

will recall that in chapter 6, the spheres of the Tree were arranged in sets of complementary spheres; 0-10, 1-9; 2-8; 3-7; 4-6; and 5 by itself. A function of this *a priori* duality principle is that it holds the key to how people substitute the higher principles for the lower ones during the early part of their evolution. In place of 0 and 1, they identify with 10 and 9, etc. The best way to understand these principles is to view them within the perspective of *the five principles governing Man's life*. Correlating to the Tree we get the following:

### The Five Principles Governing Man's Life

	Prin- ciples	Spheres	Meaning
1.	Peace	0,10	The ultimate <i>Why</i> behind all actions. The emotional/pleasure factor in life.
2.	Self	1,9	<i>What</i> Man thinks He is.
3.	Will	2,8	<i>What</i> Man thinks He can achieve.
4.	Power	3,7	<i>How</i> Man achieves Her goals.
5.	Laws	4,6,5	Man's relationship to God, other men and the world.

### The Why Behind Man's Actions "0," Our Essential Nature vs. the 10th Sphere

In whatever way they have defined it, whether they have articulated their view of it or not, underlying all human endeavors is the quest for *happiness*. But what is it? While philosophers and psychologists have vexed themselves for ages seeking an answer, the Tree of Life, with its marvelous thought ordering functions guides us swiftly and easily to the answer. All things and events originate from the primordial energy/matter (the Subjective Realm, "0") which we know by now, is a substance devoid of forms, structures, etc. This is due to the fact that its energy is in a state of perfect stability or serenity. *Movement comes into being at the demand of Time*. Time is the ordered (rhythmic) apportioning of things, their place for manifesting and expressing themselves, given the fact that no two things can occupy the same space at the same time. As matter in the Subjective Realm has not been structured into things, there is no

need or justification for time. This state of serenity or peace is the master and primordial energetic configuration of our spirit. In the Kamitic tradition it was called *Hetep*. What we want and need most is peace. To achieve it we must return the focus of our consciousness to "0"--the Subjective Realm. This condition is the highest goal of meditation. It is the state of *Hetep* of the Kamitic tradition; *Samadhi Sarvikalpa Nirvana*, in the Hindu; *Satori*, in the Zen Buddhist, and so forth. It is not a serenity that depends on outward conditions, such as the amount of money, weapons, the state of our love life, etc. Neither is it the "fleeing" from the cares and troubles of the world. Granted that returning consciousness to the Subjective Realm, its original level, enables Man to go through life with an unassailable and independent calmness. But along with this achievement there is the knowledge that one has also contacted the root of all divine power. Implicit in people's quest for happiness is not only the urge for emotional gratification, there is also an urge for security. *And there is nothing that can give one more security than the acquisition of divine power.*

But as shown earlier, the return of consciousness to "0" is the last step in our evolution. We are born with only the 9th and 10th spheres active. That the 10th sphere is complementary to "0" means that they are the ultimate motivators of our actions. As 0 is dormant in the infancy of our spiritual evolution, there is no intuitive or instinctive influence urging the person to attain peace by the withdrawal of consciousness into the higher part of being. All urges in people's lives at this point in evolution originate from the 10th sphere, which we learned is the seat of desires, passions, emotions, etc. As this sphere is also our vehicle for communicating with the physical world, all emotions, and desires are stimulated by information streaming in from the external world. Gratifying desires, and emotional drives depend then on externals which are under very limited control of the individual at this point in his evolution. Happiness to people at this stage of growth, then, is the gratification of emotions, and desires which are dependent on achieving, or manipulating externals. Getting a job, having someone's love or acceptance, having wealth, fulfilling the necessities of life, indulging the cravings for food, sex, etc. All emotions and desires are in reality states of tension and disequilibrium of the energies of the spirit. All responses to our emotions and desires are attempts to resolve the tensions that they represent. Unevolved Man strives to return these energies to their original state of balance and serenity by gratifying the external stimuli that activated them. One

