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AGELESS WISDOM

The wisdoms of Master Djwhal Khul, the current world
situation and 2025 – the year of the decision

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Former books of Eric Huysmans::

Stairway to Heaven (2007)

Licht op Bewustzijn (2010)

Doorbraak in onze Evolutie (2012)

All only in Dutch

“The books that I have written (and this book too; EH) are sent out with no claim for their acceptance. They may, or may not, be correct, true and useful. It is for you to ascertain their truth by right practice and by the exercise of the intuition. Neither I nor A.A.B. (Alice Bailey; EH) is the least interested in having them acclaimed as inspired writings, or in having anyone speak of them (with bated breath) as being the work of one of the Masters. If they present truth in such a way that it follows sequentially upon that already offered in the world teachings, if the information given raises the aspiration and the will-to-serve from the plane of the emotions to that of the mind (the plane whereon the Masters can be found) then they will have served their purpose.” Djwhal Khul, 1934

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INTRODUCTION: THE AGELESS WISDOM

Writing a book is quite a process. At least, it is for me. My first creation emerged in 2007, titled *Stairway to Heaven*, and it was preceded by years of trials, frustrations, discarding, and restarting. Until I spontaneously began writing, without a clear structure or plan (though it lingered in the back of my mind), relying on my intuition, so to speak. It suddenly worked like a charm.

After that, I birthed two more books into the world, one in 2010 and one in 2012. These were primarily reflections of discoveries that I had made after reading some beautiful books on esoteric wisdom. Because I had just read them or was still in the process of reading them, I didn't have the needed perspective to fully comprehend the offered wisdom, and therefore I was unable to express my understanding in simple terms. Nevertheless, I was pleased with them, and fortunately they also managed to appeal to some readers, albeit fewer than my personality in its then-current stage of development would have liked.

Now, more than ten years have passed, and we find ourselves in the astonishing period of 2020-2025, where one crisis tumbles over another. Meanwhile I have made several attempts to create a fourth book, including a fictional endeavour, but all of them, for now, have come to a standstill as I couldn't find the right form for me to convey all the knowledge I acquired in those intervening years. This made my head spin, preventing me from finding the structure, peace, and overview to entrust it to paper in a satisfying way. Now, it seems I'm ready, and I'm making a new attempt, starting from scratch. I just start writing again, as with *Stairway*, and I'll see where it goes.

Additionally, I must not omit mentioning the importance of the date of December 21, 2012, considered by many as the end date of the Mayan calendar. This brought about a significant shift for me, as precisely on the solstice date in that illustrious year 2012, I began a study of the Ageless Wisdom Teachings, a curriculum called *Quest Universal*, provided by the Morya Federation which is the online

school of the Seven Ray University. This study did and will continue to immerse me, likely until the end of my current incarnation and beyond, in the esoteric wisdom teachings transmitted by one of the Masters of Wisdom, Djwhal Khul or DK.

This Master of the so-called *Spiritual Hierarchy*, presenting himself as “a brother of ours who has travelled a little longer on the Path than the average student” (see Chapter 11), is also known as *the Tibetan* because he was incarnated as a Tibetan monk in the 19th and the first half of the 20th century when he imparted his knowledge. He did so, not through physical meetings, but by mentally connecting with two ladies in that period, the Russian Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831-1891) and the English Alice Bailey (1880-1949). This method is called *mental telepathy*, not to be confused with channeling, but more on that later. Blavatsky recorded the knowledge received from DK in several books, with *The Secret Doctrine* being the most well-known. This three-part work was published in 1880. Alice Bailey then wrote a staggering twenty-four books between 1919 and 1949, with nineteen of them being mentally transmitted by DK. The books of both ladies are still published and read, forming the foundation for the Ageless Wisdom.

In the books of Alice Bailey, the term “Ageless Wisdom” is used instead of “Ancient Wisdom.” In my opinion, a better term as it encompasses the wisdom of all times and, as we are told, is even older than humanity. That’s why I use this term in the book you now hold in your hands. I even titled it as such.

Since 2012, I have been thoroughly studying the books of Alice Bailey—not just by reading and meditating on them, but more so by writing articles about them and giving lectures, workshops, courses, and meditations. Expressing this knowledge in my own words and guiding people through meditations is the best way for me to understand it better and let it sink in. And now, a decade later, it seems I am finally ready to put everything I have learned, and continue to learn every day, into book form. I now feel the spark, the impulse, the inspiration, and the enthusiasm to roll out the Ageless Wisdom teachings from the books of Blavatsky and Bailey in my own language as much as possible, quotes excluded.

