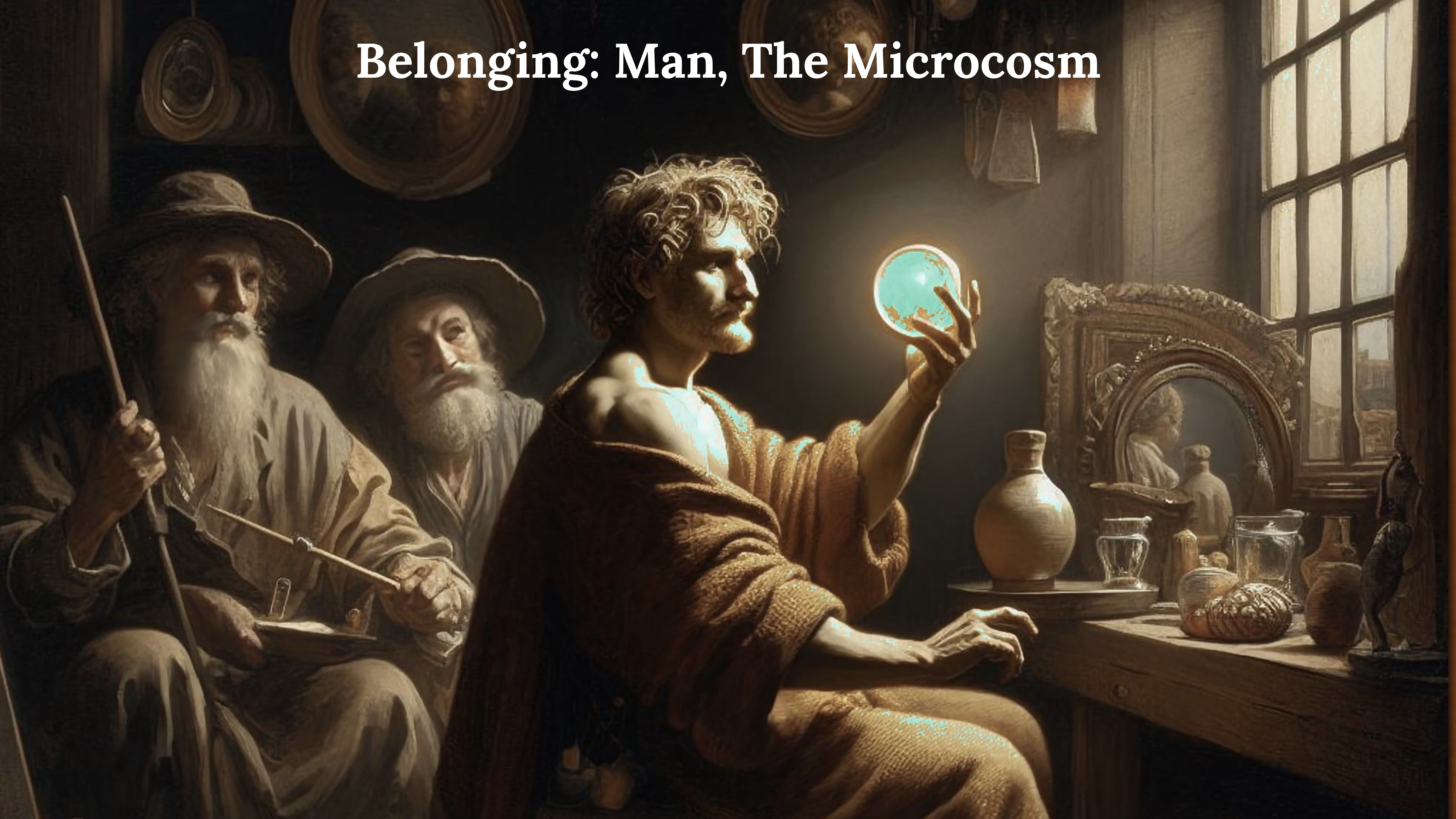
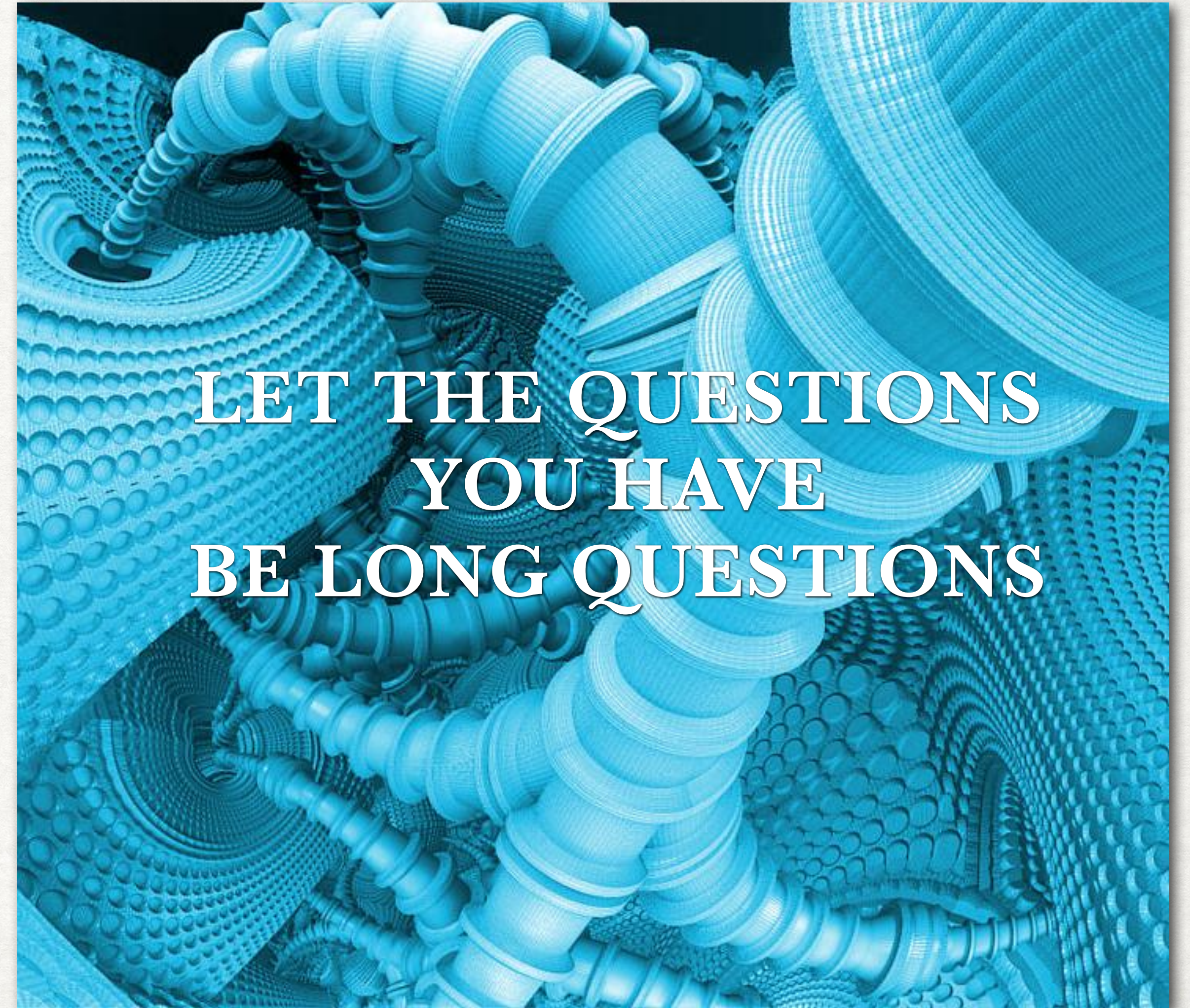


