

Kingdoms of Life - Mahatma Letter No. 67

Second Session

Fifth Round Men

We men of the fourth round are already reaching the latter half of the fifth race of our fourth round humanity, while the men (the few earlier comers) of the fifth round, though only in their first race (or rather class), are yet immeasurably higher than we are — spiritually if not intellectually; since with the completion or full development of this fifth principle (intellectual soul) they have come nearer than we have, are closer in contact with their sixth principle Buddhi. Of course many are the differentiated individuals even in the fourth r. as germs of principles are not equally developed in all, but such is the rule.

All Kingdoms Finish their Evolution Simultaneously on Globe G (Z)

... Man comes on globe "A" after the other kingdoms have gone on. (Dividing our kingdoms into seven, the last four are what exoteric science divides into three. To this we add the kingdom of man or the Deva kingdom. The respective entities of these we divide into germinal, instinctive, semi-conscious, and fully conscious). . . . When all kingdoms have reached globe Z they will not move forward to re-enter A in precedence of man, but under a law of retardation operative from the central point — or earth — to Z and which equilibrates a principle of acceleration in the descending arc — they will have just finished their respective evolution of genera and species, when man reaches his highest development on globe Z — in this or any round. The reason for it is found in the enormously greater time required by them to develop their infinite varieties as compared with man; the relative speed of development in the rings therefore naturally increases as we go up the scale from the mineral. But these different rates are so adjusted by man stopping longer in the inter-planetary spheres of rest, for weal or woe¹ — that all kingdoms finish their work simultaneously on the planet Z.

Manifestation of the Equilibrating Law as Consistency in the Structure of Man

For example, on our globe we see the equilibrating law manifesting. From the first appearance of man whether speechless or not to his present one as a fourth and the coming fifth round being, the structural intention of his organization has not radically changed, ethnological characteristics, however varied, affecting in no way man as a *human being*. The fossil of man or his skeleton, whether of the period of that mammalian branch of which he forms the crown, whether cyclop or dwarf can be still recognized at a glance as a relic of man. Plants and animals meanwhile have become more and more unlike what they were. . .

¹ Weal - Prosperity; happiness: in weal and woe.

Individuals cannot Outrun the Humanity in their Round by more than One Round

The scheme with its septenary details would be incomprehensible to man had he not the power, as the higher Adepts have proved, of prematurely developing his 6th and 7th senses — those which will be the natural endowment of all in the corresponding rounds. Our Lord Buddha — a 6th r. man — would not have appeared in our epoch, great as were his accumulated merits in previous rebirths, but for a *mystery*. . . . Individuals cannot outstrip the humanity of their round any further than by one remove, for it is mathematically impossible — you say (in effect): if the fountain of life flows ceaselessly there should be men of all rounds on the earth at all times, etc. The hint about planetary rest may dispel the misconception on this head.

When Man is perfected in a Given Round, he disappears

When man is perfected *qua*² a given round on Globe A he disappears thence³ (as had certain vegetables and animals). By degrees this Globe loses its vitality and finally reaches the moon stage, *i.e.*, death, and so remains while man is making his seven rings on Z and passing his inter-cyclic period before starting on his next round. So with each Globe in turn.

The Inter-Cyclic Sphere

And now as man when completing his seventh ring upon A has but begun his first on Z⁴ and as A dies when he leaves it for B, etc., and as he must also remain in the inter-cyclic sphere after Z, as he has between every two planets, until the impulse again thrills the chain, clearly no one can be more than one round ahead of his kind. And Buddha only forms an exception by virtue of the *mystery*. We have fifth round men among us because we are in the latter half of our septenary earth ring. In the first half this could not have happened. The countless myriads of our fourth round humanity who have outrun us and completed their seven rings on Z, have had time to pass their inter-cyclic period [and] begin their new round and work on to globe D (ours).

Men of other Rounds

But how can there be men of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th rounds? We represent the first three, and the sixth can only come at rare intervals and prematurely like Buddhas (only under prepared conditions) and that the last-named the seventh are not yet evolved!

² qua - in the capacity of; as: *The President qua head of the party mediated the dispute.*

³ thence - from that place or from that time

⁴ And now as man when completing his seventh ring upon A has but begun his first on Z – One interpretation of this statement might be that: as the last root race (ring) appears on globe A and bulk of the human kingdom is preparing to leave the globe A for globe B, that another portion of the human kingdom is already beginning its first root race (ring) of evolution on the last globe Z. This implies that humanity can be simultaneously evolving on multiple globes of a chain within a single round. One explanation is that this statement may be a reference to the Inner Round. Other possible explanations are that: 1.) There is some confusion in the nomenclature or 2.) Something is going on that we don't know about.

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