What abundant knowledge and profound wisdom flow from these books! One would wish that everyone could become aware of this, at

least, I would wish it. If we, as humans, knew and could apply (especially that) what is stated here, how different the world would look. Would we, for example, have been so overwhelmingly engulfed by the ‘coronavirus crisis’ that hit us in 2020 and the subsequent crises that came upon us in the years that followed? I think not. Correction: I am sure it wouldn’t.

However, the multiple crises in the first half of the twenties of the century in which we now live are a fact. I will elaborate on this extensively later. For now, I want to mention that every crisis is a warning signal that the chosen path is not heading in the right direction. A crisis is an urgent impulse for reflection and, especially, for change. It offers an opportunity to see and approach things differently than before. Every crisis is, in fact, a *crisis-chance*. We create our crises ourselves and need them to wake us up to the possibilities that lie ahead. Not only awakening to the awareness of what is truly happening in the world and how power dynamics are, but more importantly, awakening on a deeper level and realizing *who we really are*. DK emphasizes the great importance of recognizing and acknowledging that we are souls on a long journey of consciousness development through many incarnations.

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Connected to this, we need to realize that there is an esoteric, invisible world of meaning and causes that produces the outer form world, that there are *Masters of Wisdom* who can assist us, and that there exists a Higher or Divine Plan. I will delve into this extensively

in this book. But as a teaser, I can't help but mention DK's rather sobering warning that humanity will perish (he says "will", not "can") if these matters are not recognized and acknowledged externally by 2025.¹ In that year the Hierarchy makes an important decision that I will reveal in Chapter 21. If this decision turns out to be negative because we, as humans, are not ready for these recognitions, it could mean the end of the current civilization. So, we don't have much time left to acknowledge these things, which you could call *spiritual facts*. This doesn't necessarily mean that humanity in its current form will "perish" in that year, but it doesn't seem unlikely that it could happen in the decades thereafter. The current world crisis, which has worsened between the start of writing this book in September 2021 and the end in July 2023, gives strong warning signals.

However, this is not a reason to let fear overwhelm you or to close this book in disbelief. This is, of course, your prerogative, but I would suggest not doing so and letting yourself be surprised by the further explanation that I, fuelled by DK, will provide, and to savour the purification and liberation that is hidden beneath all of this. So, nothing to be afraid of, everything goes as it goes, the Divine Plan takes its course, whether perfect or not. Under the threat of material destruction, the destruction of forms, lies the liberation of the inner life of the soul. The soul that we are as humans.

All of this will be extensively addressed and explained in this book. The *Big Questions* will also be answered: who are we; where do we come from; where are we going; what is the meaning and purpose of life?

My fingers are eager and trembling to share this knowledge by typing. It's so much, and so beautiful, and so erudite, and so exciting, and so mind-expanding, and so much more than what seems at first glance with our five limited senses. I allow myself to write the impersonal Ageless Wisdom in a personal way here and there. This could be considered a sacrilege by some serious students because the crux of Ageless Wisdom is precisely that we integrate our personality step by step and merge it with our human essence, the soul, and thereby dedicate our personality to the service of the soul. Most books, such as those of Alice Bailey, are written from an impersonal perspective. This makes the material quite dry and not easily digestible for the less mental among us. They want to feel it and relate it

to their own experience. Since I am also writing this book for them, I have chosen a mix between a personal and impersonal approach.

I am not writing this book only for the higher mental students of esoterics or for those who have been engaged in Ageless Wisdom for a very long time. For them, the content probably does not contain much new information. Although they might find it interesting to take in the often complicated knowledge in a somewhat lighter way or see it summarized. I write this especially for those who are interested in spirituality and consciousness but are not yet familiar with the Ageless Wisdom teachings, and who want to delve deeper into esoterics and its applicability to their personal and soul life.

With this book, I am trying to bridge the sometimes still a little 'naive' New Age information in more popular spiritual magazines on the one hand, and the impersonal books of Bailey and others on the other. I apologize for the qualification 'naive,' and nothing against these magazines which certainly serve as an important bridge to foster more interest in spirituality. That is a good thing. But I am sure that many spiritually interested people are ready for further deepening. Therefore, in my own way, and from my knowledge and experience, I attempt to make this deeper esoteric knowledge more recognizable and accessible, and appealing to the emotions and personal struggles of the reader, including my own.

