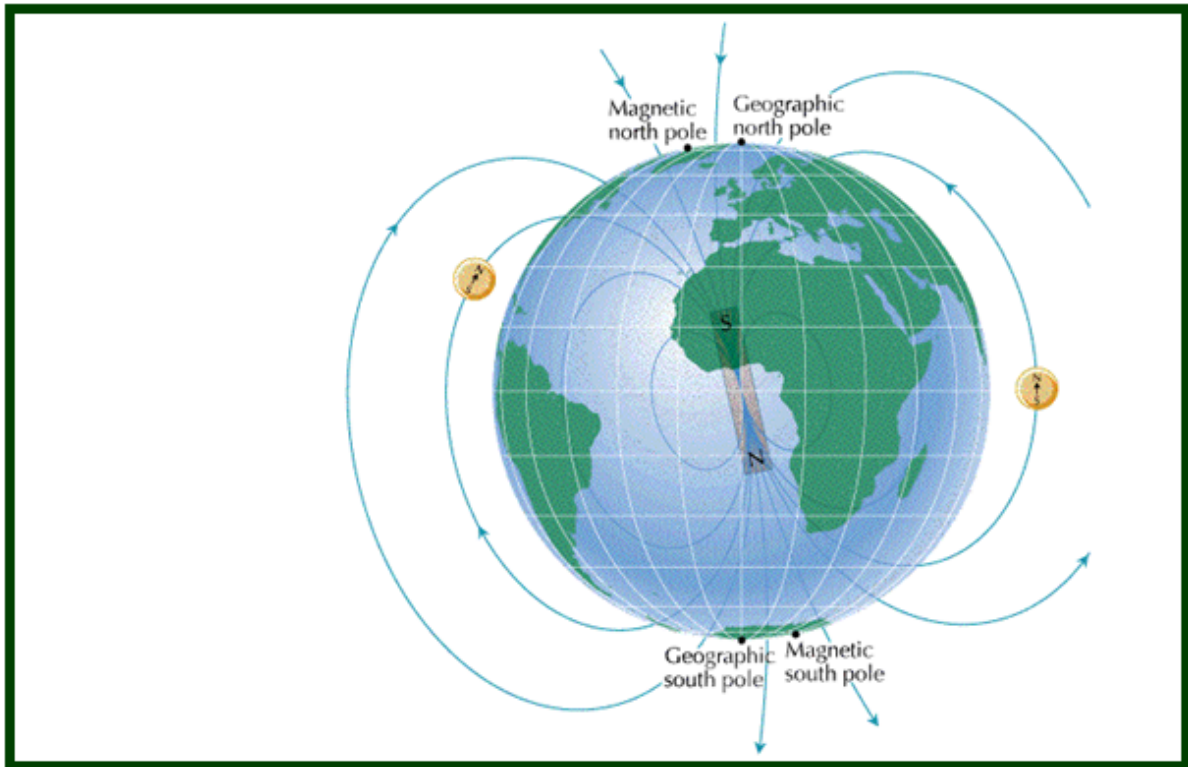


Change in the Poles of Our Planet

Classical Theosophical Teachings and Recent Facts

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Before Starting: The Sense of Inner Guidance

Visible compasses point to the physical North Pole and indicate at the same time the South Pole.

Besides the compasses that are made of physical matter, there are other ones, and they are spiritual. These can be found in the souls of human beings. They point to the higher North which corresponds to unchanging goodness and unconditional truth.

Indeed, classical esoteric philosophy asserts that things occur “on Earth as they occur in Heaven”.

Just as the planet Earth has a North-South magnetic axis, each human being possesses in his soul a subtle magnetic axis that combines the North and South poles of his own consciousness. This basic duality corresponds to several other pairs of opposites, such as Heaven and Earth, the higher and the lower, the highest chakra and the most basic chakra, and - in terms of the seven principles of consciousness - Atma and Sthula-sharira.

The center of the universe is everywhere.

Each individual of goodwill is responsible for the whole of Life. It is the duty of every citizen to ensure that the two poles of his existence are balanced, and that they transmit peace to every living thing.

People of good sense develop a close relationship with the North Pole of their soul - the celestial pole, their highest center of consciousness. This way one's existence as a whole makes progress along the path to wisdom.

Preserving and enhancing our sense of inner guidance is a goal of great importance. Childish souls lament themselves or laugh at short-term things, and do not know what they are doing or what direction they go.

Adult souls know where they want to go, use their own compass, devise a plan of action to approach the goal, and put it into practice.

Magnetic Poles Are Changing Location Now

The North Magnetic Pole is changing its geographical location at a growing speed.

The fact is unanimously accepted by conventional science and governments. [See a 15 January 2019 article](#) entitled [The magnetic north pole is moving, causing navigation issues](#).

Canada is saying [good bye to the North magnetic Pole](#), traditionally situated in its territory but now travelling to another place.

It is worthwhile seeing a text published in January 2019 by the scientific journal “**Nature**”, which provides further evidence regarding the present situation:

[“Earth’s magnetic field is acting up and geologists don’t know why”](#)

Taking these facts into consideration, we have made a partial collection of fragments from the classical theosophical literature on the poles of our planet. It examines the levels of life represented by the poles, and their periodical change in geographical location.

We invite our readers and friends to study the evidences connecting the geological and ecological life of our planet with the condition and the dynamics of human soul.

The existence of a direct relation between mind and matter is increasingly accepted nowadays. References to the correspondence and interaction between human altruism, moderate human action and geological stability, on one hand; and between human selfishness, unlimited greed, environmental pollution and geological instability, on the other hand, are numerous in the Jewish and Christian **Bibles**. They are equally easy to find in the Taoist classic “**Wen-tzu**” and other scriptures.

The research about the poles of the Earth and their cyclical role in human and geological evolution helps us better understand the responsibility we have as citizens, regarding the future.

Starting now, the reader has 36 fragments of information. All footnotes whose authorship is not indicated are mine.

One:

Human Magnetism and the North Pole

There are several significant examples of the fact that according to theosophical teachings the human body has a direct magnetic interaction with the Earth poles.

One of them is the public discussion about the best position to sleep. Should students of esoteric philosophy sleep with the head towards the South, or towards the North? While admitting that the issue is complex, Helena Blavatsky says that the initiated adepts use to place their heads always north.¹

The following fragment - from the Mahatma Letters - reveals that disciples meditate while having a conscious spiritual connection with the North Pole.² (CCA)

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“The methods used for developing lucidity in our chelas may be easily used by you. Every temple has a dark room, the north wall of which is entirely covered with a sheet of mixed metal, chiefly copper, very highly polished, with a surface capable of reflecting in it things, as well as a mirror. The chela sits on an insulated stool, a three-legged bench placed in a flat-bottomed vessel of thick glass (...). A magnet with the North Pole up is suspended over the crown of the chela’s head without touching it.” (Letter CXXVII, pp. 455-456 in “[The Mahatma Letters](#)”)

Two:

The Poles in Human Soul

“*Love* and *Hatred* are the only immortal feelings; but the gradations of tones along the seven by seven scales of the whole key-board of life, are numberless. And, since it is those two feelings - (or, to be correct, shall I risk being misunderstood again and say those two poles of man’s ‘Soul’ which is a unity?) - that mould the future state of man, whether for *devachan* or *Avitcha* then the variety of such states must also be inexhaustible.” (Letter XXIV-B, p. 188 in “[The Mahatma Letters](#)”)

Three:

The Pole Star

The polar star is a star situated near the direction of the axis of rotation of the Earth.