Belonging: Man, The Microcosm



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D'OÙ VENONS-NOUS? QUE SOMMES-NOUS? OÙ ALLONS-NOUS?

PAUL GAUGUIN

The Work Question: What is our place?

In man, his heredity, his typology, his environment, his education, the shocks of life, make him a work of art, a zombie, a robot, a human being or something else.

Gurdjieff

THE CREATION (IN RETROSPECT)

- The Absolute determines the characteristics of the octave and initiates the law of seven and also the law of three.
- HE issues a vibration, the fundamental note or chord of creation, the “word.”
- HE separates himself from himself.
- HIS initial “note” in conjunction with HIS two primordial laws creates the universe.
- The Ray of Creation forms. It is naturally Trogoautoegocratic.
- Ultimately we emerge as a reflection of this.



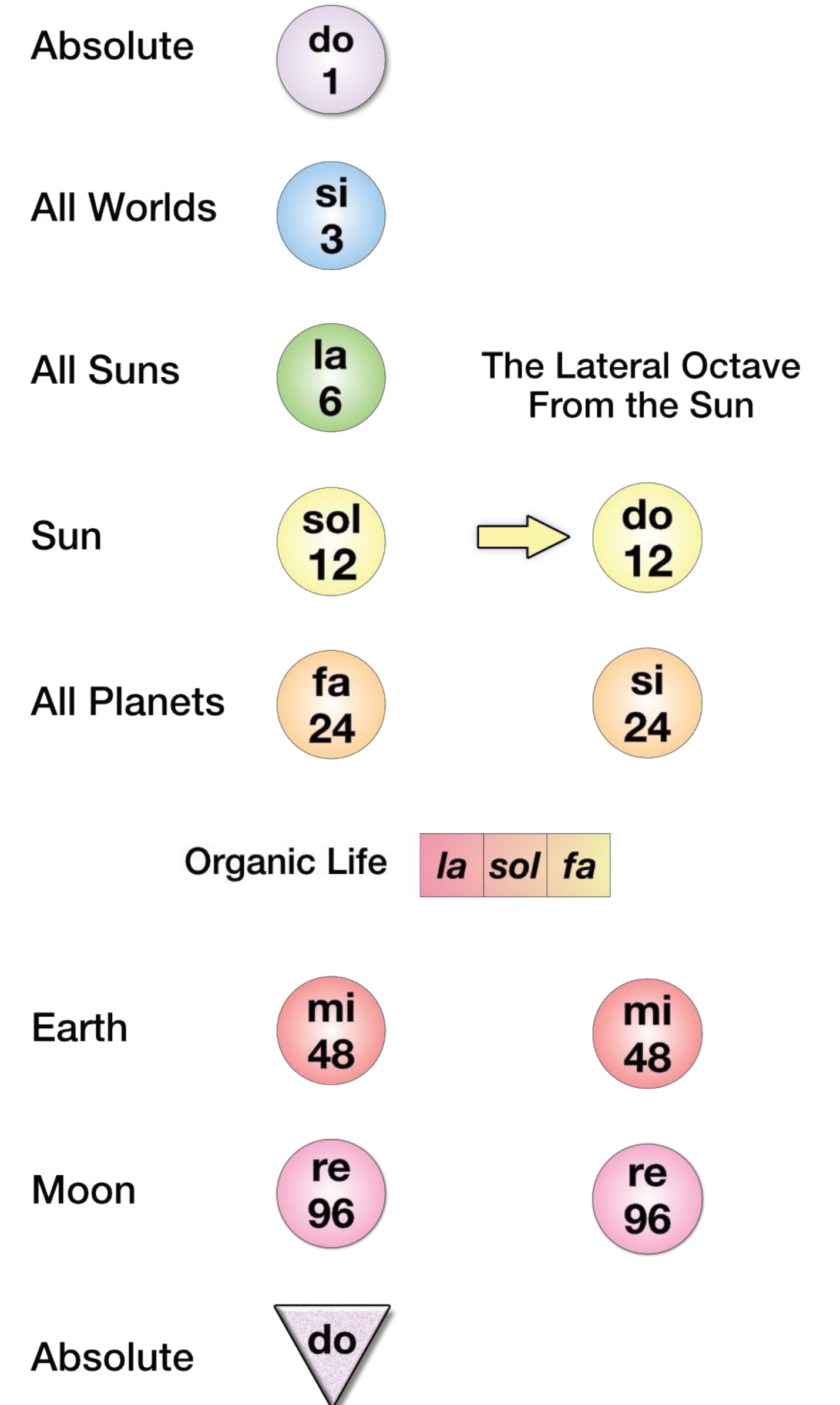
AS ABOVE, SO BELOW

- The concept of “As Above, So Below” is fundamental to The Work.
- The theory is that God, Man and Microbe are all the same system.
- Using this principle we can deduce the nature of worlds beyond our senses.
- As the universe is an expression of the Ray of Creation, so is man.
- Man’s “Absolute” is the higher intellectual center.
- We belong because we are the same system as the Absolute, as the cosmos, as Nature.
- We can resonate with these higher beings.



