



THE FOOD OF IMPRESSIONS AND INFLUENCES

Robin Bloor

“

In right knowledge the study of man must proceed on parallel lines with the study of the world, and the study of the world must run parallel with the study of man.

G Gurdjieff

”

A JOURNEY

1. Your Being Attracts Your Life

☐ 2. The Ray of Creation

3. World 96

4. World 48

5. World 24



6. World 12

7. The Lateral Octave

8. The Fate of Organic Life

9. The Transmitting Station



10. Food for the Moon

☐ 11. B Influence

12. The Triple Octave

13. The Enneagram of Food

14. The Process of Digestion



15. Higher Functions

16. The Second Conscious Shock

17. Q & A



“

Your being attracts your life.

G Gurdjieff

”








YOUR BEING ATTRACTS YOUR LIFE

- We each have a general set of expectations of the future based on a personal world view of how things happen.
- In The Work the general principle is that “your being attracts your life.”
- In case there should be any doubt, this means that the events of your life occur to you because of what you are.
- We can think of this simplistically and say, for example, “people who enjoy strife become involved in strife.”
- But it is more precise than that. Your inner world determines your life, exactly.



THE RAY OF CREATION: INFLUENCES

- The Ray of Creation displays the pattern of creation. Seven different densities of atoms (i.e. orders of materiality) are defined. Only an atom of the Absolute is truly indivisible. All other atom can be divided.
- The density of these seven classes of substances and the number of laws that apply correspond directly.
- If you like you can think of the lower four substances using the Ancient Greek classification of elements: Earth, Water, Air and Fire.
- We are directly influenced by the four levels:
 - Moon (Earth)
 - Earth (Water)
 - Planets (Air)
 - Sun (Fire)

RAY OF CREATION	ATOMS	LAWS
do Absolute		1
si All Worlds (Sun Absolute)		3
la All Suns (Milky Way)		6
sol Sun		12
fa All Planets		24
mi Earth		48
re Moon		96
do Absolute		



THE INFLUENCE OF PRAYER

ABSOLUTE
(ENDLESSNESS)

do

Our father who art in heaven

Interval



Hallowed be thy name

ALL WORLDS
(Sun Absolute)

si

Thy kingdom come

ALL SUNS
(Our Galaxy)

la

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

SUN
(Our Sun)

sol

Give us this day our daily bread

ALL PLANETS
(Our Planets)

fa

And forgive us our trespasses

Interval



As we forgive those who trespass against us

The EARTH
(Our Planet)

mi

Lead us not into temptation

MOON
(Our Moon)

re

And deliver us from evil

ABSOLUTE
(Holy, The Firm)

do

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever

THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD 96

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

- The level of the Moon is based on crystalline substances subject to 96 Orders of Laws, particularly, The Law of Accident.
- This is the “Hell” of our world, although it is also the growing point of the Ray of Creation.
- Psychologically it is the level of “false personality,” our false idea of ourself.
- The Devil is “the Moon’s representative on Earth.”
- In the Work we speak of “creating Moon in oneself.” The Moon in oneself is sensation. This is one way to combat the influence of World 96



THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD 48

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

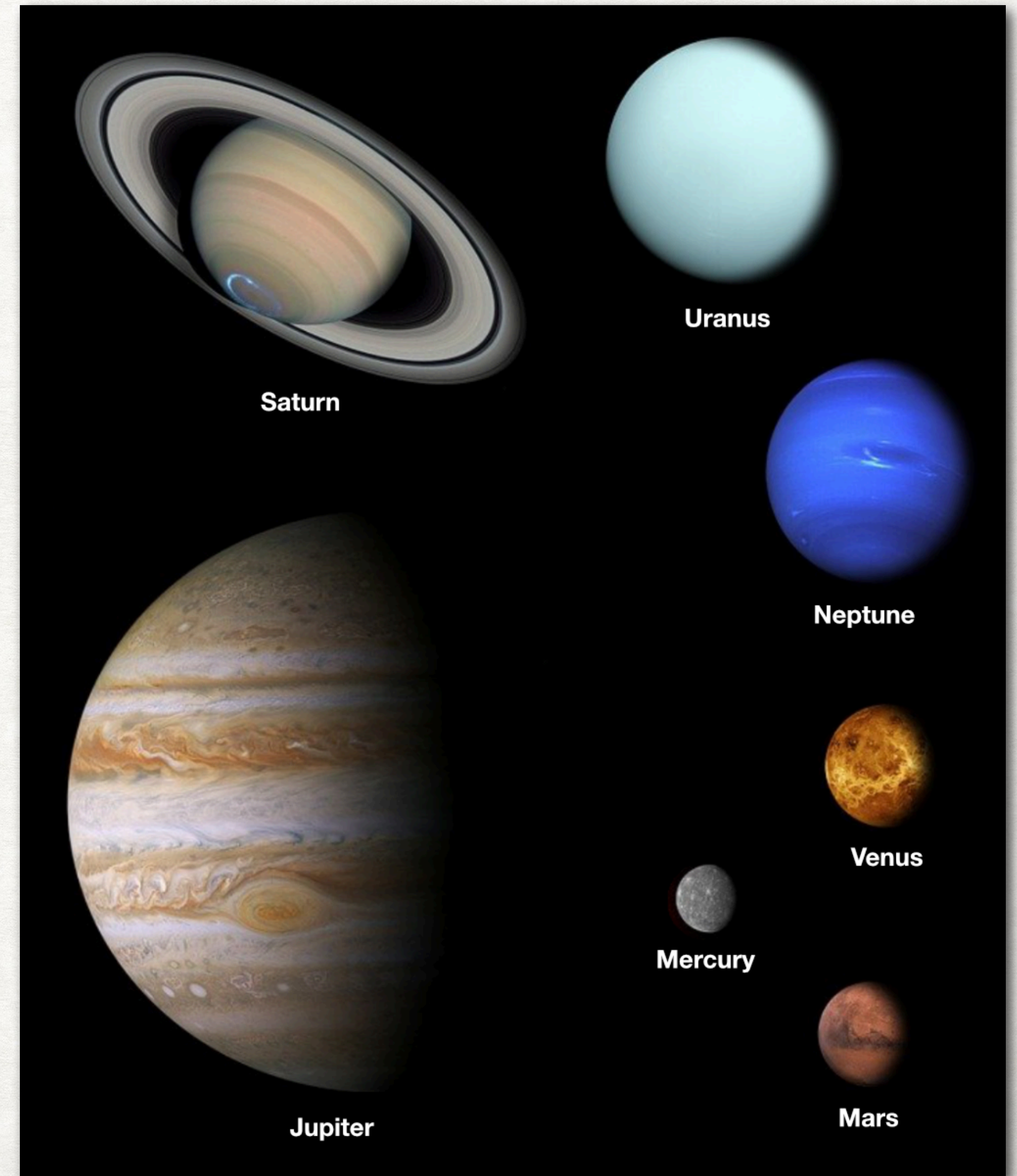
- The level of the Earth is based on liquid substances which are under fewer orders of laws (48).
- Specific influences include identification, the Law of Accident and the Law of Cause and Effect.
- It is the level of “the confusion of tongues.” On this level people do not and cannot understand one another.
- This represents the normal level on which human life functions.
- Psychologically it is the level of “personality.”



THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD 24

FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE
FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

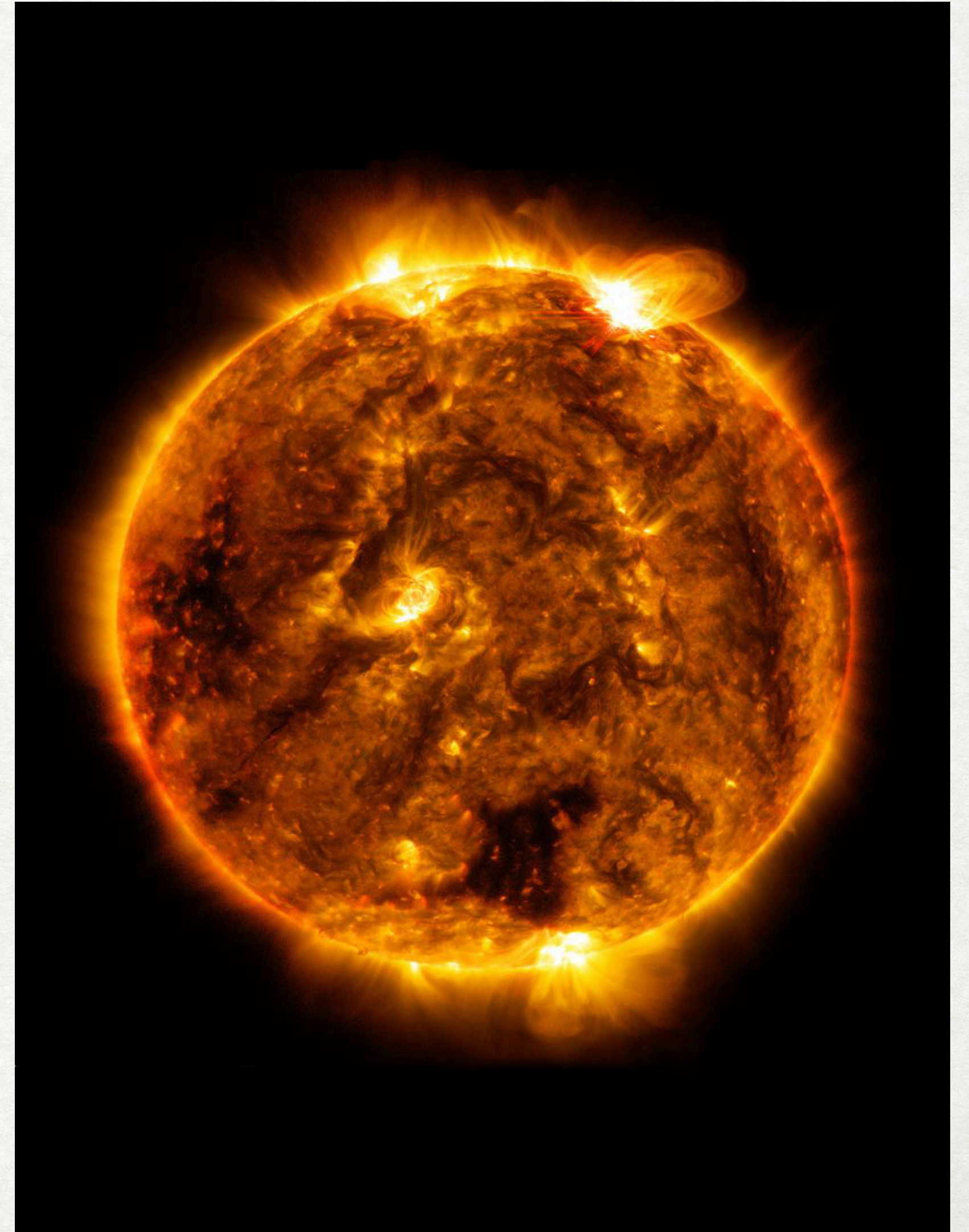
- The level of the Planets is based on Air (gaseous substances) which are under still fewer orders of laws (24).
- This is the level of essence, which is under the Law of Fate. At this level, your being attracts your fate.
- This includes what can properly understood as Karma, and it implies struggle.
- My preference for the term “trespass” is because (for me) it better expresses the nature of justice at this level.
- This is the level of struggle.



THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD 12

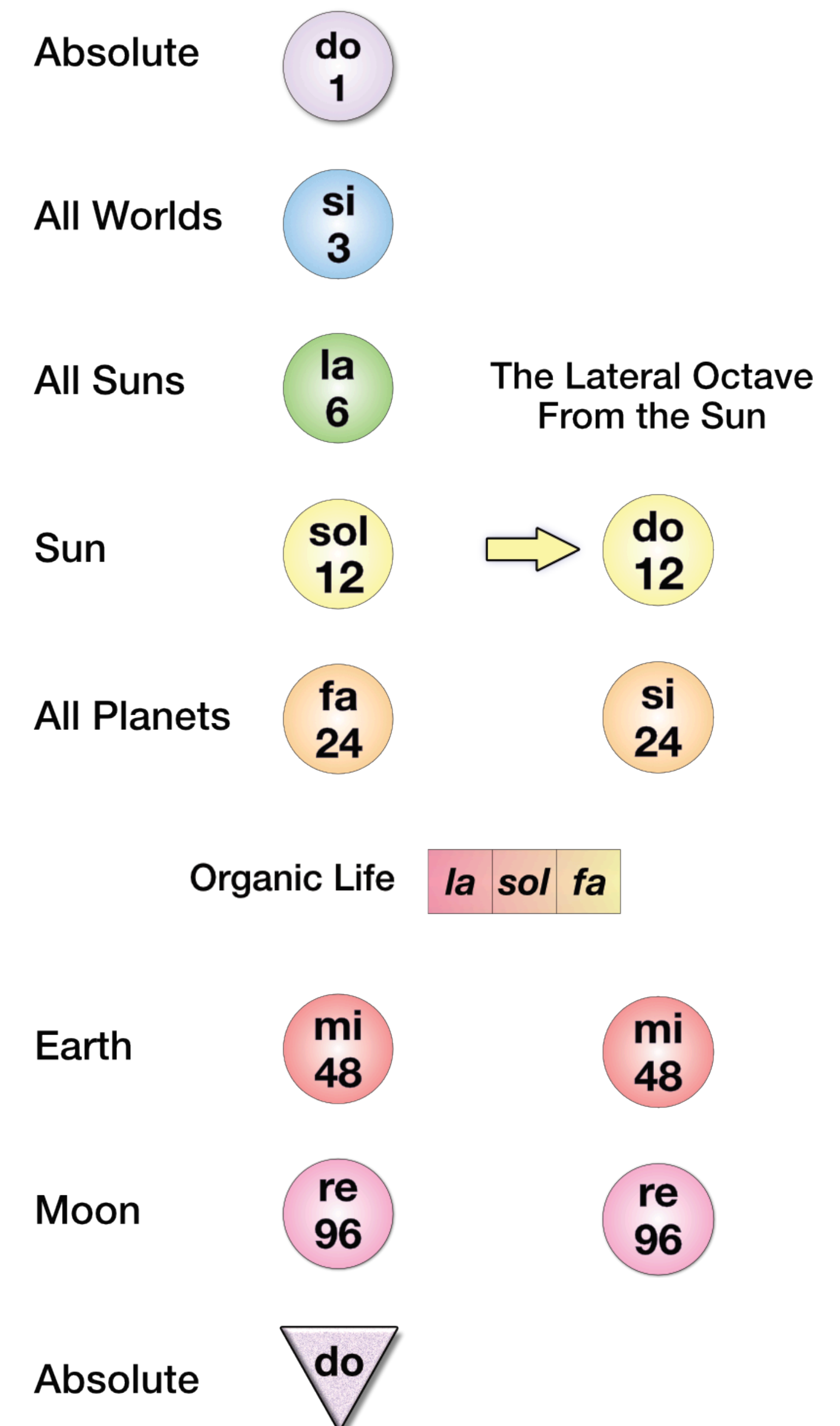
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

- The level of the Sun is based on Fire (electrical plasma) a substance which is under merely 12 orders of laws.
- This is the level of Reason, of higher mind.
- At this level we are dependent on help from above (our daily bread is fire).
- “Impartiality” and “conscience” are of this level.
- It is also the natural level of archangels and prophets.