¹ See “Collected Writings”, HPB, TPH, USA, volume IV, p. 405: “Footnotes...”. Further discussions on the topic will be found at “[The Theosophist](#)”, [May 1883](#), pp. 182-185 (article entitled “Medical Magnetism and the Healer Magnetic”). Examine also the book “[Five Years of Theosophy](#)”, pp. 522-530 (article entitled “How Shall We Sleep?”).

² With regard to this point, see further evidence in the second paragraph of Fragment Three, on the purifying effects of looking at the Polar Star. The fact relates to meditation.

It is aligned with the North Pole and plays a central role in celestial navigation, id est, the navigation that is guided by the study of the sky.

The Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary, 1989 edition, says that "Polaris" is "the polestar or North Star, a star of the second magnitude situated close to the north pole of the heavens, in the constellation Ursa Minor."

Fragment Three presents Blavatsky's words about the pole star. The second part of the fragment is in a footnote.

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(From Vol. II, p. 612 of "[The Secret Doctrine](#)", by HPB)

"...For purposes of a manifesting Deity - Space, Matter, and Spirit - the one central point became the Triangle and Quaternary (the perfect Cube), hence *Seven*. Even the *Pravaha* wind (the mystic and occult Force that gives the impulse to, and regulates the course of the stars and planets) is septenary. The Kurma and Linga Puranas enumerate seven principal winds of that name, which winds are the principles of Cosmic Space. They are intimately connected with *Dhruva* (now Alpha), the Pole-Star, which is connected in its turn with the production of various phenomena through cosmic forces."

"Therefore it is said in the Puranas that the view of Dhruva (the polar star) at night, and of the celestial porpoise (Sisumara, a constellation) 'expiates whatever sin has been committed during the day'. The fact is that the rays of the four stars in the circle of perpetual apparition - the Agni, Mahendra, Kasyapa, and Dhruva, placed in the tail of *Ursa Minor* (Sisumara) - focussed in a certain way and on a certain object produce extraordinary results."

Four: **Patanjali, on Dhruva**

The polar star plays a significant role in Raja Yoga, as shown in most versions of the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali - see aphorism 29, Book III. ³

Commenting on this aphorism in his version of the Yoga Sutras, I. K. Taimni says that to meditate on the polar star means practicing concentration on the law of motion, "of which the pole-star is a symbol".⁴ In fact, mere symbolism is of secondary importance. Meditating on different heavenly bodies has been a popular practice in every nation since times immemorial. It has always had intense effects on human consciousness. Stars and planets are loved and revered by vast populations in all cultural traditions. Their influence on human soul is studied

³ Some variations exist between the different versions of the book. In the classical presentation of the Sutras prepared by Manilal Nabhubhai Dvivedi and published at our associated websites, it is Aphorism 28 or XXVIII that refers to the pole star. See p. 67 at "[The Yoga-Sutra of Patanjali](#)".

⁴ "The Science of Yoga", I.K. Taimni, TPH, Adyar, India, first edition, 1961, eighth reprint, 1993, 448 pp., p. 329.

in Astrology and Occultism, besides Raja Yoga. The polar star is no exception and plays a central role in esoteric philosophy, as shown in Dr. Ballantyne's translation.

The first paragraph below is the aphorism itself. The second one reproduces the commentary by Bhoja Raja. (CCA)

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“A knowledge of the motion of the stars (arises in an ascetic by his performing restraint) with regard to the polar star (Dhruva).”

“An ascetic when he performs his restraint with regard to the fixed polar star, the principal of all constellations, knows the fixed time and fixed amount of the motion of every star. (The true) meaning of the aphorism is this that the ascetic knows all this that such and such (a heavenly body) is a star and such and such a heavenly body is a planet. This star will reach such and such a sign of the Zodiac by such and such a fixed time. This (sort of) knowledge of time is the result of the restraint (performed with regard to the polar star).”⁵

Five: **Human Beings and Stars**

There are several reasons why humanity has always seen the stars in heaven as a source of spiritual inspiration. There is a direct correspondence between each individual and the whole cosmos.

According to Plato - in “Timaeus”, folio 41 - every human soul has a special relationship with some particular star in the sky.⁶

In the classical work “Light on the Path” one sees a couple of passages regarding the individual relation between an individual and “his” or “her” star. Rule 20 of the first group of rules recommends:

“And seek it [the way] by making the profound obeisance of the soul to the dim star that burns within. Steadily, as you watch and worship, it will grow stronger.”⁷

The commentary to Rule 20 says:

“When you have found the beginning of the way the star of your soul will show its light (...).” (Page 19 in the Theosophy Co. edition)

⁵ “The Yoga Philosophy”, Being the Text of Patanjali, with Bhoja Raja's Commentary, translation in English by Dr. Ballantyne and Govind Shastri Deva, edited by Tookaram Tatya, Bombay Theosophical Publication Fund, Bombay, 1885, Kessinger Publishing Co., USA, 226 pp., see p. 118.

⁶ Examine the article “[The Meaning of the Christmas Star](#)”.

⁷ “Light on the Path”, by M.C., page 6 in the Theosophy Co. edition.

In the classical work “The Voice of the Silence”, these words are poetically addressed to advanced students of esoteric philosophy:

“...The star which is thy goal burns overhead.”

H.P. Blavatsky expands the idea in a footnote:

“The star that burns overhead is ‘the star of the initiation’.”⁸

And the alchemical process of initiation is not limited to poetry, as the life and mission of Helena Blavatsky both help us understand.⁹

Six:

When Vega Was the Pole Star

H.P. Blavatsky closes her article “A Land of Mystery” (1880) by quoting these words from Dr. E. R. Heath:

“Thirteen thousand years ago *Vega* or *Lyrae* was the north polar star. Since then how many changes has she seen in our planet? How many nations and races spring into life, rise to their zenith splendour and then decay; and when we shall have been gone thirteen thousand years, and once more she resumes her post at the north, completing a ‘Platonic or Great Year’, think you that those who shall fill our places on the earth at that time will be more conversant with our history than we are of those that have passed? Verily might we exclaim in terms almost Psalmistic, ‘Great God, Creator and Director of the Universe, what is man that Thou art mindful of him!’ ”

To which Blavatsky adds:

“Amen! ought to be the response of such as yet believe in a God who is ‘the Creator and Director of the Universe’.”¹⁰

Seven:

The Lower and Higher Poles

(From Vol. II, p. 785, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

⁸ “The Voice of the Silence”, translated and annotated by Helena P. Blavatsky, Theosophy Co., Los Angeles, 110 pp., see p. 21. Another edition of the book is available in our websites. In this online edition, see [page 19 for the main text](#) and [page 79 for the note with the commentary on it](#).

⁹ Does the existence of an individual relation between a human soul and a star mean something to his or her astrological chart? Not in a direct way, since an astrological chart is valid for one incarnation only, while the “star of the initiation” relates to the higher self, not the mortal soul. Its influence affects and enlightens all of one’s incarnations. However, certain aspects of one’s astrological chart may express the influence of “one’s star” and pave the way to its benign effects.

