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READING 1**ALL GROUPS****PART 1**

There is an aphorism belonging to this System of Knowledge:

It is possible to know ALL; and to know ALL one needs to know only very little; but in order to know that little it is necessary to know pretty much.

To know ALL it is only necessary to know the interaction of just two Universal Laws. One is the law governing each cycle of events, the *Law of Octaves*, to which you have already been introduced, and which we shall study again tonight. The second Law is that which governs the genesis of each single event; it is called the *Law of Three Forces* or simply the 'Law of Three'. Every mystical vision, every great religion or philosophy contains in it a suggestion of this Law – witness the Athanasian Creed:

The Father Eternal; the Son Eternal; and the Holy Ghost Eternal; and yet there are not three Eternals but one Eternal.

Some systems of philosophy contain the idea of the Law of Octaves (as in the Seven Principles of the Sankhya); but it is not possible to read anywhere or meet anyone who knows an exposition of the interrelation of the Law of Octaves with the Law of Three; for 'in order to know that little it is indeed necessary to know pretty much'. Yet with the help of this System we shall come to understand many hidden references in great works like the Gospels – (the Temptation in the Wilderness; the Parable of the Sower; the Kingdom of Heaven likened to leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened; the seven devils taken by the unclean spirit who finds his former house swept and garnished). Even our Lord's Prayer is an exact epitome of the connection between the two Laws.

It seems to be necessary to choose some clear examples and work them out from this point of view; so we shall start with the great Cosmic Octave of Creation – the point we reached before Christmas.

To construct this we take along a straight line, which shall become the radius describing a great circle, the points in the Universe between Absolute or ALL and Absolute or Nothing and we label them as an octave. (Figure1)

It is to be noted that there are two major intervals, one between Do and Si, which is filled by the Will of the Absolute; and the second between Fa and Mi, which is filled by the film of the Biosphere, Organic Life on Earth.

- DO ● Absolute (ALL)
- ▨ Will of the Absolute
- Si ● All Galaxies
- La ● Our Galaxy (the Milky Way)
- X
- Sol ● A Star (our Sun)
- Fa ● Our Planetary System
- ▨ Organic Life on Earth
- Mi ● Earth
- Re ● Moon
- Do ● Absolute (Nothing)

Figure 1

There is also a third point marked with a cross – the point just above our Sun, where a second act of Creation starts a second Octave, the Creation of Organic Life on Earth.

Now take a circle (of which this line becomes a radius) and divide the circumference in exactly the same way. (Figure 2) Picture this great circle turning round about its Pole – the Absolute, and with it the radius. The resulting figure will depict the spiral process of creation (Figure 3) and, incidentally, can teach about the interaction of the two Cosmic Laws, as we gradually come to understand it.