Because, you know, growing in consciousness, is not a spiritual party. Getting to know ourselves, and thereby reality, in more and more facets is no easy task, not always fun, no light or airy activity or experience. It is a thorny path and not a bed of roses, it makes us wander on the cutting edge. Yes, dear reader, unfortunately, that is how it is for our personalities. At least, in my opinion and from my own personal experience. I would like to admit in this regard that I often find myself in a dilemma. As is the case with writing this book. On the one hand, the wisdom conveyed by Master Djwhal Khul lands quite well with me, and my mental side is greatly triggered by it. However, on the other hand, I still struggle regularly with my emotional side and suffer from what I observe around me and within myself. I sometimes get worked up about it, even though I know that distance and a sober, non-judgmental, and neutral observation is better, as well as a sign of a well-rooted soul consciousness. I'm not always there though. Sometimes I am and sometimes I am not. That

will resonate in this book. I'm mentioning it in advance. Because I experience that becoming more and more conscious of reality can be intense, or as DK says: "See the Real, a terrifying experience, brother of mine."²

But I'd love to take you on my journey through the vast arsenal of knowledge that the Masters of Wisdom, through DK, have passed on to us. If you're truly interested, if you genuinely want to delve into the path that we as humans are taking, if you seriously want to take your next steps, and want a deeper insight into the meaning and great potential of the current world situation, which is both a crisis and an opportunity, then let yourself be surprised and immerse yourself in... The Ageless Wisdom.

PART I: THE BIG QUESTIONS AND
THE SPIRITUAL HIERARCHY

1. THE BIG QUESTIONS

Recently, I read a beautiful quote from the amazing Dutch book *Grand Hotel Europe* by Ilja Leonard Pfeijffer, which I'd like to include here:

“There is no destination without clarity about the origin, and no future without a readable version of the past.”³

This quote inspired me to start this book today, on September 20, 2021, after a long nine-year period of waiting for the right vibe. Here it was! In this sentence lies everything around which to structure the main theme of Part I of this book: what does Ageless Wisdom say about the Big Life Questions: who are we; where do we come from; where are we going; what is the meaning and purpose of life; what is the purpose and destination of humanity?

Because, dear people, as long we don't know where we come from, and as such have no clarity about our origin, and have no clue where we are heading, and as such have no clarity about our future, we have no idea about our destination. Also, we don't know who we are, or what is the meaning of life and all events, like the mega-crisis of 2020-2025, to name just one thing. What is the meaning of this? What possibilities are hidden in it? What can or should we do personally, and as humanity? What should we do with life in general? How do we make the best use of it? Why is there so much suffering? What is the purpose of that?

Getting clarity on all this, in a readable version of the past and possible future scenarios, that is what I would like to contribute to, however modest it may be. That is my mission, the mission that my soul has chosen for this personality life, and probably for several lives in my incarnation history and future.

Let me start with a brief overview of the answers the Ageless Wisdom teachings provide to the Big Questions. These may not be immediately clear to every reader, but I ask for your patience. This is

the most concise version of the answers. I will elaborate on them more in the following chapters. Here they are:

Who are we?

In our real, pure essence, we are *Monads*, or divine sparks of consciousness, on a long journey. This journey first involves a descent (involution) from an unconscious, very high, immaterial vibration to an unconscious, very dense or solid, low and material vibration, and then back up (evolution) to a, through many experiences, purified, conscious, all-knowing, very high and again immaterial vibration.

Where do we come from?

We have emerged from the manifestation of the *One Life* that by necessity, driven by the primal force *Fohat*, unfolded from the cosmic night (pralaya) - where there was no form life, seemingly nothing, only unmanifested consciousness - into the cosmic day (manvantara), where the initially unmanifested consciousness manifested in countless forms, sparks of consciousness or Monads.

Where are we going?

We are on our way to an all-encompassing *Divine Consciousness* with total bliss and cosmic omniscience about the unity of all consciousness forms, to the lived awareness that there is only *One Consciousness*. This will take a while, there are quite a few hurdles to overcome on this path, but this lies in store for everyone, for all incarnated and non-incarnated Monads.

What is the meaning of life?

Briefly but powerfully: the *development of Consciousness*. This is a necessity. Consciousness has always existed and will always exist.