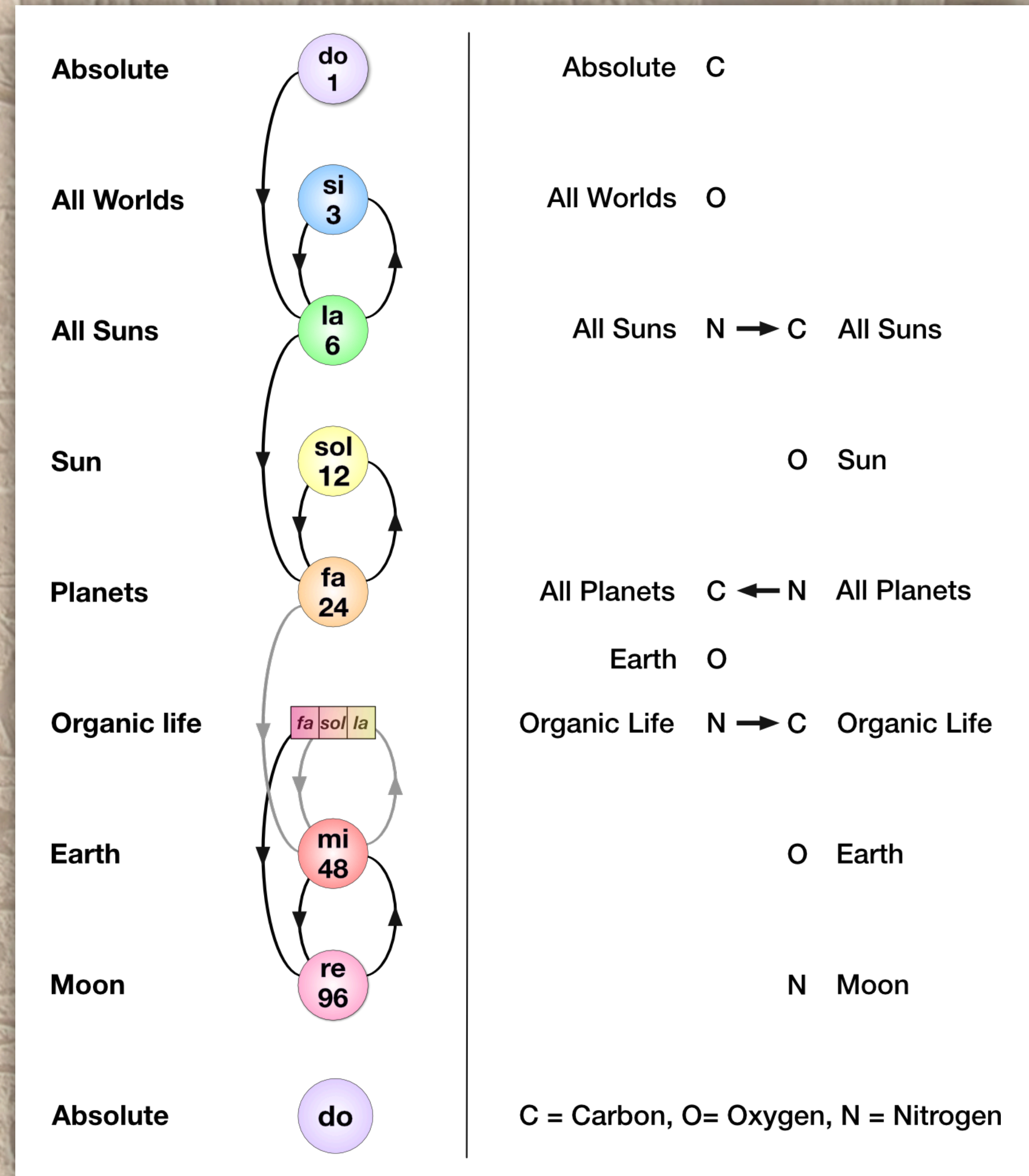
THE LATERAL (SIDE) OCTAVE FROM THE SUN

- Initially the Ray of Creation cannot progress past the note *fa*.
- The Sun sounds the note *do* of a lateral octave and this creates the conditions by which the interval can be filled. It creates the possibility for life on Earth.
- Organic life on Earth fills the interval between the Planets and the Earth allowing influences from the Planets to reach Earth.
- Organic life on Earth also plays a role in respect of the growth of the Moon. It creates substances that feed the Moon, helping to create its atmosphere.



