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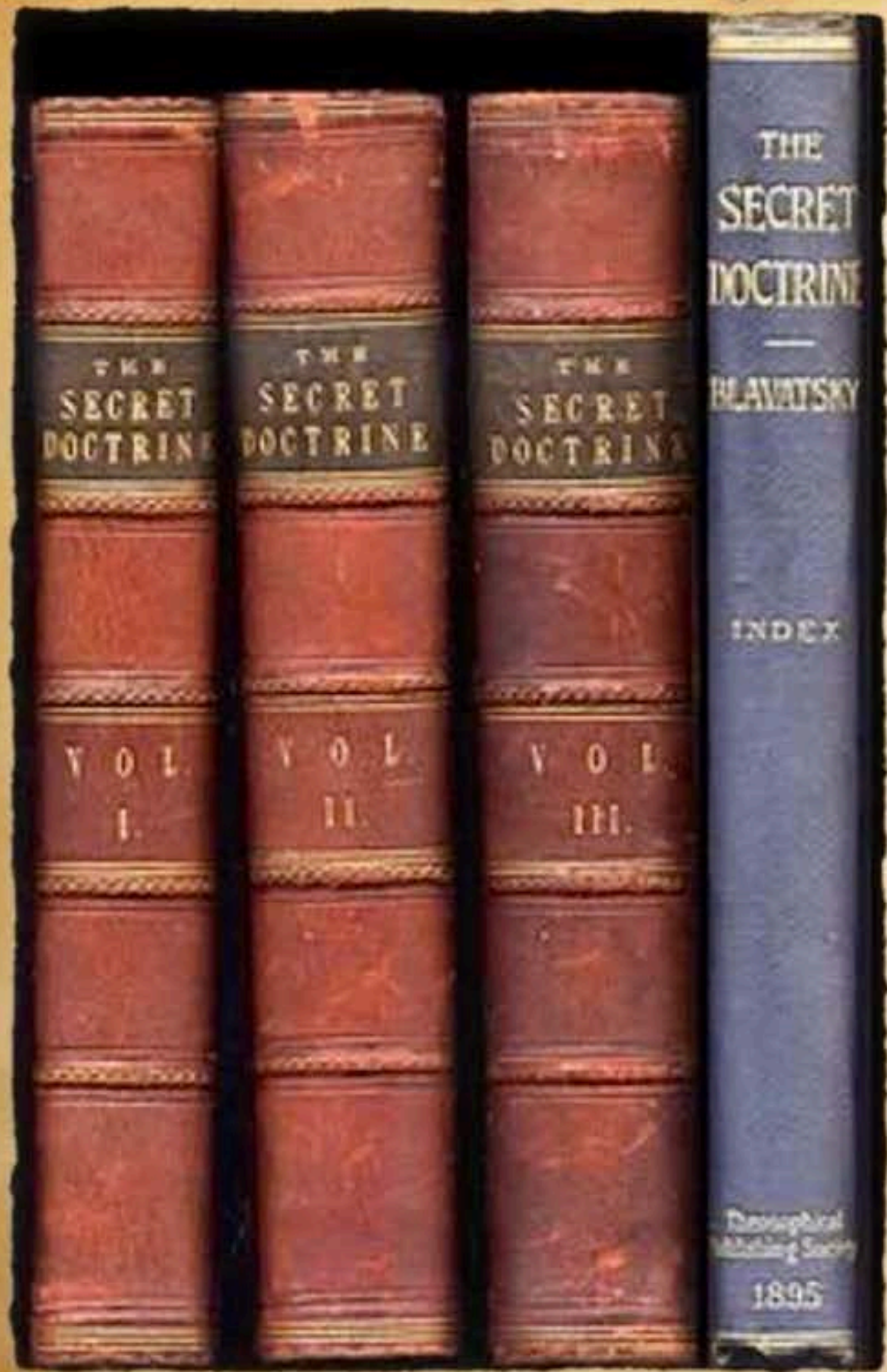
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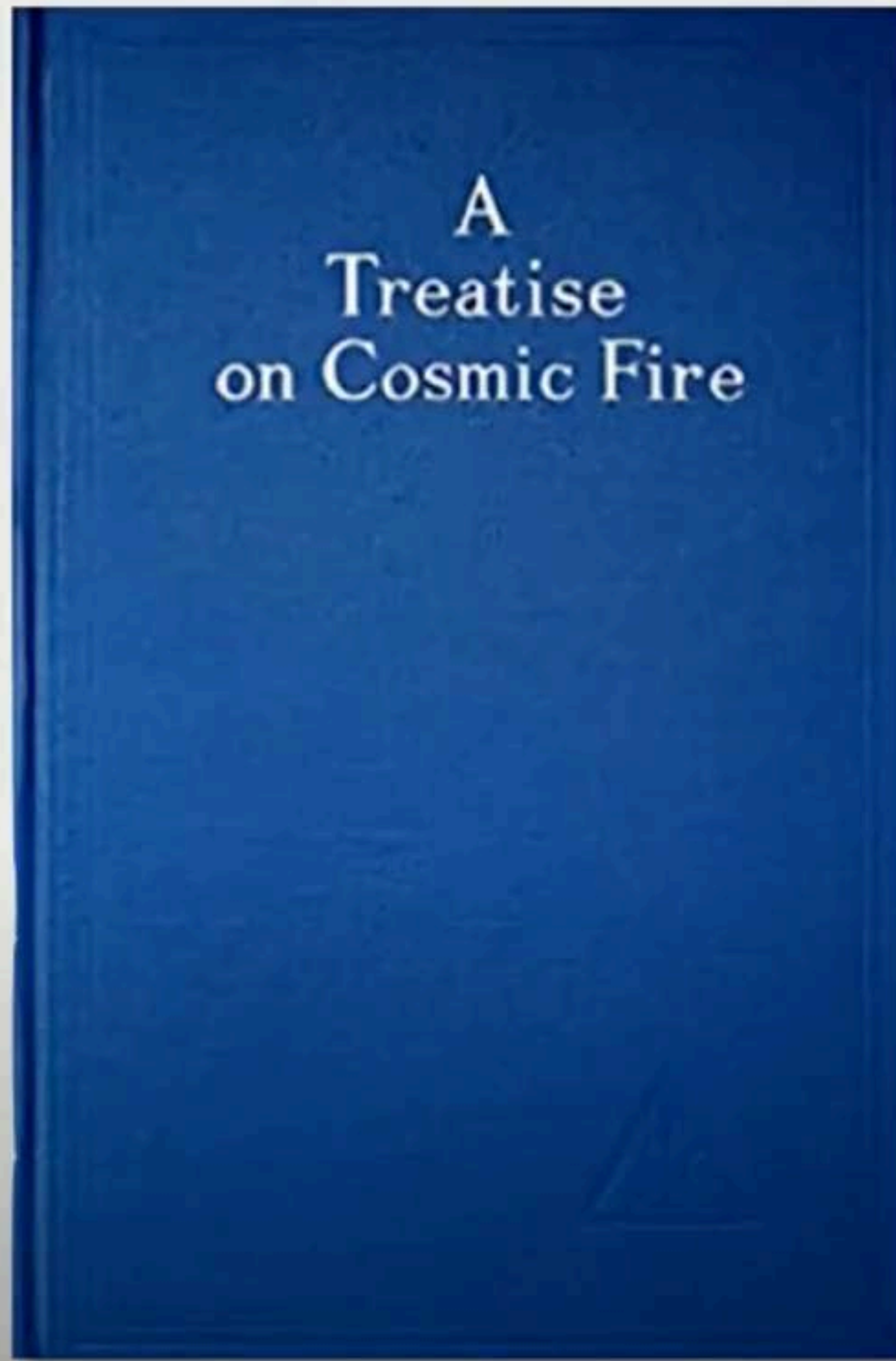
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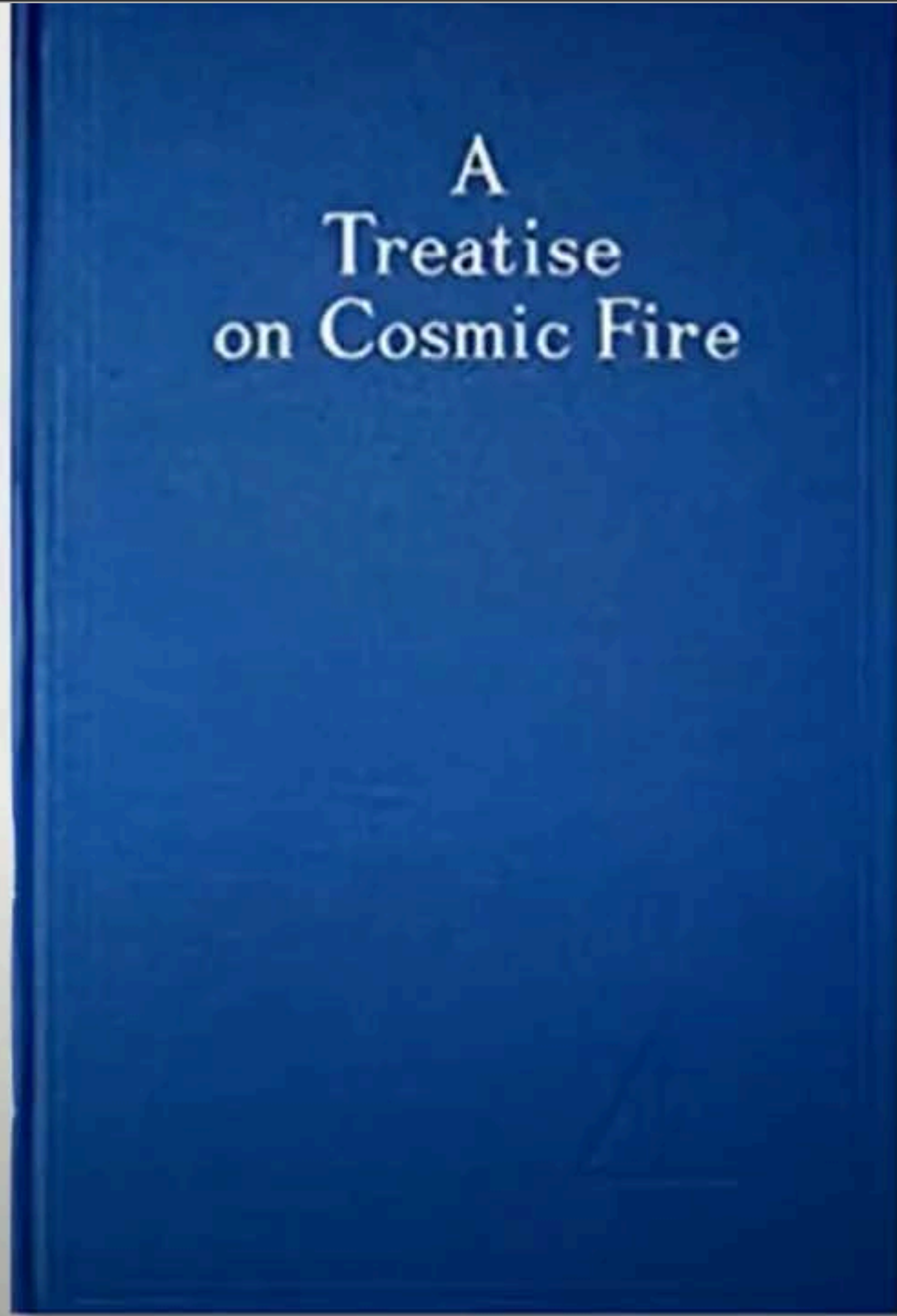
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Col. Olcott and HPB