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Without Consciousness, there can be no forms, there would be nothing, no-thing. Consciousness is permanent in motion and can only develop, whether we are aware of it or not. For this, it needs a form, a vehicle, a shell. Such as a human body, or a planet body, or the body of the entire solar system, or of the entire universe, depending on the level of development of Consciousness.

What is the purpose of humanity?

Humanity is ‘only’ a stage in the long development path of Consciousness. Humanity is the fourth natural kingdom, after that of minerals (first), plants (second), and animals (third). In the fifth natural kingdom, humans are transcended to the realm of souls and Masters. That is our future, merging into or merging with the soul and acquiring mastery. In that fifth kingdom, we will have overcome our necessary and therefore inevitable urge for self-interest and have replaced it with *service* to the group and general interest. Service is the natural state of the soul, our human essence. Self-interest is the natural state of the personality. There is nothing wrong with this; it is the core and driver of our personalities throughout all our incarnations. Until we have completely transcended this and replaced it with unconditional service, the natural state of the soul that we essentially are as long as we are human.

What is the origin of the cosmos, the Earth, and humanity?

The cosmos is the visible ‘form’ or space in which countless consciousness forms develop. This has unfolded or manifested from the formless, unmanifested, and seemingly nothing. ‘Science’ has called this the ‘Big Bang,’ but it is questionable whether this was accompanied by an explosion. I prefer to speak of an unfolding. The unfolding from no form or space (pralaya) to a form or space (manvantara). Space is also a form because it is observable, just like all other ‘observable forms’. These last words in quotation marks because it is redundant. All forms are observable, otherwise, they are not forms,

so this adjective does not really need to be added, but I have added it for clarification.

Thus, the Earth is a consciousness form, governed by the solar logos, the esoteric being behind the exoteric Sun and the ruler of our solar system. In this solar system, there are ten evolutionary schemes around different planets. One of them is the evolutionary scheme of the Earth, where humanity originated between 18.5 million and 21.5 million years ago. In that much longer period than the history books teach us, several root races, subraces, and civilizations have preceded us, and several more will follow.

Well, are you still with me? I can imagine that you may not be able to make much sense of this, or that some terms are still abracadabra to you, unless you have been involved with Ageless Wisdom, or with esotericism, Theosophy, or Anthroposophy for a while. But these are in a nutshell the answers to the big life questions that Ageless Wisdom provides, and Helena Blavatsky and Alice Bailey have written their books on, transmitted by Master Djwhal Khul (hereinafter referred to as DK). Don't worry; as mentioned, detailed explanations will be given in the following chapters.

But from these broad answers, it may already be clear that the history as we are taught worldwide is not complete, to put it mildly (see Chapter 7). The history we are taught and presented with concerns only fragments of the last few thousand years. Moreover, these fragments are very selective and mainly determined by the victors of the many wars fought. In fact, what is called 'history' is nothing more than a *narrative*, a storyline, of which there is broad agreement among humanity due to its widespread dissemination from childhood. Everything we are presented with in our childhood by our examples, the adults, we take for granted, with a few exceptions. What we learn from our parents and teachers at school, we accept as the truth. This determines our worldview from the very beginning, and often for the rest of our lives unless we are somehow awakened and start to critically investigate and think for ourselves. Not everyone does this, but there are exceptions. I am one of them, as should be clear. And I think the readers of this book are too. Otherwise, you wouldn't start such a book or would have dropped out before you got here, I guess.

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And so, it became that we have a very incomplete and often incorrect picture of our origin and history. That picture may indeed be “clear”, in Pfeijffer’s words quoted above, but when it is incomplete or even incorrect in large parts, we don’t benefit much from that clarity. I would like to adjust his above-mentioned quote as follows:

There is no destination without a correct representation of the origin and no future without a correct and readable version of the past.

So, I replaced “clarity about” with “a correct representation of” the origin and added “correct” again to a readable version of the past. Because the representation of our origin must be correct above all. Of course, it also must be clear and readable, but “correct” comes first with a bullet. There are certainly very clear-looking and readable representations of our origin available, but they are more or less incorrect, and certainly incomplete. This creates a lot of uncertainty and ignorance. And that is not good, dear people. Because this way, we cannot see reality as it actually *is*. This leads to big problems, so big that we ourselves have brought forth the current crises, greatly intensified by what is called the *corona crisis*, and in their totality, we could call them a *system crisis* and a *consciousness crisis* (see Chapter 14). We will have to solve these ourselves. This is the huge opportunity for a fundamental change in the view of our reality and our human nature that is offered to us!

