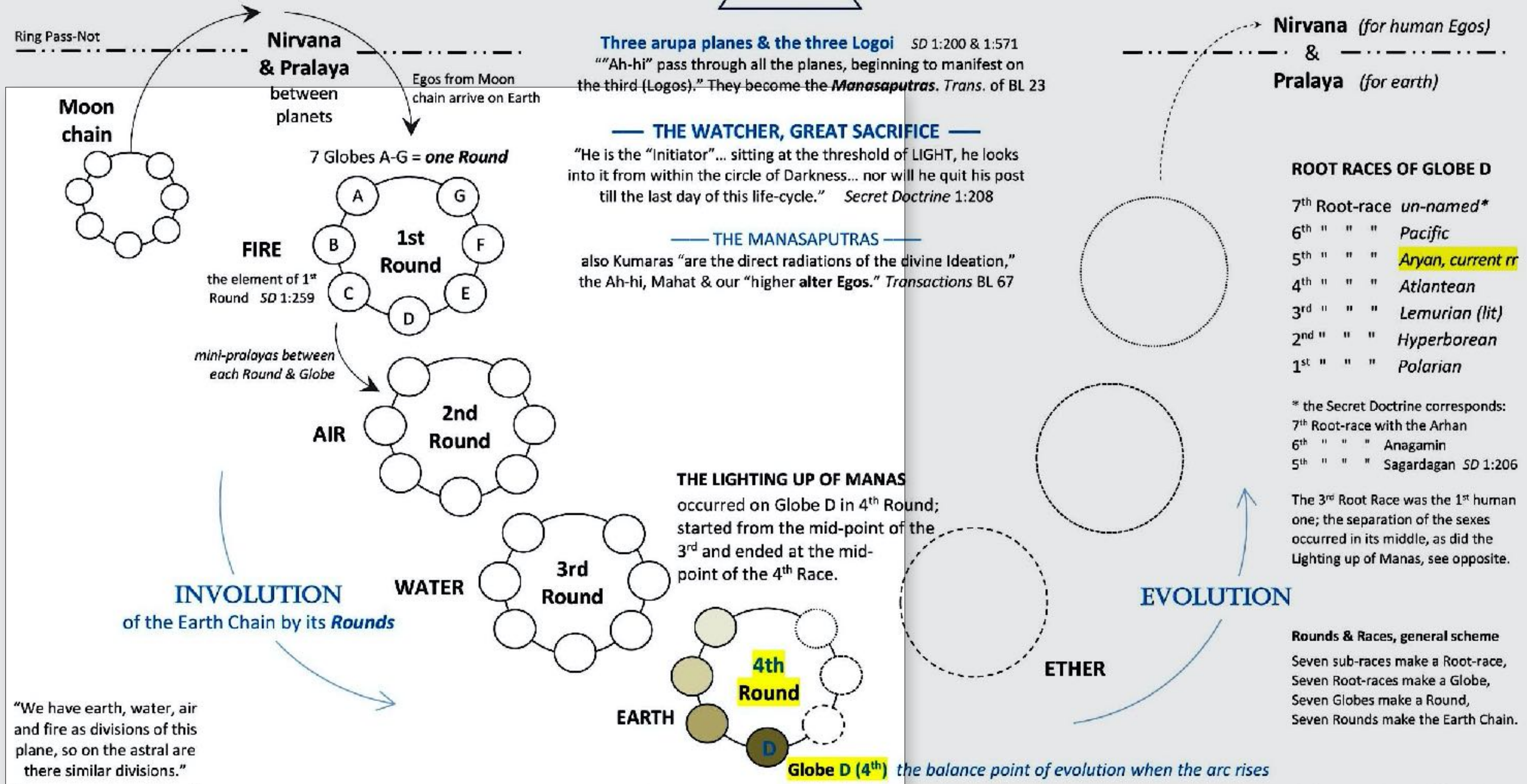


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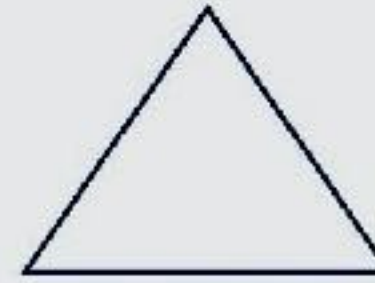
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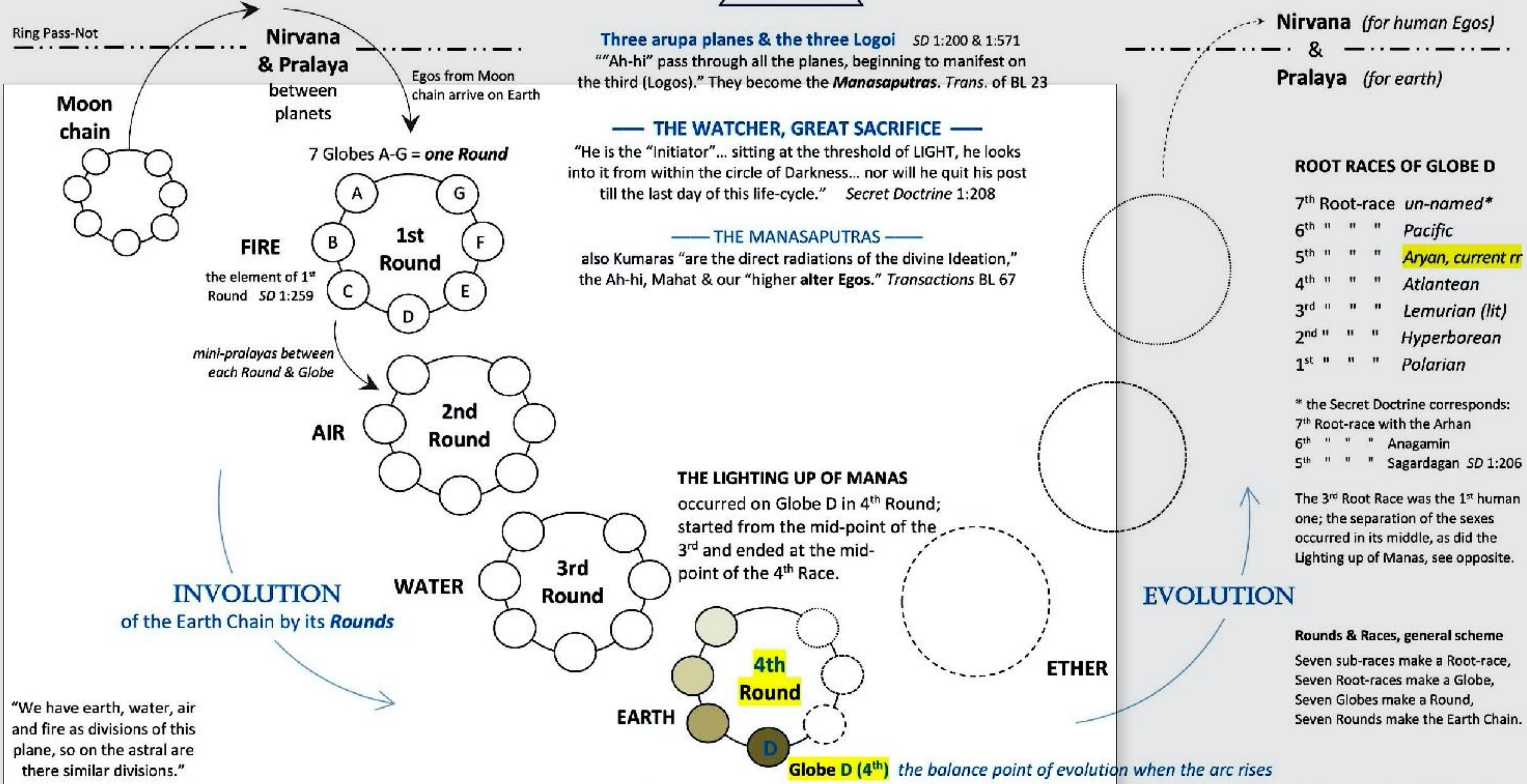