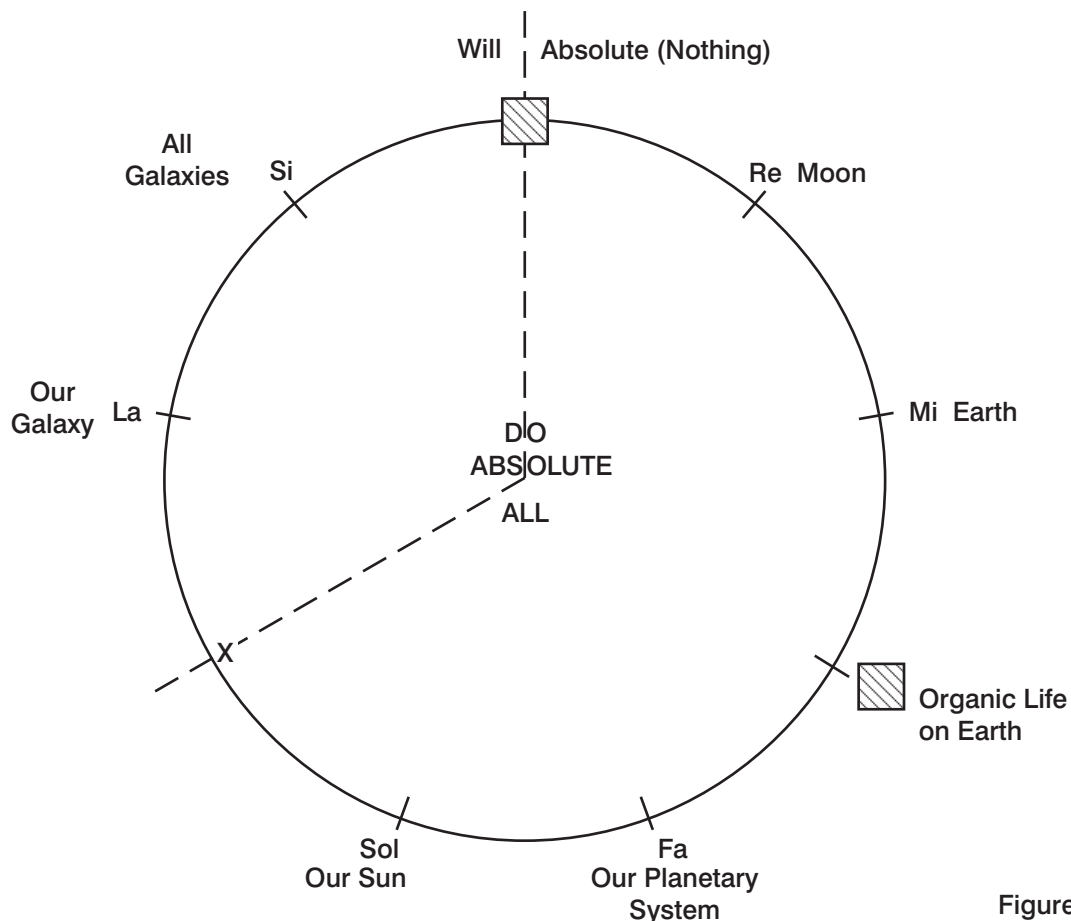


Figure 2

The Absolute is at the centre; it is unmanifested until the note Do is sounded and the Will of the Absolute starts the cycle of creation of worlds. Creation proceeds through a definite number of stages further and further from the centre. Beyond the Moon there is nothing. If the Moon had a satellite, a new Do would be sounded, a new branch would be born (as indeed appears to be the case with our planetary system[†]); but the Moon is as yet only in an embryonic stage.

[†]NOTE. If you calculate the distances and the periodic times of the Planets, and depict them clockwise as an ascending octave, you will find that our Earth occupies the first interval and Neptune the second, while Pluto is the new Mercury of another branch. The Earth at the interval, what does that mean? It might mean that the Earth is at present the only planet on which all the conditions necessary for organic life exist; as the branch gets older its place may be taken by Venus, while a new planet appears between the Sun and Mercury. (see Figure 5, p.4)