By the first week of December (1886) Sanskrit poems for the Library opening had been received from Benares, Bengal, Bombay, and Madras Pandits; and Sanskrit and Pali verses from the most learned Buddhist priests of Ceylon. About the same time I received from H. P. B., for reading and revision by T. Subba Row and myself, the MS. of Vol. I. of the Secret Doctrine but in his then captious mood the former refused to do more than read it, saying that it was so full of mistakes that if he touched it he should have to rewrite it altogether!

First Theosophical Convention at Adyar, India

threads of connection hither and thither, have ended by pro-
claiming the Kumāras "due chiefly to the fancy of the Purānic *writers*

Ma - we are told by the author of the *Golden Lotus* "is Five; Kara, a hand with its

five fingers, as also a five sided sign or a pentagon. The

Kumāra, (in this case an anagram for occult purposes) are
- because the last two names have often been kept secret;
five in esoterism, as Yogis they are the fifth order of Brah-

madevas, and the five fold Chohans, having the soul of the

five elements in them, Water and Ether predominating, and

Therefore their symbols were both aquatic & fiery. "Wisdom is hidden from lies
concealed under the couch of him who rests on the golden lotus (floating on
the water." In India it is Vishnu (one of whose avatars was Buddha, as some claim)
in days of old). The Prachetasas the worshippers of Varuna (who, like Poseidon
never or dwell over not under the waters) plunged into the depths of the Ocean to bring
+ remain in them 10,000 years;
devotions) and the Prachetasas are ten historically, but five, esoterically. "Prache-
tas" is in Sanskrit the name of the ministers of Varuna, the water god, & the same
as Poseidon (Neptune) the Prachetasas being thus identical with the five
ministers of XWZZAP (Poseidon) of the Perata masters, called
AOT, AOAI, OTΩ, OTΩAB, "the triple name (thus making seven of
the fifth being lost" - i.e. kept secret. This much for the "aquatic"
the fiery symbol - spiritually. For

This was mere pique, but did good, for when I reported his remark to H. P. B. she was greatly distressed, and set to work and went over the MS. most carefully, correcting many errors due to slipshod literary methods, and with the help of European friends making the book what it is now.

It must be said of her that she was always most eager to have mistakes pointed out, and most ready to correct them. Especially was that the case with such of her writings as were not dictated to her psychically by the unseen Helpers who presided over the production of her two great books, Isis and the Secret Doctrine, which will be the Jachin and Boaz of her perpetual monument, a wonder to coming generations. -ODL3:385-6

A page from the original manuscript of the Secret Doctrine

STANZA VI.

1. BY THE POWER OF THE MOTHER OF MERCY AND KNOWLEDGE—KWAN-YIN—THE “TRIPLE” OF KWAN-SHAI-YIN, RESIDING IN KWAN-YIN-TIEN, FOHAT, THE BREATH OF THEIR PROGENY, THE SON OF THE SONS, HAVING CALLED FORTH, FROM THE LOWER ABYSS, THE ILLUSIVE FORM OF SIEN-TCHANG AND THE SEVEN ELEMENTS :*

2. THE SWIFT AND RADIANT ONE PRODUCES THE SEVEN LAYA CENTRES, AGAINST WHICH NONE WILL PREVAIL TO THE GREAT DAY “BE-WITH-US,” AND SEATS THE UNIVERSE ON THESE ETERNAL FOUNDATIONS SURROUNDING TSIEN-TCHAN WITH THE ELEMENTARY GERMS.

3. OF THE SEVEN—FIRST ONE MANIFESTED, SIX CONCEALED, TWO MANIFESTED, FIVE CONCEALED; THREE MANIFESTED, FOUR CONCEALED; FOUR PRODUCED, THREE HIDDEN; FOUR AND ONE TSAN REVEALED, TWO AND ONE HALF CONCEALED; SIX TO BE MANIFESTED, ONE LAID ASIDE. LASTLY, SEVEN SMALL WHEELS REVOLVING; ONE GIVING BIRTH TO THE OTHER.

4. HE BUILDS THEM IN THE LIKENESS OF OLDER WHEELS, PLACING THEM ON THE IMPERISHABLE CENTRES.

HOW DOES FOHAT BUILD THEM? HE COLLECTS THE FIERY DUST. HE MAKES BALLS OF FIRE, RUNS THROUGH THEM, AND ROUND THEM, INFUSING LIFE THEREINTO, THEN SETS THEM INTO MOTION; SOME ONE WAY, SOME THE OTHER WAY. THEY ARE COLD, HE MAKES THEM HOT. THEY ARE DRY, HE MAKES THEM MOIST. THEY SHINE, HE FANS AND COOLS THEM. THUS ACTS FOHAT FROM ONE TWILIGHT TO THE OTHER, DURING SEVEN ETERNITIES.