What is needed for that?

Firstly, once again, a correct representation of our origin but also of our destination. Without that, there is *ignorance*, and we have no idea who we are, where we come from, where we are going, and what our goal and destination are. Also, not why this system crisis is there, what it actually means and entails, and what the causes of this crisis are. And if we do not know the causes, how can we ever come up with the right solutions?

Ignorance is the cause of much misery and makes us vulnerable to deception. And that is exactly what is happening on a large scale now (see Chapter 13 and 14). This has been going on for a long time, as long as modern and incorrect history exists. But now, precisely because of this great system crisis, this becomes much more visible,

so that more and more people are starting to notice it.

That is a good thing and one of the great possibilities and yields of this crisis. We are going to see what is actually happening. We are going to see the deception. We are going to notice it. And as one of our recent Dutch geniuses JC said: “You only see it when you understand it.” That’s what I call a clear and readable, but above all, correct representation of reality. In my opinion, a truth cannot be presented more concisely and aptly. Only initiates or geniuses like our greatest national soccer star Johan Crujff (RIP), who, not entirely coincidentally, had the same initials as one of the more well-known Masters of Wisdom, Jesus Christ. Who was, by the way, a fusion of two Masters during his life, Jesus and Christ. And Christ is not bound to Christianity or any other belief. He is the head of the ageless Spiritual Hierarchy and goes far beyond Christianity. But more about that in Chapter 11.

So, you only see it when you understand it. And once you see it, you can’t unsee it. That is rejoicing, but it can also be a painful affair. Especially when a lot of people, apparently still the majority, do not see it yet. Then there you are, with your acquired insights. Alone, isolated, with only a few like-minded people with whom you can hardly get in touch, beyond the digital contact that is fortunately available nowadays. But in this, your contact with others is increasingly limited to a small bubble created for us by the world of algorithms.

However, more and more people are starting to catch larger glimpses of reality. It is being pushed in our face by the crisis and the behaviour of the authorities in it. This is increasingly illogical and inconsistent, and a rapidly growing number of people are realizing how power is organized and how it treats us. It becomes more and more evident that external authorities either do not know what they are doing or do not have the best intentions for us. I don’t know which of the two is worse. There is almost no way around it, for those who want to see it, that these authorities are not doing what they were appointed for, by *us*. There is a lot of lip service, but this is not translated into clear, consistent, and above all correct deeds that serve us all. People are pitted against each other instead of connecting them. Taking responsibility, cooperation, compassion, and unity are not demonstrated and encouraged. Instead, there is shifting

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and ducking, polarization, exclusion, ruthlessness, separation, and selectively ignoring or ridiculing dissenting views. And all of this under the guise of ‘protecting our health’, ‘protecting against climate change’, or other kinds of ‘protection’ against various ‘dangers’.

Yes, dear reader, you can see that this touches my heart and stirs my emotions. This is the split between my clear, cool mind and intuition on the one hand, and my sometimes not so clear emotions on the other, which I mentioned in the introduction. Let me slow down a bit and not elaborate too much right now. In the second part of this book, I will further expand on my concerns and possible solutions. I want to stay with the ‘bigger picture’ of the Big Questions, and in the next chapter, I will delve more extensively into the first question, which is so crucial for a truly fundamental solution to what is happening: who are we, actually?

2. WHO ARE WE?

The first of the big questions that we, as humans, have been asking since time immemorial is: who are we, or who am I? Am I the person I am now, with this personality that is often so contradictory? Is my physical body, along with my emotions and thoughts, who I am? Do I only live once? What existed before my birth? What or who was I then? Or was there no 'I' or anything at all? And what happens when I die? Is there nothing left of me? Is this, often absurd adventure that I am experiencing now, all there is? A fleeting experience in eternity with nothing before or after for me? What the hell is the point of that? What is the purpose? Is this all there is?

Hold on, I'm throwing in all sorts of other big questions in my enthusiasm. Let me limit myself to: *Who am I?* Well, we are much more than our physical bodies. And significantly more than our emotions and thoughts, or our personality. I, we, are a *soul*. The soul is our human essence. As long as we are human, on a long journey of consciousness development, we are an individual human soul with the capacity for thought. What sets us apart from an animal is our thinking ability, our (partial) self-awareness, and our individual soul.