¹⁰ “Collected Writings”, H.P. Blavatsky, TPH-USA, volume II, pp. 337-338.

... While the South Pole is the *pit* (or the infernal regions figuratively and cosmologically), the North Pole is geographically the first continent; while astronomically and metaphorically the celestial pole, with its pole star in *heaven*, is Meru, or the seat of Brahma, the throne of Jupiter, etc.

Eight:

The Right and the Left

(From Vol. II, p. 400, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”, by HPB)

The two poles are called the right and left ends of our globe - the right being the North Pole - or the head and feet of the earth. Every beneficent (astral and cosmic) action comes from the North; every lethal influence from the South Pole. They are much connected with and influence “*right*” and “*left*” *hand magic*.

Nine:

When Rotation Ceases

(From Vol. II, p. 400, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

The more one approaches the poles the less rotation is felt; at the *poles* proper, the diurnal revolution is quite neutralized. Thence the expression that the sphere is “motionless”.

Ten:

The Sacred Skull-Cap

(From Vol. II, p. 400, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

It is averred in Occultism that the land or island, which crowns the North Pole like a skull-cap, is the only one which prevails during the whole Manvantara of our “Round”. All the central continents and lands will emerge from the sea bottom many times in turn, but this land will never change.

Eleven:

The Fountain of Life

(From Vol. II, p. 400, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”, by HPB)

Occult teaching corroborates the popular tradition which asserts the existence of a fountain of life in the bowels of the earth and in the North Pole. It is the blood of the earth, the electromagnetic current, which circulates through all the arteries; and which is said to be found stored in the “navel” of the earth.

Twelve:

Our Mother the Earth

(From Vol. II, p. 401, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

The globe is likened [*in the secret doctrine*] to the body of a woman, “mother earth”. From her neck downward, means from the inland sea now beyond the impassable barrier of ice. The Earth, as Parasara says: “is the mother and nurse, augmented with all creatures and *their* qualities, *the comprehender* of all the worlds”.

Thirteen: **The Axis Protruding on Either Side**

(From Vol. II, p. 404, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

Wilford is inclined to see Meru in Mount Atlas, and locates there also the Loka-lokas.¹¹ Now Meru, we are told, which is the *Swar-loka*, the abode of Brahma, of Vishnu, and the Olympus of Indian exoteric religions, is described geographically as “passing through the middle of the earth-globe, and protruding on either side”¹² (*Surya Siddhanta*, v. 5, *Whitney’s trans.*). On its upper station are the gods, on the nether (or South pole) is the abode of demons (hells). How can then Meru be Mount Atlas? Besides which, Taradaitya, a demon, cannot be placed on the seventh zone if the latter is identified with the “white” Island, which is *Sveta-dwipa* (...).

¹¹ Regarding Mount Meru, the **Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary** says: Meru (Sanskrit) - The mythological sacred mountain, said in Hindu mythology to be the abode of the gods. Each nation also has its own sacred mountain - Mount Sinai for the Hebrews, Olympus for the Greeks, Tai-shan for the Chinese, etc. Theosophical and Puranic teachings place it as the north pole, pointing to it as the center of the site of the first continent of our earth after the solidification of the globe: “It is the north pole, the country of ‘Meru’, which is the seventh division, as it answers to the Seventh principle (or fourth metaphysically), of the occult calculation, for it represents the region of Atma, of pure soul, and Spirituality” (SD vol. 2 p. 403). It is described in the *Surya Siddhanta* as passing through the middle of the globe, and protruding on either side. On its north end are the gods, on the nether end are the demons or hells. Its roots are in the navel of the world, which connects it with the central imperishable land, the land in which each day and night lasts six months. The above also has its symbolism in the human body. (Click here to see the [Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary](#).)

¹² The Axis of the Earth is similarly defined as “a line around which the Earth rotates. It passes through north pole, centre of the earth and south pole.” As to the phrase “protruding of every side”, and as to the relation between North Pole and Pole Star, it is interesting to note - considering the analogy between microcosm and macrocosm - that in the Mahatma Letters one of the Masters clarifies: in reality the higher principles of human consciousness, Atma and Buddhi, are *outside and above* one’s physical body, *id est*, above the head. (“[The Mahatma Letters](#)”, Letter CXXVII, p. 455, upper half.) We could say that Atma and Buddhi are “above the head or *north pole* of human body”.

Fourteen: **Himalaya, the “Belt”**

(From Vol. II, p. 401, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

Occultism points to the Himalayan chain as that “belt”, and maintains that whether under the water or above, it encircles the globe. The *navel* is described as situated to the setting sun or to the *west* of the Himavat in which lie the roots of Meru, which mountain is north of the Himalaya. Meru is *not* “the fabulous mountain *in* the navel or centre of the earth”, but its roots and foundations are in that navel, though it is in the far north itself. This connects it with the “central” land “that never perishes”; the land in which “the day of the mortal lasts six months and his night another six months”. As the Vishnu Purana has it: “for the North of Meru there is, therefore, always night during day in *other regions*; for Meru is north of all the *dwipas* and *varshas*” (islands and countries). (*Book II, chap. viii.*) Meru is therefore neither on Atlas as Wilford suggests, nor, as Wilson tried to show, “absolutely in the centre of the globe”, only because “relatively with the inhabitants of the several portions, to all of whom the East is that quarter where the sun first appears”.

Fifteen: **The Poles and the Zodiac**

As the three inversions of the Poles of course changed the face of the Zodiac, a new one had to be constructed each time. (Vol. II, p. 436 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

Sixteen: **The Creative Power of the Poles**

(From Vol. II, p. 362, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

It is a curious idea - yet one not very far from the truth, perhaps - that speculation of Mackey, the self-made Adept of Norwich, found in his “Mythological Astronomy”. He says that the Kabiri named Axieros and Axiokersa derived their names (*a*) from *Kab* or *Cab*, a measure, and from Urim, the heavens: the Kabirim being thus “a measure of the heavens”; and (*b*) that their distinctive names, implying the *principle of generation*, referred to the sexes. For, “the word *sex* was formerly understood by *aix*; which has now settled into *sex*”. And he refers to “Encyclopaedia Londinus” at the word “*aspiration*”. Now if we give the aspirated sound to Axieros, it would be *Saxieros*; and the other pole would be *Saxiokersa*. The two poles would thus become the generators of the other powers of nature - they would be the *parents*: therefore the most powerful gods.

Seventeen: **Meru, the North Pole**

(From Vol. II, p. 403, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

If the old Hindus divided the face of the globe geographically into seven zones, climates, dwipas, and into seven hells and seven heavens, allegorically, that measure of seven did not apply in both cases to the same localities. It is the north pole, the country of “Meru”, which is the seventh division, as it answers to the Seventh principle (or fourth metaphysically), of the occult calculation, for it represents the region of Atma, of pure soul, and Spirituality. Hence Pushkara is shown as the *seventh zone*, or dwipa, which encompasses the *Kshira* Ocean, or Ocean of milk (the ever-frozen white region) in the Vishnu (and other) Puranas (*Book II ch. iv.*). And Pushkara, with its two *Varshas*, lies directly at the foot of Meru. For it is said that “the two countries north and south of Meru are *shaped like a bow*”..... and that “one half of the surface of the earth is on the south of Meru and the other half on the north of Meru - *beyond which is half of Pushkara*” (*Vishnu Purana, Asiatic Researches, etc.*).

