

The Solar Tetraktys

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Our solar system, including the sun and all its various planets, is the physical plane embodiment of a vast life that we call the Solar Logos. Within this Solar Logos are an infinitude of lesser lives, from those that inform an entire planet down to the life of the tiny atom. Each of the many planets--both the physical and the invisible etheric planets--form centers within this solar Life called the planetary schemes. Our Earth Scheme forms one of these centers, and is the physical plane embodiment of the Planetary Logos, the life of our scheme. Our physical earth is the form and outer manifestation of our Planetary Logos, just as the physical body of a human being provides a form for the indwelling Monad.

The Planetary Logos (like the human being) has seven centers, which are the seven Kingdoms. The highest three of these centers are:

1. Head Center-Shamballa-The Kingdom of Spiritual Lives
2. Heart Center--The Spiritual Hierarchy--The Kingdom of Souls
3. Throat Center--Humanity--The Human Kingdom

Shamballa is the etheric embodiment of the planetary head center, through which the seven ray energies manifest on our planet. The Spiritual Hierarchy, again divided into seven ray ashrams, is the embodiment of the planetary heart center. Humanity is the throat center of our Planetary Logos, and manifests in seven great civilizations or root races, which are again related to the seven ray energies. Thus in Shamballa is found the prototype of all the forms that exist on our planet, including the human being. This archetypal ray energy flows from Shamballa through the Spiritual Hierarchy and out to Humanity, just as the

energy of the Monad flows outward through the seven head centers to produce the personality.

Each planetary scheme, such as our Earth Scheme, consists of seven chains or enormous centers of energy that exist on subjective planes and last for vast periods of time. In our Earth Scheme, there was a major transfer of energy between these chains some 17 million years ago (in terms of time on this plane). Monadic groups--points of cosmic vitality--were transferred from Chain 2 to Chain 4 of the Earth Scheme. We call this transference the coming of the Kumaras, the Lords of Flame, from the "Venus Chain" to the "Earth Chain." These Kumaras are highly evolved beings and lives that have sacrificed themselves for the sake of the evolution of our planet. They have responded to the call and made the transference out of compassion, and in response to the Love aspect of the Solar Logos.

This transference from Chain 2 to Chain 4 was the equivalent of the awakening of the higher heart center, leading to a resultant illumination of the mind. Our Planetary Logos achieved a certain level of self-awareness and began a process of self-examination that continues to this day and will continue until "the last weary traveler finds his way home."

The Kumaras emerged from a highly subjective chain (Chain 2) to a chain that has one of its seven globes (the earth globe) in dense physical form.¹ This is akin to the process by which the Soul moves from its relatively subjective location on the higher subplanes of the mental plane and projects its consciousness downward in order to take incarnation as a human being. The Kumaras came out of planetary pralaya into incarnation and manifested on our dense physical earth

globe.

A total of 105 Kumaras came into incarnation at that time* and the significance of this number can be seen in the following formula:

$$1 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$$

This makes the solar Tetraktys.³ This is represented by the following diagram.



This Solar Tetraktys can be seen as representative of the four constellations of the Greater Zodiac and their influence upon our system and planet. These four constellations (out of the ten that make up the Greater Zodiac) are the constellations of Draco, the Great Bear, Sirius, and the Pleiades. The constellation Draco represents the one Spirit, Monad, or Life that pervades the universe and is the universe itself. The constellation of the Great Bear manifests the three major rays of aspect--the rays of Will, Love, and Intelligence (and in its turn this ray of Intelligence again manifests as the four subsidiary rays of attribute--the rays of Harmony through Conflict, Concrete Knowledge, Devotion or Idealism, and Ceremonial Order).

From Sirius arises the five aspects of manas or mind. For the human being, these five aspects are: instinct, concrete mind, soul, abstract mind, and intuition.

Finally from the Pleiades radiate what we call the seven levels of substance, vibratory activity, or energy that we call the seven planes. These four constellations of the Greater Zodiac radiate the energies and forces that manifest as all that is within our solar system, the planetary scheme, the human being, and the infinitesimal atom.