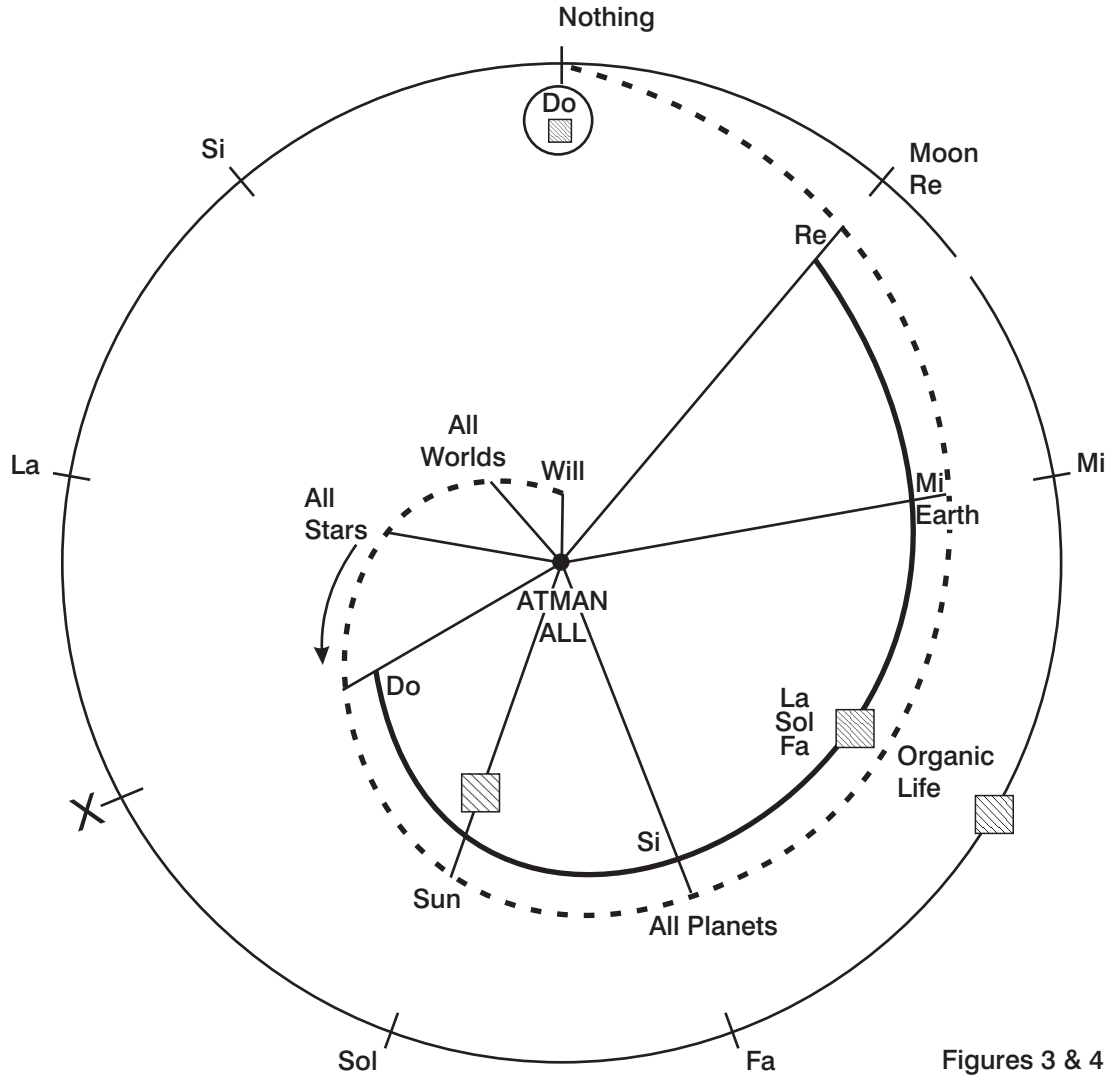


Figure 3. Ray of Creation (p.2)

Figure 4. Subordinate Octave – Creation of Organic Life (p.5)

There is therefore a creative process proceeding counter-clockwise and there is also a growing, transforming process going clockwise. Why is it all so difficult for us on this earth? Why do we see so little transformation, for are not men still like beasts without Understanding? This, the System says, is because ‘the Earth is in a very bad place in the Universe’ – very far out, very cold. There is only one worse place to be and that is the Moon. Let the Russians get there first – who would want to go there if they knew it was far worse even than Siberia?

(Pause for Discussion)

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PART 2

To return to the main Spiral of Creation, we see that other spirals can exist. There are other stars than our Sun; other galaxies than our Milky Way; stars in those galaxies are going through evolutionary processes; planetary systems perhaps are being formed and perhaps biospheres similar to our own may exist – though *certainly not* at present within our own Solar System. We