Eighteen: **Eliphas Levi, Explained by Blavatsky**



The above image, according to Eliphas Levi, constitutes “the great Kabalistic Symbol of the Zohar”.¹³ The figure represents the two poles of the Earth and their creative power, or the Kundalini of the Earth, along its axis. Helena Blavatsky explains the illustration in “The Secret Doctrine”. (CCA)

¹³ The image is reproduced from “The History of Magic”, by Eliphas Levi. English edition, William Rider & Son, Ltd., London, 1922, 536 pp., see pp. 50-51. Original edition in French, 1860.

(From Vol. II, pp. 359-360 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

“...Let [*the Western Kabalist*] open Eliphas Levi’s ‘*Histoire de la Magie*’ p. 53, and carefully examine his ‘*Grand Symbole Kabalistique*’ of the Zohar. He will find, on the engraving given, a *white* man standing erect and a *black* woman upside down, *i.e.*, standing on her head, her legs passing under the extended arms of the male figure, and protruding behind his shoulders, while their hands join at an angle on each side. Eliphas Levi makes of it, God and Nature; or God, ‘light’, mirrored inversely in ‘Nature and Matter’, darkness. Kabalistically and symbolically he is right; but only so far as emblematical cosmogony goes. Nor has he invented the symbol any more than the Kabalists have: the two figures in white and black stone have existed in the temples of Egypt from time immemorial - agreeably to tradition; and historically - ever since the day of King Cambyses, who personally saw them. Therefore the symbol must have been in existence since nearly 2,500 years ago. This, at the very least, for that Persian sovereign, who was a son of Cyrus the Great, succeeded his father in the year 529 B.C. These figures were the two *Kabiri personifying the opposite poles*. Herodotus (*Thalia*, No. 77) tells posterity that when Cambyses entered the temple of the Kabirim, he went into an inextinguishable fit of laughter, on perceiving what he thought a man erect and a woman standing on the top of her head before him. These were the poles, however, whose symbol was intended to commemorate ‘the passing of the original North Pole of the Earth to the South Pole of the Heaven’, as perceived by Mackey. But they represented also the poles *inverted*, in consequence of the great inclination of the axis, bringing each time as a result the displacement of the Oceans, the submersion of the polar lands, and the consequent *upheaval* of new continents in the equatorial regions, and *vice versa*. These Kabirim were the ‘Deluge’ gods.”

Nineteen:

The Geometry of the Universe

(From Vol. I, pp. 318-319 in “[Isis Unveiled](#)”, by Helena P. Blavatsky)

“Pythagoras taught that the entire universe is one vast system of mathematically correct combinations. Plato shows the deity *geometrizing*. The world is sustained by the same law of equilibrium and harmony upon which it was built. The centripetal force could not manifest itself without the centrifugal in the harmonious revolutions of the spheres; all forms are the product of this dual force in nature. Thus, to illustrate our case, we may designate the spirit as the centrifugal, and the soul as the centripetal, spiritual energies. When in perfect harmony, both forces produce one result; break or damage the centripetal motion of the earthly soul tending toward the centre which attracts it; arrest its progress by clogging it with a heavier weight of matter than it can bear, and the harmony of the whole, which was its life, is destroyed.”

Twenty:

Heavenly Measure

(From Vol. II, p. 363, upper half, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

“In astronomy, the poles are indeed the ‘heavenly measure’; and so are the Kabiri *Dioscuri* (...) and the Kabiri-Titans (...). The Titans-Kabirim were also the generators and regulators of the seasons and cosmically the great Volcanic Energies, the gods presiding over all the metals and terrestrial works (...).”

Twenty-One: **The Earth Is a Great Magnet**

(From Vol. I, p. 282 in “[Isis Unveiled](#)”, by Helena P. Blavatsky)

“The reciprocal magnetic relations of the planetary orbs, which are all magnets, was with [the ancients] an accepted fact, and aerolites were not only called by them magnetic stones, but used in the Mysteries for purposes to which we now apply the magnet. When, therefore, Professor A. M. Mayer, of the Stevens Institute of Technology, in 1872, told the Yale Scientific Club that the earth is a great magnet, and that ‘on any sudden agitation of the sun’s surface the magnetism of the earth receives a profound disturbance in its equilibrium, causing fitful tremors in the magnets of our observatories, and producing those grand outbursts of the polar lights, whose lambent flames dance in rhythm to the quivering needle’ ¹⁴ he only restated, in good English, what was taught in good Doric untold centuries before the first Christian philosopher saw the light.”

Twenty-Two: **Mackey, Egypt and the Poles**

(From Vol. II, p. 360, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

“[Mackey] adds that the Egyptians had various ways of representing the angles of the Poles. Also in Perry’s *View of the Levant* there is ‘a figure representing the South Pole of the Earth in the constellation of the Harp’, in which the poles appear like two *straight rods*, surmounted with hawks’ wings, but they were also often represented as serpents with heads of hawks, one at each end.”

Twenty-Three: **The Science of Equilibrium**

The balance between the two poles of the Earth is a decisive factor to all life in the planet. Eliphas Levi sees the principle of equity or equivalence as part of the law of life:

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(From the book “**The History of Magic**”, by Eliphas Levi, London, 1922, pp. 49-50.)

¹⁴ **Note by HPB:** Alfred Marshall Mayer, Ph.D.: “The Earth a Great Magnet”, a lecture delivered before the Yale Scientific Club, Feb. 14, 1872.

It is (...) astonishing to observe at the beginning of the *Zohar* the profundity of its notions and the sublime simplicity of its images. It is said as follows: “The science of equilibrium is the key of occult science. Unbalanced forces perish in the void. So passed the kings of the elder world, the princes of the giants. They have fallen like trees without roots, and their place is found no more.”

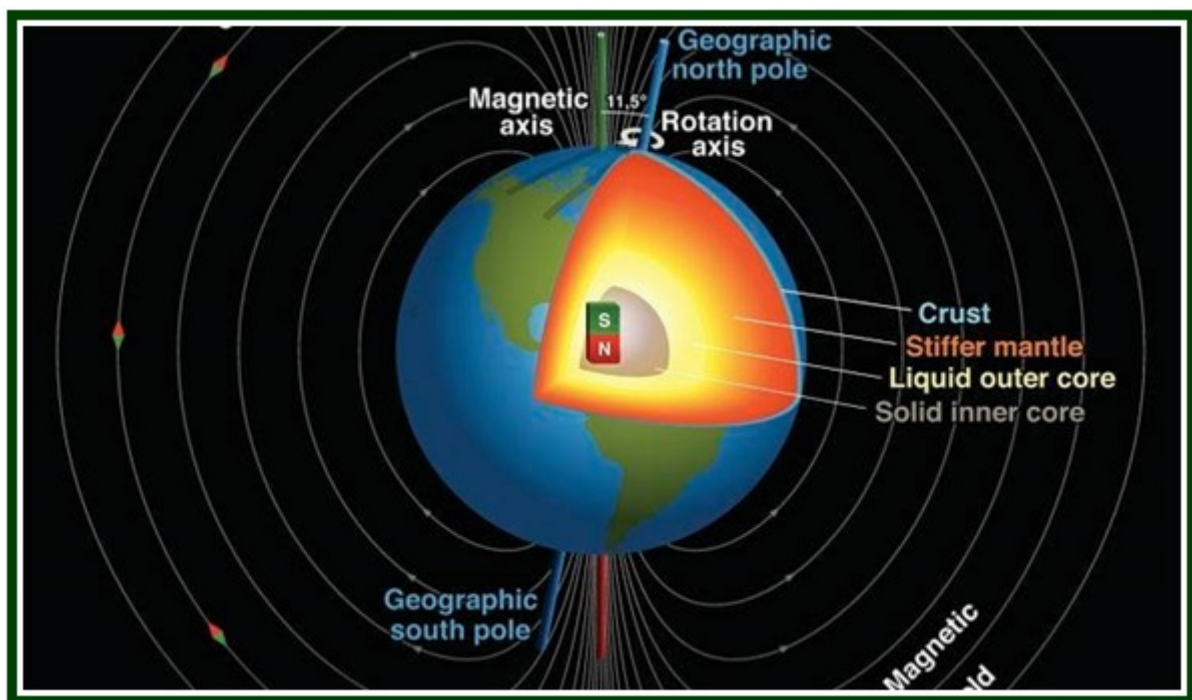
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Twenty-Four: **The Need for Rest and Renovation**