day we will all, like Sages have done, realize that the spirit's energies can only attain their equilibrium and serenity by being elevated to their original primordial level of being in the Subjective Realm. While the gratification of emotions and desires can bring only temporary joy, elevating our consciousness to the highest part of our being gives eternal peace. This is true happiness. The value of this reality can be appreciated when we recall to mind the individuals who, in spite of having acquired great wealth and fame, ended by destroying their lives, either through an overt suicidal act, or indirectly through living a very self destructive life. The reason for this is that the 10th sphere is the animal division of Man's spirit. It is called the Khaibit in the Kamitic spiritual tradition; Nephesh and Nachash in the Canaanite Kabalistical; Umzimba, in the Zulu; Ojiji, in the Yoruba; and Pranayama Kosha and Linga Sarira, in the Hindu. It is the blind principle that tempted the woman Aisha, who in turn tempted the man Aish<sup>1</sup> and caused, according to the Hebraic tradition, the "Fall of Man." It is unfortunate that so many bible scholars have debated for centuries whether serpents at one time or another were able to speak to people. The fact is that in the Kamitic spiritual system, which is the source of most of the Hebraic tradition, the hieroglyphic symbol for this part of the spirit is a serpent (Apep, Nak, from whence Nachash,- the "serpent" that spoke to the woman in the Garden of Eden). This part of the spirit is composed of subtle electromagnetic energies that have the function of animating Man's life, especially the physical body. Hence, the name "animal spirit," or "anima and animus," as it was called in the Latin spiritual tradition. Our modern use of the term "animal" to denote the creatures that are thus identified is an example of muddled thinking. All things in this world are infused with this animating spirit. This agrees with the law of physics which states that all things are in a state of motion. The creatures that we call animals are simply those that allow the greatest expression to this universal principle. But it is of utmost importance to know that all things, minerals, vegetals, and humans are ensouled by this animal, or animating spirit. To follow one's feelings, and desires . . . to do it because you like it, and so on, is to identify with the animal part of being. And as anyone would expect, to allow oneself to be led by an animal can lead only to disastrous

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1. Few readers of the bible know that according to the original Hebraic version of the bible, the characters that took part in the Fall of Man scene were not Eve, and Adam, but Aisha, and Aish. A study of Kabala reveals that the so-called woman, and man were in reality symbols of parts (the intellectual) of Man's spirit.

results. One's emotions, cravings, and desires can never be guides to living, and to what is correct. This explains the violence and irrationality that so controls the life of the majority of people in the world. *The goal of spiritual culture is to lead Man to the realization that the happiness -resolution of spiritual tensions- that He seeks through worldly achievements, or direct sensual indulgence can only be satisfied by returning consciousness to the level of being that is the only and legitimate place of equipoise of the energies of His being.* Life on earth is by necessity an unending ebb and flow of tension and relaxation. It is an expression of movement, rhythm, and music. But we cannot let the blind tensions be our guides. We can never abolish them, but we need not allow our consciousness, the essence of our Self, to dwell in their place of manifestation. It is to eat very low off the Tree.

### Man's Self-Identity

#### The First Sphere vs the Ninth Sphere

#### Our Self vs Our Person

We have already seen that Man's identity belongs at the first sphere. When an individual says "I am so and so," this "so and so" must equate with *"the likeness of God,"* which according to the Old Testament, Man has been made. As this sphere identifies with the unstructured primordial energy/matter which can thus become anything, so is Man's potential of becoming unlimited.

Yet we must remember that the purpose of manifested Life is to bring about a reality of *unity in the midst of diversity.* One essence appearing to be an infinitude of separate beings. Thus Man, like God, and all of creation is an *individual.* The term is made up of "indivisible + dual," therefore denoting a reality which contains elements that are separate yet cannot be separated. Thus, properly understood, the term "individual" cannot be confined to denoting Man, but must be applied to God, and all things in/as the world. These dual elements making up Man's being are the results of the unifying action of 0 and the 1st sphere, and the separating action of the 10th and 9th spheres. In this book we will establish the convention of equating the higher part of our being, our true identity with the term "Self," and the lower part of our being, where we establish a temporary identity reference point, with the term "person."

