

A MUCH LONGER HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

Are we correctly informed about our history as human beings? Is it true that we as a species are here on this planet for only a period of some 100.000 to 200.000 years? Were our sole ancestors Neanderthals and unthinking cavemen with no other human civilizations before them or between them and us?

This is what modern science is teaching us, thereby taking a large spread of 100% in their statements about our age. It is my belief that this version of our history is a very poor version of reality and that there is much more to know and to learn about this subject. To support this belief I will present in this paper a very different view on human history, which stems from esoteric knowledge.

According to esoteric sources like Madame Blavatsky, Charles W. Leadbeater, Annie Besant, Arthur E. Powell and Alice Bailey, among others, our human history is much longer and more elaborate than scientists or religious influencers of any sort try to make us believe. In fact these sources state that humanity came about already 16½ to 18 million years ago (note 1) with, what is called, the planting of the spark of mind into the animal men in the middle of the Lemurian epoch. This event awakened the intellect into the mindless men, and men became individualized by the appearance of the human individual Ego or Soul. However, before this event, a much longer time period stretches out till some 300 million years ago with the start of the contemporary planet round of the earth (Powell, *The Solar System*, TSS, p.76). Just as all the other planets in our Solar System the earth knows different planet rounds, which are embedded in much larger schemes of evolution than Charles Darwin took as his subject of investigation. In the current round seven root races follow one another on earth, with appropriate overlaps. At present the Atlantean and Aryan Root Races, which are the fourth and the fifth in line, prevail. They are preceded by the Lemurian Root Race and two others, and followed by two more races still to come.

In this paper I give a brief overview of these breathtaking esoteric insights in the history of humanity. I start with a schematic description of a much larger framework of evolution than proclaimed by exoteric science. This will be followed by a summary of the development of the different root races and their levels of consciousness during the current planet round of earth. I hope I give the seeker for truth in this way, beside a broader perspective on our history, some food for thought and some hints for further investigation into the big questions, like: where do we come from; who are we; and where are we heading to?

THE MEGA PROCESS OF EVOLUTION

The process of evolution is much larger and much more complicated than exoteric science tell us. Arthur E. Powell published a very interesting book in 1930, "The Solar System", in which he gives an elaborate description of the esoteric knowledge of Madame Blavatsky and the visions of Charles W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant ([note 3](#)) about the evolution of our Solar System. In the pages 11 till 24 he tells us that ten evolution schemes take place in this system and that the evolution scheme of our earth is only one of them. Each evolution scheme consists of seven chain periods, each chain period consists of seven planet rounds, and each planet round consists in its turn of seven globe periods, also called world periods. In a world period a specific globe is the place of physical, astral, mental, buddhic or atmic life. So, only in our earth scheme there are already 343 globe periods.

Figure 1 shows the earth evolution scheme and its seven chain periods, and marks our humble place in this mega process: we are in the fourth planet round of the fourth chain period of the earth evolution scheme, which is, I repeat, only one of the ten evolution schemes. In this planet round our earth has its fourth globe period, which means that it is the place where physical life takes place, as we may be well aware of. Before this, in the third round, mars was the planet of physical life, which contemporary science to its astonishment is discovering at this moment. And in the following fifth round mercury will be the place to be.

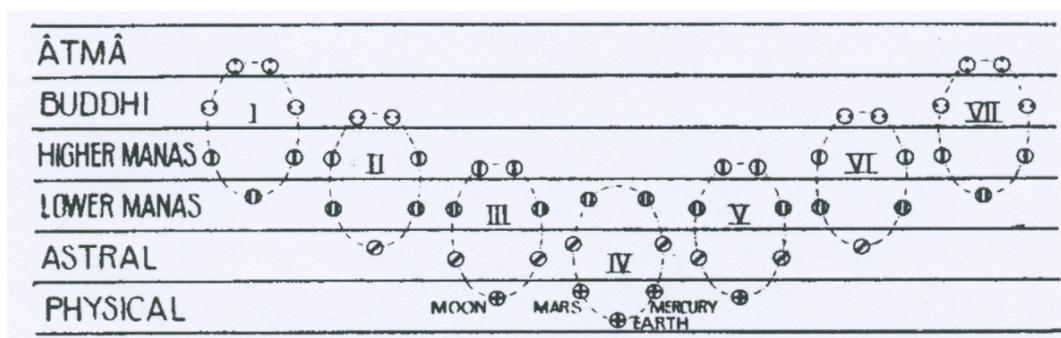


Figure 1: The seven chain periods of the earth evolution scheme (*The Solar System*, p. 16), with an arrow marking our fourth planet round in the fourth chain period.