In the Ageless Wisdom, the soul is referred to as the Ego, with a capital E. This can be confusing because usually, the term 'ego' (with a small e) is used for what the Ageless Wisdom calls our 'personality.' However, in the books of Blavatsky and Bailey, Master DK speaks of the Ego as the individual human consciousness that, through many incarnations or personality lives, becomes increasingly aware of itself. Because that is the purpose of human consciousness: to become aware of itself. But who or what is that *self*? That is what we are exploring here. The self has many more facets than most people are aware of. It extends far beyond just our current personality.

Let's first take a closer look at this *personality*. Again, what we normally understand as the ego with a small e is called the personality in the Ageless Wisdom. Another term for it is the *lower self*. This

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personality, ego, or lower self consists of a physical body with the associated so-called etheric double. That's why it's also called the physical-etheric body. In addition, our lower self has an emotional and a lower mental body. These are our emotions and thoughts, considered as 'bodies.' Together with the physical-etheric body, these bodies are called the personality, or the lower self, or the ego. This is the vehicle that is the dwelling place in this life, where the soul temporarily resides to take the next step in the development of its consciousness.

So, our emotions form our *emotional body*, often referred to as the astral body. Some clairvoyants seem to perceive this body as a collection of little stars. This talent has not been given to me, so I cannot confirm it from personal experience. As with many other things I write in this book, I prefer to draw on the higher knowledge that the Masters have passed on to us through Blavatsky and Bailey. They know so much more than I do, but I only describe what deeply resonates with my inner knowing.

In addition, our thoughts form our *lower mental body*. Our entire mental body can be divided into a lower and a higher part. Only the lower part belongs to our personality and consists of the concrete thoughts picked up by our brains like an antenna.

Our *higher mental body* does not belong to our personality and is also called the causal body or the soul body. This body has the ability for abstract thinking, which is thinking in abstractions, connections, concepts, and systems. A higher perspective is needed here. This *causal body* is, in fact, the body of the *soul*. It is the outer shell in Figure 1, and it is our permanent body through all personality incarnations. This causal, or higher mental body, does not die as long as the soul continues to incarnate as a human. The other mentioned personality bodies die after each personality life, albeit one after the other. So, they die not all at once or simultaneously after death.

When the soul withdraws from our physical body, the latter dies because the animating principle is gone. Without this engine, there is no life left in our physical body, and it undergoes decay. It literally falls apart because the cohesive principle has ceased. This happens with every material form in nature and is a natural and entirely logical process. Our etheric body, also called the etheric double, dies

almost simultaneously with or shortly after our physical body. These two together form the *physical-etheric body*. They belong together and are often simply called the physical body. All experiences of this body are withdrawn and collected in the so-called *physical permanent atom* (see Figure 1).

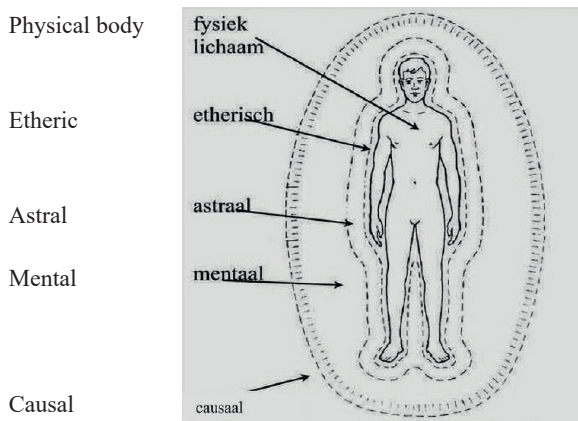


Figure 1: our five human bodies

Our other personality bodies continue to live for some time. The length of this, as far as I understand, depends on how our life has unfolded and the level of consciousness of our soul. Our emotions continue for a while until we have fully worked them out, with the help of non-physical beings such as guides and angels. This processing occurs at an accelerated pace because the slowing effect of our physical body has disappeared. Once this is done, our emotional body also undergoes decay, or dissolves, and all our emotional experiences are withdrawn and collected in the *astral permanent atom* (see Figure 2). Then the same process occurs with our mental body. In it, our thoughts and beliefs still need to be processed, after which it too can dissolve and withdraw into the *mental unit* (see Figure 2).

Afterwards, our consciousness, consolidated in the mentioned permanent atoms and mental unit, completely withdraws into the soul body or *causal body*. The permanent atoms are added to the already present permanent atoms, or consciousness experiences, from all previous incarnations. This causal body does not dissolve, as mentioned earlier, and continues to exist as long as we are human.