We are born with only the 9th and 10th spheres in an awakened state. It will be a long time before we evolve to the point where the faculty of our 1st sphere will inform us intuitively of our true Self. Thus we begin life equating the information acquired through our 9th sphere with our self. The 9th sphere, which is the seat of learning of the lower part of the spirit, learns from the 10th sphere only of our separateness from other beings. This is in direct opposition to what the 1st sphere intuitively tells us. It also identifies with the specific pattern of emotional (energy) inclinations (fiery or earthy temperament, etc.) that the animal spirit of each person accentuates. Thus the person believes that he or she is a shy or brave person, and so on. It also stores the memories of our experiences, and through its associative (but arational) function, assembles a "belief system" of our capabilities and limitations. These *three* fundamental factors- our sense of separateness, identification with a limited expression of our emotional capability (i.e., with our temperament), and with the history of our accomplishments and failures- are the major building elements of what most people falsely call their Self. As this lower part of being is a legitimate point in our evolutionary process, it must have an appropriate label. This is the term "person." It is derived from two Latin words. "Per" which means "through," and "sona," which means "sound." It literally denotes something *through* which a *sound* is made." The understanding of this point is to be found in the science of mantras. Anyone who has worked extensively with mantras may have verified the fact that what we call personalities are effects of sound complexes. For example, the sound (mantra) "Kling," taken into trance often and long enough will generate an artistic, peaceful, and amative personality in an individual of a different personality. The sound "Hring" will transform a shy, yielding, follower into a courageous and fearless leader. In future chapters we will also see that these words of power are also the forces of nature that Westerners have translated as "deities." Correlating this with the previous observation leads to the understanding of why in many African traditions, many people claim to be the incarnation of a Deity. We will later see that each of the spheres of the Tree of Life represents one of nine personalities ("Deities") that Man must learn to invoke at any given moment to meet the changing demands of life. In addition, they are each the "steps" of our evolutionary ladder.

It is important to realize that Man's placement of His identity in the 9th sphere, thus equating Himself with a lower part of his being, is the second master cause of all of mankind's problems

(the first master cause is his being controlled by his animal spirit). The unity that must exist between people in order for there to be peace and prosperity for all, can only come about by the leadership of the world resting in the hands of people who have evolved the first sphere, which is the natural faculty of unity.

## The Will

### The Second Sphere vs the Eighth Sphere

The will is the faculty through which we express our future undertakings and actions. What we will to achieve is ultimately determined by our self-identity. We saw that our true self-identity belongs at the 1st sphere, and shares the same qualities of the Supreme Being. In reality, Man's true self is one with God, qualitatively. Similarly, Man's will belongs to God. It shares thus in the omniscience of the will of God. The principal underlying determinant of success is not "having a firm will" or "thinking positively," as "mind experts" will have us believe. It comes from Man's ability to intuit God's will. The ability to do so resides in the 2nd sphere of the Tree of Life. An individual who has evolved to this level of being is able to unite her personal will with that of God. In other words, the person seeks to be guided by God's will in all undertakings in life. Since all of the person's actions is guided by God, success is always the outcome<sup>2</sup>. In addition, all actions are always in harmony with all other events in the world, given the fact that God's will is a reflection of its Self-identity, which is the sphere of unity (sphere one). This is the opposite to the common experience in which people's actions and attempts to solve problems, result in new and even worse problems (the Hydra serpent of Greek mythology that sprouted two heads for each one that was severed<sup>3</sup>). But the faculty of the second sphere belongs to the higher division of Man's spirit and, therefore, to the evolutionary future of the majority of people in the world. It has only been manifested by a few Sages.

When most people express their will to achieve a particular goal, lacking the input from the 2nd sphere, they take their cue from

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2. From the spiritual standpoint, success is not in reality the accomplishment of one's goal, but the spiritual upliftment,- increase in knowledge, and power- derived from the undertaking.

3. This is a symbol of Sebek, the 8th sphere.

the 9th and the 8th spheres. The 9th sphere, the seat of their personality, informs them, basically, that they are limited in their potential of being and separate from all other beings. The superficial and segregative thinking of the 8th sphere hides the connection between the things that people think about. This results in a limited view of what can be achieved, and causes most undertakings to end in conflict with other events in the world. Meditation on the subject will reveal that most of what people achieve in the world is at the expense of something else in their life or that of others. This is the master source of all the personal and group conflicts in the world. In the same manner that the lower principle that unevolved Man identifies with as his self (the 9th sphere) is not his true self, neither is the 8th sphere Man's true will. What most people call their will are really their desires, hopes, and wishes masquerading as such.