In this figure the moon can be seen in the former third chain period. The current moon is a remnant of a much larger planet, which was the physical planet with life on it during the third chain period of the earth evolution scheme. Life evolved in that chain period on a planet that is in the process of disintegration and of which our moon is a remnant. So, our moon is disappearing! This is nothing special because all planets, as all material forms, large or small, come and go in the big game of development of consciousness. But the complete disappearance of the

moon will only take place in the seventh planet round, so for the time being we will be safe with having a satellite. Powell writes about this:

“What we now call the Moon is the last remnant of a much larger globe, which was the physical planet of the third chain, holding the same position in the third chain that the Earth holds in the fourth chain. In the seventh round of the Earth Chain, the Moon will disintegrate entirely, so that the Earth will be without a satellite.” (The Solar System, TSS, p. 19)

THE ROOT RACES AND THEIR SUB-RACES

Powell takes the reader in his book on a breathtaking journey of 300 million years through human history via different root races and sub-races. His knowledge is based on the esoteric knowledge in “The Secret Doctrine” of Madame Blavatsky and on the visions of Charles W. Leadbeater. He tells us that in this planet round of earth in total seven root races inhabit our planet. (TSS, p.76) To a certain degree they follow after each other, but an overlap is also the case. He gives an overview of these root races on page 53, on which he elaborates in the pages 149-261.

I will give here a short summary of these pages in which I focus on the physical characteristics, the time periods and the locations on earth of the different root races and their sub-races. I will add to this some information from Master Djwhal Khul (DK), given in different books of Alice Bailey, about the levels of consciousness of the different races.

1. The Etheric Race

Of this race not much more is known than that it possessed no bodies denser than the etheric. So this race was not visible for the physical senses, which were hardly there by the way. It has long disappeared from earth. About their forms and consciousness Powell writes:

“The forms themselves were not human, but into them came entities who evolved as human beings.

These huge forms, as said, drifted about, senseless and passive. The consciousness of the incoming entities, being on the âtmic level, could affect but very slightly the clumsy bodies. These showed only vaguely the sense of hearing, and a dim consciousness of fire.” (p. 151)

About their duplication he writes the following interesting quote:

“By an effort of will, they duplicated their own etheric bodies, materialising, in fact, an additional etheric double, making it permanent, and then stepping out of it.” (p.150)

No information is given about the time period or locations this race dwelled in, but it will probably go back to the beginning of the current planet round of earth 300 million years ago and stretches out many million years after.

2. The Hyperborean Race

This race had physical bodies but of the so-called “pudding-bag” type. It also has now disappeared from earth. (p. 149) This is the first race of which some information of geographical location is given. Powell writes:

“It occupied a continent called Plaksha, the area now called northern Asia, joining Greenland and Kamschatka, and was bounded on the south by a great sea which rolled where the Gobi desert now stretches its wastes of sand. Spitzbergen formed part of it, together with Sweden and Norway, and it extended south-westwards over the British Isles.” (p.152)

He says nothing about the time period this race dwelled on earth, but it must be much longer ago than the start of the Eocene of the Tertiary (56 – 34 million years ago) because he mentions this era in relation to the next Lemurian Root Race, as can be seen further on.

About the consciousness of this race he states the following:

“It showed two marked types, responding slightly to the buddhic consciousness. It showed the duality, which is characteristic of that consciousness, coming out in its physical changes, as in its two senses of hearing and touch, for the sense of touch was added to the first Race sense of hearing.” (p. 152)

In this way it can be seen that the different races, as could be expected, show a slow evolvement of physical form building and development of consciousness. And even more important in the light of the subject of this paper: that our ancestors were much more humanlike than the animalistic beings of which modern science speaks, and that our evolution took a much more elaborate road than Darwin cum suis stated. By the way, we ourselves (that is: our souls) were these ancestors, but this is another topic that is not covered in this paper.