5. AT THE FOURTH, THE SONS ARE TOLD TO CREATE THEIR IMAGES. ONE THIRD REFUSES—TWO OBEY.

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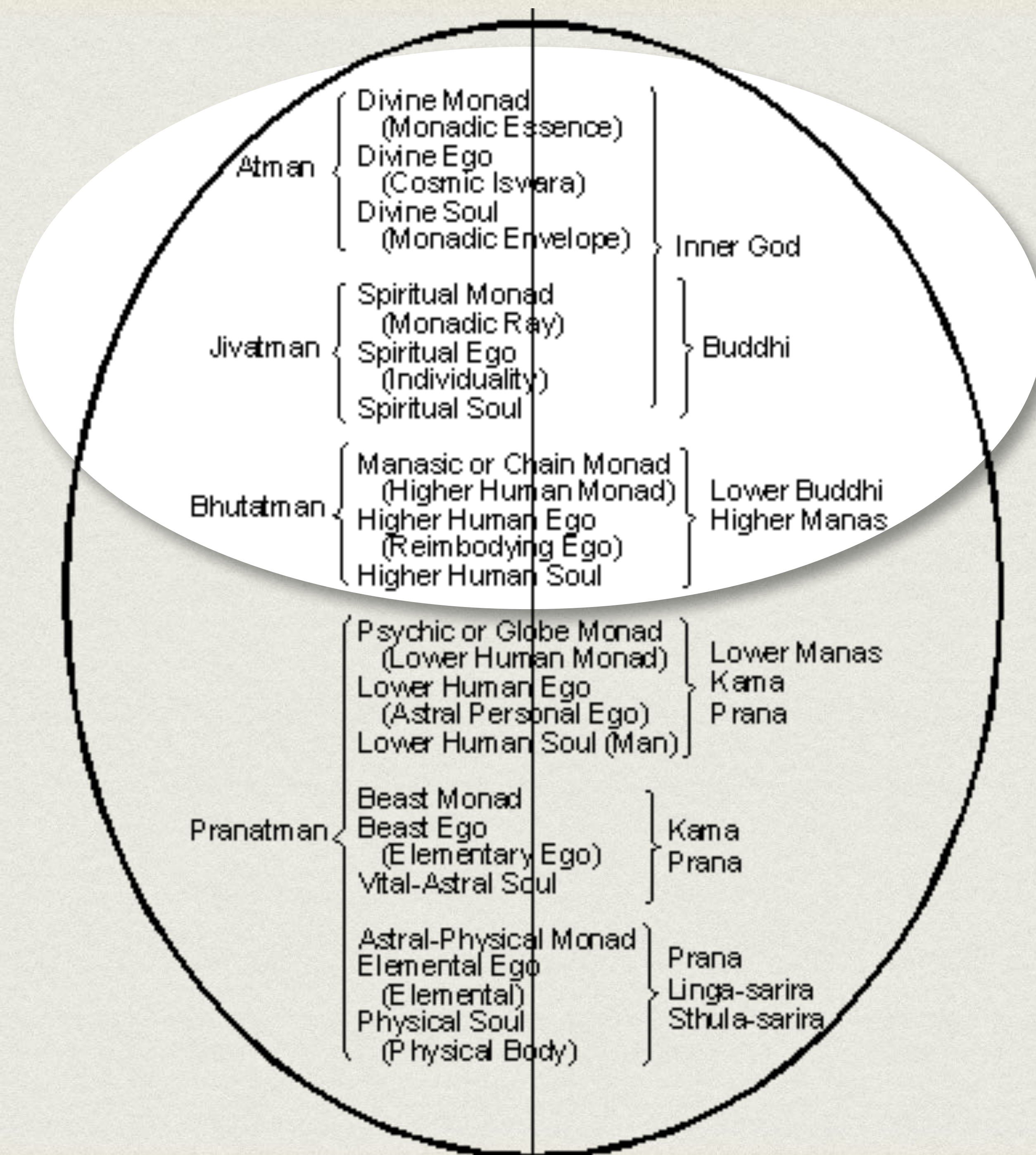
6. THE OLDER WHEELS ROTATED DOWNWARDS AND UPWARDS. . . . THE MOTHER’S SPAWN FILLED THE WHOLE. THERE WERE BATTLES FOUGHT BETWEEN THE CREATORS AND THE DESTROYERS, AND BATTLES FOUGHT FOR SPACE; THE SEED APPEARING AND RE-APPEARING CONTINUOUSLY.

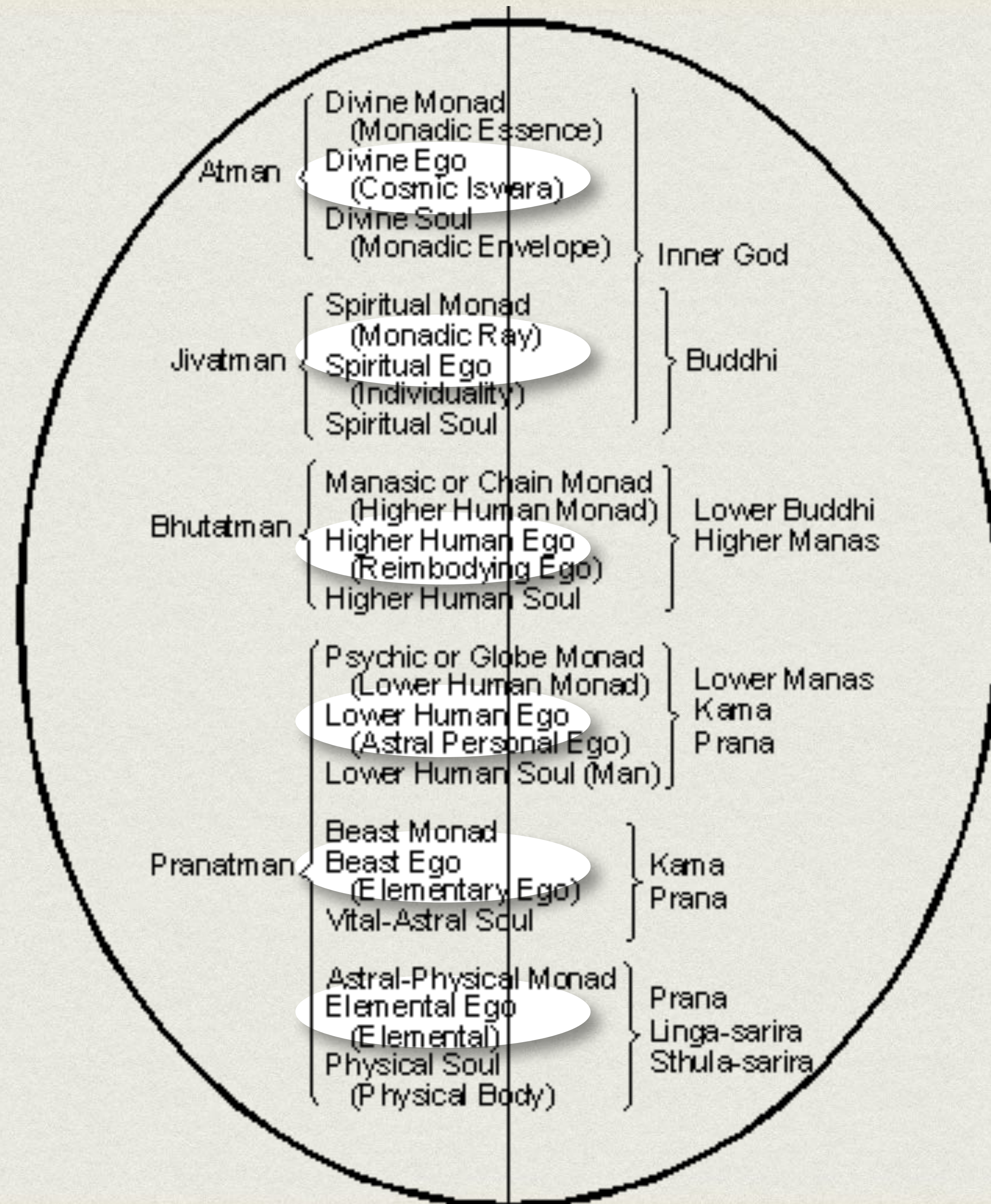
7. MAKE THY CALCULATIONS, LANOO, IF THOU WOULDST LEARN THE CORRECT AGE OF THY SMALL WHEEL. ITS FOURTH SPOKE IS OUR MOTHER. REACH THE FOURTH “FRUIT” OF THE FOURTH PATH OF KNOWLEDGE THAT LEADS TO NIRVANA, AND THOU SHALT COMPREHEND, FOR THOU SHALT SEE

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and the “Survival of the Fittest” reigned supreme from the moment that Kosmos manifested into being, and could hardly escape the observant eye of the ancient Sages. Hence the incessant fights of Indra, the god of the Firmament, with the *Asuras* — degraded from high gods into Cosmic demons; and with *Vritri* or *Ah-hi*; the battles fought between stars and constellations, between Moon and planets — later on incarnated as kings and mortals. Hence also the War in Heaven of Michael and his Host against the Dragon (Jupiter and Lucifer-Venus), when a third of the stars of the rebellious host was hurled down into Space, and “its place was found no more in Heaven.” –SD1:202

Krishna's combat with Indra, 1590



The Prodigal Son Leaves Home
by Abraham Bosse, c. 1602

The divine plan of evolution was based upon the production of this relationship between spiritually conscious man and the form aspect, and thus the great Law of Duality came into action, bringing about the "fall of the angels," as they descended from their sinless and free state of existence in order to develop full divine awareness upon earth, through the medium of material incarnation and the use of the principle of mind. This was the divine plan, emanating from the Mind of God and swept into activity and progressive unfoldment by an act of His Will. At its inception, there took place the original "war in the heavens," when the sons of God who responded to the divine urge to experience, to serve and to sacrifice, separated themselves from the sons of God who responded to no such inspiration but who chose to stay in their original and high state of being. To this truth, Christ Himself bore witness in the story of the Prodigal Son and his relationship to his elder brother, who had not left the Father's home. –Externalization of the Hierarchy:118-9