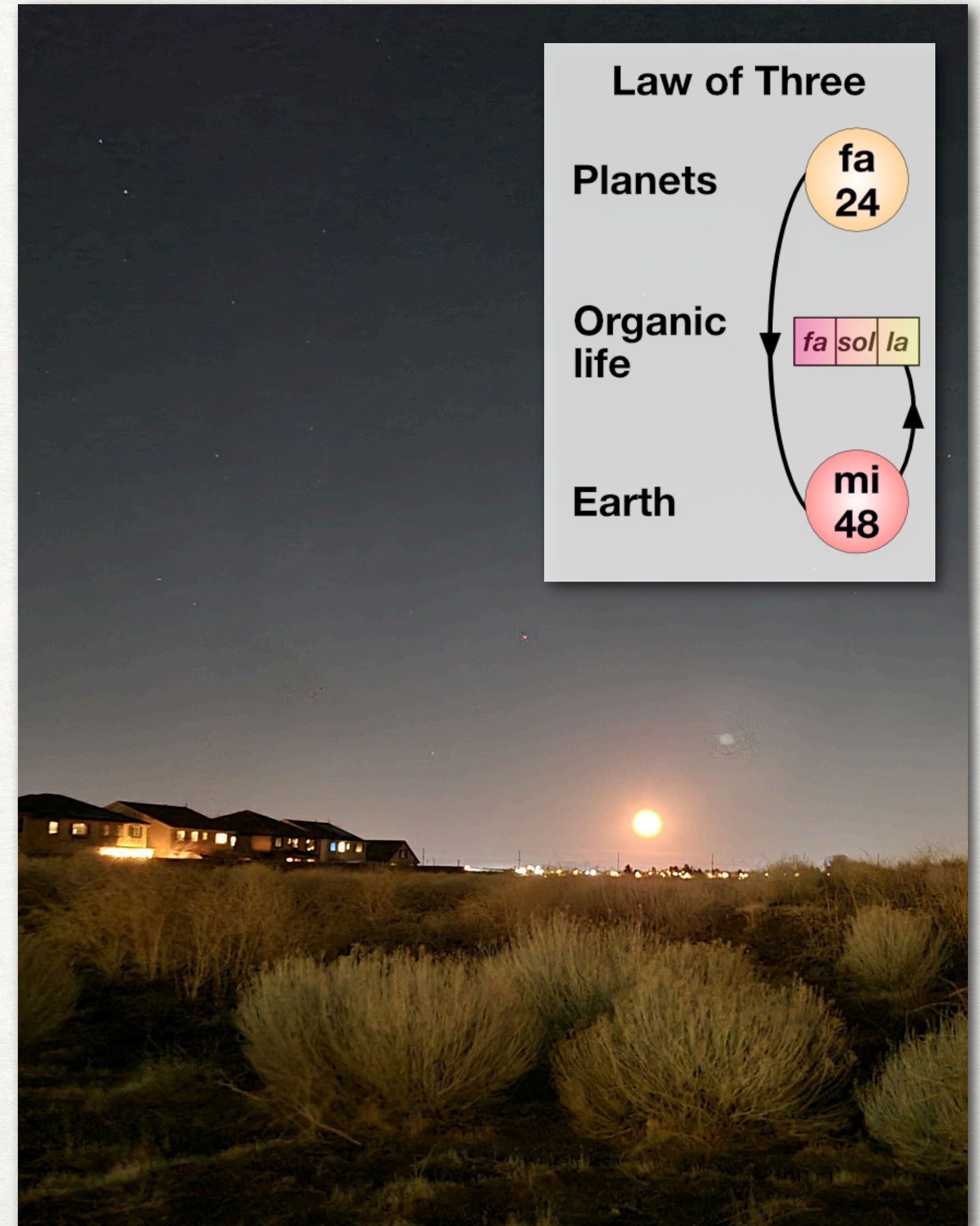
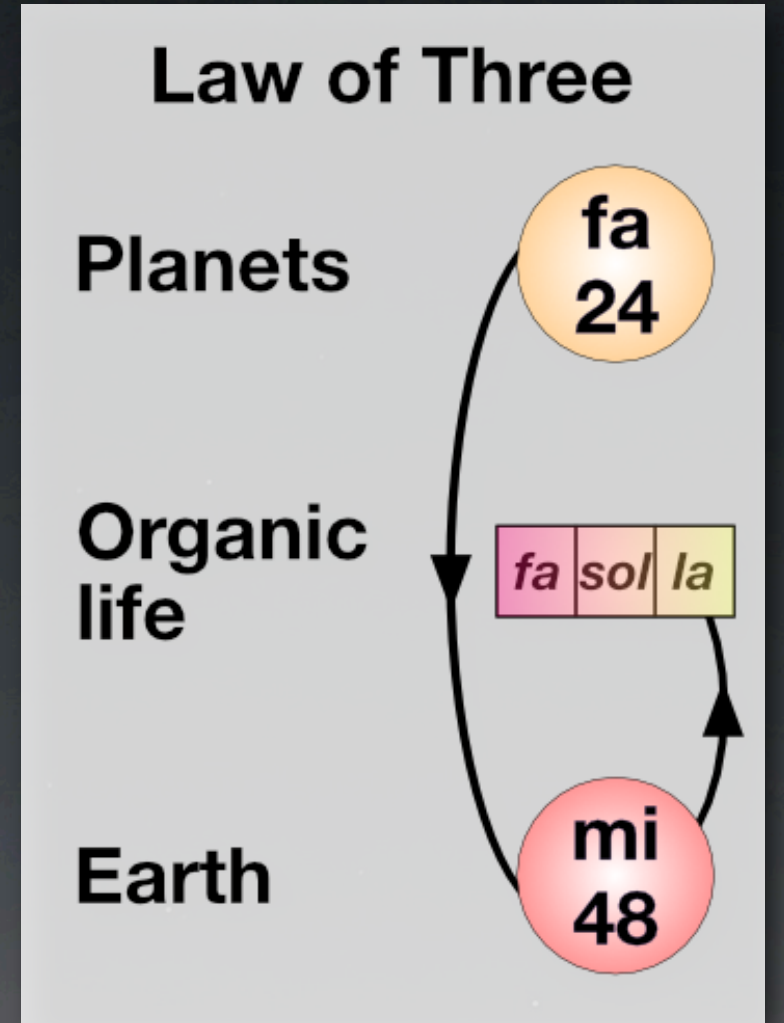
ORGANIC LIFE ON EARTH

- This diagram illustrates the Law of Three in The Ray of Creation.
- In respect of the lateral octave from the Sun we are concerned with two triads.
- In the first triad, organic life carries the neutralizing force, enabling substances of of the planets to blend with substances of the Earth. (Planets active, Earth passive)
- In the second, the Earth is neutralizing, Organic life is passive and Moon active. This triad enables substances of organic life to blend with substances of the Moon. This feeds the Moon.



ORGANIC LIFE: A TRANSMITTING STATION

- Organic life is a transmitting station for the influence of the planets.
- This means that a substance of the planets mixes with a substance of the Earth in a way that is mediated by organic life.
- The result is a substance (including knowledge perhaps) that serves the Earth.
- Organic life is thus a transmitting station for influences that would otherwise never reach the Earth. As the carrier of the neutralizing force it is unchanged by that action of the planets.
- Two particles of yeast discuss the meaning of life. (Kurt Vonnegut)



ORGANIC LIFE: FOOD FOR THE MOON

- Some substances of organic life mix with some substances of the Moon. The neutralizing force is the Earth. The result is that the Moon is fed. Humanity can be active or passive in this.
- Most likely the Moon feeds on H96 (the energy of the immune system and also of false personality) and H48 (the energy of personality).
- The evidence suggests that at death a splitting apart occurs (rascooarno) between essence and personality (and possibly also the body of reason).
- The Earth, by its electrical and magnetic nature transports the “food” the Moon requires.