(From Vol. II, pp. 725-726 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

That worlds (also Races) are periodically destroyed by fire (volcanoes and earthquakes) and water, in turn, and renewed, is a doctrine as old as man. Manu, Hermes, the Chaldees, all antiquity believed in this. Twice already has the face of the globe been changed by fire, and twice by water, since man appeared on it. As land needs rest and renovation, new forces, and a change for its soil, so does water. Thence arises a periodical redistribution of land and water, change of climates, etc., all brought on by geological revolution, and ending in a final change in the axis. Astronomers may pooh-pooh the idea of a periodical change in the behaviour of the globe's axis, and smile at the conversation given in the Book of Enoch between Noah and his “grandfather” Enoch; the allegory is, nevertheless, a geological and an astronomical fact: there is a secular change in the inclination of the earth's axis, and its appointed time is recorded in one of the great Secret Cycles. As in many other questions, Science is gradually moving toward our way of thinking.

Twenty-Five: **HPB on Planetary Changes and the Poles**



(From Vol. II, p. 776 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

The whole globe is convulsed periodically; and has been so convulsed, since the appearance of the First Race, four times. Yet, though the whole face of the earth was transformed thereby each time, the conformation of the arctic and antarctic poles has but little altered. The polar lands unite and break off from each other into islands and peninsulas, yet remain ever the same. Therefore northern Asia is called the “eternal or perpetual land”, and the Antarctic the “ever living” and “the concealed”; while the Mediterranean, Atlantic, Pacific and other regions disappear and reappear in turn, into and above the great waters.

Twenty-Six:

When the Poles Moved for the Fourth Time

(From Vol. II, p. 350 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

(a) ... The seven great islands (Dwipas) belonged to the continent of Atlantis. The secret teachings show that the “Deluge” overtook the Fourth, giant Race, not on account of their depravity, or because they had become “black with sin”, but simply because such is the fate of every continent, which - like everything else under our Sun - is born, lives, becomes decrepit, and dies. This was when the Fifth Race was in its infancy.

(b) Thus the giants perished - the magicians and the sorcerers, adds the fancy of popular tradition, but “all holy saved”, and alone the “unholy were destroyed”. This was due, however, as much to the *prevision* of the “holy” ones, who had not lost the use of their “third eye”, as to Karma and natural law. Speaking of the subsequent race (our Fifth Humanity), the commentary says: -

“Alone the handful of those Elect, whose divine instructors had gone to inhabit that Sacred Island - ‘from whence the last Saviour will come’ - now kept mankind from becoming one-half the exterminator of the other [as mankind does now - H.P.B.]. It (mankind) became divided. Two-thirds of it were ruled by Dynasties of lower, material Spirits of the earth, who took possession of the easily accessible bodies; one-third remained faithful, and joined with the nascent Fifth Race - the divine Incarnates. When the Poles moved (for the fourth time) this did not affect those who were protected, and who had separated from the Fourth Race. Like the Lemurians - alone the ungodly Atlanteans perished, and ‘were seen no more’”

Twenty-seven:

HPB on Renewal by Fire and Water



A volcanic eruption

“The continents perish in turn by *fire* and *water*: either through earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, or by sinking and the great displacement of waters. Our continents have to perish owing to the former cataclysmal process. The incessant earthquakes of this and the past years may be a warning.” (Vol. II, p. 776, footnote, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

However, it is stated in several works of classical theosophy that transition is gradual. Regarding the role of Fire in the 21st century, it is useful to observe the spread of forest fires in the Amazon region and other part of the world. ¹⁵

Twenty-Eight: **The Book of Enoch on Atlantis**

(From Vol. II, pp. 534-535 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

“A decree had come indeed; the decree of nature and the Law of Evolution, that the earth should change its race, and that the Fourth Race should be destroyed to make room for a better one. The Manvantara had reached its turning point of *three and a half* Rounds, and gigantic physical Humanity had reached the acme of gross materiality. Hence the apocalyptic verse that speaks of a commandment gone forth that they may be destroyed, ‘that *their end may be*’ (of the race); for they *knew* truly ‘every secret of the angels, every oppressive and secret power of the *Satans*, and every power of those who commit sorcery, as well as of those who make molten images in the whole earth’.”

“And now a natural question. Who could have informed the apocryphal author of this powerful vision (to whatever age he may be assigned before the day of Galileo) that *the Earth could occasionally incline her axis*? Whence has he derived such astronomical and geological knowledge if the Secret Wisdom, of which the ancient Rishis and Pythagoras had drunk, is but a fancy, an invention of the later ages? Has Enoch read prophetically perchance in Frederick Klee’s work on the Deluge (p. 79) these lines: ‘The position of the terrestrial globe with reference to the Sun has evidently been, in primitive times, different from what it is now; and this difference must have been caused by a displacement of the axis of rotation of the Earth.’?”

“This reminds one of that other *unscientific* statement made by the Egyptian priests to Herodotus, namely, that the Sun has not always risen where it arises *now*, and that in former times the ecliptic had cut the equator at right angles.” ¹⁶

“There are many such ‘dark sayings’ throughout Puranas, Bible and Mythology; and to the occultist they divulge two facts: (a) that the ancients knew as well, and better, perhaps, than the moderns do, astronomy, geognosy and cosmography in general; and (b) that the globe and its behaviour have altered more than once since the primitive state of things. Thus, on the *blind* faith of his ‘ignorant’ religion, which taught that Phaeton, in his desire to learn the

¹⁵ See three video reports as an illustration: [1\) BBC: With the 2019 Amazon Fires, Paris Climate in Greater Danger](#) --- [2\) CNN Flies Over the Amazon in Fires in August 2019](#) --- and [3\) CNN takes you into heart of the August 2019 Amazon fires](#).