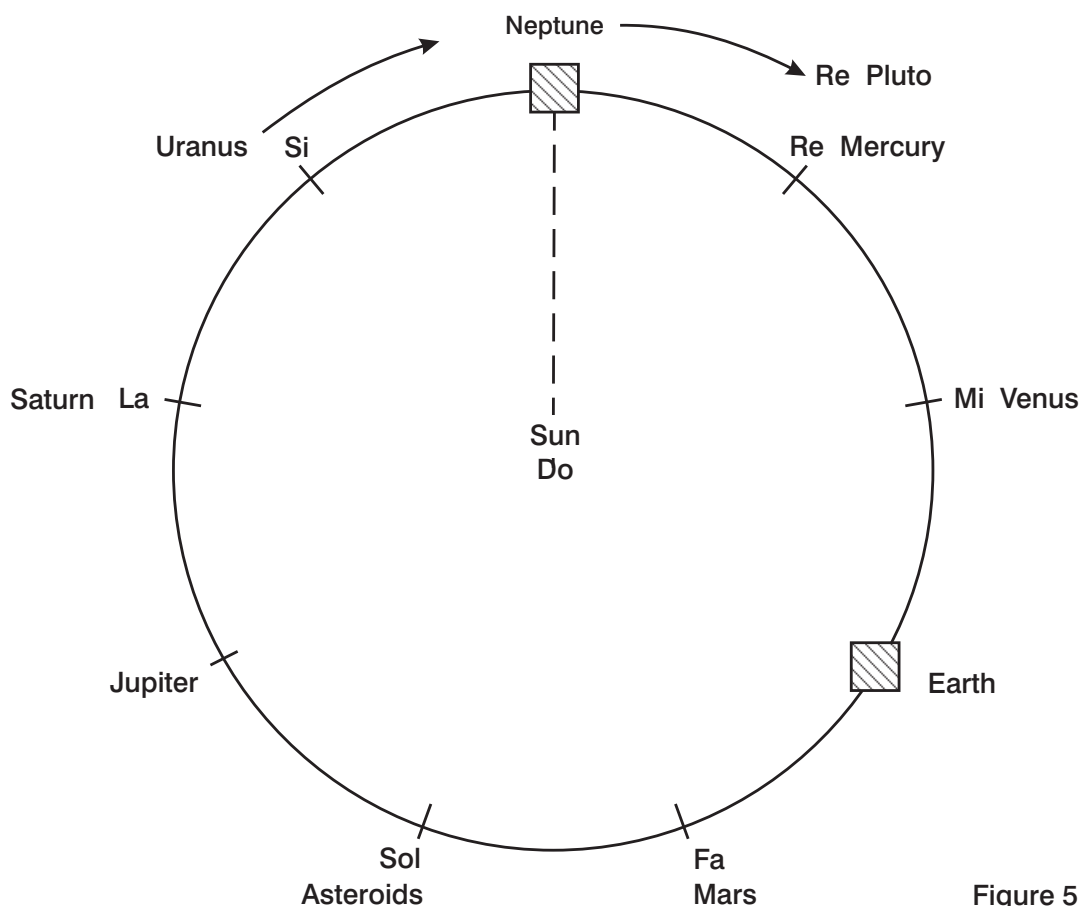


Figure 5

cannot know by any scientific calculation and by no stretch of Science Fiction could we visit those very distant neighbours. But the Universe is a big place with endless possibilities for experiment, and the total disappearance of mankind would not affect it in the least degree.

Indeed, as you can see, Man is not mentioned even on our Ray of Creation. To find the place of man there we must examine a part of the Ray on a bigger scale by studying the Secondary Octave of the Creation of Organic Life on Earth. (Figure 4)

We do not know what the new 'Do' means, though surely there cannot be anything more important for us to discover. We can guess that in the Great Laboratory of Nature the notes Do and Si are together responsible for all the different experiments, the main kind of life appearing on the surface of the Earth. Perhaps it is *there* that we have to look after all for the origin of species – whereas the varieties within a species probably follow the laws of Genetics and of Natural Selection.

Each person should live under the rule of that combination of Planets which rules the sky during the first few hours of his life. Then he would live according to his own fate and not be subject to all the chaotic influences of Organic Life and of Humanity on Earth; his psychology would not be subject to the gravity of the Earth and the slow, heavy oscillation of the Moon. His body has to be subject to these tides, but why his mind and his spirit? So you see development consists in coming under other influences, for there is indeed nothing else we can do. These influences are there in operation all the time, but the part of man which is sensitive to them, namely his Essence, is undeveloped. So that to develop the Essence, to become more ourselves, is equivalent to the idea of coming under Planetary influences which, in ordinary life of the Outer Circle, simply affect mankind in the mass.