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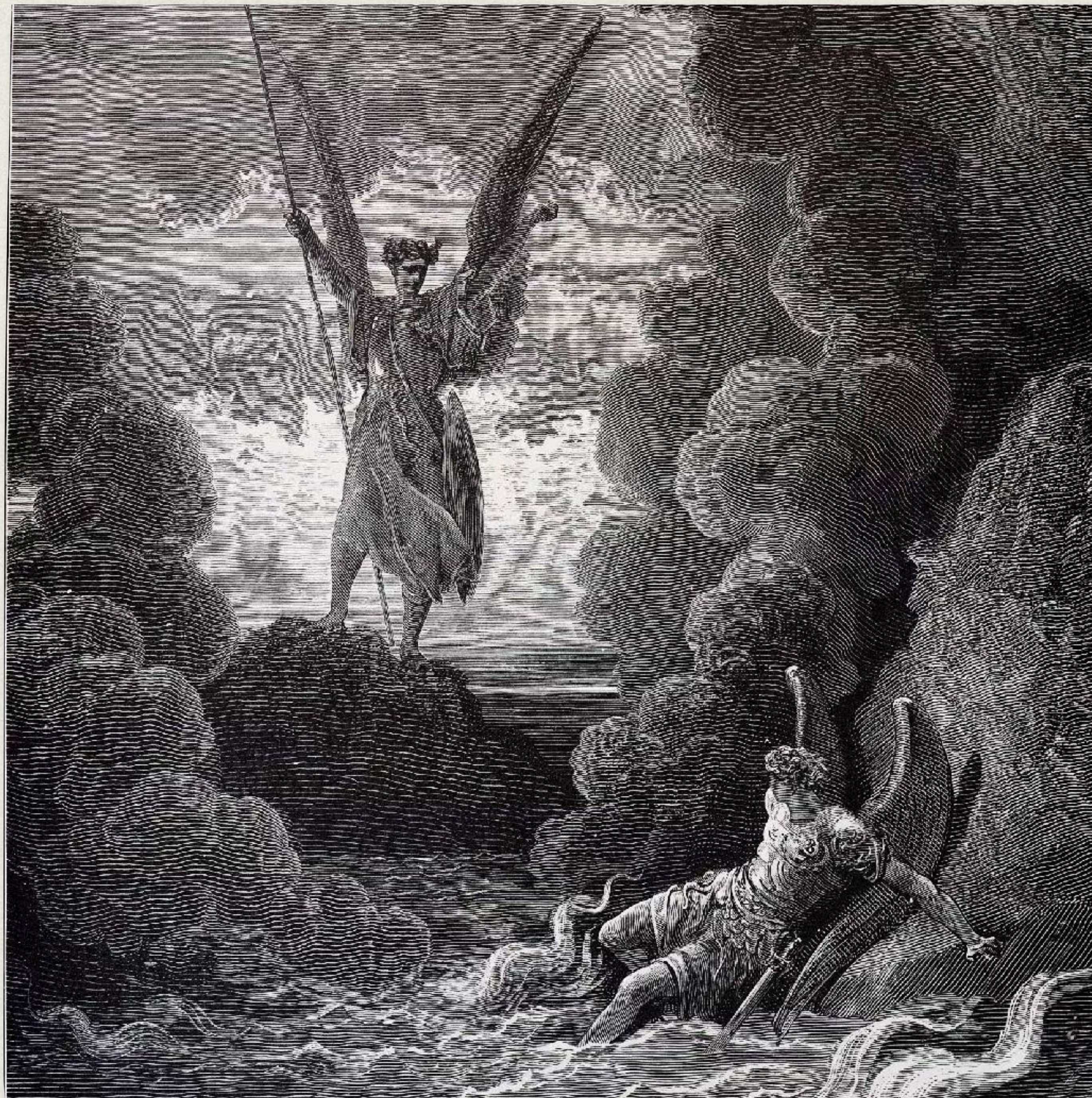
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Orthodox icon of nine orders of angels



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- C Libido & lingua virulenta.
- D Opera mala.
- E Leuitas mentis, & iactantia ostentatio.
- G Hypocresis.
- H Inuidie rabies per serpentes.
- I Ira & furor animi.
- K Inconstantia & lubricitas mentis.



*Interpretatio Physica
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- A Confusio elementorum in suprema regione aeris.
- B Ignearum exhalationum noxia vis.
- C Ardor Martius omnia adurens.
- D Vis noxia omnes Mundi partes peruadens.
- E Celeritas ventorum Typhonicorum.
- G Perturbatio aeris per noxas ventorum qualitates.
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Mr. B. Keightley

Mr. B. Keightley: You speak a good deal about various Gnostic systems; there are one or two points that wanted clearing up a little (referencing page 194 of SD1): If Fetahil, as stated later, represents the host of the Lunar Pitris who created a senseless man, and if he is "*a still purer spirit*" than Bahak-Zivo, what does the latter correspond to?

Mme. Blavatsky: The Nazarene business is not at all plain, and is full of metaphor, chiefly directed against the God of the Jews and their opponents. Therefore it is so mixed up that nobody will know which is which. He is represented sometimes as a higher spirit, and sometimes as a lower. Bahak- Zivo corresponds sometimes to Christ, and sometimes to other things. I have been bringing this in, not at all that you should come and ask me to learn it, because everyone can go and read it in the original, who reads Latin. But why I have quoted it here is, to show that in every system, high or low, the "Secret Doctrine" was repeated, and there were things which were all based on truth. But you need not go out of your way to make me teach you the Nazarene system. –Secret Doctrine Dialogues:485



