

14 THE SUBMANIFESTAL SELF

14.1 The Submanifestal Self

¹The division into seven departments within the planet begins with the 45-selves, and it is the 44-selves that carry the direct responsibility for departmental activity in the fifth natural kingdom (the activity of 45-, 46-, and causal selves).

²Before the 45-self enters into world 44 and thus into the sixth natural kingdom, he must have made his choice of a future cosmic career, the path of development he will follow after he has entered into the cosmos as a 42-self. He makes his choice so early because being a 44-self he must begin the specialization required for that function as far as this is possible within the solar system. The knowledge required for this he receives from the planetary government. The choice has reference only to special acquisitions of faculties in the next higher cosmic kingdom. What other paths the monad chooses in still higher kingdoms will be a question for later on.

³There are various possibilities to choose from. He may choose to join our planetary government or our solar systemic government or embark on some other cosmic path. As a rule, he has chosen a function in the process of manifestation within the framework of the department to which the 44-atom of his third triad belongs.

⁴Gautama (later the Buddha) had chosen the path to Sirius but changed his mind when he saw the terrible power of the black lodge, and so he joined the planetary government. You must not do so, since it causes a lot of trouble in the cosmic organization. The new path he subsequently chose was the one leading to the solar systemic government, which he will move to during the current Aquarian zodiacal epoch. 43-self Maitreya, our present world teacher, has chosen the path to Sirius, which he will enter upon during the next zodiacal epoch, that of Capricorn. Our new world teacher will then be the one whom we have known as Pythagoras, the present 44-self K.H.

⁵This is mentioned to show how individuals throughout the cosmic evolution are carefully prepared for future tasks. Every detail in the entire cosmic organization is scrupulously foreseen and prepared. Every monad in higher kingdoms is fully competent to manage the function allotted to it.

⁶Beyond that we know very little about the functions of submanifestal selves (44-selves) and even higher selves, since man is completely unable to grasp these. We have been given to know, however, that those individuals are fully occupied around the clock and that their work is so overwhelming that they must economize on time to use anything of it for their own development. Besides, that is true of all in higher kingdoms. Even if the processes of manifestation largely can be automatized, yet in the individual cases constant supervision is necessary, since in the last analysis everything is individual and unique.

14.2 Pythagoras

¹No individual has made such a historic contribution to the development of consciousness in the West as Pythagoras, the present 44-self K.H. He appeared a century before the last incarnation of the Buddha and six hundred years before Christos–Maitreya.

²Pythagoras gave hylozoics to mankind. By clarifying the three aspects of reality and thereby emphasizing the matter aspect as the basis of exact research into reality, he laid the basis of Western science, he worked it out with a view to the Western understanding of the matter aspect of existence. The philosophers failed in their speculation precisely because they started from the consciousness aspect before they had acquired the basis of research into reality by understanding the matter aspect. A first self cannot start from subjective

consciousness without an objective basis for consciousness. Then the result must be fictionalism.

³It is only in our times, however, that the Pythagorean doctrine has been allowed public. The church is not any more able to prevent its publication and the state has not yet, except in the communist countries, been given sufficient power to do it.

⁴The question is whether the planetary hierarchy will succeed in convincing the ruling authorities in science (philosophy has lost its power) that hylozoics is the only tenable working hypothesis and so doing have that insight generally accepted that not even dictatorial governments dare to ban the knowledge. If the socialists, who irresistibly drift towards dictatorship, gain supremacy before that idea has taken root, then the evolution of mankind will be impeded anew.

14.3 The Submanifestal World

¹In world 44 there is no difference between the past, the present, and the future, but everything appears to be in the present. Future events occur before the eyes of the observer. But this does not mean that all of this becomes reality. Because all events change practically constantly through newly added factors. Whatever you see thus is the result of causes existing in every moment. What you see are not real events but potential events. When these are to become the definitive events, then they may look quite different. In order to predict real events correctly, you must be able to judge whether new factors can be added, what these are and how they may work. Nothing is definitive until it has been realized. There is no inevitable destiny.

²It is to be noted here that this is true of all events, even the seemingly most insignificant ones. What you see is the ongoing manifestation in all its expressions.

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