3. The Lemurian Race

With this race we come to a little more familiar ground for esoteric students. The Lemurian Race is the first race that possessed dense physical bodies that were said to be giant-like and dark colored. Powell used the following terminology for this, which has to be placed in his time period, as everything he says about races (beginning 20th century when this terminology didn’t have the contaminated charge from the current time by wrong use in the subsequent decennia):

“The race is the Negroid, and some of its descendants still exist, though by this time much mixed with offshoots of later races.” (p. 53)

Of the location and the time period of this race he says:

“This, the Lemurian Race, occupied the continent of Lemuria, or Shalmali, as it is called in ancient story. Roughly speaking, this was a large Pacific continent in the South Sea.” (p.53)

“At the time of its greatest expansion this vast continent nearly girdled the globe. In the course of ages it had many disruptions, and was broken up into great islands. (...) 700,000 years before the Eocene of the Tertiary began there was a great outburst of volcanic fire, chasms opening in the ocean floor, and Lemuria as a continent disappeared, leaving only such fragments as Australia and Madagascar, with Easter Island, submerged and again re-uplifted.” (p. 156)

He adds on this a most interesting fact about the ending of the different races, a fact not easily digested by many human beings and therefore often negated or incorrectly removed to the areas of phantasm:

“The Lemurians thus met their doom chiefly by fire and suffocation, unlike the next Race, the Atlanteans, who perished mostly by drowning.” (p. 156)

As in every root race the Lemurian knows seven sub-races. No names are given for these, but some interesting qualifications can be found in the pages 156-167. The following summary is a compilation (not a literal quotation) of what I found on their development.

There were seven sub-races, unknown by name, in which the physical appearance changed gradually.

First there were the sexless egg-headed types who reproduced by extrusion of soft, viscid bodies – like “sweat”. That’s why it is said they were “sweat-born”.

Then came the harder egg-formed bodies who were egg-born.

Next appeared the gigantic hermaphrodites of 12 to 15 feet with a single “third eye” in the middle of the forehead, the one-eyed Cyclopes.

The fourth sub-race showed the separation of the sexes and the planting of the spark of mind between 18 and 10 million years ago.

Then came the transformational retreat of the one eye into the pineal gland and the forming of two eyes, at first at each side of the head, later towards the front.

The sixth sub-race was no longer black or brown-black from color but blue black and still showed a trace of egg-headedness, due to the retreating forehead.

And in the end the grey-blue, still giant-like creatures appeared who probably looked like the giant statues of Eastern Island with the retreating forehead, thick clumsy lips and broad and flat noses.

The consciousness of the Lemurian Root Race was purely focused on the physical life. To support this fact I turn to some of the books of Alice Bailey. She gives the following information:

“The consciousness of the third, *Lemurian*, Root Race was focused on the past and concerned with the physical plane.” (Discipleship in the New Age, DINA, I, p. 718)

“Glamour and illusions were relatively unknown. There were no mental reactions and but little emotional response to environment. Men were largely instinctual animals.” (Glamour a World Problem, GWP, p. 32, 40)

“The major task of this Root Race is the appropriation of the physical body with its five senses.” (Esoteric Psychology, EP, I, p. 51-52)

“Lemurian consciousness is inert, inchoate and unorganised; it is devoid of mind as we understand it and distinguished only by a complete identification with the physical form and its activities. This is the period of slow tamasic reactions to suffering, joy, pain, to the urge and satisfaction of desire, and to a heavy subconscious urge to betterment. Life after life passes, and slowly the capacity for conscious identification increases, with a growing desire for a larger range of satisfactions; the indwelling and animating soul became ever more deeply hidden, the prisoner of the form nature.” (EP II, p. 23-24)

Not a very elaborate state of consciousness we could say, but luckily, as I already mentioned, a very important event took place around 16½ to 18 million years ago: the planting of the spark of mind. About this Bailey writes:

“This speeded up evolution as the Self and the not-self were immediately correlated, and co-ordinated. Their close partnership became an accomplished fact.” (Treatise of Cosmic Fire, TCF, p. 196).

With this the animal men became thinking men, a very important step forward in the evolution of human consciousness. Esoteric knowledge says that the main factor in this fourth planet round of earth is the development of astral or emotional consciousness, and that the mental development was originally scheduled for the coming fifth round. It is said that with the planting of the mind humanity is helped in speeding up its development of consciousness.