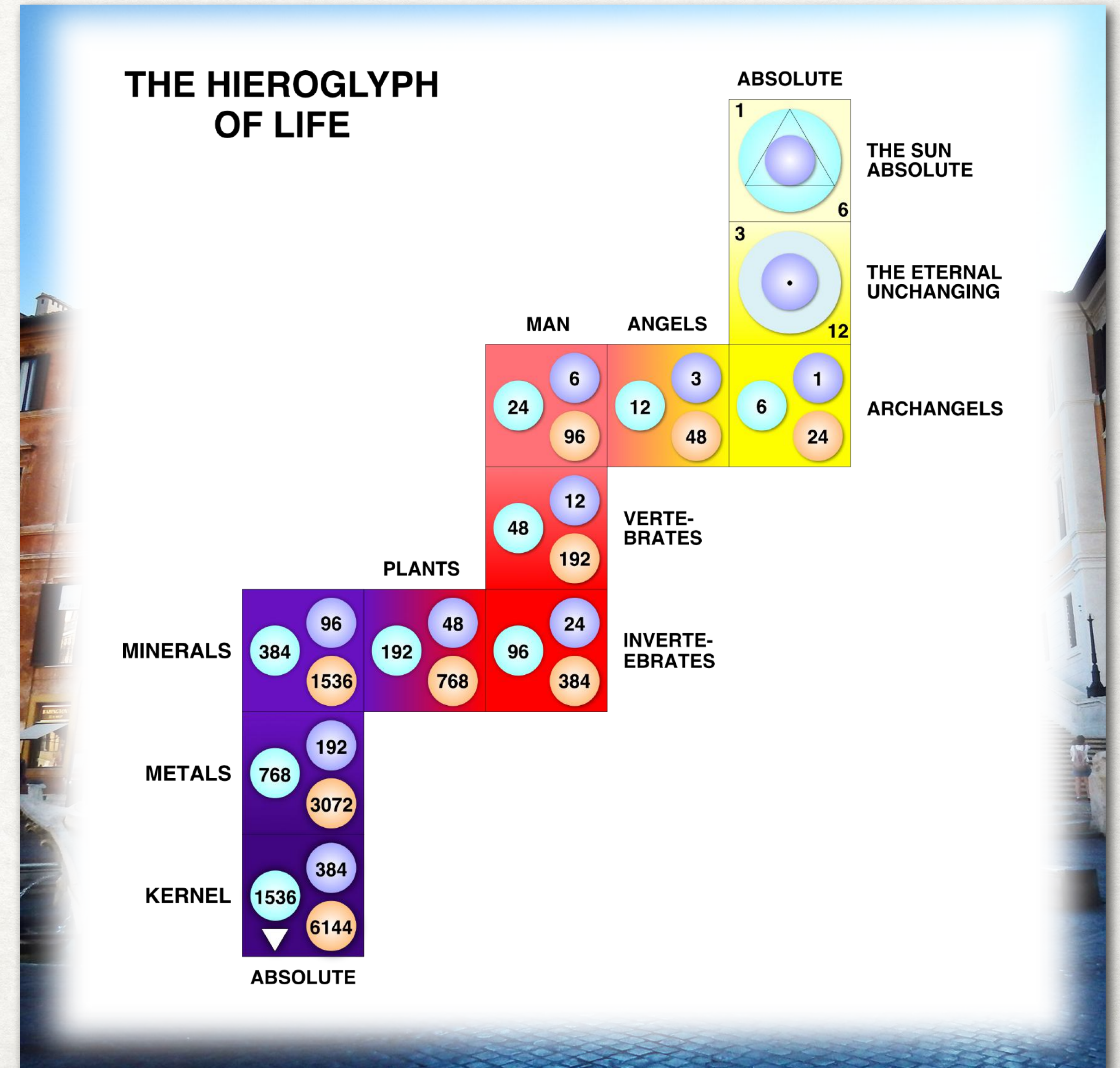
HOW WE BELONG TO THE UNIVERSE

- 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.
- The note *si* (under 48 laws) blends with the note *fa* of the Ray of Creation. The note *mi* and *re* blend with *mi* of the Earth and *re* of the Moon respectively.
- Organic life on Earth fills the interval between the planets and the Earth allowing influences from the planets to reach Earth. In this we belong as a channel
- 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. In this we belong as food.
- In neither case do we have a choice.