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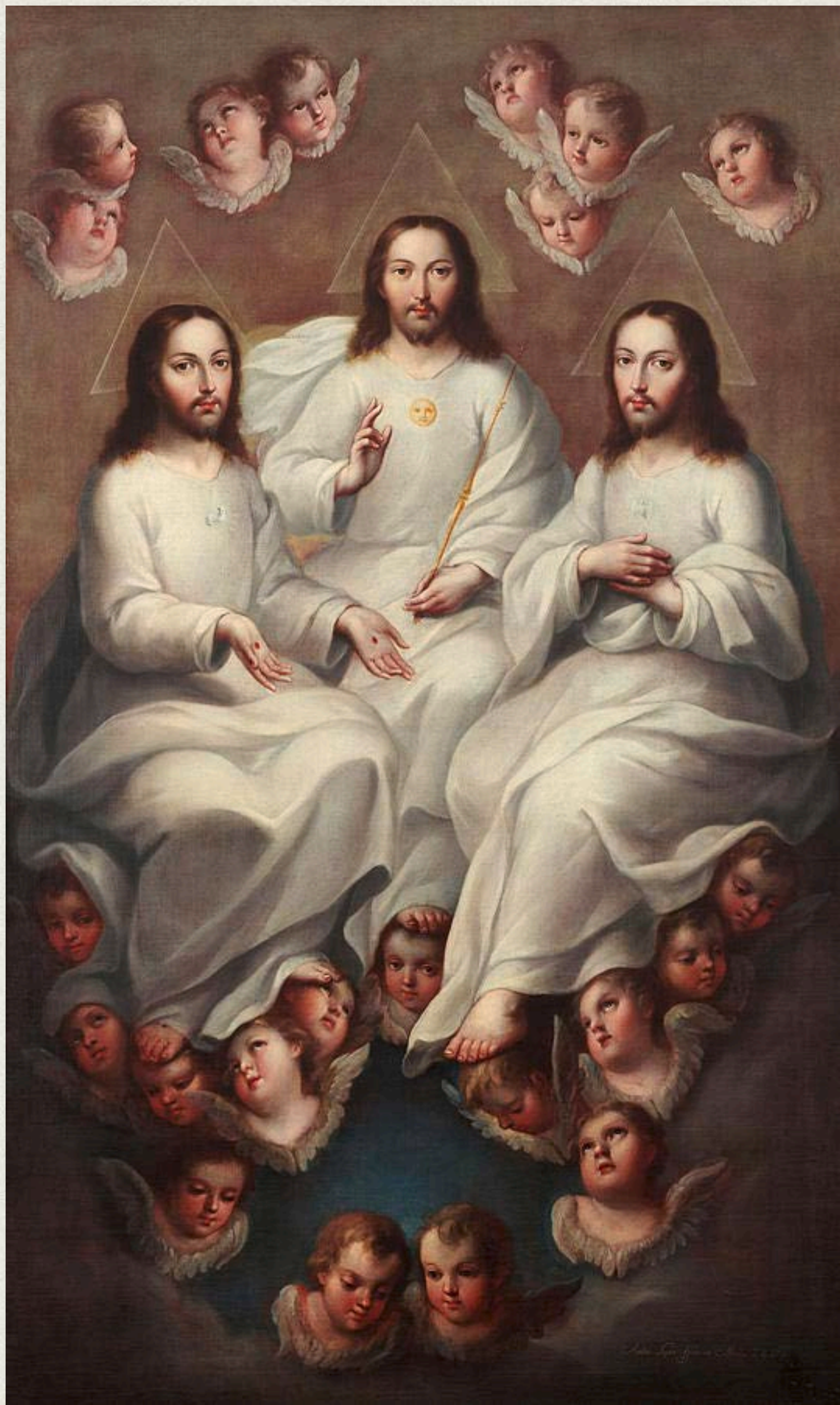
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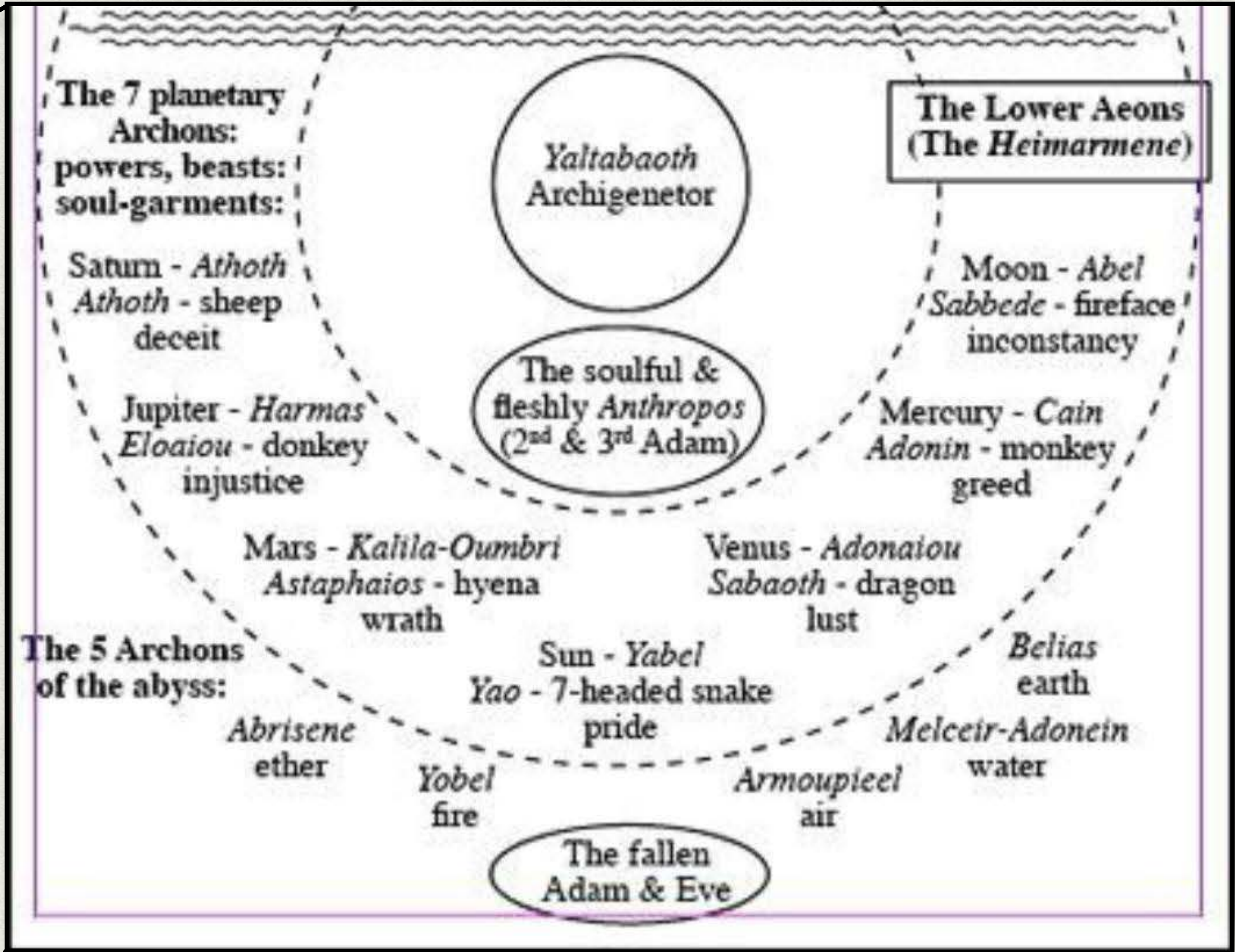
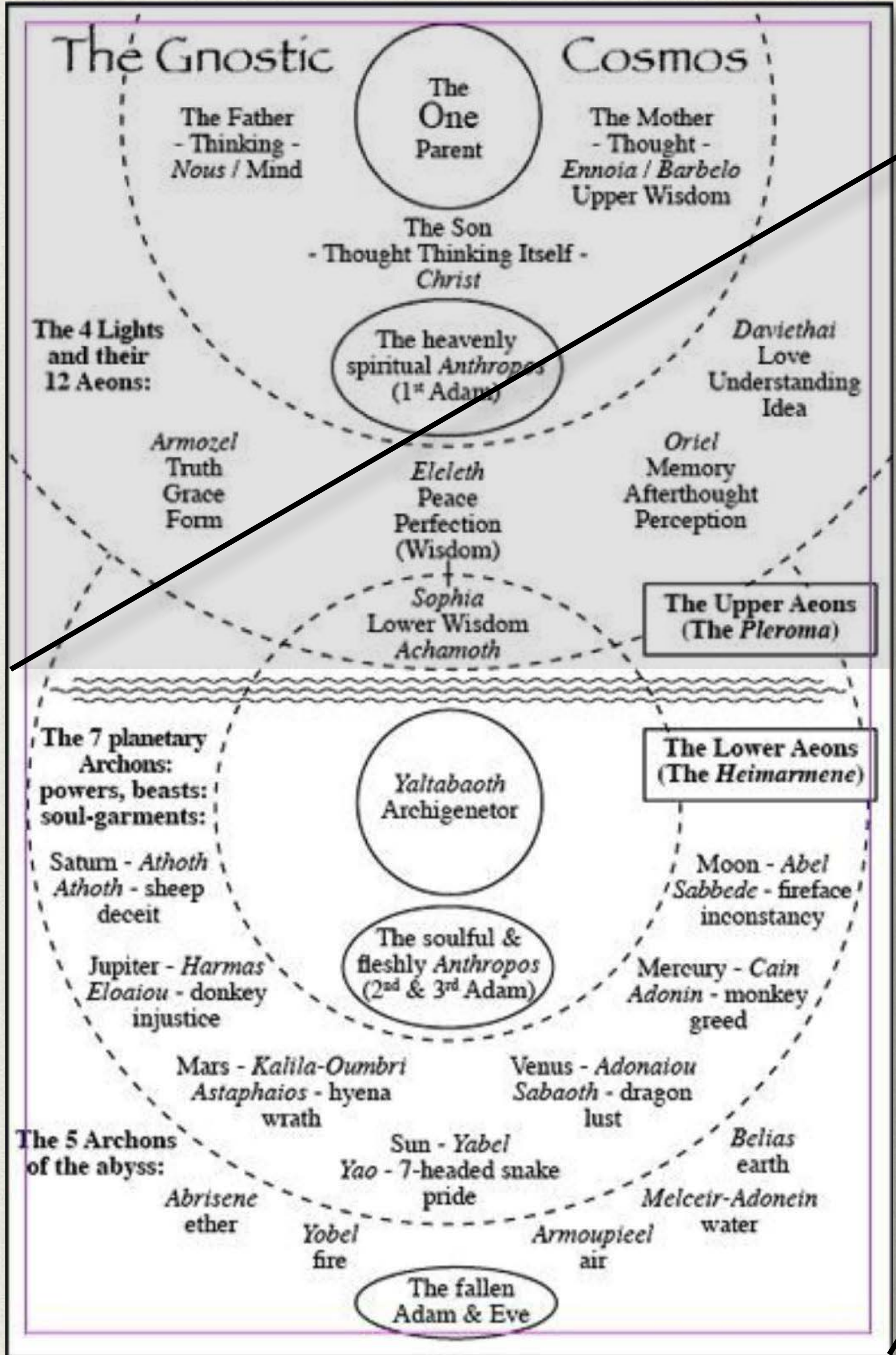
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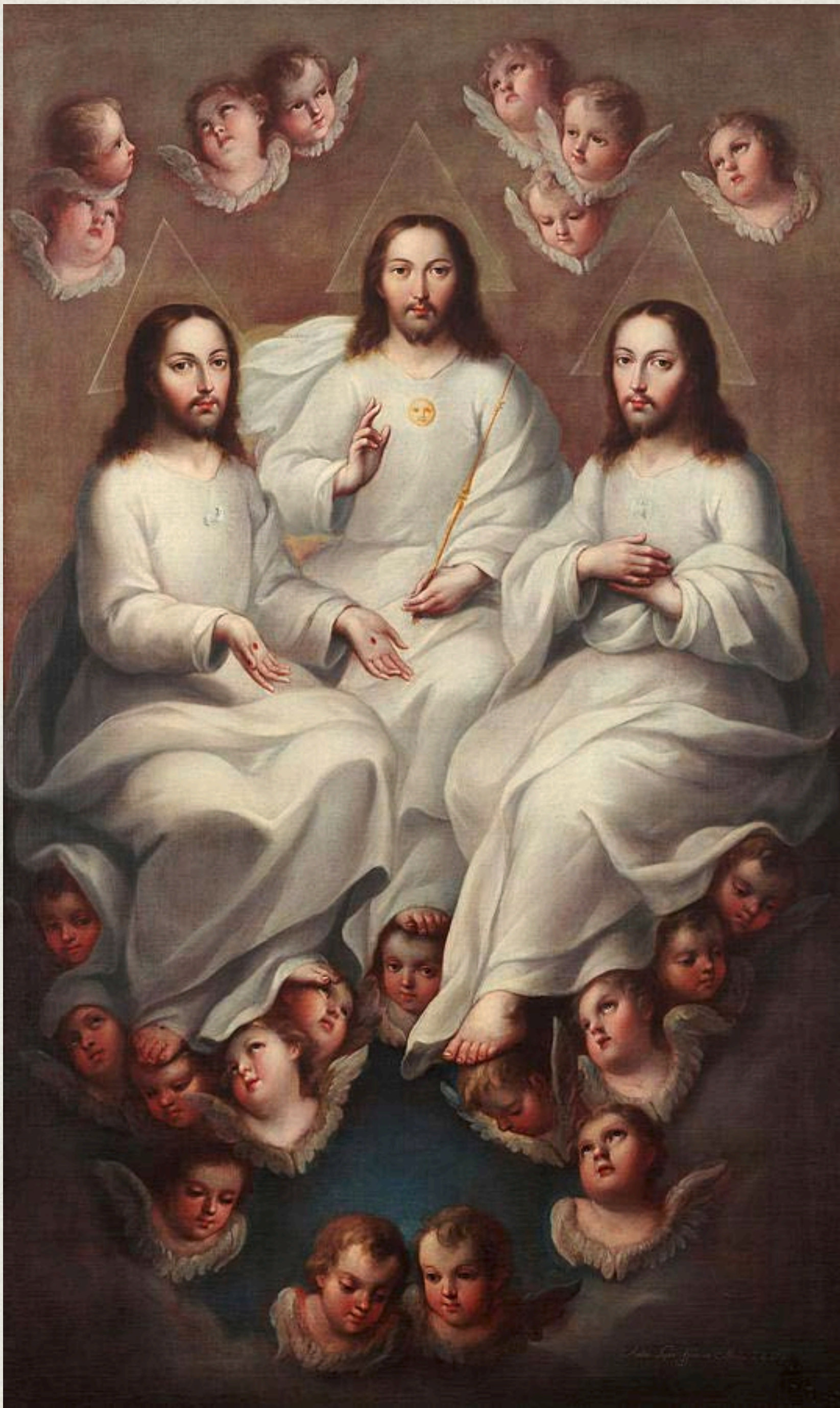