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**THE LIGHTING UP OF MANAS**  
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- 7<sup>th</sup> Root-race *un-named\**
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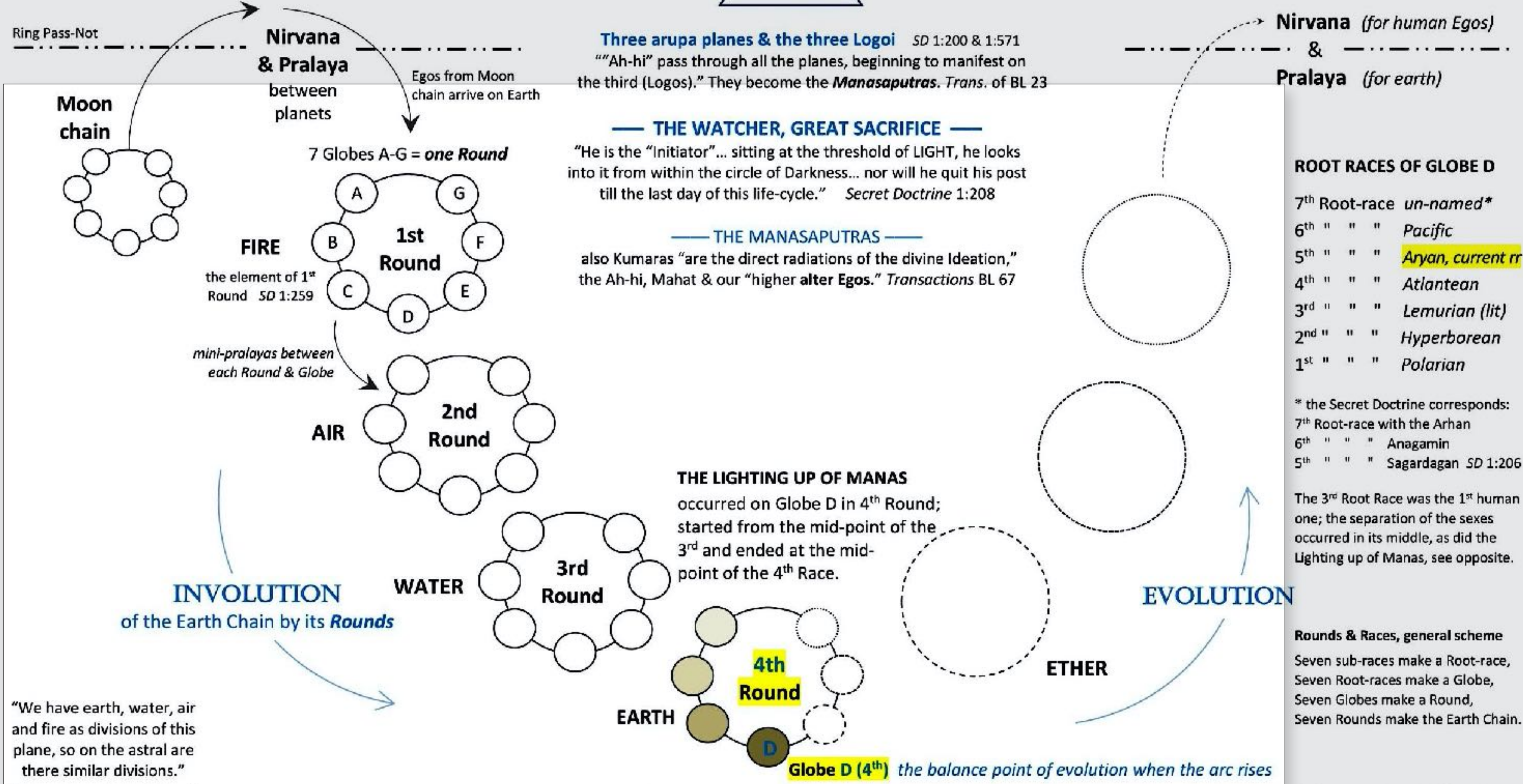


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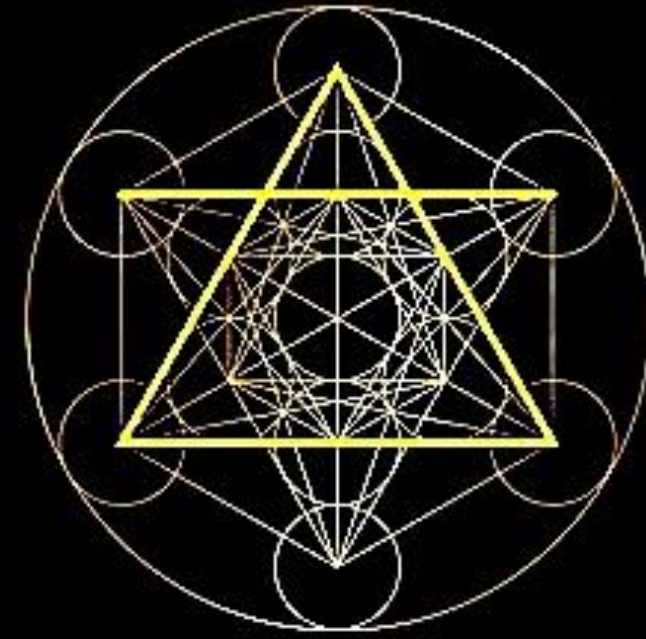
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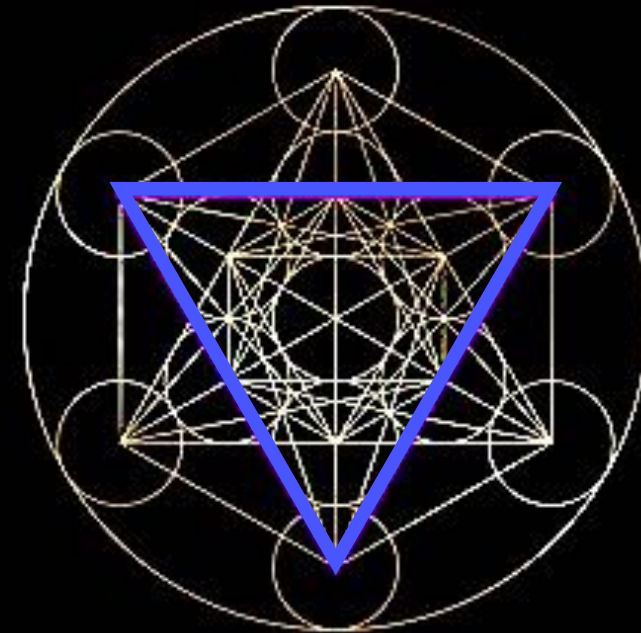
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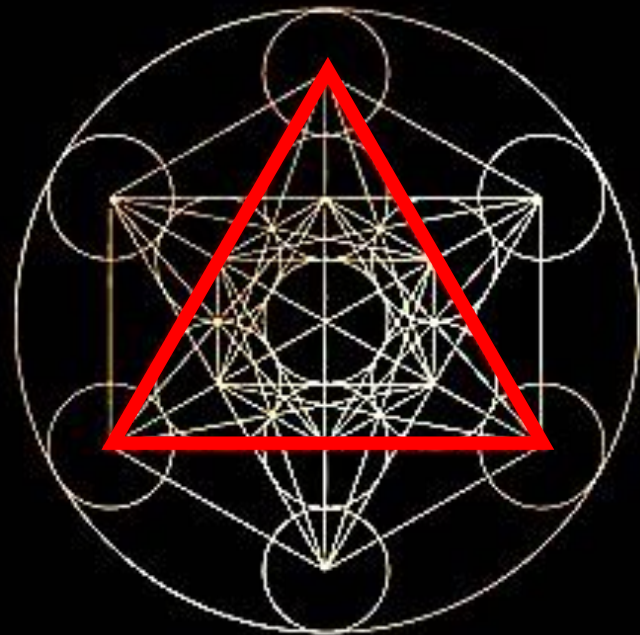
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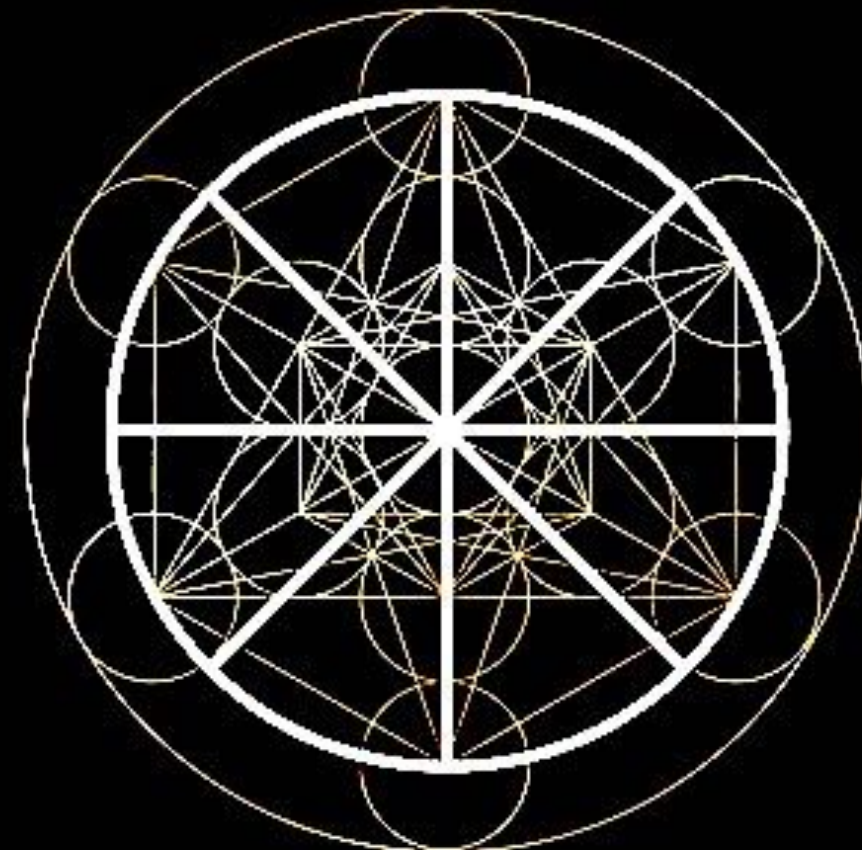
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Spirit