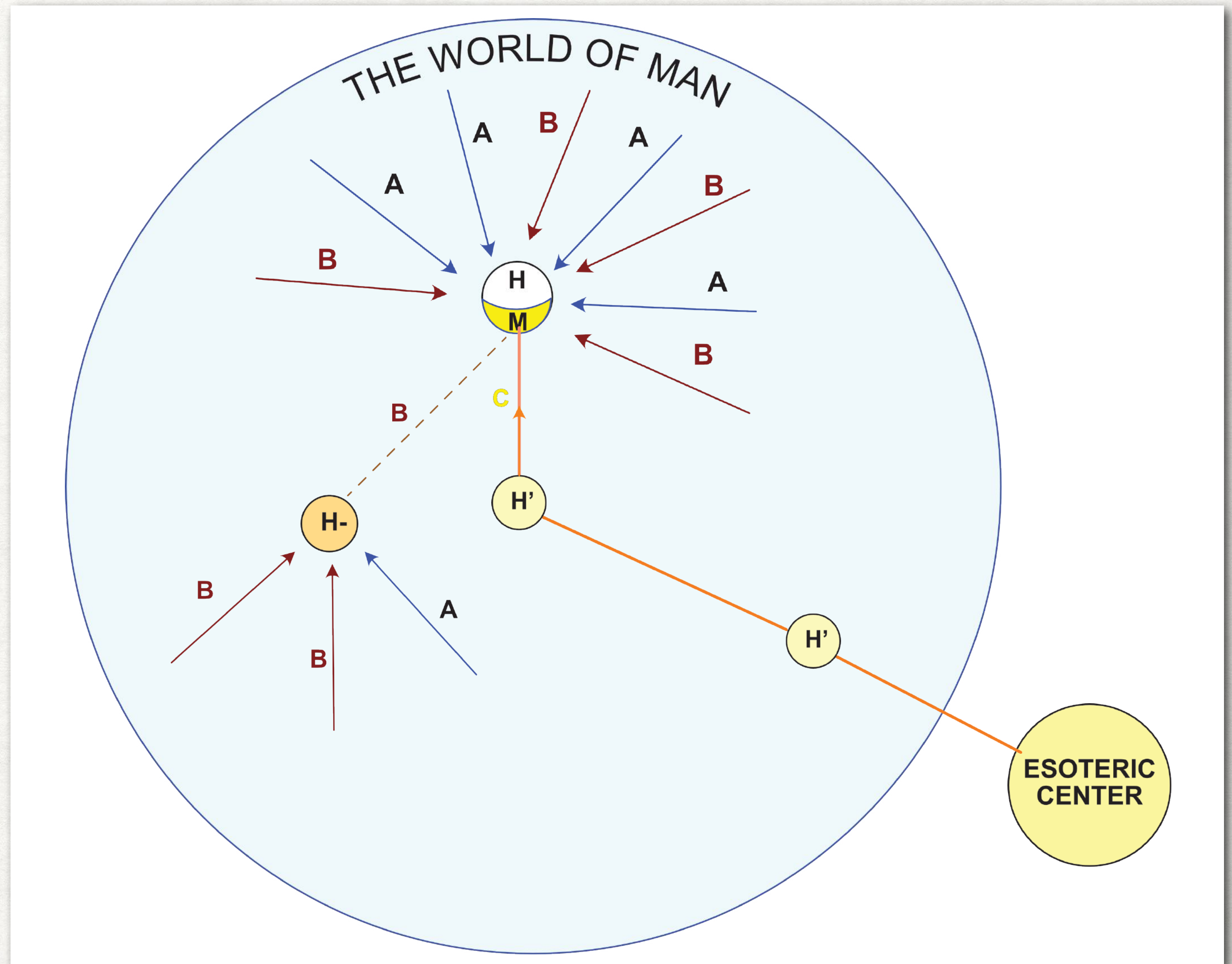
THE TROGOAUTOEGOCRAT

- The word “Trogoautoegocrat” means “I self-govern through eating.”
- The universe is Trogoautoegocratic: everywhere, it is involved in a process of reciprocal feeding.
- The Diagram of Everything Living shows a “splinter” of The Trogoautoegocrat—the specific splinter that involves Earth and Moon.
- We belong to the central column as we, individually, are either invertebrates, vertebrates or man. But if so, we are only a cell in the composite creature called Man.
- All other lifeforms including man have a life time and consume three foods.



THE GROWTH OF MAGNETIC CENTER

- If we belong to the Work, we do so because we developed a magnetic center.
- Man lives in the world and receives A Influences and B Influences.
- A influences are life. B influences are degraded influences from a higher source.
- An accumulation of B influences may lead to the growth of magnetic center.
- A man may be influenced by B influence groups.
- If magnetic center grows strong enough it may attract C influence.
- Then the man escapes the law of accident.



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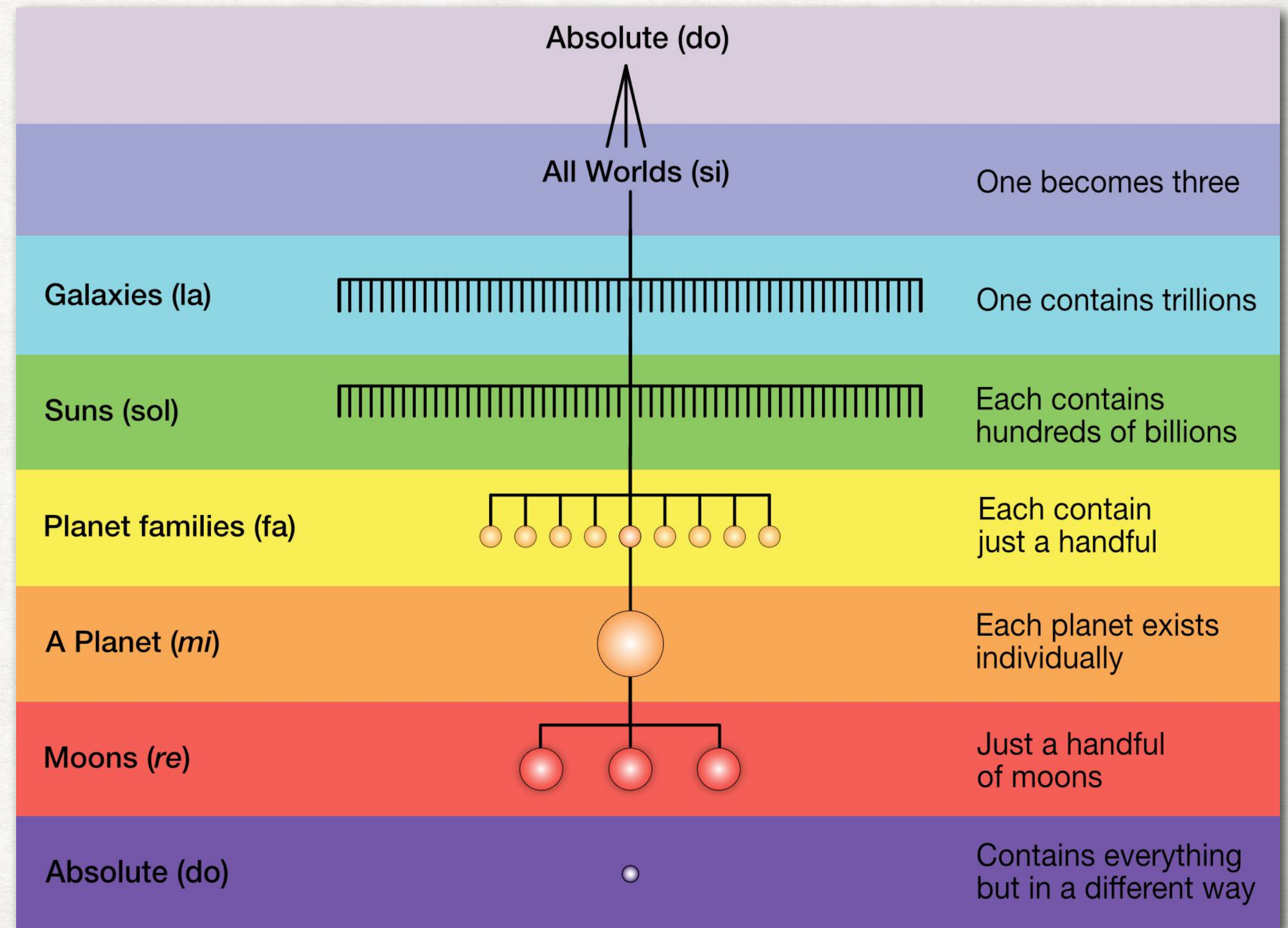
The Scale Question: How Big are We?

Crooked is the path to eternity.