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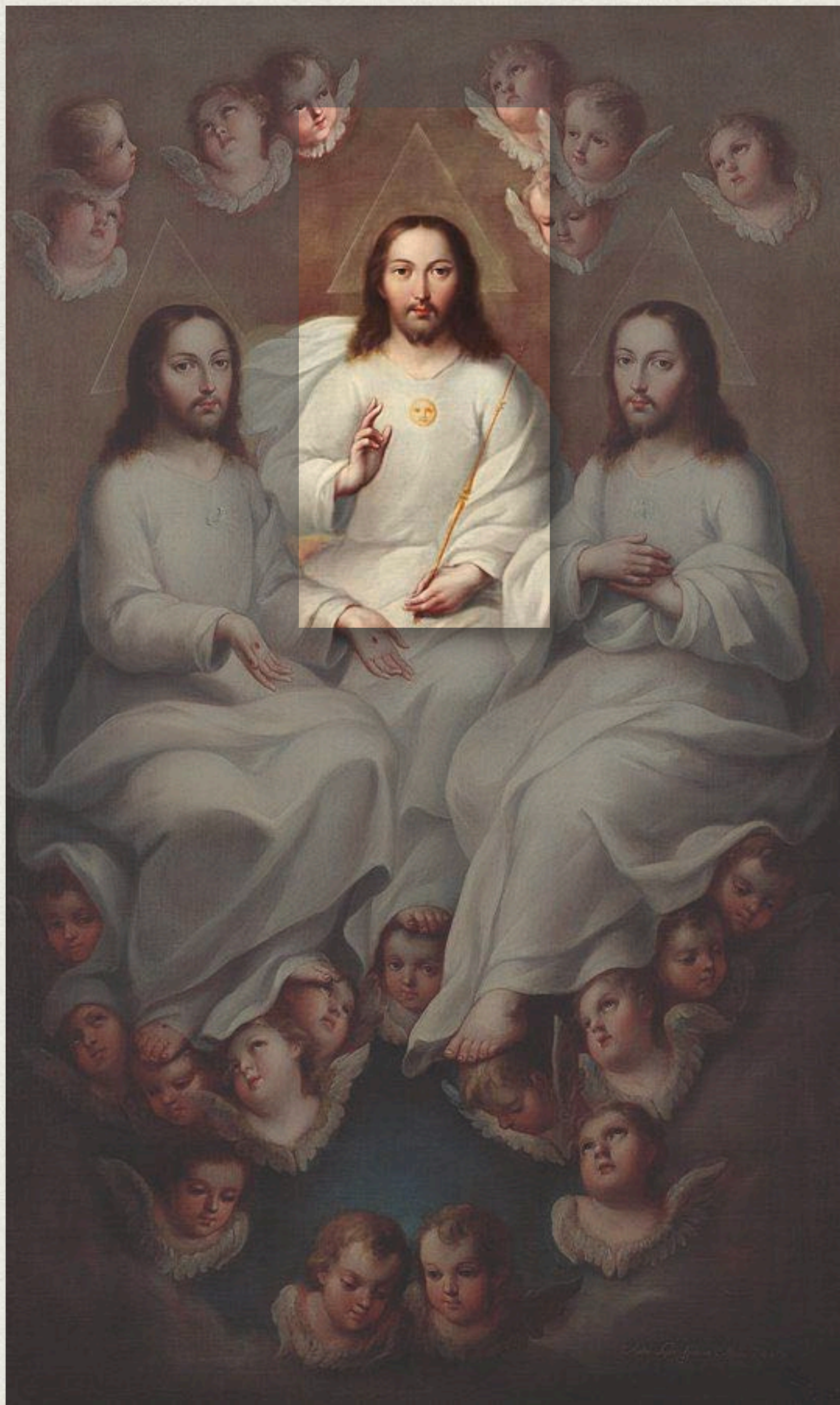
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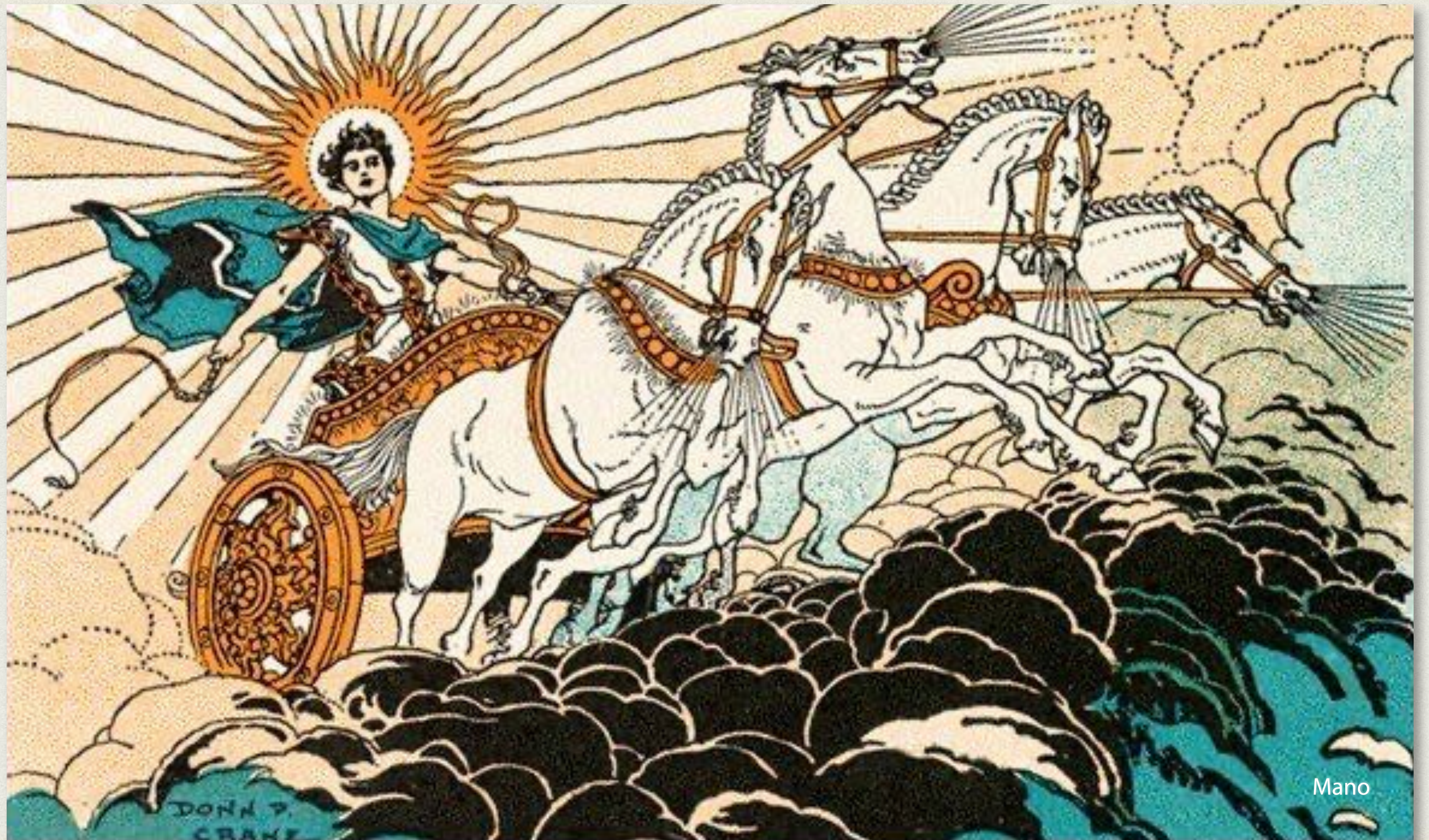
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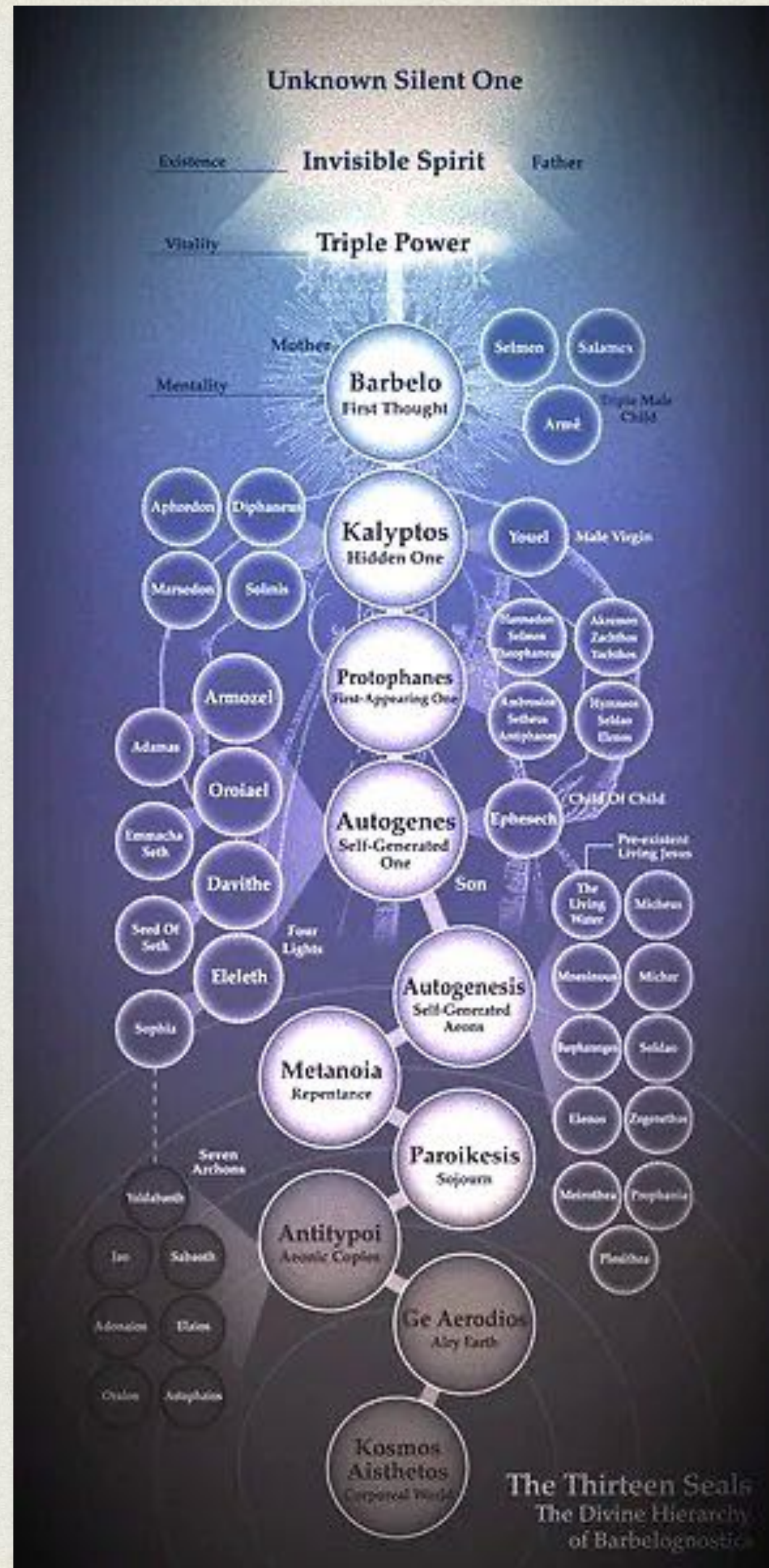
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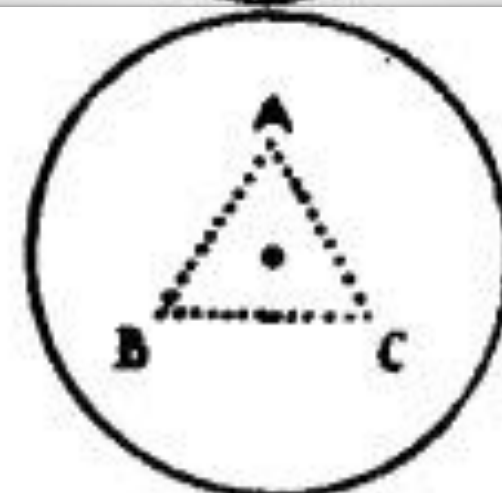