¹⁶ Note by HPB: “*Astronomie Ancienne*”, Bailly, Vol. I, p. 203, and Vol. II., p. 216.

hidden truth, made the Sun deviate from its usual course - Xenophantes asserts somewhere that, ‘the Sun turned toward another country’; which is a parallel, however slightly more scientific, if as bold, of Joshua stopping the course of the Sun altogether. Yet it may explain the teaching of the Northern mythology (in Jeruskoven) that, before the *actual order* of things, the Sun arose in the South, and its placing the Frigid Zone in the East, whereas now it is in the North.”

“The Book of Enoch, in short, is a *résumé*, a compound of the main features of the History of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Races; a very few prophecies from the present age of the world; a long retrospective, introspective and prophetic summary of universal and quite *historical* events - geological, ethnological, astronomical, and psychic - with a touch of theogony out of the antediluvian records.”

Twenty-Nine: **Moral Failure and the End of Civilizations**

On the geological effects of human failure in morality and in self-control, see the article “[Human Ethics and Earthquakes](#)”, by Damodar K. Mavalankar. ¹⁷

The next fragment examines the direct correspondence between different levels of consciousness and action.

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(From Vol. II, p. 786, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”, by Helena Blavatsky)

“The connection”, comments Lyell, “between the doctrine of successive catastrophes and repeated deteriorations in the moral character of the human race, is more intimate and natural than might at first be imagined. For, in a rude state of society, all great calamities are regarded by the people as judgments of God on the wickedness of man..... In like manner in the account given to Solon by the Egyptian priests of the submersion of the island of Atlantis under the waters of the ocean, after repeated shocks of an earthquake, we find that *the event happened when Jupiter had seen the moral depravity of the inhabitants.*”

True; but was it not owing to the fact that all esoteric truths were given out to the public by the Initiates of the temples *under the guise of allegories*? “Jupiter”, is merely the personification of that immutable Cyclic Law, which arrests the downward tendency of each Root-Race, after attaining the zenith of its glory.

Thirty: **The Poles Have Been Inverted Thrice** **Since Zodiacal Calculations Began in Ancient Egypt**

(From Vol. II, p. 353 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

¹⁷ The lack of moderation and self-control creates over-consumption, environment destruction, deforestation, pollution, war and other forms of destructive karma.

The [Egyptian] Pyramids are closely connected with the ideas of both the Great Dragon (the constellation), the “Dragons of Wisdom”, or the great Initiates of the Third and Fourth Races, and the Floods of the Nile, regarded as a divine reminder of the great Atlantic Flood. The astronomical records of Universal History, however, are said to have had their beginnings with the Third Sub-race of the Fourth Root-race or the Atlanteans. When was it? Occult data show that even since the time of the regular establishment of the Zodiacal calculations in Egypt, *the poles have been thrice inverted.*

Thirty-One: **Seneca and the North Pole**

(From vol. II, p. 757, in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

See what Seneca says in *Epistle 9*, and *Quaest. Nat. III., c., ult.*: “The world being melted and having re-entered the bosom of Jupiter, this god continues for some time to remain absorbed in himself and *concealed*, wholly immersed in contemplation. After which a new world springs from him. An innocent race of men and animals are produced anew etc.” Then again when speaking of periodical mundane dissolution involving universal death, he (Seneca) says that “when the laws of nature shall be buried in ruin, and the last day of the world shall come, *the southern pole shall crush*, as it falls, all the regions of Africa, and the North pole shall overwhelm all the countries beneath its axis. *The affrighted sun shall be deprived of its light*; the palace of heaven falling to decay *shall produce at once both life and death*, and some kind of dissolution shall equally seize upon all deities, who thus shall return into their original chaos”. (*Quoted in “Book of God”, p. 160.*)

One might imagine oneself reading the Puranic account by Parasara of the great Pralaya. It is nearly the same thing, idea for idea. Has Christianity nothing of the kind? It has, we say. Let the reader open any English Bible and read chapter iii. of the *Second Epistle of Peter*, from verse iii. till the xivth, and he will find there the same ideas “There shall come in the last days scoffers saying, ‘where is the promise of his coming? Since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’ For, they are ignorant that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and *the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water*, perished. But the heavens and the earth *that are now*, are reserved unto the fire wherein the heavens shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat we nevertheless look for *new heavens and new earth, etc., etc.*” If the interpreters chose to see in this a reference to creation, the deluge, and the promised coming of Christ, when they will live in a new Jerusalem in heaven, this is no fault of “Peter”. What the writer of the Epistles meant was the destruction of this Fifth Race of ours by subterranean fires and inundations, and the appearance of new continents for the Sixth Root-Race. For the writers of these Epistles were all learned in symbology if not in the sciences.

Thirty-Two: **On Every Half of the Great Year**

The following fragment consists of one long paragraph from the book “Isis Unveiled”, by HPB. We divide it into smaller paragraphs so as to make the reading easier. One must remember that Astronomy defines a “Great Year”(also called “Platonic Year”) as “the period

of one complete cycle of the equinoxes around the ecliptic, about 25,800 years.” The numbers use to vary.

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(From Vol. I, pp. 30-31 in “[Isis Unveiled](#)”, by Helena P. Blavatsky)

At the close of each “great year”, called by Aristotle - according to Censorinus - the *greatest*, and which consists of six *sars* ¹⁸ our planet is subjected to a thorough physical revolution.

The polar and equatorial climates gradually exchange places; the former moving slowly toward the Line, and the tropical zone, with its exuberant vegetation and swarming animal life, replacing the forbidding wastes of the icy poles. This change of climate is necessarily attended by cataclysms, earthquakes, and other cosmical throes. ¹⁹

As the beds of the ocean are displaced, at the end of every decimillennium and about one neros, a semi-universal deluge like the legendary Noachian flood is brought about. This year was called the *Heliacal* by the Greeks; but no one outside the sanctuary knew anything certain either as to its duration or particulars. The winter of this year was called the Cataclysm or the Deluge, - the Summer, the Ecpyrosis. The popular traditions taught that at these alternate seasons the world was in turn burned and deluged. This is what we learn at least from the *Astronomical Fragments* of Censorinus and Seneca. So uncertain were the commentators about the length of this year, that none except Herodotus and Linus, who assigned to it, the former 10,800, and the latter 13,984, came near the truth. ²⁰ According to the claims of the Babylonian priests, corroborated by Eupolemus ²¹, “the city of Babylon, owes its foundation to those who were saved from the catastrophe of the deluge; *they were the giants* and they

¹⁸ **Note by HPB:** Webster declares very erroneously that the Chaldeans called *saros*, the cycle of eclipses, a period of about 6,586 years, “the time of revolution of the moon’s node”. Berosus, himself a Chaldean astrologer, at the Temple of Belus, at Babylon, gives the duration of the sar, or sarus, 3,600 years; a neros 600; and a sossus 60. (See, Berosus from Abydenus, “Of the Chaldaean Kings and the Deluge”. See also Eusebius, and Cory’s *MS. Ex. Cod. reg. gall. gr. No. 2360*, fol. 154.)

¹⁹ **Note by HPB:** Before scientists reject such a theory - traditional as it is - it would be in order for them to demonstrate why, at the end of the tertiary period, the Northern Hemisphere had undergone such a reduction of temperature as to utterly change the torrid zone to a Siberian climate? Let us bear in mind that the *heliocentric system came to us from upper India*; and that the germs of all great astronomical truths were brought thence by Pythagoras. So long as we lack a mathematically correct demonstration, one hypothesis is as good as another.