Ouspensky

THE RAY OF CREATION FROM THE SIDE

- With this view we can get a better idea of the vastness of it all.
- The first two levels seem simple.
- The next two levels are as a cell to a human body (and as an atom to a cell)
- The next four levels, starting with the sun are not numerically complex. Perhaps, like a body, with organs
- Remember that the Absolute resides also at the center of moons, planets and suns



THE KINGDOM OF NATURE

- There are estimated to be between 5 and 10 million species on Earth, including bacteria, flora and fauna and, of course, Man.
- They span multiple ecosystems: dense rainforests, arid deserts, tundra, grasslands, freshwater wetlands, agricultural land and many others.
- As a species, Man belongs to almost all such ecosystems in the sense that he can survive at some level in all large land-based ecosystems - and he can feed from all marine based ecosystems.
- The large ecosystems are supported by the microscopic ecosystems of cells, bacteria, viruses, organelles, which govern life from below.
- In the theory of the Work, Man is the apotheosis of Nature, the very reason for its existence.
- Nature has tried to people this planet five times and we are the latest attempt.
- Nature is the master of evolution, coping with continental drift, mountain rise and fall, climate change, solar system change.
- Man should be the gardener of the planet. It is where he belongs, but currently he is its ignorant overlord.



BELONGING - KNOWING OUR PLACE

Knowing Our Place

There was a time when we walked great distances carrying what we needed on our backs. Think of it: we stalked game as we moved, ate the fruited and seeded

plants, told time by the change of seasons and knew the land by its feel on hand and foot; we knew our place and the reasons for our nurturing and adoration of the land,

our worship of Earth, Sun, Moon and the creatures of hoof, claw, or feather. We lived by the labor of our hand and the vagrant mercy of the weather.

Unless we know our place, there is no Grace; Nature will wipe us out without a trace.

~Red Hawk



WHERE WE BELONG, PSYCHOLOGICALLY

SUN (Our Sun)	 sol	 H12	Reason	Real 'I'	Second Conscious Shock
ALL PLANETS (Our Planets)	 fa	 H24	Essence	Steward	Self-Remembering, Self Observation
Interval					
The EARTH (Our Planet)	 mi	 H48	Personality	Deputy Steward	Magnetic Center Mechanical Behavior
MOON (Our Moon)	 re	 H96	False Personality	Many 'I's	Imagination (fantasy), Vanity, Envy, Negativity, Self-Calming, etc.

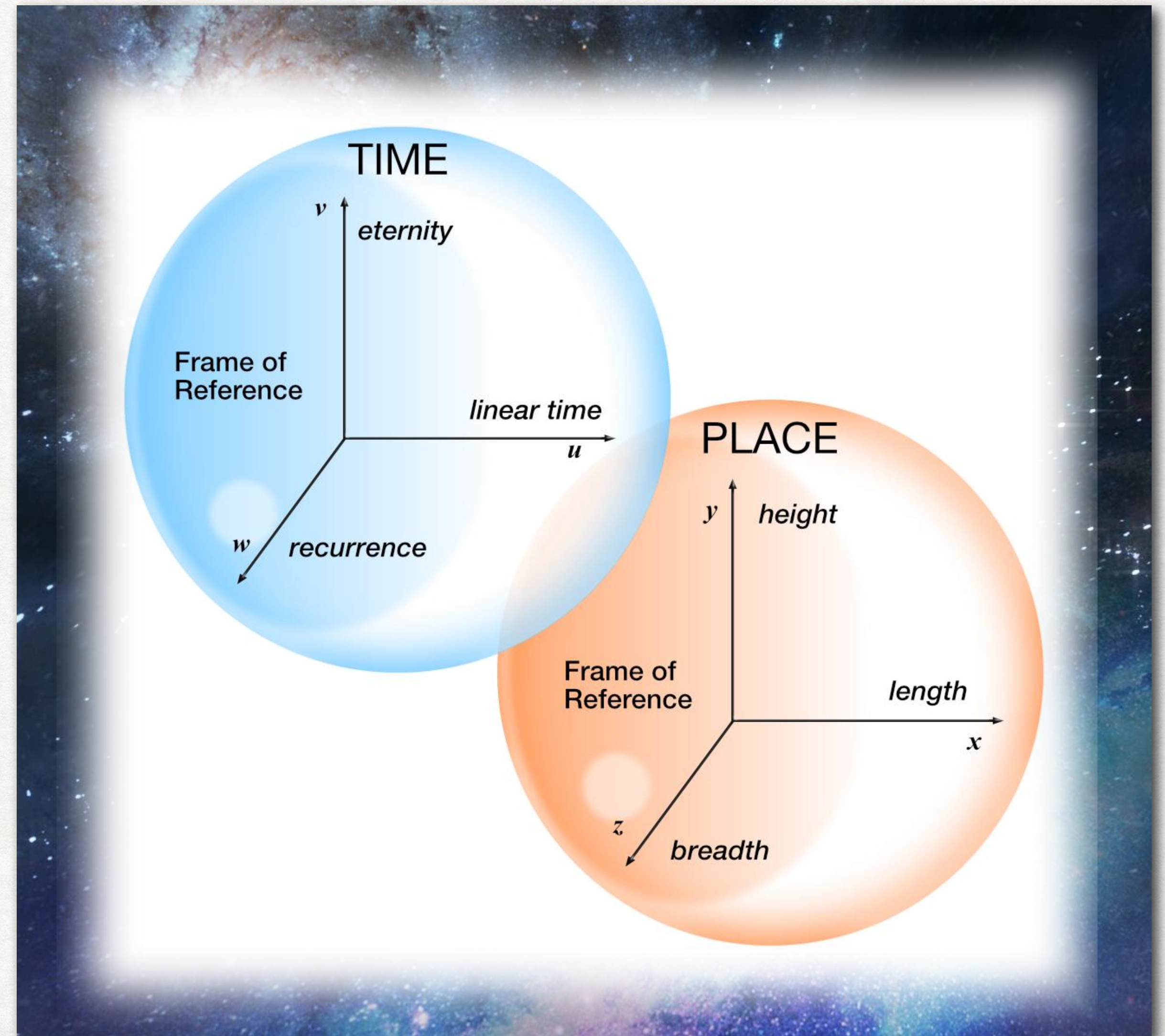
The Time Question: What am I now?