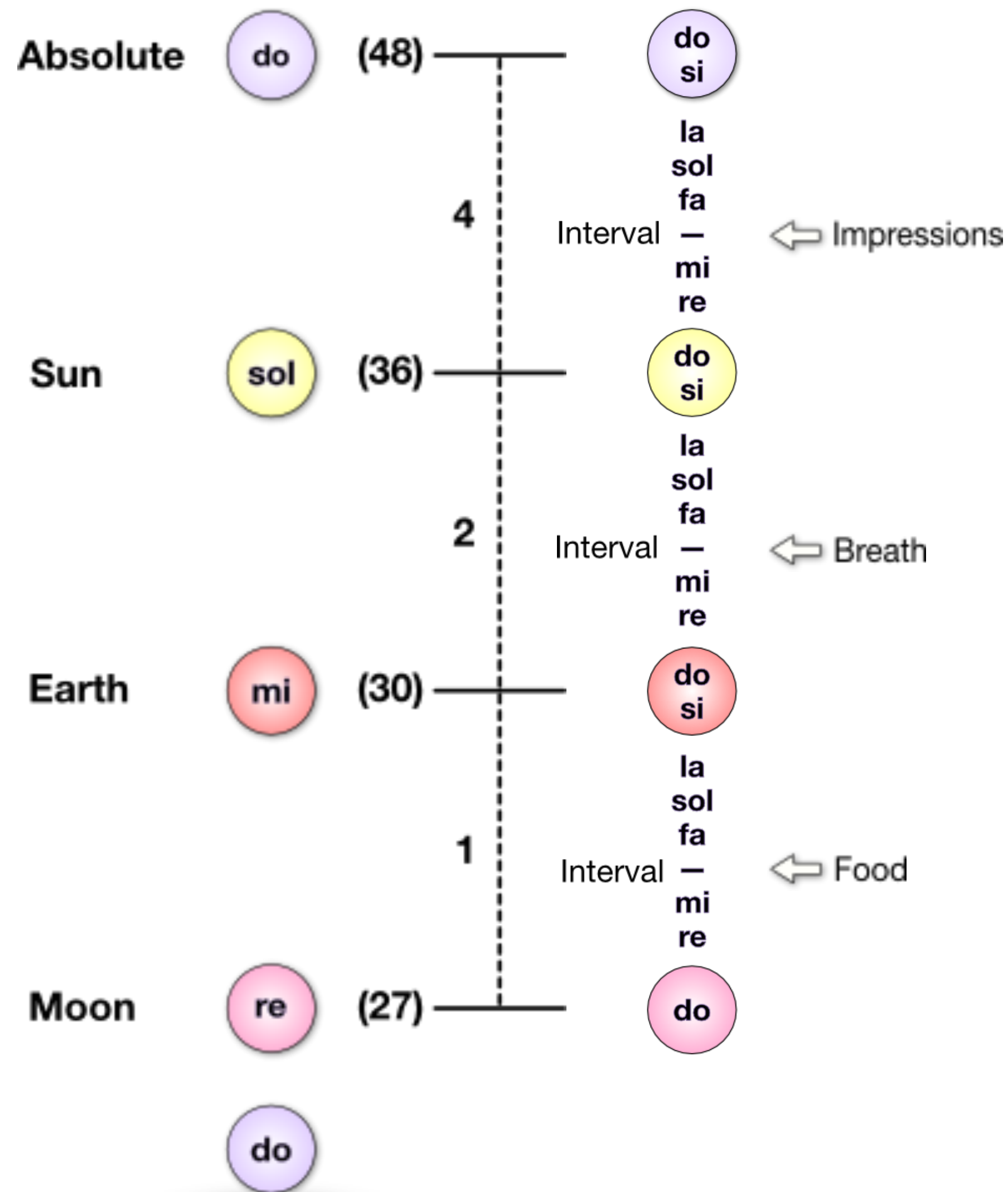


B INFLUENCE

- “C influence” is rare. It means contact with a conscious man, or a prophet, or an archangel (a holy messenger).
- B influence is quite common, but there are gradations.
- A church, a painting, a sculpture, a preacher, a book, a fairy tale, a Shakespeare play, the game of snakes and ladders, a conversation, ...