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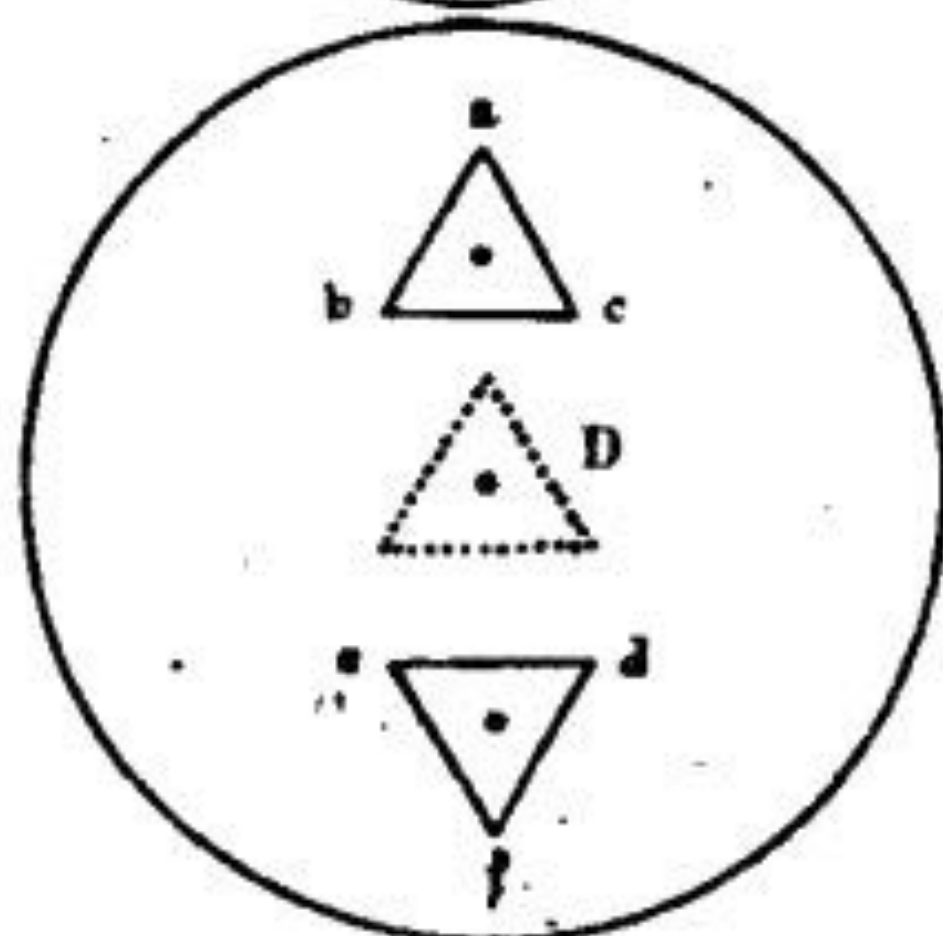
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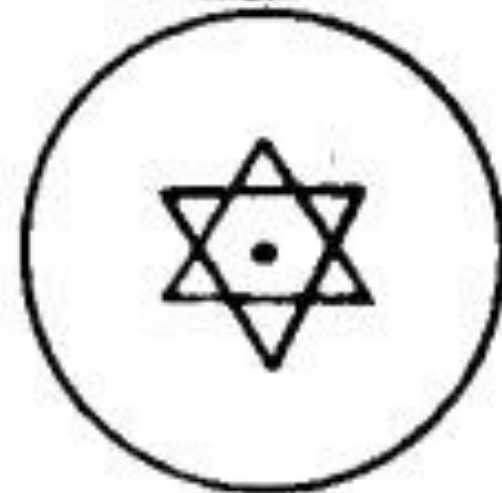
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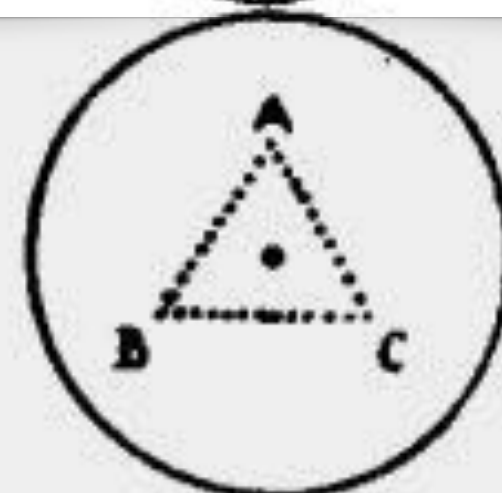
