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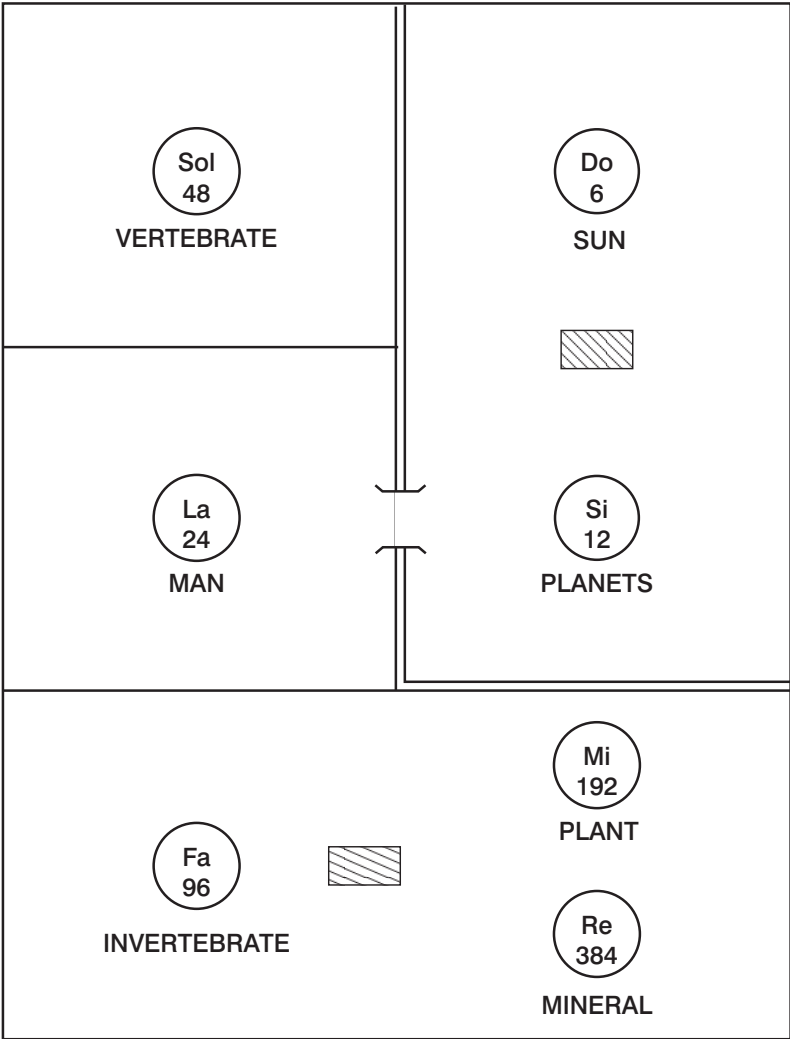
READING 8

ALL GROUPS

I have been asked to add some comments on the Diagram of All-Living. Really there are none, for intellectual discussion *from below* is useless. It is there for any one of us who takes the trouble to understand from above. If you are interested in that, let it be an incentive to steady endeavour to reach higher states of Consciousness.

But having related this diagram to the Symbol, we are then enabled to apply it to many things we have already learnt, since everything in the System is derived from this same Symbol. For example, most of us have become accustomed to relate our observations to the 'three-storeyed House' and now, perhaps, we can see what that really means in a big way.

For we can depict in it the Symbol as shown at the end of last week's reading (see Figure, below) with the appropriate 'Hydrogens' in the form of an octave, which some of us have already seen in connection with the creation of Organic Life on Earth. Starting from the Sun (Do) and passing the Do-Si 'Interval' we come to Si (Planets). These two notes are received by the Higher Intellectual and the Higher Emotional Centres respectively in the Fourth Room, to which our consciousness does not extend. We are told, however, that there is a small door into the Fourth



Room in the middle storey, and if in a state of Self-Consciousness the ordinary Emotional Centre is roused to its full speed of operation, it is possible to go through this door. Man, therefore, differs from Vertebrates (48) and Invertebrates (96) in being capable of achieving direct contact with higher influences.

We can conclude by reminding you that 'Man No. 7' – the highest degree of being to which a man can attain, would correspond to the note Do. He is said to have Will, to be 'immortal within the limits of the Solar System' and to have control of all the states of Consciousness and of the Higher Intellectual Centre. Man No. 6 is opposite the interval; he knows everything that a man can know, but he can still lose what he has acquired. Man No. 5 (at Si) has Unity and command of the Higher Emotional Centre, being incapable of negative emotions, imagination and identification. Man No. 4 has a permanent Centre of Gravity, and for him the consciousness of Higher Impressions which he may receive from time to time is the most important thing in life.

Such a man has a prayer that he can use with understanding and great profit – the Lord's Prayer. He can also say a shorter one; 'Help me to remember Thy infinite greatness and my own nothingness, so that all the questions of my life may be answered and my mind continuously instructed on the path to Heaven.'

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