4. The Atlantean Race

This is the most typical race for the contemporary fourth round. The consciousness of this race is focused on the emotional life. Bailey writes about this:

“The consciousness of the fourth, *Atlantean*, Root Race is emotional in content and focused on the present.” (DINA I, p. 718)

“The Major task of this Root Race is the appropriation of the astral body, the emotions.” (EP I, p. 51-52)

“In early Atlantean times glamour arose, which lasted until today, and in later days also illusion arose among advanced human beings.” (GWP, p. 32, 40)

The following quote gives an interesting insight in the religious experience of the Atlanteans, which can be noticed in contemporary humanity too. This confirms the earlier statement that the Atlantean Race is the most typical race of the current fourth round.

“Their attitude to each other, as individuals or nations, was primarily sensitive and emotional. Their attitude to the deity was equally sensitive, and their religious activities were mystical and devotional, devoid of any mental understanding. They were significantly emotional in reactions to beauty, to the terror evoked by divinity and to the emotional characteristics of God, to the sense of light and to wonder. The mysterious, the sense of awe, the following blindly of some recognized "sensitive" of a higher order than the ordinary human being, and the interpretation of God and nature in terms of feeling-perception—these laid the basis of that ancient civilization and have largely colored our present racial attitudes, at least up until the advent of Christ, Who wrought great changes in the human consciousness and ushered in a new civilization.” (Education in the New Age, ENA, p. 39-40).

The last part of this quote can raise some discussion. It seems that now, 2000 years after the mentioned advent of Christ and the so-called “great changes in the human consciousness”, still a lot of Atlantean consciousness can be seen on earth at this time. But on the other hand it can be said that Christ showed humanity another way of thinking and relating, which was the start of a new civilization that in our present time is still in the process of development.

About the location of the Atlanteans Bailey writes:

“This, the Atlantean Race, inhabited the continent of Atlantis, or Kusha, most of which has now disappeared beneath the Atlantic Ocean. Most of the present inhabitants of the Earth today belong to this race.” (p. 53)

The destruction of Atlantis was not one event, but evolved in four great catastrophes between 800.000 years ago and 9.564 BC. (TSS, p. 170)

There is more information about the seven sub-races of this root race than of the former ones. Names, times and locations are given by Powell in TSS, and the following enumeration is a compilation of the pages 53-54, 171-183, 203-213.

a. Rmoahal	5-4 million years	Lemuria, Atlantis
b. Tlavatli	4-1 million years	Atlantis, Greenland, America
c. Toltec	1 million – 800.000 yrs.	Mexico, Peru
d. Turanian	800.000 – 200.000 yrs.	Atlantis, Morocco, Algeria
e. Semites	800.000 – 100.000 yrs.	Atlantis, Scotland, Ireland
f. Akkadian	100.000 yrs.	Atl., Sardinia, Iran, Stonehenge
g. Mongolian	< 100.000 yrs. – now	East-Siberia, further spread

This enumeration gives an interesting overview of the ‘more direct’ history of our human souls in earlier incarnations. It also gives further support to my statement that our history as human beings is much longer and more elaborate – with the rise and fall of different more or less advanced civilizations – than we learn from exoteric scientists. Those assert that the species of the Homo sapiens has existed only for 100.000 to 200.000 years on earth, based on the finding of fossils. Much

older fossil findings go back to about 4 million years ago, but scientists are not yet sure if these are in the human lineage or in the lineage of the apes. (note 2)

5. The Aryan Race

This is the most typical race for the coming fifth planet round, but it is already present on earth, according to Powell as “the most advanced members of the Earth’s inhabitants”. (p. 53)

This root race can also be divided in seven sub-races and the following enumeration, with times and locations, is a compilation of the pages 54, 220-242 and 247-249.

a. Hindu	60.000 – 40.000 BC	Gobi Sea, India, China, Japan
b. Arabian	40.000 BC – now	Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt
c. Iranian	30.000 BC – 2.200 BC	SE-Asia, Iran, Syria
d. Keltic	20.000 BC – now	Caucasus, Georgia, Armenia, Kurdistan, Little-Asia, Europe
e. Teutonic	20.000 BC – now	Gobi Sea, Caspian Sea, Dagestan, Poland, S-Africa, NE-Europe
f. Not named	Only just commencing	Central Asia, India, Australia, America
g. Not yet appeared		