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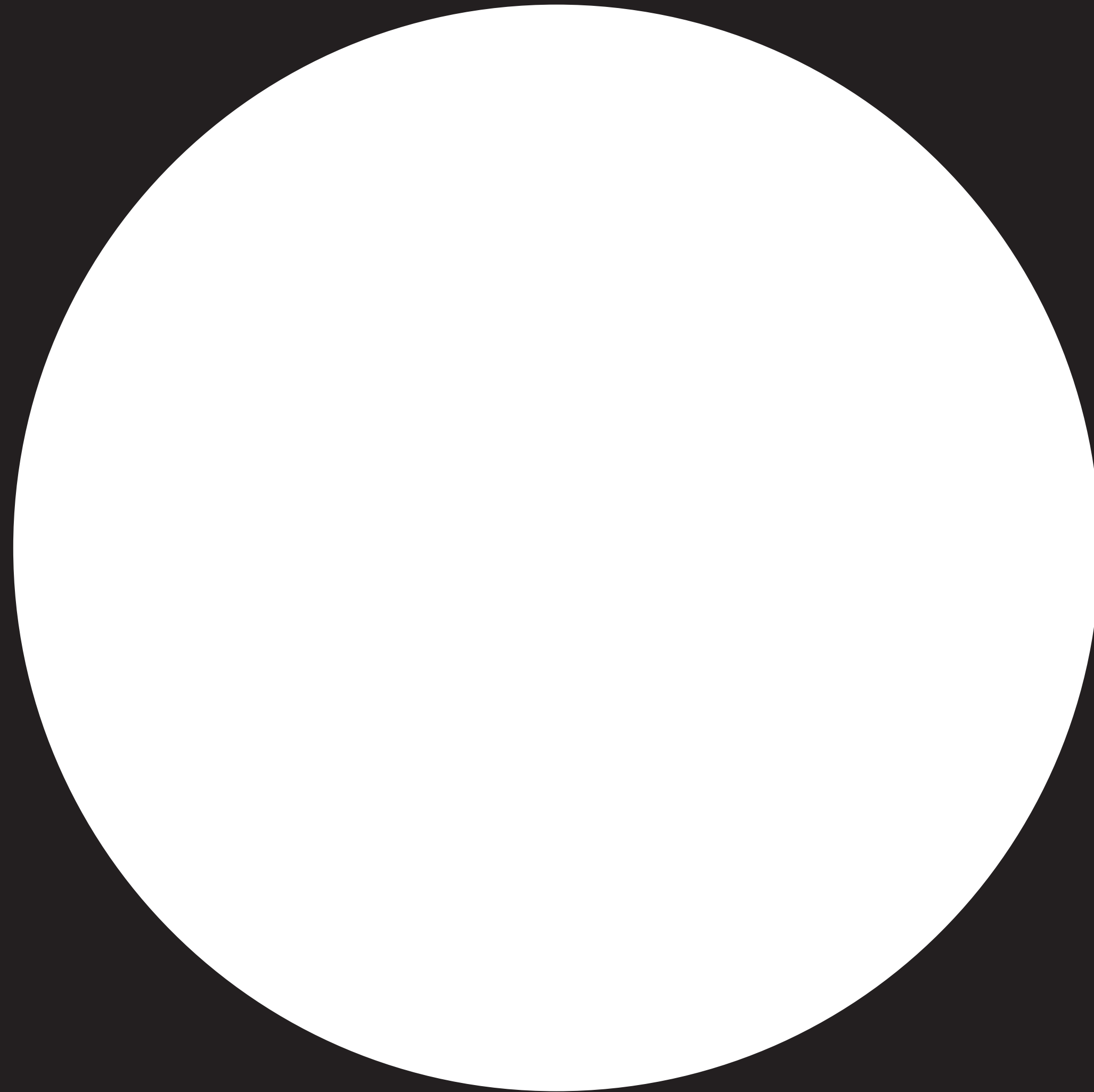
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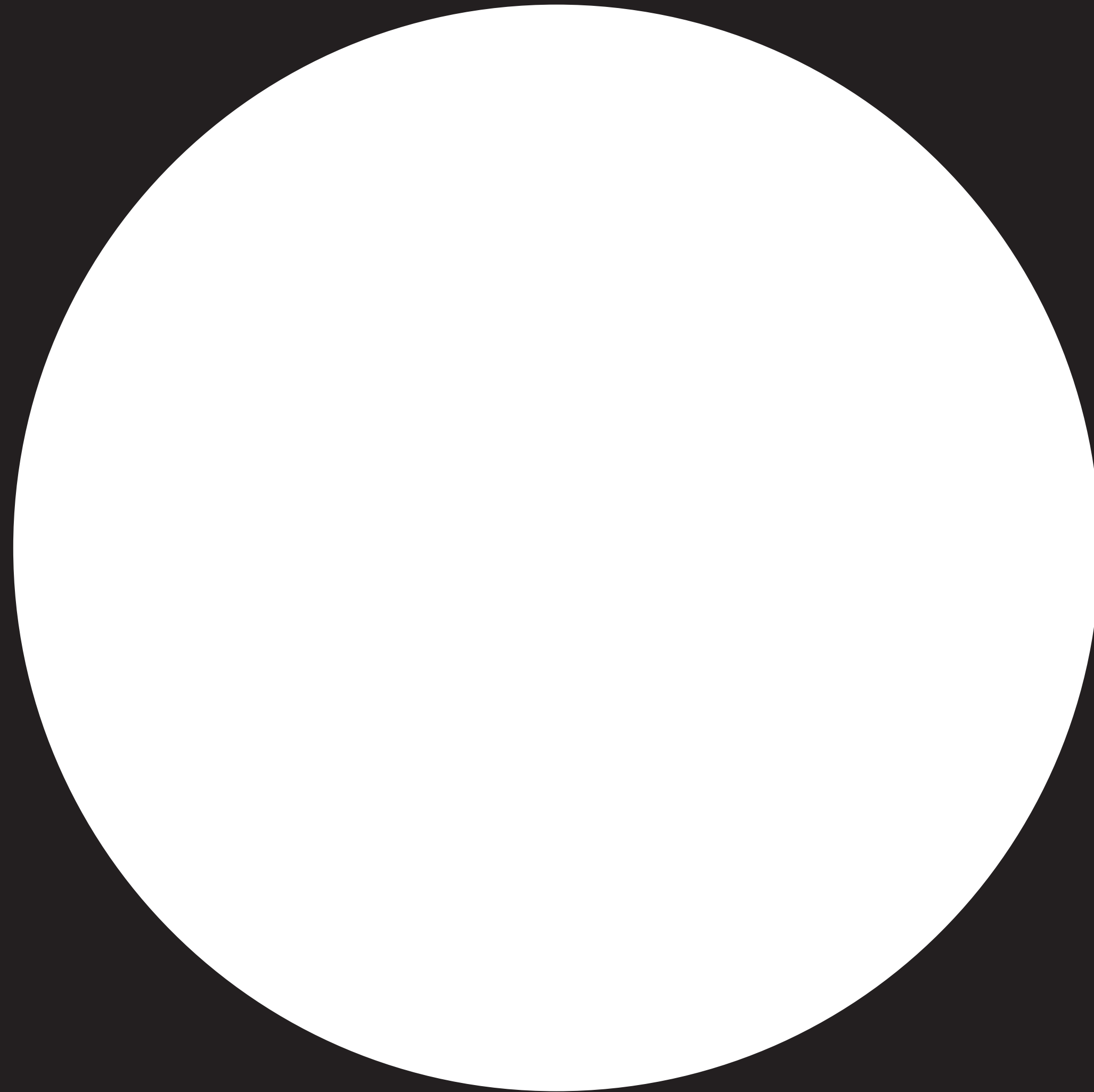
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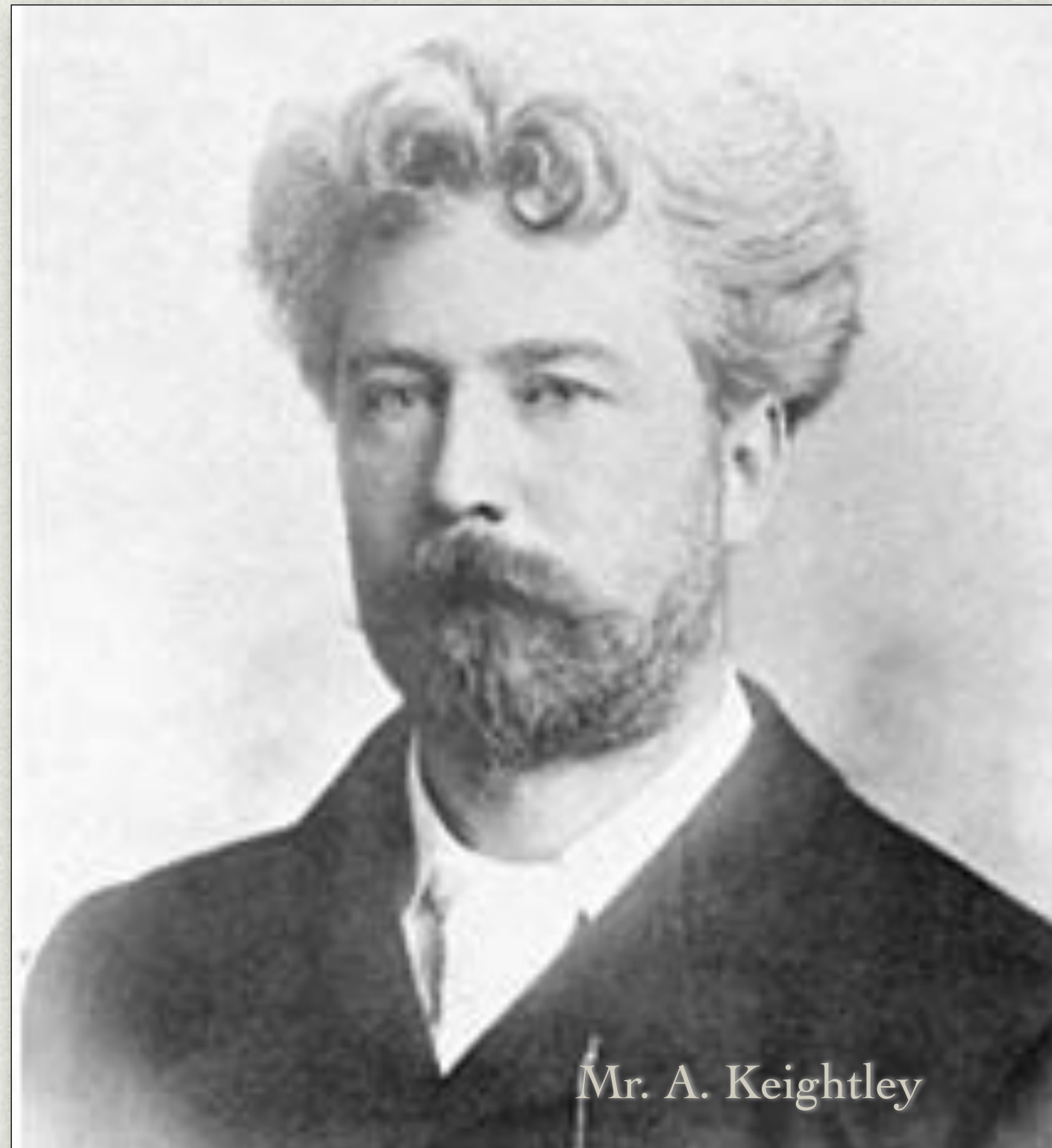
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atomic number	<b>39</b>	88.90584	atomic weight
symbol	<b>Y</b>		acid-base properties of higher-valence oxides
electron configuration	[Kr]4d <sup>1</sup> 5s <sup>2</sup>		crystal structure
name	yttrium		physical state at 20 °C (68 °F)