THE TRIPLE OCTAVE

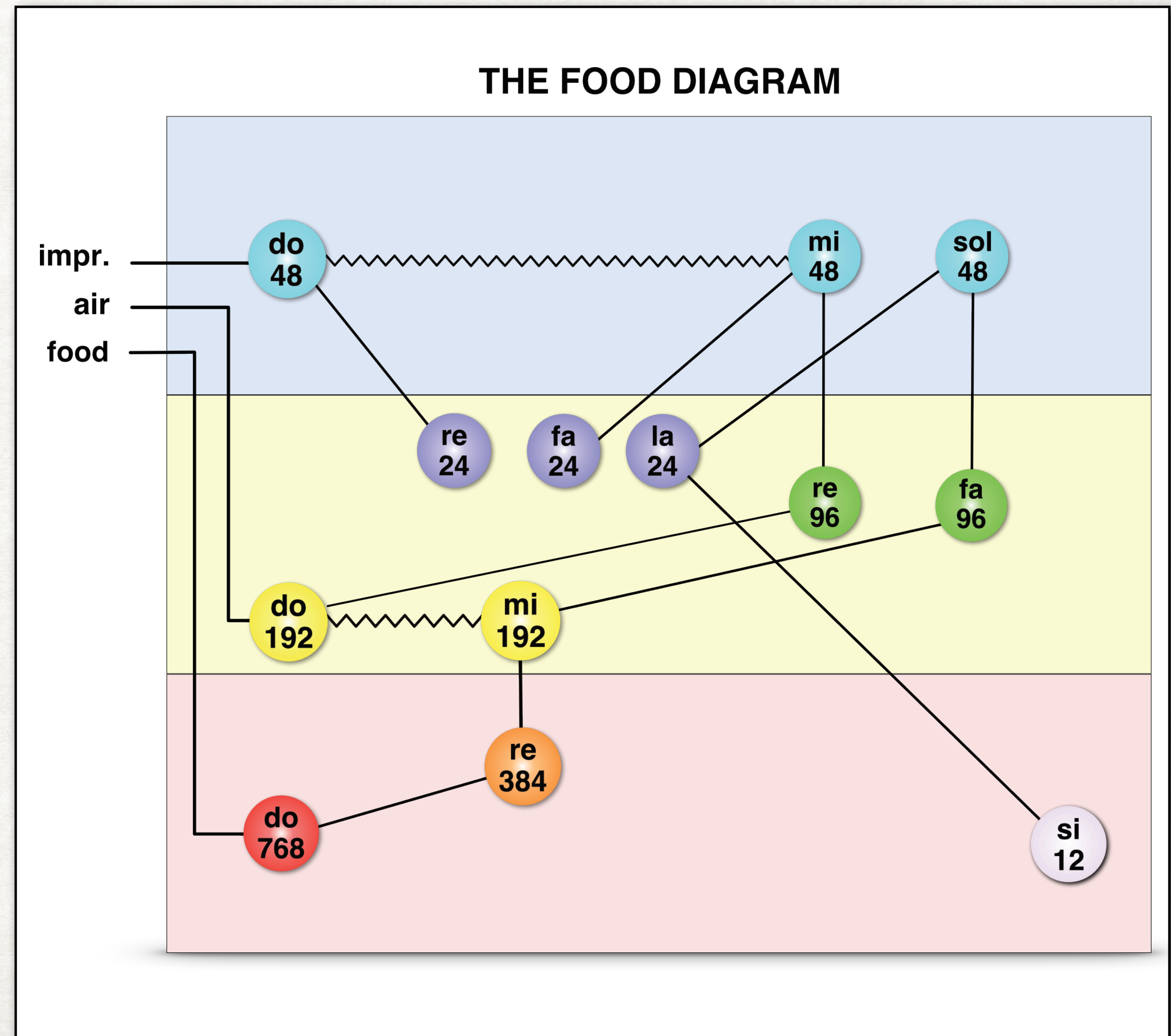


- If we think of the Ray of Creation this way, it raises the image of Adam Kadmon (or the Islamic Adam Ruhani) whose body is the universe
- We do not know precisely what his impressions and breath and food are
- If we think of our personal Ray of Creation then this is what we are in terms of three octaves
- It may not be obvious, but this links directly to the Food Diagram



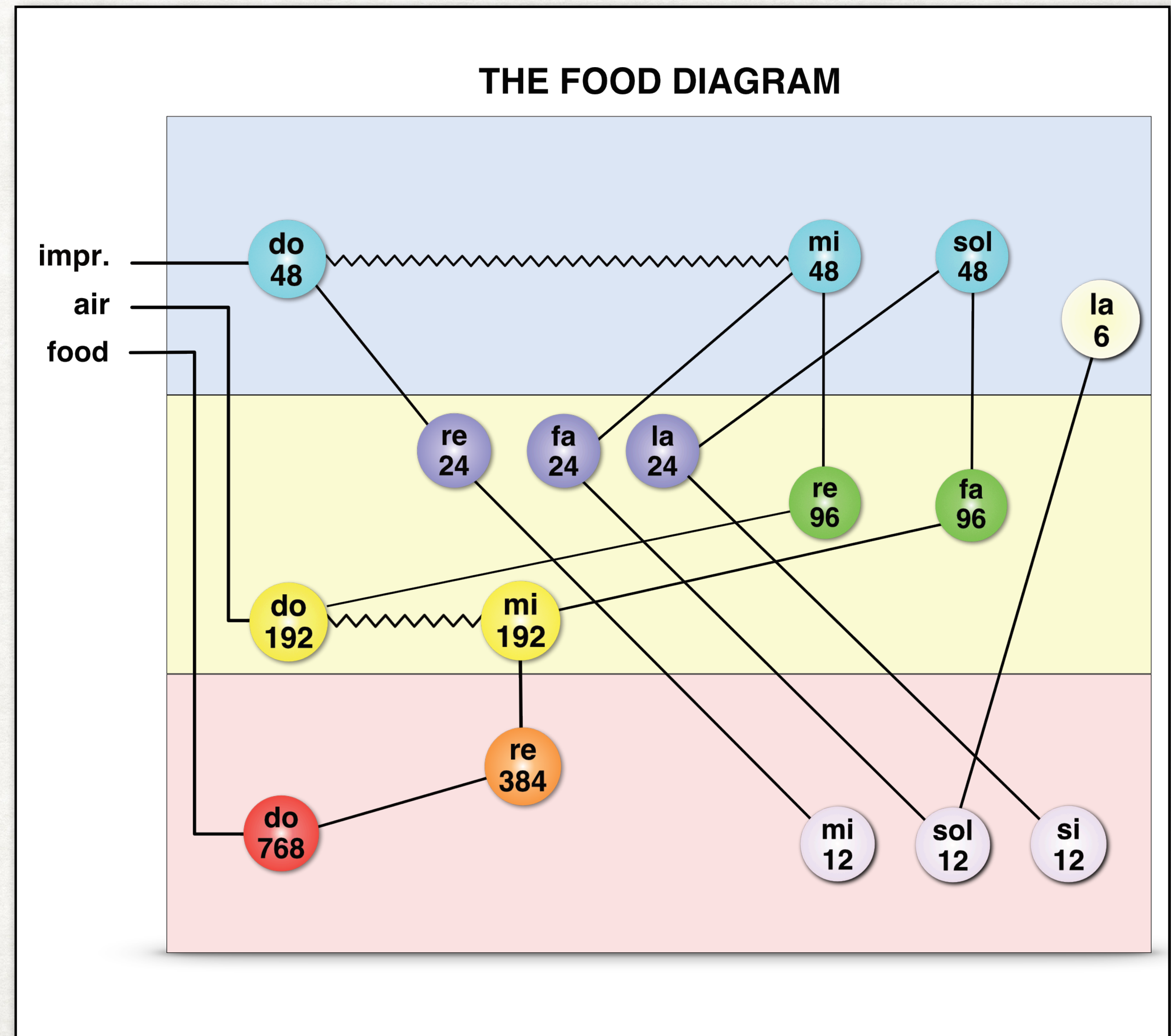
THE FOOD DIAGRAM - SELF-REMEMBERING

- Each food is deconstructed in order to be digested.
- Proteins are reduced to amino acids, carbohydrates to simple sugars, etc.
- Molecular oxygen is reduced to ionic oxygen and eventually to ATP.
- Impressions also need to be “deconstructed.”
- This is not automatic. We need to bring H12 to the point of entry of impressions. (The intellectual center)
- This is called “self-remembering.”