As can be seen the Aryan Root Race is on earth for quite a while, yet not as long as the Atlantean Root Race, but still longer than is broadly accepted by modern science as the age of thinking human beings and advanced civilizations. And the characteristics of Aryan consciousness surely point at advanced thinking human beings as can be seen in the following quotes of Alice Bailey:

“The consciousness of the fifth, *Aryan*, Root Race is mentally, or intellectually focused and occupied with the future.” (DINA I, p. 718)

“The major task of this Root Race is the appropriation of the mental body with consequential intellectual enfoldment.” (EP I, p. 51-52)

“This (Aryan) consciousness posits an ability to function with clarity upon the mental plane, to collate information, rightly to interpret and relate that information, and to create the needed thoughtforms or concepts for those interpretations”. (Rays and Initiations, RI, p. 593-594)

It is very clear that esoteric science shows that humanity has a much longer and more intricate history than exoteric science claims. Different civilizations and races, with different levels of consciousness, preceded the modern human being. And we are far from the end of our travel. We have a long way to go in the fifth Aryan root race, and there also are two more root races to go, with again each seven sub-races.

6. The Sixth Root Race

The sixth root race is not yet on earth but it seems not far away from its first appearance, and for this a new continent will arise. With the remark that no one can ever know what is going to happen, I give some exciting quotes of Powell about this race:

“This Race has not yet come into being, though it will shortly appear. It is destined to occupy a new continent, which has already begun to rise, fragment by fragment, in the Pacific.” (p. 53)

“In accordance with the general plan, the sixth Root-Race will be created from the sixth sub-race of the Fifth Root-Race. It will eventually take possession of a continent, now rising slowly, fragment after fragment, in the Pacific. Many thousands of years hence North America will be shattered into pieces, the western strip; on which the Sixth Root-Race will be founded; then becoming an easternmost strip of the new continent.

Whilst the little colony, which will be the germ of the new Race, is being founded, the Fifth Race will be at its zenith, and all the pomp and glory of the world will be concentrated therein. The colony will be a poor thing in the eyes of the world, a gathering of cranks, slavishly devoted to their Leaders. (...)

The colony or community will be founded in Lower California, about 700 years hence. A large and beautiful estate will be purchased and, under the supervision of the Manu and His lieutenants, a magnificent group of buildings will be erected.” (p. 250)

Note that the book of Powell was published in 1930 and that this part is a derivation of the visions of Charles W. Leadbeater in the beginning of the 20th Century. So the mentioned 700 years will be now lessened to about 600 years. More of this breathtaking vision of what the new colony will look like can be read in pages 250-261 of Powell's book.

Again with the remark that no one can ever know what is going to happen, DK states in the books of Alice Bailey (and he at least knows much more than we do) that the sixth root race will last some 10 million years, and that the consciousness of the sixth root race would be intuitive. Bailey writes:

“The close of this next root race takes us to a period ten million years hence, when the intellect will have in its turn slipped below the threshold of consciousness, as did the instinct. It will then work automatically as does man's instinctual nature, and the race will be intuitive. This will really mean that the fifth kingdom in nature will be manifesting on earth, and that the kingdom of God (as the Christian calls it) will have arrived. This will constitute an event of an importance equal to that of the advent of the fourth kingdom, when men made their appearance on earth.” (EP I, p. 357)

The fifth kingdom Bailey mentions will be the superhuman, or the spiritual kingdom, which follows the four contemporary kingdoms on earth: the mineral, vegetable, animal and human kingdoms.

But with this we will not be done yet for this planet round. Partly during and after the sixth root race this round of earth will be concluded with the seventh and last root race.

7. The Seventh Root Race

Of course all what is said about this race will be even less sure than the stated thoughts about the sixth root race. For this reason Powell says not much concrete about the seventh race. He writes:

“This Race will follow the sixth, and will be the last to appear on the earth in this cycle or round. Nothing is as yet known of the continent it will inhabit, though the name Pushkara is sometimes given to it.” (p. 53)

“The creation of the seventh Root-Race, of course, will be the work of the Manu of the seventh Root-Race, and He will also arrange for the usual seven sub-races in His Root-Race. But of that work nothing is as yet known. The seventh Root-Race will be especially concerned with the unfoldment of the Sat, or pure existence, aspect of the Divine Life, known also as the Father, the Creator and the Destroyer, to the Hindus as Matâdeva.” (p. 261)

And about the period after the seventh race he writes:

“When the seventh Race has run its turn, the Earth will be vacated - except for the usual nucleus which is left behind - and the main life-stream will pass to Mercury. There the life will be somewhat less material than it is on the Earth, and the average level of consciousness may be somewhat more extended; since ordinary humanity will then possess what is now called etheric sight.” (p. 261)

In the books of Alice Bailey we find the following remarks from DK about the consciousness of the seventh root race.