*Time is perpetual perishing.
It is the enemy of God.*

Orage

THE SIX DIMENSIONAL UNIVERSE

- Time (the Heropass) acts on a cosmos. In fact it acts on all cosmoses except the Absolute and the Sun Absolute.
- Thus we could say, mathematically, that every cosmos inherently has 6 dimensions:
 - Its place: length, breadth and height in respect of the whole megalocosmos.
 - Its now: within its lifetime, its recurrence and its eternity.
- It also has scale—its scale in relation to the Ray of Creation. These seven dimensions determine its place in the Trogoautoegocrat.



CIRCULAR TIME, RECURRENCE AND ESSENCE

- It is not difficult to entertain the idea of time moving in a circle with the moment of conception roughly coinciding with death.
- It doesn't necessarily make the experience of time any less linear.
- However, it introduces the ideas of recurrence and reincarnation. We consider recurrence first.
- The idea is that when you die you are conceived at exactly the time you were conceived in this life and that you re-live exactly the same life — Exact Recurrence.
- Or possibly you live the same life, but the life proceeds slightly differently each time — Cyclical Recurrence.



BUT WHAT AM I NOW?

- I am not an object, I am a process.
- That smile of mine, is that my mother's smile? From whom did she steal it? How long into the past is its source buried?
- That speech defect I have, I had it when four. Where did I get it?
- My sinfulness: my pride, my lust, my greed, my sloth, my vanity, etc. Who did I imitate.
- How old is my karma. 100 years, 1000 years, 10,000 years.
- For what am I searching?
- What are my possibilities now?
- Where am I going?





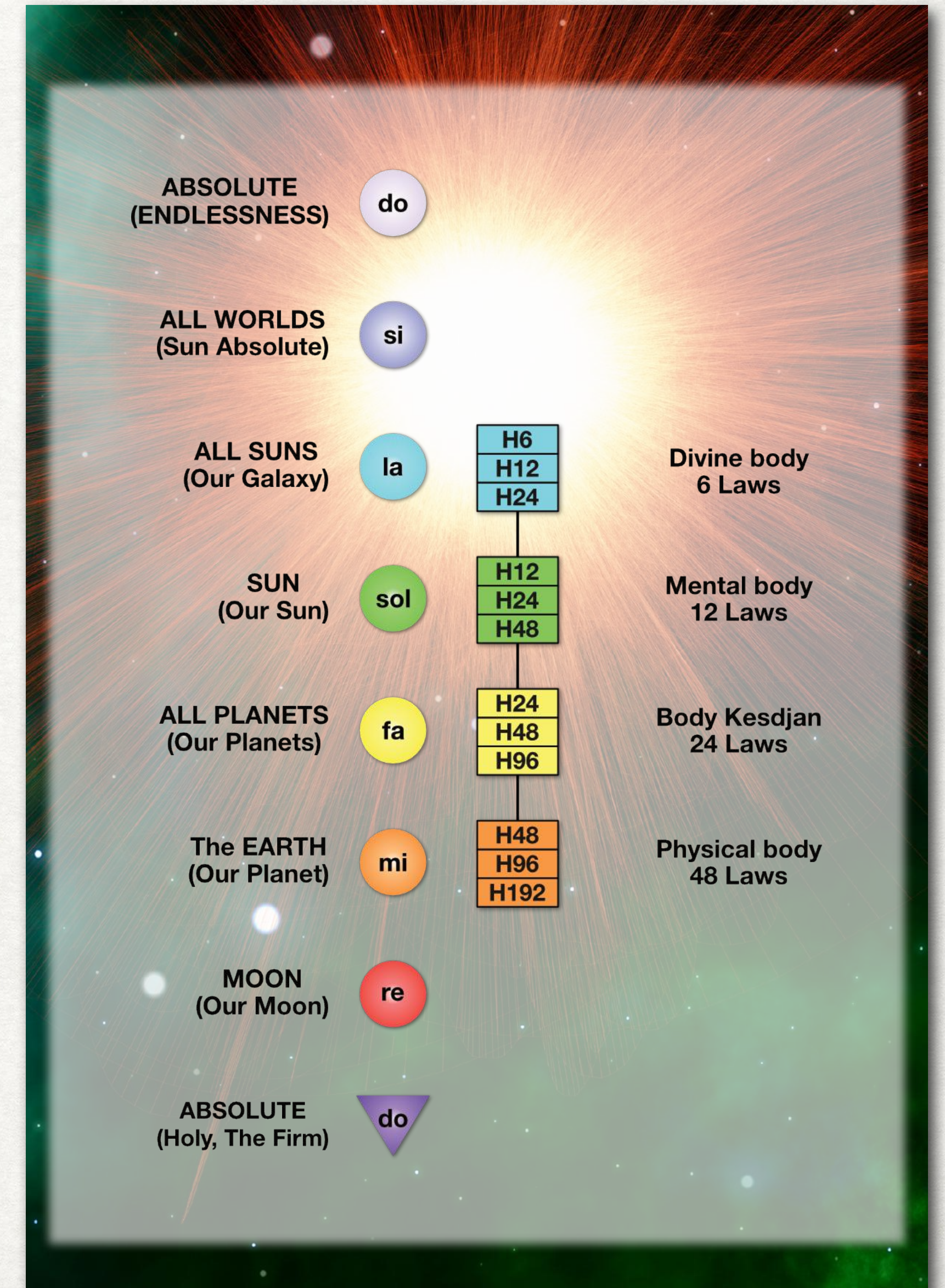
The Christian Question: What can we become?

Your being attracts your life.