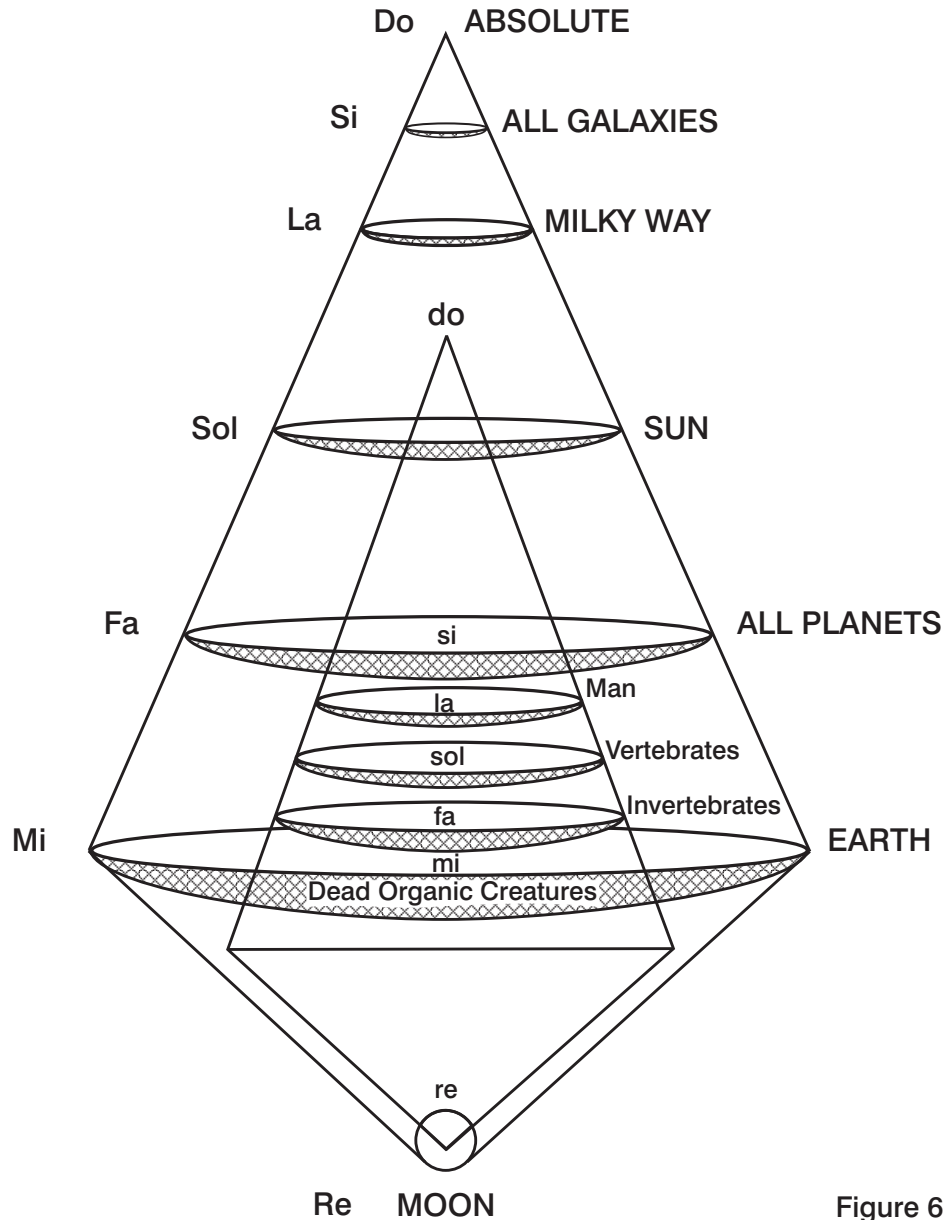


Figure 6

Of all the different kinds of life, the System takes three, Man, Vertebrates and Invertebrates and represents them by the three notes La, Sol, Fa, in Organic Life. Then comes an interval between Fa and Mi, and finally two notes Mi in the Earth and Re in the Moon. About the note *Mi* we know quite a lot, for we know that when living creatures die their bodies go into the Earth's crust to replenish it with certain essential ingredients. We do not know that something also goes to the Moon to assist in its growth.

We are now in a position to know more about the new Dimension of Consciousness remembering that we cannot judge or guess at any Consciousness other than our own. When we look at the circle and the spiral Ray of Creation we see it on the flat – like 'plane beings' we can detect no difference in level. But if we introduce a new dimension, pulling up as it were the centre in a direction at right angles to the plane, we see that increase of Consciousness would bring quite a new vision, for the whole Ray really becomes a ray like a beam or shaft of light.

Now ask your questions and see if we are not in a better position from which to answer.

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