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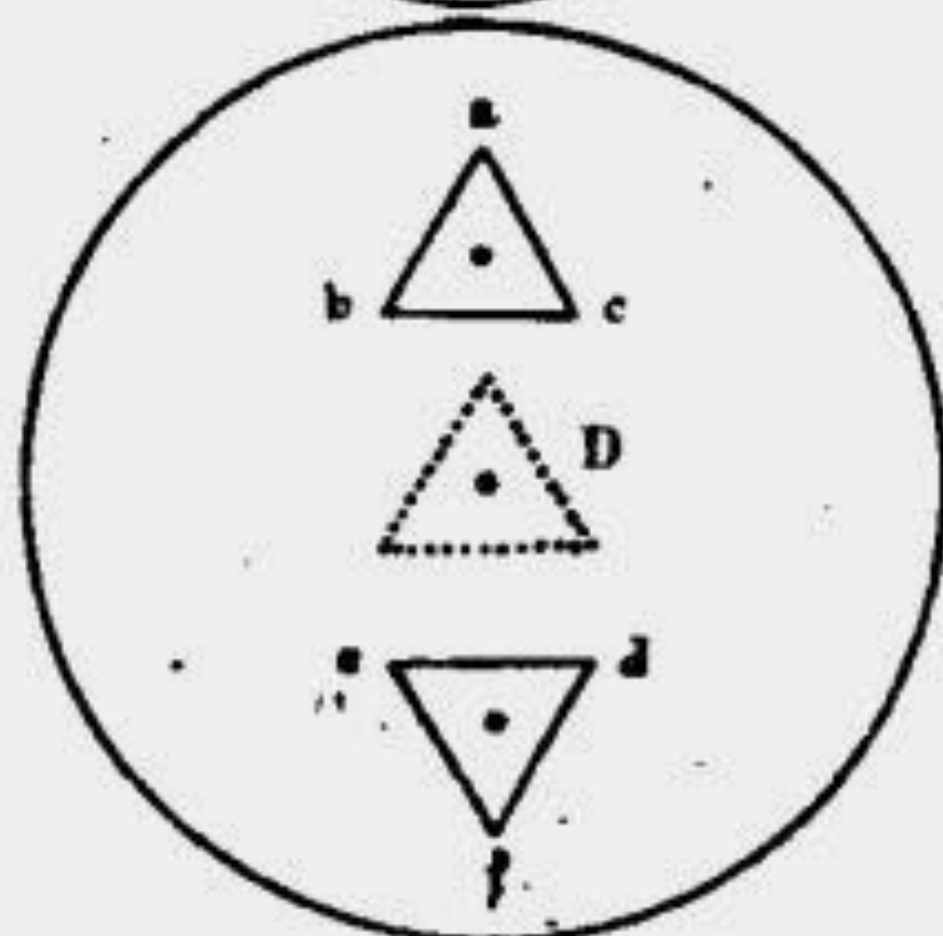
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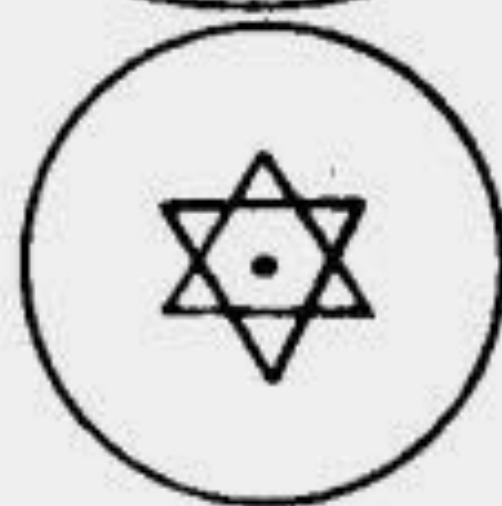
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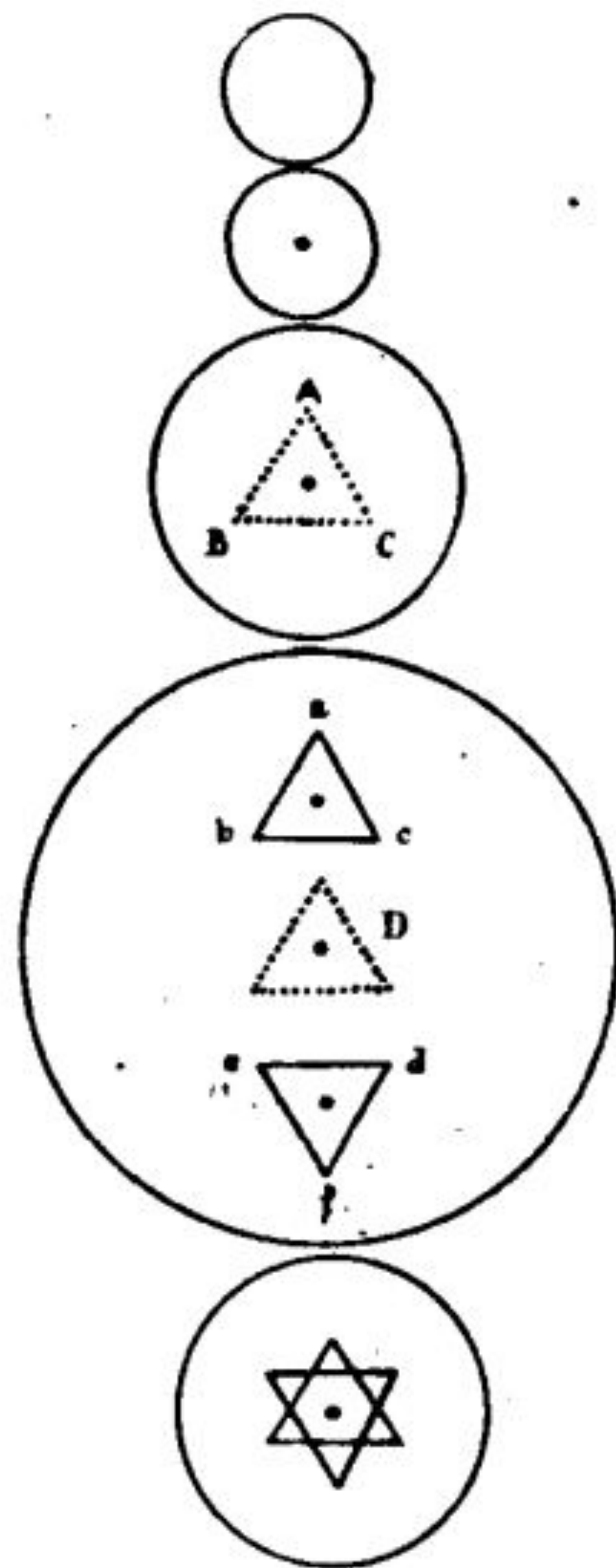
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