Gurdjieff

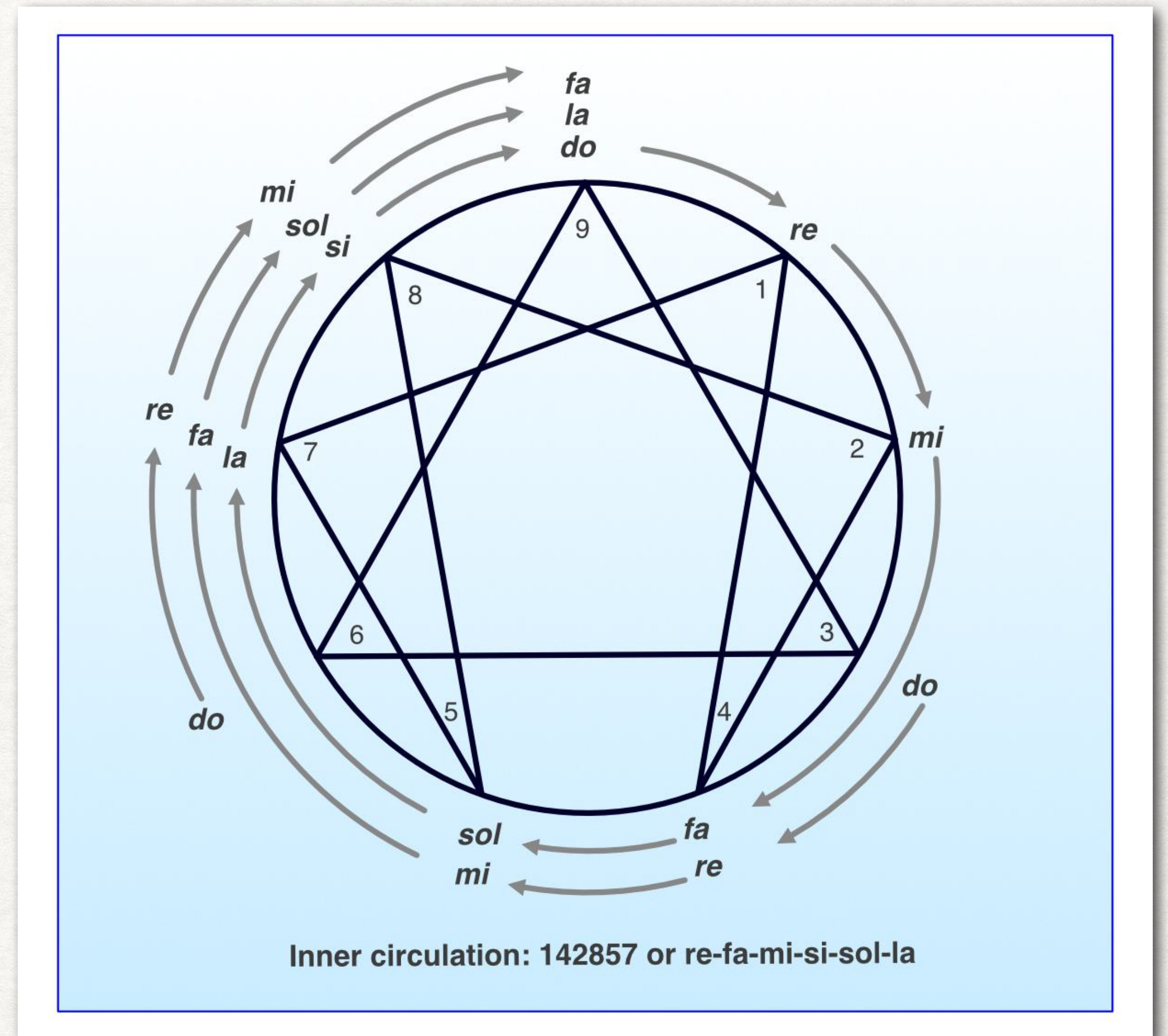
THE FOUR BODIES AND THE RAY OF CREATION

- The Physical Body is under the general laws of Nature. It is mortal within that influence with a short lifespan.
- The Body Kesdjan, when crystallized, can survive death. It has achieved unity (Man #5). Until then it can die and may die soon after the death of the Physical Body.
- The Mental or Causal Body when crystallized is immortal within the life of the Planets. It is at the level of Man #6.
- The Divine Body is immortal within the life of the Solar System. It has no further possibilities.



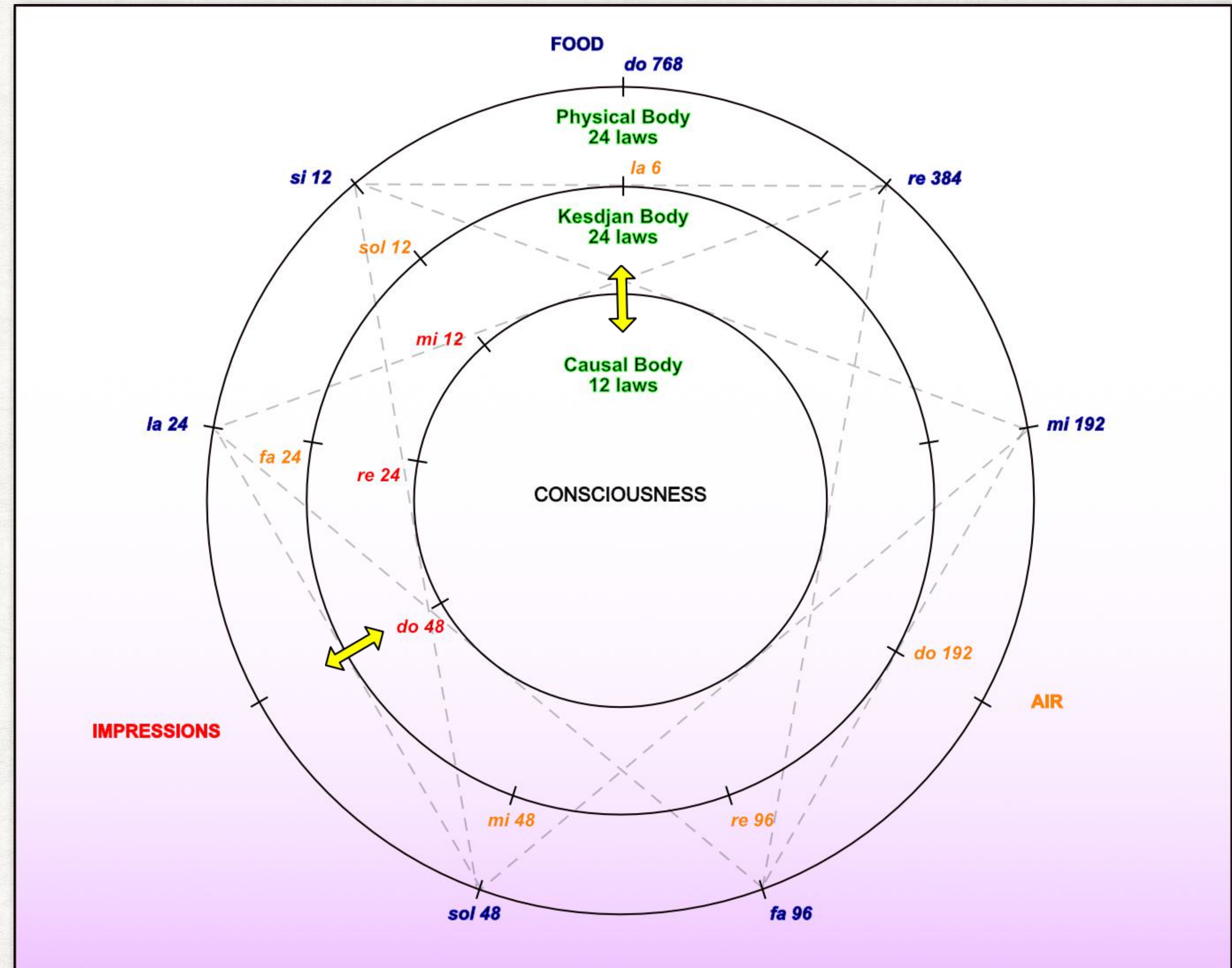
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- Here we present an enneagram for each of the three bodies, each with its octave.
- The three foods are shown according to the body they feed.
- The foods shock the other octaves:
- AIR shocks the physical body.
- IMPRESSIONS shock the body kesdjan.
- The second conscious shock, shocks the causal body.