### Man's Power

#### The Third Sphere vs. the Seventh Sphere

We learned earlier that when an individual develops the faculty of the 3rd sphere, she has the ability to influence events in the environment through the use of words of power. I.e., the person shares in the omnipotence of the Supreme Being, although not in the same magnitude. The difference between this faculty and the seventh sphere, which is the faculty of the imagination, is that while the 3rd sphere is able to create effects in the environment even when the materials and circumstances to enable them do not yet exist, are in opposition to it, the 7th sphere can only coordinate the shaping forces that already exist, and are not in opposition to it. Unfortunately, the "gurus" of the "achieve your goals through creative 'imaging'" school do not know this fact. "All that you have to do is to imagine your goals. See yourself the way you want to be. Doing the things you want to achieve, etc., and you will achieve your goal." This process works only by reorganizing and coordinating the wayward shaping forces of a particular event.

## Man's Knowledge Of Reality

### The 4th Sphere vs. the 8th Sphere

The next major determinant of the quality of Man's life depends on *what He believes is real*. Whether they have articulated it or not, everyone operates from certain ideas regarding what is real and what isn't. The exposition of Cosmology in this book has shown us that reality encompasses a range of states of energy/matter from the unformed, hence imperceptible, to the finite and restrictive physical matter that we are well acquainted with. And all things are none other than divisions within this infinite and eternal substance, hence, essentially one in being. And that *all "beings" are in reality the percolation of one original consciousness through each separate form in the world*. Imagine sunlight flowing through glasses of different colors. The same colorless light will come out yellow, through one, red through the other, and so on. In each case it will have different qualities and limitations, yet they are all separate expressions of the same entity. In addition, it is important to realize that there is no separation, cannot be any separation between the whole (holy!) light entering the glass and the light fragment (of a particular color, wave length, etc.) leaving the glass on the other side. This is the message, stripped of poetry, of the Tree of Life. The message originates in the second sphere, and is codified in the fourth. People who have evolved to the 4th sphere are able to intuit the cosmological principles that give order to existence. They are thus able to create systems to integrate the lives of people with each other, the environment and God (i.e., religion, morality, etc.); systems or ways of life that integrate the various affectors of health, etc. This integrative (synthetical) ability, we must remember, depends on the 4th sphere faculty's capacity to think abstractly. Unfortunately, this faculty is also in the evolutionary future of most people.

Unevolved people are therefore forced to process their information about life through the surface thinking, and external form-limited faculty of the 8th sphere. They cannot, therefore, avoid segregating things that belong together. This faculty is the author of biases and segregation by race, religion, sex, age, etc. It separates medicine from nutritional science, religion from science, government from religion, etc.

In addition, whereas the 4th sphere is informed from within and above (i.e., the divine omniscience), the 8th sphere is informed from the physical plane. It is limited then to 1/10th of the Objective



Realm and is totally excluded from the Subjective. Thus limited, the unevolved Man, regardless of how well educated, whether in science, morality, health, religion, etc. is not truly able to apply the higher teachings efficiently in life. He can only see the external and lower side of religion. To Him, it is a system of worship and adoration of God. Morality is limited to the specific acts that have been pointed out to be immoral or those acts that are not condemned by enough people in a society. So limited is his thinking to surface and external appearances that he cannot see that there is no biological or physiological or spiritual support for homosexual sex, for example. We can go on.

Fundamentally related to the functions of the 4th sphere are those of the 6th, which is the seat of our ability to live according to the principles of cosmogony (innate order) residing in our spirit. This faculty which is also in the evolutionary future of most people enables people to intuitively and instinctively live according to divine laws, as opposed to the tyrannical influence that the 10th sphere (seat of emotions, etc.) exerts upon the 9th sphere (Man's person). The same is true of the 5th sphere. It is the source of a Judicial system based on the divine laws codified in the 4th sphere. Its acts of punishment are for the reestablishment of equilibrium in the world, as opposed to the disorder spreading acts of revenge that the 10th sphere motivates.