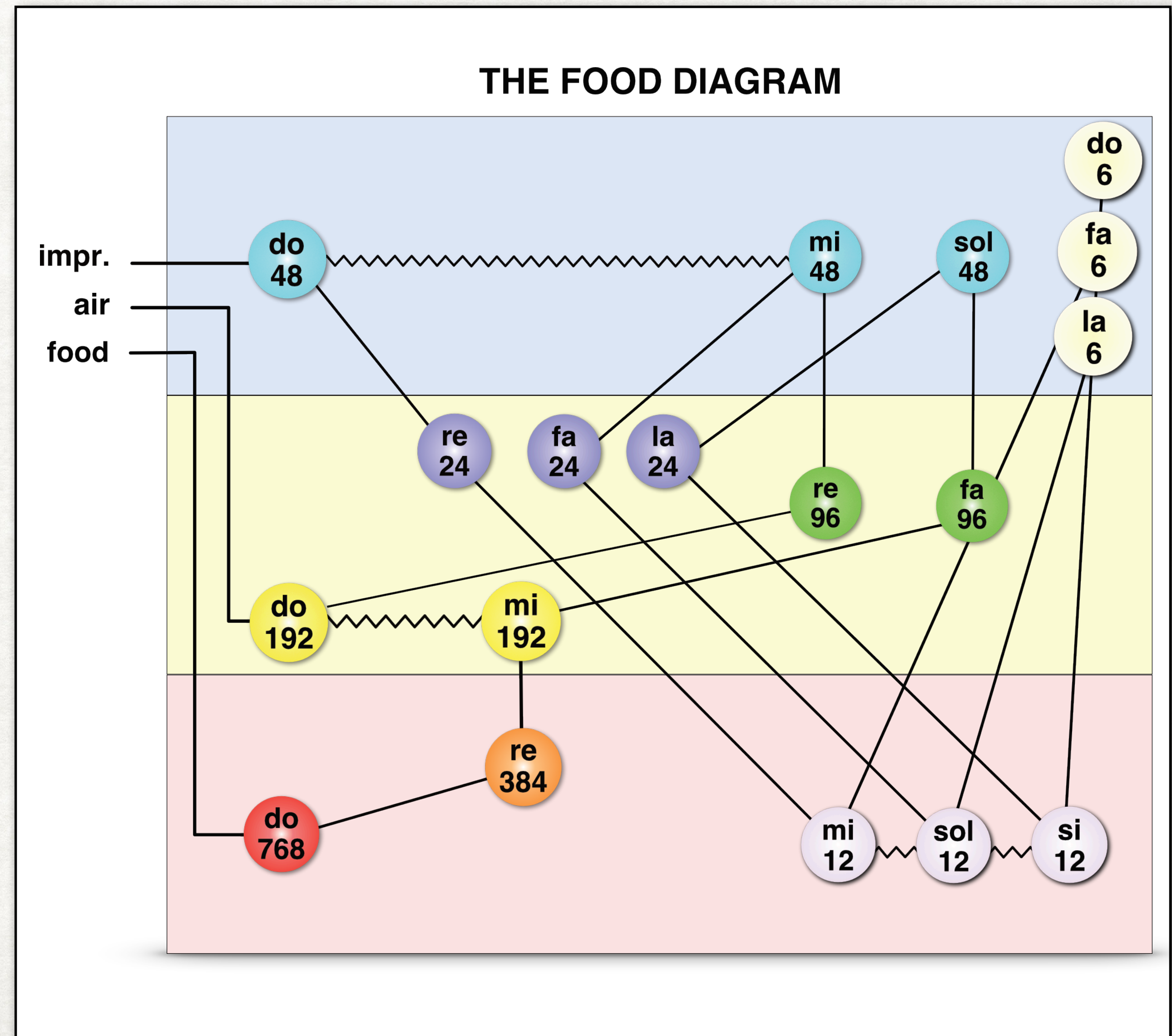
H12: SI12, SOL12, MI12 - HIGHER FUNCTIONS

- If we bring H12 to the receipt of impressions, *do*48 becomes *re*24 and this gives the necessary shock to *mi*48 to allow it to progress to *fa*24.
- The actions that bring H12 to the right place are self-remembering, self-observation, non-identification, external considering, etc. This is how we digest impressions.
 - *si*12 is used for reproduction.
 - *mi*12 is impartiality, the kind of impartiality associated with pondering.
 - *sol*12 is the energy of the higher emotional center through which conscience can manifest.
- Some *sol*12 rises to become *la*6 the energy of the higher intellectual center.



H6: DO6, LA6, FA6 - THE SECOND CONSCIOUS SHOCK

- The non-expression of negative emotions is preparation for the second conscious shock.
- The second conscious shock is the transformation of negative emotions into positive emotions. It does not happen of itself.
- The transformation takes place in the inner world with *sol12* delivering a shock to *mi12* and *si12*.
- *mi12* becomes *fa6* and *si12* becomes *do6*, completing the evolutionary possibilities for Man.



THE Q & A