THE OBLIGOLNIAN STRIVINGS

- The obligolnian strivings are the processes that we have to become.
- We first need to understand them:
 1. First, tend to the body.
 2. Second, generate the need for self-perfection.
 3. Third, tend to your Work knowledge.
 4. Pay off your karma, so that you have freedom to act.
 5. Give back what you received.

“The first striving: to have in their ordinary being-existence everything satisfying and really necessary for their planetary body.

“The second striving: to have a constant and unflagging instinctive need for self-perfection in the sense of being.

“The third: the conscious striving to know ever more and more concerning the laws of World-creation and World-maintenance.

“The fourth: the striving from the beginning of their existence to pay for their arising and their individuality as quickly as possible, in order afterwards to be free to lighten as much as possible the Sorrow of our COMMON FATHER.

“And the fifth: the striving always to assist the most rapid perfecting of other beings, both those similar to oneself and those of other forms, up to the degree of the sacred ‘Martfotai,’ that is, up to the degree of self-individuality.



DO I BELONG TO CHRIST, OR ...

Do I belong to my imagination of freedom?

- Self-remembering begins with intention. This can be provoked by a question.
- Assume you know nothing about it.
- What is the relationship between self-remembering and love?
- The second conscious shock is rarely spoken about. There are several reasons for this.
- There is no “sweetness and light” in this. Quite the opposite.
- There is no connection with the Kerdjan body in this.
- It is all about the soul.

The first conscious shock is self-remembering. It never does itself.

It opposes mechanicality. It is introduced by a struggle of yes and no. This is struggle with the formatory apparatus.

Self-remembering is always the second step.

The non-expression of negative emotion is preparation for the second conscious shock.

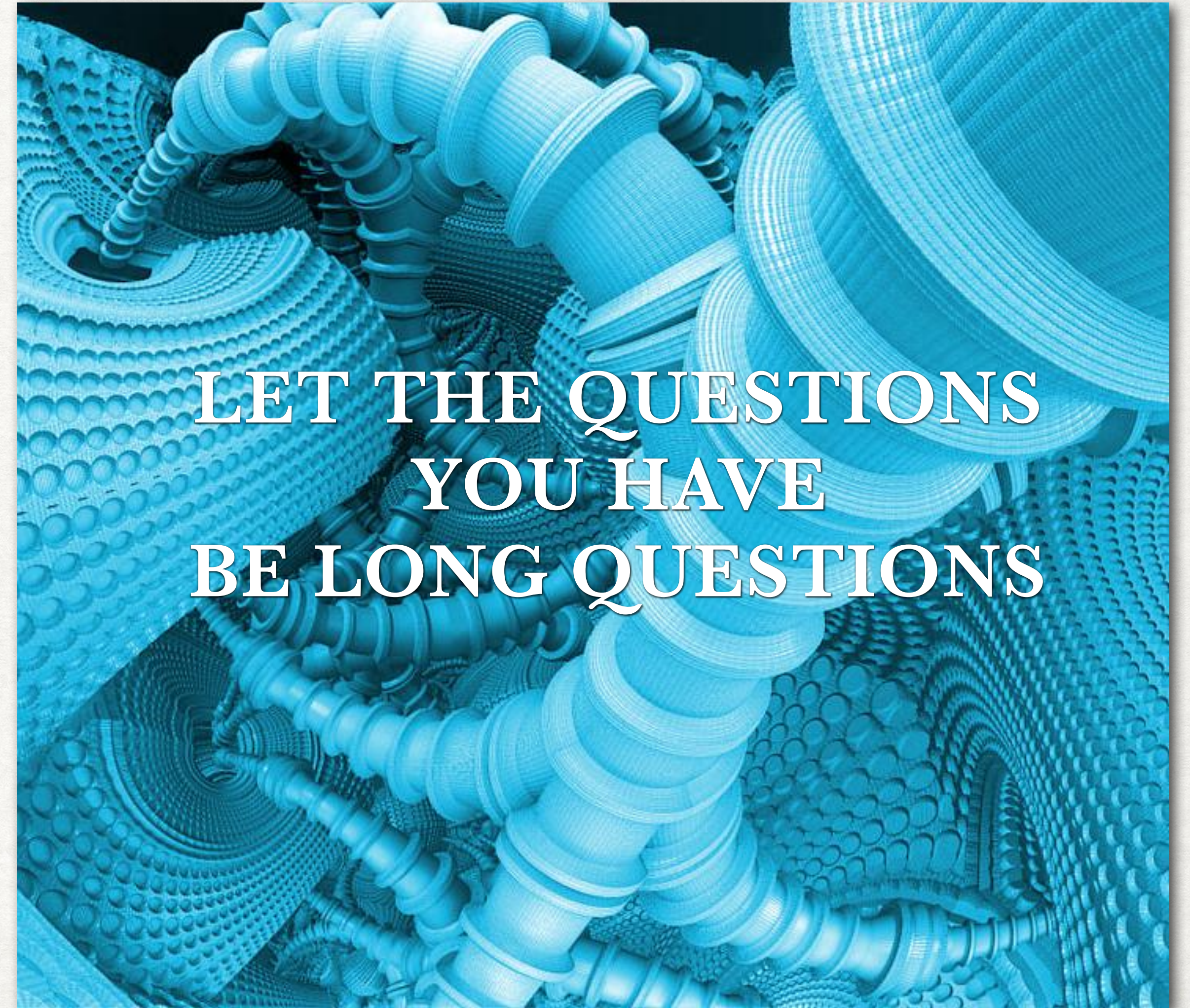
The second conscious shock is the transformation of negativity.

To make gold, you must have gold.



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