Reading this Solar Tetraktys from left to right, there are seven columns, each of differing number: 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1. These can be seen as symbolic of the rotary motion of the centers in all beings, where the first is the one

unmanifested Spirit or Monad. The second column is where the great duality of Spirit and Matter appears. The third is where (as at the third or Lemurian root race) the three aspects of Spirit, consciousness, and form appear together for the first time. The fourth column is the point of densest expression and the veils of illusion hide the inner light. This is followed by a series of cycles in which that which has been manifested is resolved back into the One. This has its correspondences in the incarnation of a human soul, the seven root races, the densification and etherialization of the globes, and the sequence of the chains within the Planetary Logos.

We can see this Solar Tetraktys again in the relationships between the Solar Logos and the planetary schemes.⁴ There is first the One, the Solar Ego or Soul, hanging from the Triadal thread. There are then the three major schemes through which the three major rays express themselves:

1. Uranus, First Ray, Will Aspect
2. Neptune, Second Ray, Love Aspect
3. Saturn, Third Ray, Active Intelligence

From the Saturn Scheme radiates six other schemes, making the seven major centers of the Solar Logos. These include Vulcan, Venus, Mars, Earth, Mercury, and Jupiter, which together with Saturn make the solar septenary nature.

On our Earth Scheme, this Solar Tetraktys manifests itself in the various centers that make up the human being. We can see this when, at the consummation of human evolution, the seven centers are fully interrelated and coordinated on the five planes of human evolution (counting from the physical plane upwards to the spiritual). Each of the seven centers has an expression on the physical-etheric, astral, mental, intuitional, and spiritual planes. This makes a total of 35 radiant vortices of fire through which the three aspects of the Monad (Will, Love, and Activity) are manifested. When all of the centers on all of the five planes are fully developed, the result is the appearance of a perfected Adept.⁵ These three groups, five planes, and seven

centers upon each plane are represented by the numerical expression:

$$3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$$

On a higher turn of the spiral, the 105 Kumaras, otherwise known as the Lords of Flame, are fiery centers within the body of the Planetary Logos.⁶ As the Kumaras develop, evolve, and return back to their original source, the Planetary Logos achieves and takes initiation on Its own level.⁷ Most of the Kumaras have fulfilled their purpose and have returned to their originating chain.

The Kumaras can also be viewed as three groups of 35 Kumaras, who are the higher correspondence of the three major Departments of the Spiritual Hierarchy: the Manu, the Christ, and the Mahachohan.⁸ This is represented by the numerical expression:

$$3 \times 35 = 105$$

The first group of Kumaras is concerned with the expression of the Will aspect of the Solar Logos, the second with the expression of Solar Love, and the third the expression of Solar Intelligence. In this, the second solar system, the Love aspect is to become dominant and supersede the energy of Solar Intelligence or Mind. It is therefore the task of our Planetary Logos (in this solar system) to learn to fully contact, respond to, and express the Love aspect of our Solar Logos. It is for this reason that, down the ages, Sanat Kumara has designated the Christ to be the head of the Spiritual Hierarchy (and not the first ray Manu or third ray Mahachohan) so that the energy of cosmic Love may be brought down in direct line from the Heart of the Sun to the heart of each human being. Again, the Kumaras can be viewed as the 7, or:

$$7 \times 15 = 105$$

The ruler of Shamballa is called Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World, the Ancient of Days, the Great Sacrifice, and the One Initiator. This Being is the embodiment of the consciousness of the Planetary Logos, and is the means by which the Logoic intent is brought into manifestation on the cosmic physical plane.

Sanat Kumara is assisted by three exoteric

Kumaras (sometimes called the "Buddhas of Activity") and three esoteric Kumaras, making the seven Kumaras that direct the evolutionary processes of this planet. This leads to the following correspondences:

1. The Kumaras are representatives of the seven sacred planets.
2. The Kumaras are the planetary representatives of the seven ray energies, for the rays are the consciousness aspect of the planet and the solar system, just as they are the consciousness aspect for man. These ray energies pass through and express themselves through a center, giving that center its quality and meaning. This is true whether that center is a human etheric vortex, a Kumara, or a Planetary Scheme. These seven groups of Kumaras form, in this relationship, the prototypes of the seven major ashrams of the Spiritual or Planetary Hierarchy, which are formed along ray lines. These, in turn, are the emanating causes of the various ashrams of the Masters.⁹
3. The Kumaras are the directing forces for each of the seven major planetary centers or Kingdoms of Nature. Sanat Kumara is closely related to the center we call Humanity, producing definite effects within that center. Sanat Kumara is in one sense the energy of individual identity within humanity. The three "Buddhas of Activity" are closely related to the three lower kingdoms, producing their motion and grades of consciousness.¹⁰ The three "esoteric" Kumaras are related to the three elemental or devic Kingdoms that are the inner counterpart to the animal, plant, and mineral kingdoms.
4. The Kumaras are related to the seven schemes. Four of these schemes (of which our Earth Scheme is one) make up the Solar quaternary. These four schemes make up (in one sense) the "personality" aspect of our Solar Logos. The three "Buddhas of activity" relate our scheme to the other three schemes of the Solar quaternary. This leaves three other schemes within the seven schemes, and the three esoteric Kumaras have the task of