	Rare-earth elements		Solid
	Hexagonal		Weakly basic

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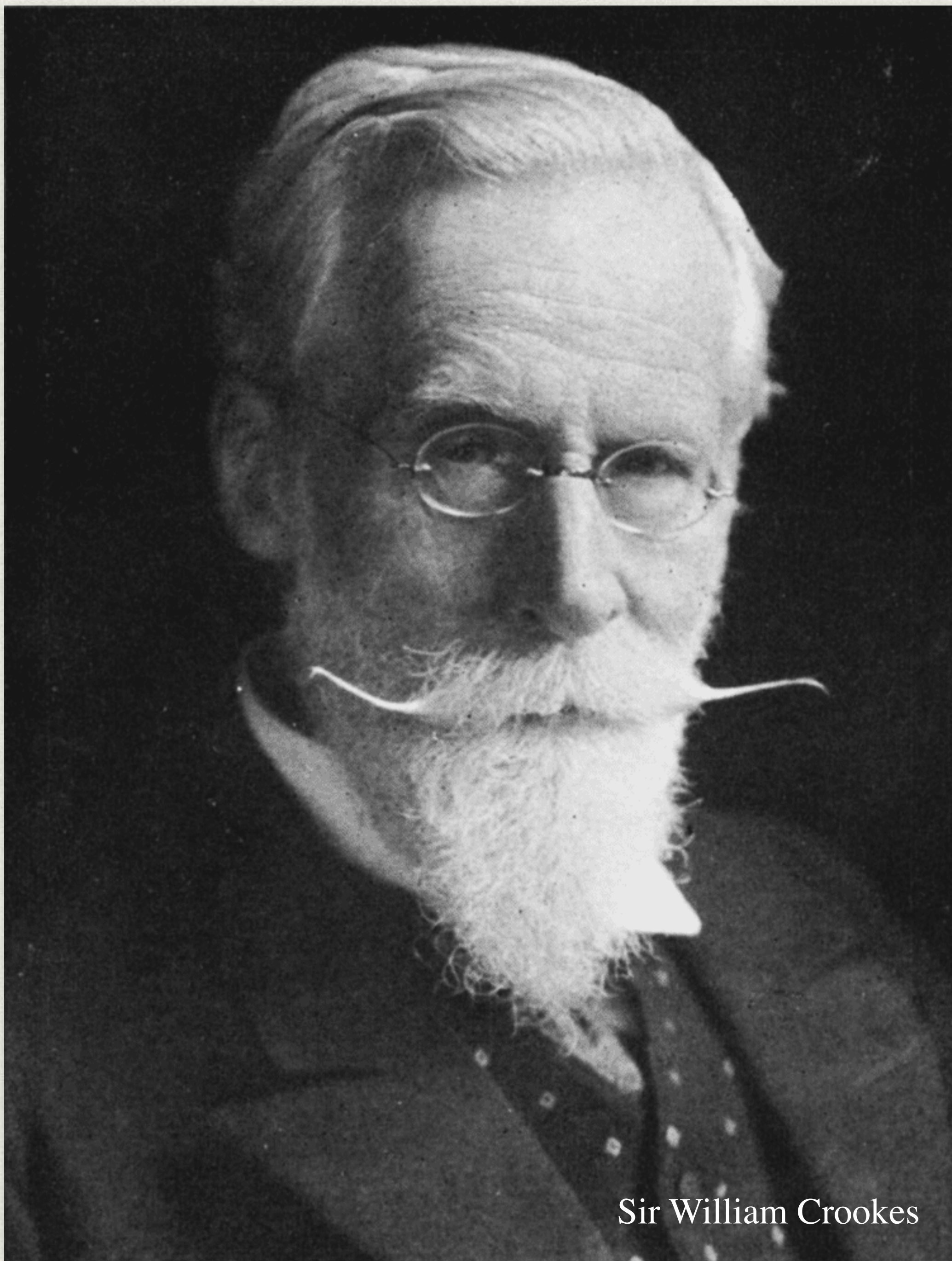
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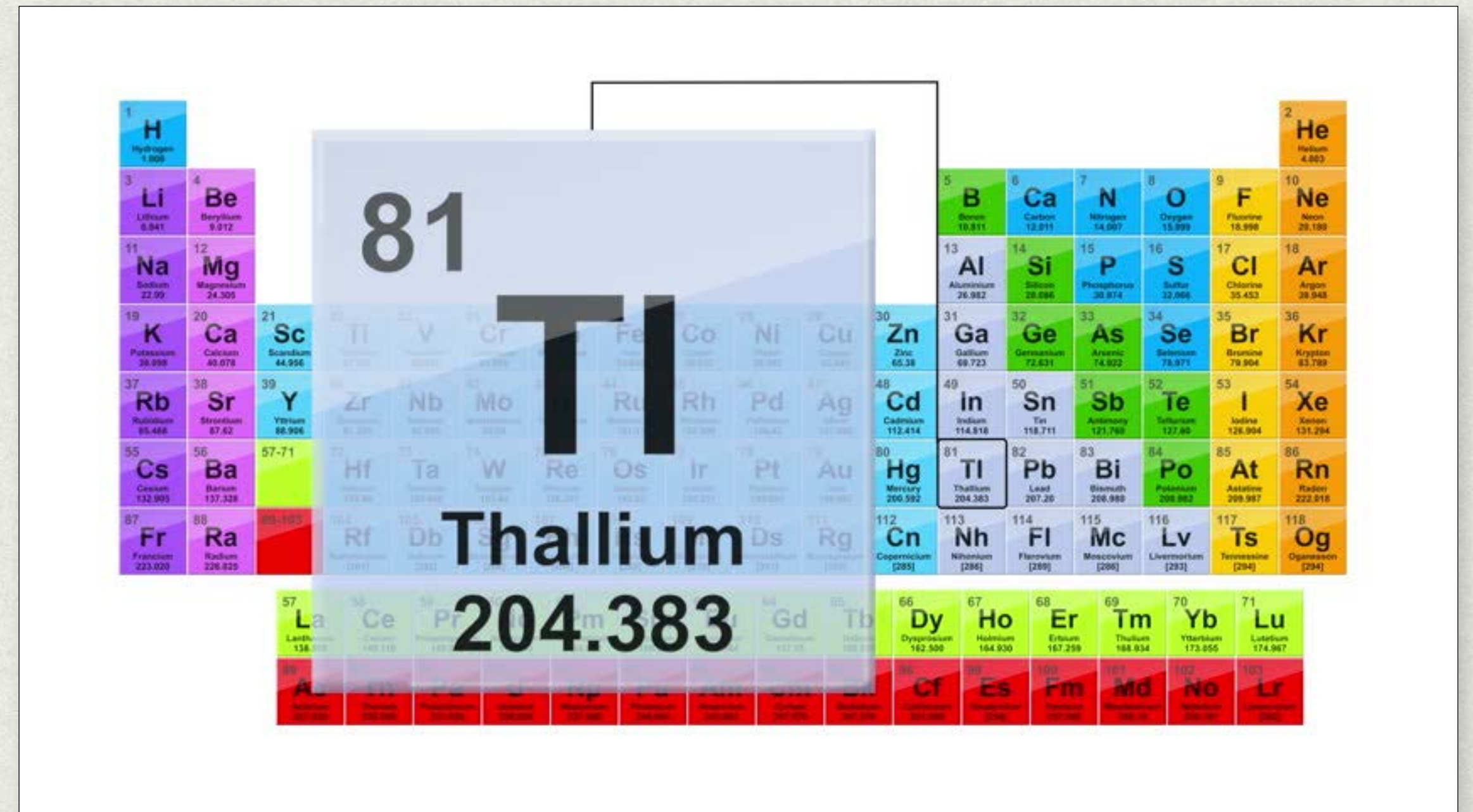
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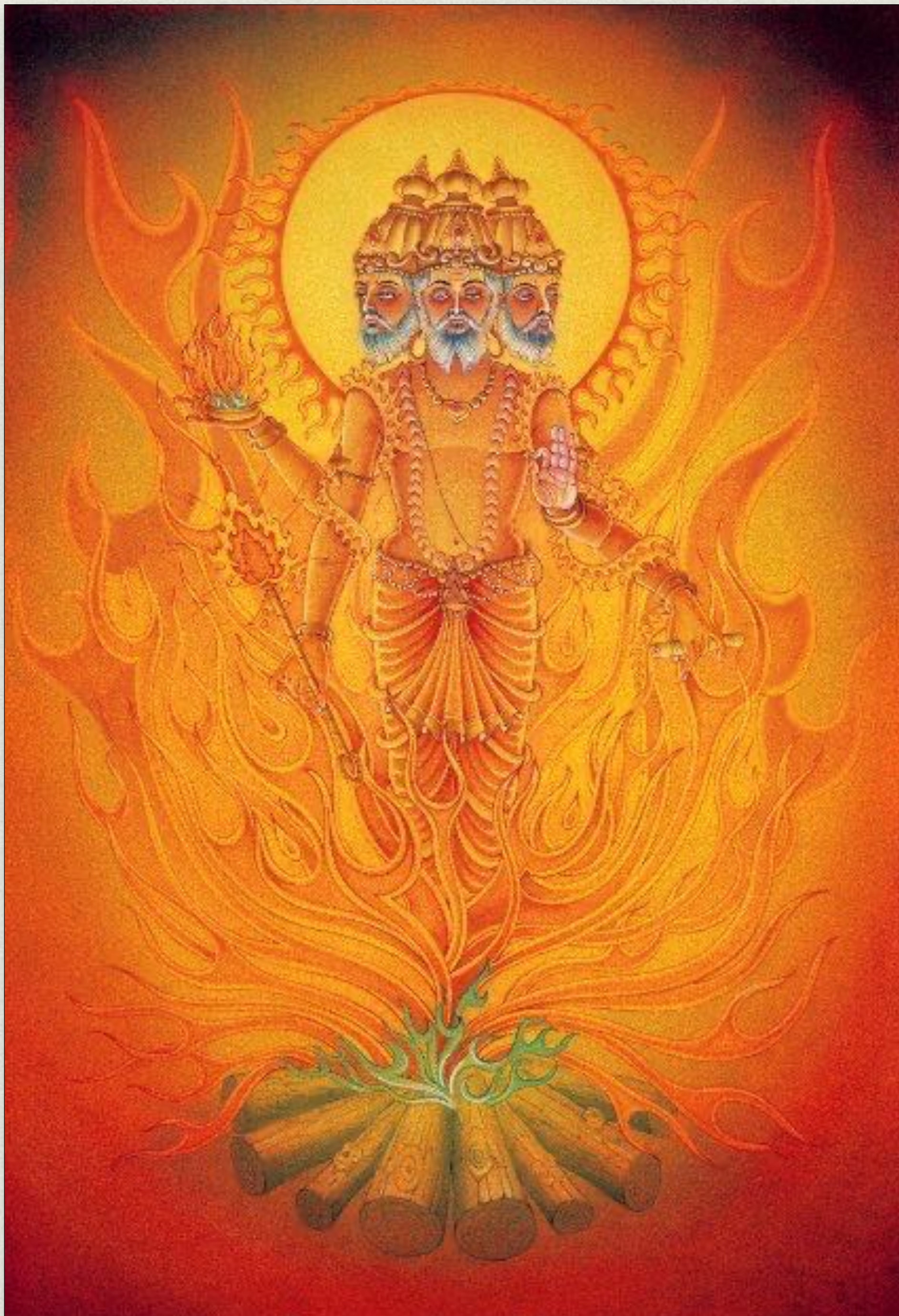