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THE SEVEN PLANES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

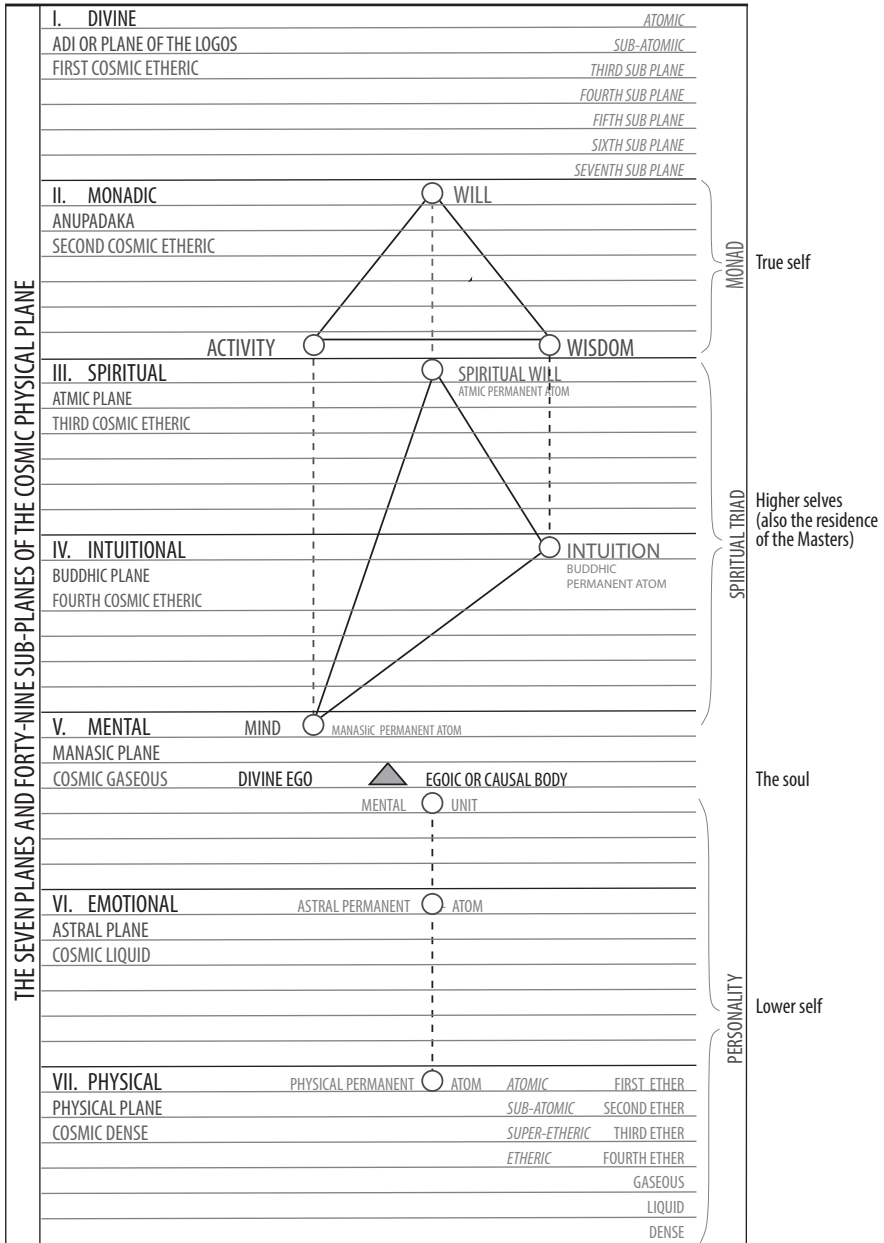


Figure 2: our human constitution and the seven planes of our solar system.

It grows and fills itself further with all the qualities acquired in each personality life. As a result, it becomes more complete in its consciousness and radiates more and more.

When we ascend further into the components of our total self, beyond the soul and the causal body, we reach our *Higher Self*. This is not the same as the soul, although it is often mentioned in the same breath, as if they were synonyms, in spiritual literature. This even happens in the books of Alice Bailey, which do not always excel in consistency when read from our lower thinking. These books mainly appeal to our higher thinking and stimulate our abstract thinking and intuition.