relating our Earth Scheme to these solar centers. These three schemes represent energies that are not yet manifesting within this planet, but the energies of one of the esoteric Kumaras will soon begin to make its impact.¹¹

5. Each of the seven Kumaras is one of the head centers in the Planetary Logos of Earth in the same way that the seven Stars of the Great Bear are the seven head centers of the One About Whom Naught May Be Said.¹²

These seven Kumaras have a close relationship with the human being. It is said that Sanat Kumara is grouped among the "exoteric" Kumaras, making the three and the four. One of the "esoteric" Kumaras is the synthesizing factor for the four exoteric Kumaras, making with them the five Kumaras concerned primarily with humanity. These are related to the five initiations and also the five major centers that relate the human being to the five planes of superhuman evolution.¹³

Naturally there are other "sevens" which correspond to the seven Kumaras and their seven groups, and the list could be extended indefinitely.

Also, the Kumaras represent the nine, or:

$$9 + 96 = 105$$

In this case, the nine Kumaras correspond to the petals of the planetary Egoic Lotus, and the 96 correspond to the petals of the planetary ajna center. These, working together, comprise the Third Eye of the Planetary Logos, just as the human ajna center, working together with the unfolded petals of the Egoic Lotus produce the Third Eye in the human being. This gives us a hint as to the true nature of the Third Eye, commonly considered synonymous with the brow center, but in fact the Egoic Lotus finds expression and alignment via the ajna center. When the energies of the soul (the nine petals of the Egoic Lotus) can be poured through the personality and its various centers, the "higher heart center" or "cave" awakens into activity. It then becomes possible to align the personality with the Soul in full conscious awareness.

We can also see the influence of the Solar Tetraktys in the number of petals in the human centers. The purely human centers have the following number of petals:

Ajna	2
Throat	16
Heart	12
Solar Plexus	10
Sacral	6
Base	<u>4</u>
	50

This makes the sum of the five-fold lower aspect of the human being, or humanity. The development of the purely human nature was the goal of the first solar system, and Individualization was its crowning achievement. The five aspects of Mind became fully developed, and these have their correspondence to the five Creative Hierarchies that have transcended the cosmic physical plane. It also has its correspondence in the five rays of Intelligence (the Ray of Active Intelligence and its four subsidiary rays) that make up the Brahma aspect. In this second solar system, a further development is possible that builds upon the earlier achievement. The energy of Vishnu must be developed to the point where it supersedes the energy of Brahma. This occurs when the "Third Eye" is awakened and the Monad is capable of "seeing" through the instrumentality of the personality. We thus add to our table of the centers the ajna center (with 96 petals within the two major petals) and the head center (the seat of the Monad). We then have:

Head	960
Ajna	96
Throat	16
Heart	12
Solar Plexus	10
Sacral	6
Base	<u>4</u>
	1104

This 1104 can be broken into 104 + 1000. The 104 represent the Kumaras, with the 1000 as the number of the highest Kumara,

Sanat Kumara, (the "thousand petaled lotus") making the 105th. In this way, we are each a reflection of the 105 Kumaras and the Solar Tetraktys.

References

1. Each scheme has seven chains and each chain has seven globes. These chains and globes are located on various planes of the solar system. One of the seven globes is on the physical plane, and appears as a planet within our solar system.
2. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 387.
3. The Tetraktys is "the Sacred Four" of the Pythagoreans. It is the $1+2+3+4=10$ representing the Monad, atma-buddhi, the triad of the soul, and the four-fold personality.
4. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 373.
5. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 205.
6. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 413, 728.
7. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 387-388.
8. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 387-388.
9. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 388, 752.
10. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 728.
11. See Initiation Human and Solar, pp 39; A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 181, 373, 407,412, 728.
12. See Initiation Human and Solar, pp 30; A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 181-182.
13. See A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, pp 829, 861

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