²⁰ **Note by HPB:** Censorinus: “De Natal Die”. Seneca: “Nat. Quæst.”, iii., 29.

²¹ **Note by HPB:** Euseb.: “Præp. Evan”. Of the Tower of Babel and Abraham.

built the tower which is noticed in history”.²² These giants who were great astrologers and had received moreover from their fathers, “the sons of God”, every instruction pertaining to secret matters, instructed the priests in their turn, and left in the temples all the records of the periodical cataclysm that they had witnessed themselves. This is how the high priests came by the knowledge of the *great* years. When we remember, moreover, that Plato in the *Timæus* cites the old Egyptian priest rebuking Solon for his ignorance of the fact that there were several such deluges as the great one of Ogyges, we can easily ascertain that this belief in the *Heliakos* was a doctrine held by the initiated priests the world over.

Thirty-Three: **HPB, Dr. Falb and the Great Year**

(From the article “Ancient Doctrines Vindicated by Modern Prophecy”, by Helena P. Blavatsky, first published in [May 1881 by “The Theosophist”, pp. 183-184.](#)²³

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According to Dr. [Rudolph] Falb’s theory our *Universum* is neither limitless nor eternal, but is limited to a certain time and circumscribed within a certain space. He views the mechanical construction of our planetary system and its phenomena in quite a different light than the rest of the men of science. “He is very original, and very interesting (eccentric) in some respects, though we cannot trust him in everything” - seems the unanimous opinion of the press. Evidently, the doctor is too much of a man of science to be treated as a “visionary” or a “hallucinated enthusiast”; and so he is cautiously *chaffed*. Another less learned mortal would surely be, were he to expound the undeniably occult and cabalistic notions upon the Cosmos that he does. Therefore, while passing over his theories in silence as if to avoid being compromised in the propagation of his “heretical” views, the papers generally add: - “We send the reader who may be curious to fathom the doctrines of Dr. Rudolph Falb to the latest work of this remarkable man and prophet.” Some add to the information given the fact that Dr. Falb’s theory carries back the “Universal” deluge to 4000 years B.C., and presages another one for about the year 6,500 of the Christian era.

It appears that the theories and teaching of Dr. Falb are no new thing in this department of science, as two hundred years ago, the theory was propounded by a Peruvian named Jorie Baliri, and about a century ago by an Italian called Toaldo. We have, therefore, a certain right to infer that Dr. Falb’s views are cabalistic, or rather those of the mediaeval Christian mystics and fire-philosophers, both Baliri and Toaldo having been practitioners of the “secret sciences”. At the same time - though we have not yet been so fortunate as to have read his work - that calculation of his, in reference to the Noachian deluge and the period of 6,500 A.D. allotted for its recurrence, shows to us as plain as figures can speak that the learned

²² **Note by HPB:** This is in flat contradiction of the Bible narrative, which tells us that the deluge was sent for the special destruction of these *giants*. The Babylon priests had *no* object to invent lies.

²³ See also “Collected Writings”, HPB, TPH-USA, volume III, pp. 149-150.

doctor accepts for our globe the “Heliacal” Great Year, or cycle of six *saros*, at the close and turning point of which our planet is always subjected to a thorough physical revolution.

This teaching has been propounded from time immemorial and comes to us from Chaldea through Berosus, an astrologer at the temple of Belus at Babylon. Chaldea, as is well known, was the one universal centre of magic, from which radiated the rays of occult learning into every other country where the mysteries were enacted and taught. According to this teaching - believed in by Aristotle if we may *credit* Censorinus - the “great year” consists of 21,000 odd years (the latter varying) or six Chaldean *saros* consisting of 3,500 years each. These two decimillenniums are naturally halved, the first period of 10,500 years bringing us to the top of the cycle and a minor cataclysm; the latter decimillennium to a terrible and universal geological convulsion. During these 21,000 years the polar and equatorial climates gradually exchange places, “the former moving slowly towards the Line, and the tropical zone replacing the forbidden wastes of the icy poles. This change of climate is necessarily attended by cataclysms, earthquakes, and other cosmical throes. As the beds of the ocean are displaced, at the end of every decimillennium and about one *neros* [600 years], a semi-universal deluge like the legendary Noachian flood is brought about” (see “*Isis Unveiled*”, Vol. I, pp. 30-31).

It now remains to be seen how far Dr. Falb’s theory and the old antediluvian teaching mentioned by the author of *Isis Unveiled* agree. At all events, as the latter work antedated by three years, his *Von den Umwälzungen im Weltall* which was published in 1881 (but two months ago), the theory was not borrowed from the Leipzig astronomer’s work. We may add that the constant verification of such geological and meteorological predictions besides its scientific value is of the utmost philosophical importance to the student of theosophy. For it shows: (a) that there are few secrets in nature absolutely inaccessible to man’s endeavours to snatch them from her bosom; and (b) that Nature’s workshop is one vast clockwork guided by immutable laws in which there is no room for the caprices of *special providence*.

Thirty-Four: **The Ancient Dendera Zodiac, in Egypt**

...As already explained, the whole of antiquity believed, with good reason, that humanity and its races are all intimately connected with the planets, and these with Zodiacal signs. The whole world’s History is recorded in the latter. In the ancient temples of Egypt this was proved by the Dendera Zodiac; but except in an Arabic work, the property of a *Sufi*, the writer has never met with a correct copy of these marvellous records of the past, as also of the *future*, history of our globe. Yet the original records exist, most undeniably.



Partial view of the Dendera Zodiac, of ancient Egypt, now in the Louvre Museum, France.

(From Vol. II, pp. 431-433 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”)

As Europeans are unacquainted with the real Zodiacs of India, nor do they understand those they happen to know (witness Bentley), the reader is advised, in order to verify the statement, to turn to the work of Denon (*Travels in Egypt*, Vol. II.) in which, if *understood*, the two famous Egyptian Zodiacs, can be found and examined. Having seen them personally, the writer has no longer need to trust to what other students - who have examined and studied both very carefully - have to say of them. As asserted by the Egyptian Priests to Herodotus, who was informed that the terrestrial Pole and the Pole of the Ecliptic had formerly coincided, thus was it found and corroborated by Mackey.²⁴ For he states that the Poles are represented on the Zodiacs in both positions, “And in that which shows the Poles (polar axes) at right angles, there are marks which prove that ‘it was not the last time they were in that position; *but the first*’ - after the Zodiacs had been traced”. “Capricorn”, he adds, “is represented at the North Pole, and Cancer is divided, near its middle, at the South Pole; which is a confirmation that originally they had their winter when the Sun was in Cancer; but the chief characteristics of its being a monument commemorating the first time that the Pole had been in that position, are the Lion and the Virgin.” (See “The Secret Doctrine”, volume I, pp. 647-668, “The Zodiac and Its Antiquity”.)

Broadly calculated, it is believed by the Egyptologists that the great Pyramid was built 3,350 B.C. (See Proctor, *Knowledge*, Vol. I. pp. 242, 400); and that Menes and his Dynasty existed 750 years before the Fourth Dynasty (supposed to have built the Pyramids) had appeared

²⁴ **Note by HPB:** “The Mythological Astronomy of the Ancients Demonstrated” by a strangely intuitional symbolologist and astronomer, a kind of a self-made adept of Norwich, who lived in the first quarter of this century.