So, our Higher Self is of a higher level than our soul. This may sound curious but let me explain. I refer to Figure 2 for this, a very central map in the Alice Bailey books, included in her book *Initiation, Human and Solar*. This map initially seems complicated and perhaps even a bit intimidating. However, upon closer and repeated study, its elegance and completeness will become increasingly clear. It provides, in my opinion, a fantastic schematic overview and insight into the composition of our *total self* at all its different levels. This is called the *microcosm*. At the same time, it provides insight into the composition of the *cosmic physical plane*, which is exactly the same as our human bodies. This is called the *macrocosm*. The microcosm and the macrocosm thus have the same composition or constitution. “Ponder on this”, Master DK often says through Alice Bailey, when profundities are expounded that our concrete mind may struggle to grasp.

The Higher Self is not specifically mentioned in the chart, but it encompasses the buddhic and atmic planes through which the so-called *spiritual triad* extends from the higher mental plane (see planes III and IV in figure 2). As you can see, the lower point of the triangle or triad is in the higher mental plane (plane V in the figure), and this is called the *mind*. In this case, it represents the higher, abstract thinking faculty. The right point of the triangle is at the very top in the intuitive or buddhic plane IV. This is called *intuition*, to which love and wisdom may be added. The highest point of the triangle is at the top in the spiritual or atmic plane III and is called *spiritual will*.

Thus, our Higher Self is the same as the spiritual triad in the chart

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and consists of mind-intuition-will. By *mind*, the higher mind is meant here, and this is the light of higher abstract thinking. *Intuition* is equivalent to love, and will is equivalent to power. Therefore, the synonyms for higher mind-intuition-will are light-love-power. Our Higher Self, which, I repeat once again, is a higher part of ourselves, thus consists of the qualities Light, Love, and Power, which I now represent in uppercase. Isn't that beautiful?

Next, at an even higher level of our total Self, we have the monadic plane. This is the plane of our *monad* (see plane II in figure 2). This is also *us*. This is our true essence in the cosmic physical plane. So, our essence is *not* the soul! It is only the soul as long as we are human in the long evolutionary path of monadic consciousness. The monad is one of the countless sparks, elements, or emanations of the Source, of the primal consciousness, of the primal monad, which unfolded from the unmanifested Consciousness. This monad is again composed of a triangle or triad. The three qualities associated with the corner points are now called activity-wisdom-will. *Activity* here stands for active intelligence, indicating the active manifestation power of higher intelligence. These three aspects are the equivalents of higher mind/light-intuition/love-will/power in the spiritual triad explained above. So here again: Light-Love-Power, but now at a higher level of ourselves. I think we can call this level the *True Self*, to distinguish it from the Higher Self.

In this way, we see that our *total Self* in the cosmic physical plane consists of multiple layers, levels, fields, or planes. If we summarize these from low to high, we get:

- Personality, ego, or lower self: the one we are in this life, or better formulated: the vehicle or instrument that in this life executes the mission of the soul; in figure 2, planes VII, VI, and the lower three sublevels of plane V.
- Soul or Ego: our individual human essence; the triangle where Divine Ego is mentioned in sublevel 3 of plane V.
- Higher Self, spiritual triad: higher mind-intuition-spiritual will, or light-love-power; planes IV and III.
- True Self, spirit, or monad: activity-wisdom-will, also light-love-power at a higher level; plane II.

Finally, on the chart, there remains the highest level or area: that of *The Divine*, or the *Logos* (see plane I in the figure). This area is empty because it cannot be expressed in words. “THE ONE ABOUT WHOM NOUGHT MAY BE SAID,” as DK describes it.⁴

And let me, stubborn as I am, try at it anyway because words are a way to make our thoughts concrete. In this case, the Logos represents the Logos of the material cosmic plane. There are several Logoi at even higher levels. As mentioned briefly, figure 2 covers ‘only’ the *physical* cosmic plane. Thus, six more charts can be created for the cosmic immaterial planes: the astral, mental, buddhic, atmic, monadic, and logoic.⁵ The Logos mentioned in figure 2 is therefore the *physical* Logos. Other words for Logos are: God, the All, the One, the Source, also ‘the Word’ by the way (“in the beginning was the word”), that from which everything originates, our divine essence.

This Logos, like all the previously mentioned areas, is also part of our total Self. This implies that *we are divine ourselves*, a splinter or emanation of the divine Source. That is ultimately our highest or most concise essence.

This brings us to the next Big Question: Where do we come from and where are we going?