The first form of a solar deity was one of the elementaries, the god of solar fire; the Har, who preceded the Ra. Ptah represented the element later as the shaper by means of fire; the potter, brick-maker, and metallurgist. –The Natural Genesis, v.2, p.60



The phoenix of fire, with the star Sirius at the heart of it that outshone the sunrise, proves the south to be the quarter of fire. –The Natural Genesis, v.2, p.325





AGNI: Fire, one of the most ancient and most sacred objects of Hindu worship. He appears in three phases-in heaven as the sun, in mid-air as lightning, on earth as ordinary fire. Agni is one of the chief deities of the Vedas, and great numbers of the hymns are addressed to him, more indeed than to any other god. He is considered as the mediator between men and gods, as protector of men and their homes, and as witness of their actions. Agni is represented as having seven tongues, each of which has a distinct name... He is guardian of the south-east quarter. –Dictionary of Hindu Mythology:7

Agni, god of fire



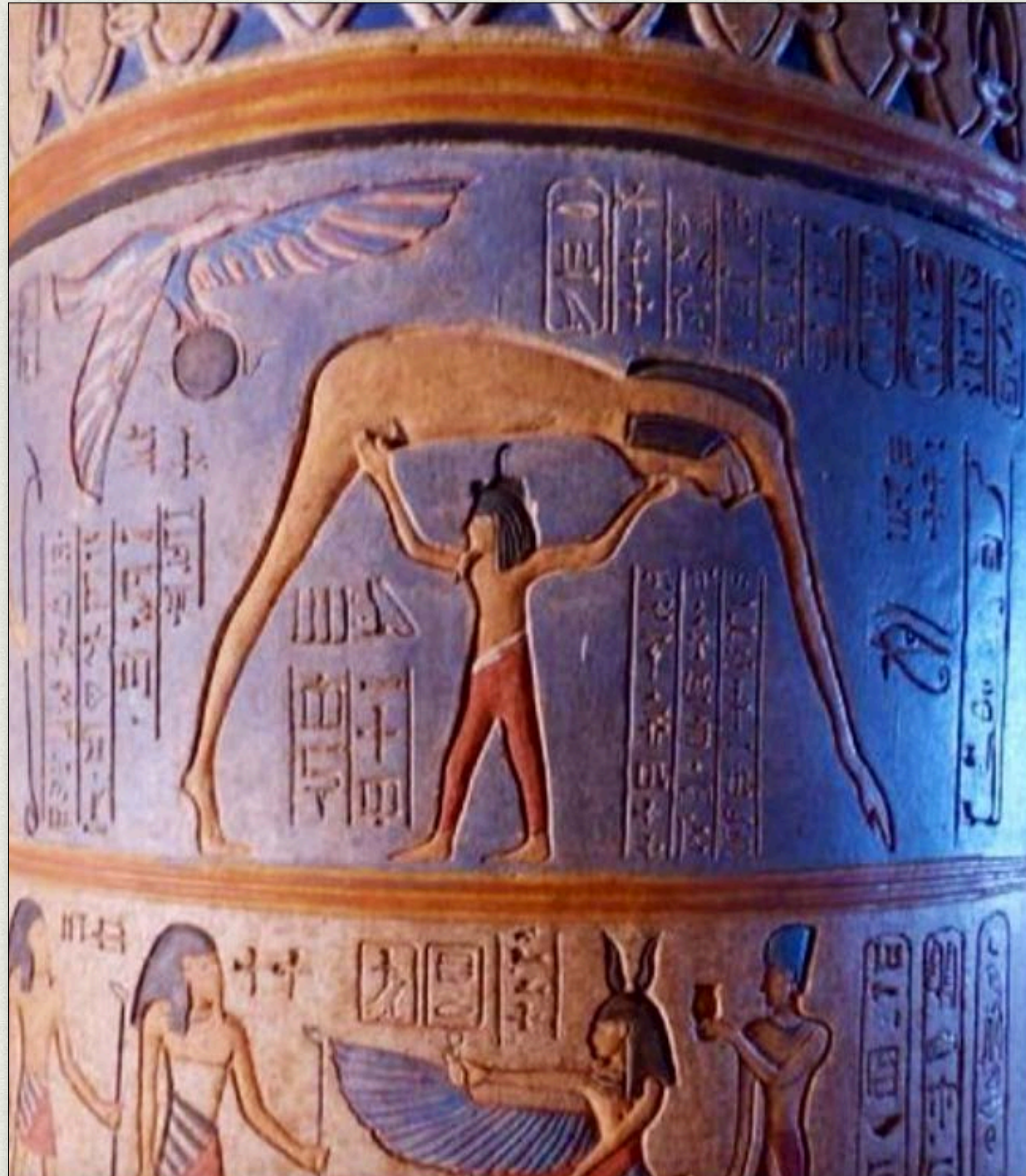


The vulture indicated the place of the sun, or the solar fire in the abyss of the inferior hemisphere—the fire that Prometheus was fabled to have snatched from heaven, and Herakles as the solar god was said to have slain the bird which preyed on Prometheus.