(“*The Great Pyramid*”, Staniland Wake). Thus 4,100 years B.C. is the age assigned to Menes. Now Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson’s declaration that “*all the facts lead to the conclusion that the Egyptians had already made very great progress in the arts of civilization before the age of Menes, and perhaps before they immigrated into the valley of the Nile*” (Rawlinson’s “*Herodotus*”, vol. ii. p. 345) is very suggestive, as destroying this hypothesis. It points to great civilization in *prehistoric* times, and a still greater antiquity. The *Schesoo-Hor* (“the servants of Horus”) were the people who had settled in Egypt; and, as M. G. Maspero affirms, it is to this *prehistoric* race that “belongs the honour of having founded the principal cities of Egypt, and established the most important sanctuaries.” This was *before* the great Pyramid epoch, and when Egypt had hardly arisen from the waters. Yet “they possessed the hieroglyphic form of writing special to the Egyptians, and must have been already considerably advanced in civilization.” It was, says Lenormant, “the country of the great prehistoric sanctuaries, seats of the sacerdotal dominion, which played the most important part in the origin of civilization”. What is the date assigned to this people? We hear of 4,000, at the utmost of 5,000 years B.C. (Maspero). Now it is claimed that it is by means of the cycle of 25,868 years (the Sidereal year) that the approximate year of the erection of the Great Pyramid can be ascertained. “Assuming that the long narrow downward passage was directed towards the pole star of the pyramid builders, astronomers have shown that . . . Alpha Draconis, the then pole-star, was in the required position about 3,350 B.C., as well as in 2,170 B.C.” (Proctor, quoted by Staniland Wake.) But we are also told that “this relative position of Alpha Draconis and Alcyone being an extraordinary one it could not occur again for a whole sidereal year” (*ibid*). This demonstrates that, since the Dendera Zodiac shows the passage of three sidereal years, the great Pyramid must have been built 78,000 years ago, or in any case that this possibility deserves to be accepted at least as readily as the later date of 3,350 B.C.

Now on the Zodiac of a certain temple in far Northern India, as on the Dendera Zodiac, the same characteristics of the signs are found. Those who know well the Hindu symbols and constellations, will be able to find out by the description of the Egyptian, whether the indications of the chronological time are correct or not. On the Dendera Zodiac as preserved by the modern Egyptian Coptic and Greek adepts, and explained a little differently by Mackey, the Lion stands upon the *Hydra* and his tail is almost straight, pointing downwards at an angle of forty or fifty degrees, this position agreeing with the *original* conformation of these constellations. “But in many places we see the Lion (*Simha*)”, Mackey adds, “with his tail turned up over his back, and ending with a Serpent’s head; thereby showing that the Lion had been ‘*inverted*’; which, indeed, must have been the case with the whole Zodiac and every other Constellation, when the Pole had been inverted.”

Thirty-Five: **The Safety Valves of the Planet**

(From Volume I, pp. 204-205 in “[The Secret Doctrine](#)”, by HPB)

The ancients made the polar circles *seven* instead of two, as Europeans do; for Mount Meru, which is the North Pole, is said to have seven gold and seven silver steps leading to it.

The strange statement made in one of the Stanzas: “The Songs of Fohat and his Sons were *radiant* as the noon-tide Sun and the Moon combined”; and that the four Sons on the *middle* four-fold Circle “*saw* their father’s songs and *heard* his Solar-selenic radiance”; is explained

in the Commentary in these words: “The agitation of the *Fohatic* Forces at the two cold ends (North and South Poles) of the Earth which resulted in a multicoloured radiance at night, have in them several of the properties of Akasa (Ether) *colour* and sound as well.” “Sound is the characteristic of Akasa (Ether): it generates air, the property of which is Touch; which (by friction) becomes productive of Colour and Light.” (Vishnu Purana.)

Perhaps the above will be regarded as archaic nonsense, but it will be better comprehended, if the reader remembers the Aurora Borealis and Australis, both of which take place at the very centres of terrestrial electric and magnetic forces. The two poles are said to be the store-houses, the receptacles and liberators, at the same time, of Cosmic and terrestrial Vitality (Electricity); from the surplus of which the Earth, had it not been for these two natural “safety-valves” ²⁵ would have been rent to pieces long ago. At the same time it is now a theory that has lately become an axiom, that the phenomenon of polar lights is accompanied by, and productive of, strong sounds, like whistling, hissing, and cracking.

Thirty-Six: **Antahkarana as the Compass**



We have seen in the above fragments the direct relation between the geological and magnetic life of the Earth, always guided by the dynamics of its poles, and the evolution of human consciousness.

Microcosmic and macrocosmic worlds evolve in close interaction and mutual consultation. The thoughts and emotions of every human being depend on “the two poles of his Soul,

²⁵ Therefore periodical changes in the poles of the Earth are part of the cyclic safety-valve mechanism. (CCA)

which is a unity”, in the words of a Master of the Wisdom.²⁶ The universe is governed from within and obeys to the law of cycles.

It is relatively easy now to find disquieting signs of decay in our nations, of anguish in human souls and instability in the geological behaviour of the planet. Yet nothing exists in isolation. Theosophists are called to follow the compass of their individual consciences, which points to the Common North of universal truth. They can find magnetic equilibrium in themselves and transmit it to others.

Every citizen has in himself the lever that can change the world.

Antahkarana, the “bridge” connecting one’s mortal soul and immortal spirit, is that invisible Compass which allows us to transcend all pain and to make a safe progress along the road to bliss.

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An Enigmatic Passage of “The Secret Doctrine”

(From volume II, pp. 785-786, starting a few lines above the half of the page p. 785, in [“The Secret Doctrine”](#))

... For in the age when the gods forsook the earth and were said to ascend into heaven, the ecliptic had become parallel with the meridian, and part of the Zodiac appeared to descend from the north pole to the north horizon. Aldebaran was in conjunction then with the Sun, as it was 40,000 years ago, at the great festival in commemoration of that Magnus Annus, of which Plutarch was speaking. Since that year (40,000 years ago) there has been a retrograde motion of the equator, and about 31,000 years ago Aldebaran was in conjunction with the vernal equinoctial point. The part assigned to *Taurus*, even in Christian mysticism, is too well known to need repetition. The famous Orphic hymn on the great periodical cataclysm divulges the whole esotericism of the event. Pluto (in the pit) carries off Eurydice, bitten by the (polar) serpent. Then Leo, the *lion*, is vanquished. Now, when the Lion is *in the pit*, or below the south pole, then Virgo, as the next sign, follows him, and when her head, down to the waist, is *below* the South horizon - she is *inverted*. On the other hand, the Hyades are the rain or *Deluge* constellations; and *Aldebaran* (he who follows, or *succeeds* the daughters of Atlas, or the Pleiades) looks down from the eye of *Taurus*. It is from this point of the ecliptic that the calculations of the new cycle were commenced. The student has to remember also,

²⁶ Fragment Two, above.

that when Ganymedes (*Aquarius*) is raised to heaven (or above the horizon of the North Pole) *Virgo* or *Astraea*, who is *Venus-Lucifer*, descends head downwards below the horizon of the South Pole, or the pit; which *pit*, or the pole, is also the Great Dragon, or the Flood. Let the student exercise his intuition by placing these facts together; no more can be said.

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