“The major task of this Root Race will be the expression, in fullest measure, of the soul and its vehicles, plus some measure of spiritual manifestation (EP I, p. 51-52)

“Down the ages, here and there, we find the true homo-sexual emerging as a guarantee of a distant racial and evolutionary achievement, when the world cycle will have been run and the two separated halves will again be merged in their essential unity. In the above phraseology I do not refer to any doctrine of twin souls, or to any perversion of reality, as ordinarily understood today. I refer to the divine Hermaphrodite, to the true androgynous man, and to the perfected human being.” (EP II, p. 278)

So, in this part, he says something very interesting about our future merging into a divine, sexless, being, in which our male and female parts will be fully integrated and melted into one androgynous entity. In another book of Bailey he says:

“In this race the full awakening of the Crown or Head centre will take place through the medium of two stages:

1. Wherein the massed energies of the solar plexus (the great clearing house) and the heart and throat will be carried—at the third initiation—to the ajna centre, and the complete racial "transfiguration" will take place.
2. The process will then be carried forward and at the fourth initiation the energies will be centralised in the head centre." (DINA II, p. 468-469)

"This will lead to a happening of such esoteric significance that I cannot express even its dimmest meaning to you because I myself do not know. It lies too far ahead, even for all Who are the Masters of the Wisdom at this time. Only the Christ and the Buddha begin dimly to sense its meaning." (DINA II, p. 468)

Here DK is clearly stating the speculative character of all that can be said of the seventh root race. We, as humble human beings, can only bow our head in deep reverence, when a Master like DK rests his case.

CONCLUSION

It is very clear that esoteric science shows that humanity has a much longer and more intricate history than exoteric science claims. Different civilizations and races, with different levels of consciousness, preceded the modern human being. Also it is an esoteric fact that the process of evolution is much more elaborate and complex than exoteric science tells us, with different evolution schemes, chain periods and planet rounds of which the current round of earth is only one.

We, as human beings, are not the highest intelligence in the universe, as the majority on this planet seems to think. We have to be very humble and should recognize our right place in the big schemes of evolution. We are only a species who finds itself in the fourth planet round of the fourth chain period of the earth evolution scheme, which is one of the ten evolution schemes in the Solar System.

This also implicates that we are far from the end of our travel. First we have to complete the fifth Aryan root race, which started relatively recently at 60.000 BC. And after that there are two more root races to go, with each seven sub-races. This process will take many millions of years to fulfill its completion.

And this is only the path to go on this fourth planet round of earth. Our planet has three more rounds to go, but before we are headed for our fifth round there are rounds on other planets to be fulfilled in this fourth chain period (see figure 1). After this round earth is no longer functioning as the planet of physical life and mercury will be its successor. For this no timing is known. Not to speak of the timing of the much bigger schemes of evolution on other planets in the timeless process of development of consciousness. A process that seems to have no beginning and no end. We, as human beings, come from a very, very long way, and we have a very, very long way to go. I wish you a good and fruitful journey.

Eric Huysmans, October 13, 2013

NOTES

1. According to Arthur E. Powell in his book 'The Solar system' (p. 76, 168) this event took place 16½ million years ago by an act of what he called 'the Lords of the flame from Venus' led by Sanat Kumara. Alice Bailey however speaks in her book 'Initiation, Human and Solar' (IHS) of the physical incarnation of the Planetary Logos of our Earth scheme under the form of Sanat Kumara approximately 18 million years ago (p. 28). But Powell mentions on page 76 of his book the process of separation of the sexes, which apparently fell together with the planting of the spark of mind, as a long process which extended over more than a million years, and took place at different times in different parts of the world. When we take this into account the 18 million years of Bailey seems to match.
2. In esoteric literature with the Ego (with capital E) is meant the human Soul and not the lower personality, where spiritual literature in general speaks of when using the word ego (with a small e).
3. These visions are written down in the book 'Men, whence , how and wither' of Charles W. Leadbeater and Annie Besant.
4. Bron: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_evolution

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