—The Natural Genesis, v.2, p.248

Prometheus Bringing Fire to Mankind  
by Heinrich Fuger





The god *Shu*, who represents the element of breath and air, is the born child of Nun, the firmamental water. The Breath of Heaven is born of the firmament, which was called the celestial water; water in its second, upper, aerial or ætherial condition.

–The Natural Genesis, v.1, p.148

The number 6 is allied to the soul. Proclus says, “*Rectilinear motion demonstrates through the hexad its alliance to the psyche.*” The soul of breath (*Ses*) is synonymous with the [Egyptian] number 6. *Ses* is also the verb to breathe. –The Natural Genesis, v.2, p.281

Shu holding up Nut, goddess of the sky



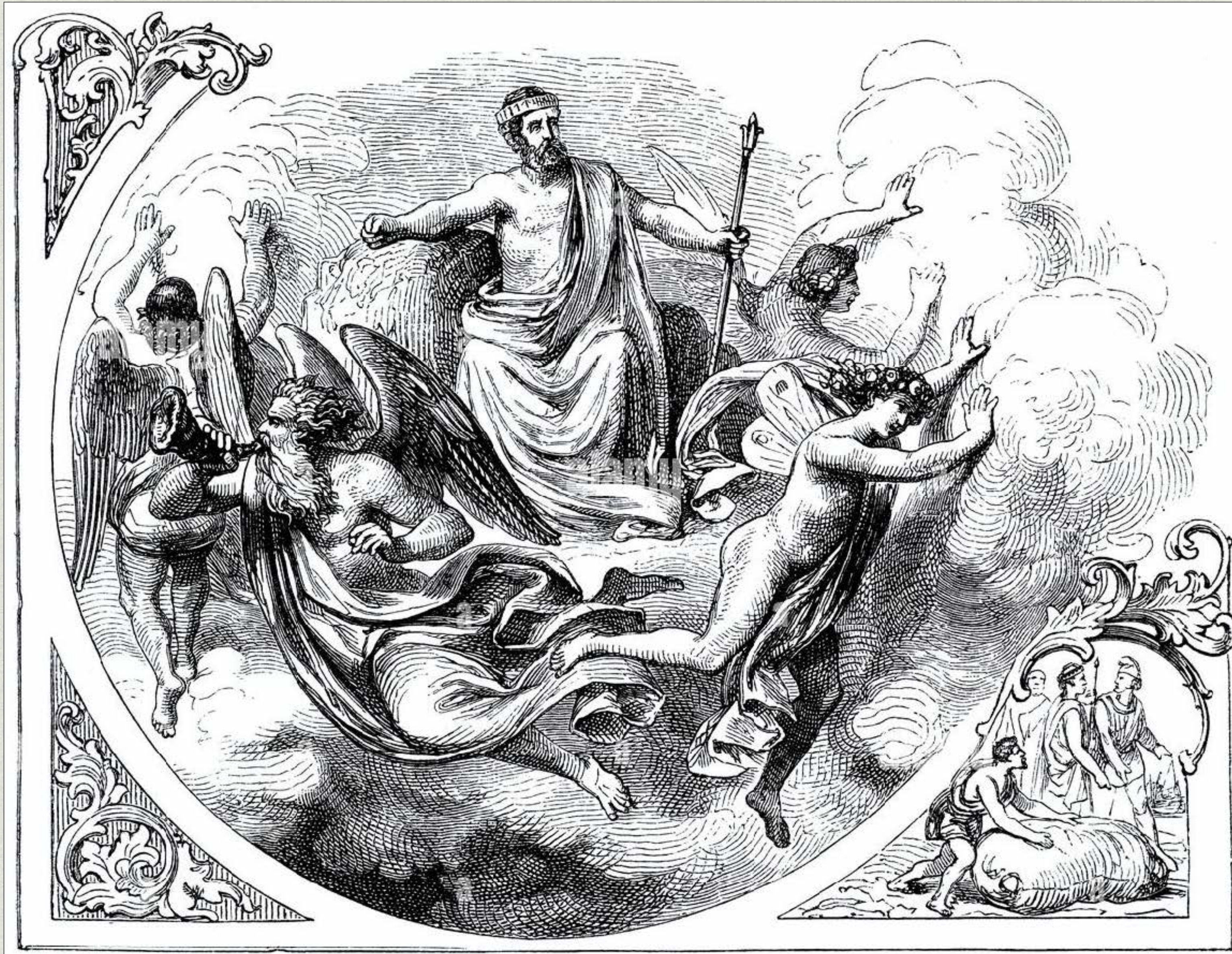




VAYU. 'Air, wind.' The god of the wind, *Eolus*. In the Vedas he is often associated with Indra, and rides in the same car with him, Indra being the charioteer. The chariot has a framework of gold which touches the sky, and is drawn by a thousand horses. According to the *Nirukta* there are three gods specially connected with each other. "Agni, whose place is on earth; Vayu or Indra, whose place is in the air; and Surya, whose place is in the heaven." In the hymn *Purusha-sukta*, Vayu is said to have sprung from the breath of Purusha. He is regent of the north-west quarter, where he dwells. –Dictionary of Hindu Mythology:343-4

Vayu, god of the wind





One does not usually think of the winds as very thoughtful or deliberate powers. But hear Homer: "Then we came to the Æolian island, and there dwelt Æolus Hippotades, dear to the deathless gods; there he dwelt in a floating island, and round it was a wall of brass that could not be broken; and the smooth rock of it ran up sheer. To whom twelve children were born in the sacred chambers,—six daughters and six strong sons; and they dwell forever with their beloved father and their mother, strict in duty; and with them are laid up a thousand benefits; and the misty house around them rings with fluting all the day long."

—Queen of the Air, by John Ruskin, p.9

Aeolus, Greek god of wind





The Two Truths of Water and Breath were likewise represented by the God Num or Khnef. He is the Lord of the inundation; the King of Frogs; the Sailor, the Spirit breathing on the waters in creation. He is characterised as the Great God making (like a Potter) the Son of his race with the good Breath in his Mouth. –The Natural Genesis, v.1, p.175-6

Khnum at Dendera



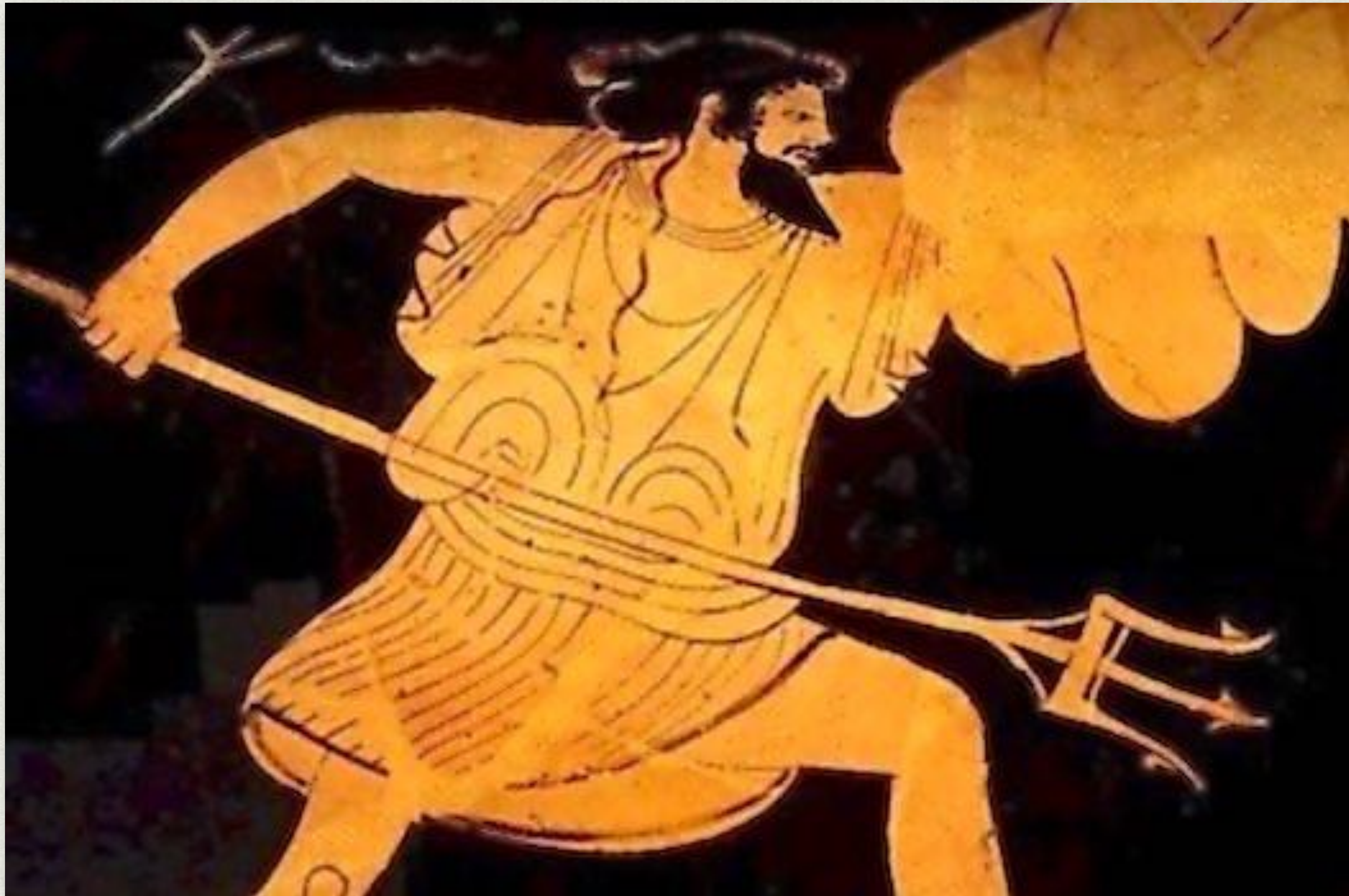


AMRITA. 'Immortal.' The water of life. The term was known to the Vedas, and seems to have been applied to various things offered in sacrifice, but more especially to the Soma juice. It is also called *Nir-jara* and *Piyusha*. In later times it was the water of life produced at the churning of the ocean by the gods and demons, the legend of which is told with some variations in the *Ramayana*, the *Mahabharata*, and the *Puranas*.

–Dictionary of Hindu Mythology:12

Mohini with a jar of Amrita





The trident of Neptune is a symbol of the third region of the world, which the sea possesses, having an arrangement after the heavens and the air. –Mysteries of the Egyptians, Chaldeans, and Assyrians–Taylor:238

Poseidon with His Trident





If you are a friend of God, fire is your water.  
You should wish to have  
a hundred thousand sets of moth wings,  
so you could burn them away, one set a night.  
The moth sees light and goes into the fire.  
You should see fire and go towards light.  
Fire is what of God is world-consuming.  
Water, world-protecting.  
Somehow each gives the appearance of the other.  
To these eyes you have now,  
what looks like water burns.  
What looks like fire  
is a great relief to be inside. –Rumi



### VERSE 3

*Of the Seven (elements)— first one manifested, six concealed, two manifested, five concealed; three manifested, four concealed; four produced, three hidden; four and one tsan (fraction) revealed, two and one half concealed; six to be manifested, one laid aside (a).*

*Lastly, seven small wheels revolving; one giving birth to the other (b).*

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ment ; as, at any rate, their initiated philosophers can hardly come under such an imputation, since it is they who have invented allegories and religious myths from the beginning. Had they been ignorant of the Heterogeneity of their Elements they would have had no personifications of Fire, Air, Water, Earth, and Æther ; their Cosmic gods and goddesses would never have been blessed with such posterity, with so many sons and daughters, elements born *from* and *within each respective Element*. Alchemy and occult phenomena would have been a delusion and a snare, even in theory, had the Ancients been ignorant of the potentialities and correlative functions and attributes of every element that enters into the composition of Air, Water, Earth, and even *Fire* the latter a terra incognita to this day to modern Science, which is obliged to call it Motion, evolution of light and heat, state of ignition,—defining it by its outward aspects in short, and remaining ignorant of its nature. But that which

molecule entirely homogeneous is *terra incognita* in chemistry. “Where are we to draw the line?” he asks ; “is there no way out of this perplexity? Must we either make the elementary examinations so stiff that only 60 or 70 candidates can pass, or must we open the examination doors so wide that the number of admissions is limited only by the number of applicants?” And then the learned gentleman gives striking instances. He says: “Take the case of yttrium. It has its definite atomic weight, it behaved in every respect as a simple body, an element, to which we might indeed add, but from which we could not take away. Yet this yttrium, this supposed homogeneous whole, on being submitted to a certain method of fractionation, is resolved into portions not absolutely identical among themselves, and exhibiting a gradation of properties. Or take the case of didymium. Here was a body betraying all the recognised characters of an element. It had been separated with much difficulty from other bodies which approximated closely to it in their properties, and during this crucial process it had undergone very severe treatment and very close scrutiny. But then came another chemist, who, treating this assumed homogeneous body by a peculiar process of fractionation, resolved it into the two bodies praseodymium and neodymium, between which certain distinctions are perceptible. Further, we even now have no certainty that neodymium and praseodymium are simple bodies. On the contrary, they likewise exhibit symptoms of splitting up. Now, if one supposed element on proper treatment is thus found to comprise dissimilar molecules, we are surely warranted in asking whether similar results might not be obtained in other elements, perhaps in all elements, if treated in the right way. We may even ask where the process of sorting-out is to stop—a process which of course pre-supposes variations between the individual molecules of each species. And in these successive separations we naturally find bodies approaching more and more closely to each other.” (Presidential address before the Royal Society of Chemists, March, 1888.)





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The magical elements are: in alchemy, salt, sulfur, mercury and azoth; in the Kabbalah, the macroprosopus, and the two mothers; in hieroglyphics, the man, eagle, lion and bull; in old physics, according to vulgar names and notions, air, water, earth and fire. But in magical science we know that water is not ordinary water, fire not simply fire, etc. These expressions conceal a more recondite meaning. Modern science has decomposed the four elements of the ancients, and reduced them to a number of so-called simple bodies. That which is simple, however, is the primitive substance properly so-called; there is therefore only one material element, which always manifests by the tetrad in its forms. We shall therefore preserve the wise distinctions of elementary appearances admitted by the ancients, and shall recognize air, fire, earth and water as the four positive and visible elements of magic." –Transcendental Magic:58-9.