

The Mysteries

What are the Mysteries and how are they linked to the esoteric teachings of the Wisdom-Religion?

Reading - The Voice of the Silence (pg. 27)

Saith the pupil:

O Teacher, what shall I do to reach to Wisdom?

O Wise one, what, to gain perfection?

Search for the Paths. But, O Lanoo, be of clean heart before thou startest on thy journey. Before thou takest thy first step learn to discern the real from the false, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting. Learn above all to separate Head-learning from Soul-wisdom, the "Eye" from the "Heart" doctrine.

Yea, ignorance is like unto a closed and airless vessel; the soul a bird shut up within. It warbles not, nor can it stir a feather; but the songster mute and torpid sits, and of exhaustion dies.

But even ignorance is better than Head-learning with no Soul-wisdom to illuminate and guide it.

The seeds of Wisdom cannot sprout and grow in airless space. To live and reap experience the mind needs breadth and depth and points to draw it towards the Diamond Soul. Seek not those points in Maya's realm; but soar beyond illusions, search the eternal and the changeless SAT, mistrusting fancy's false suggestions.

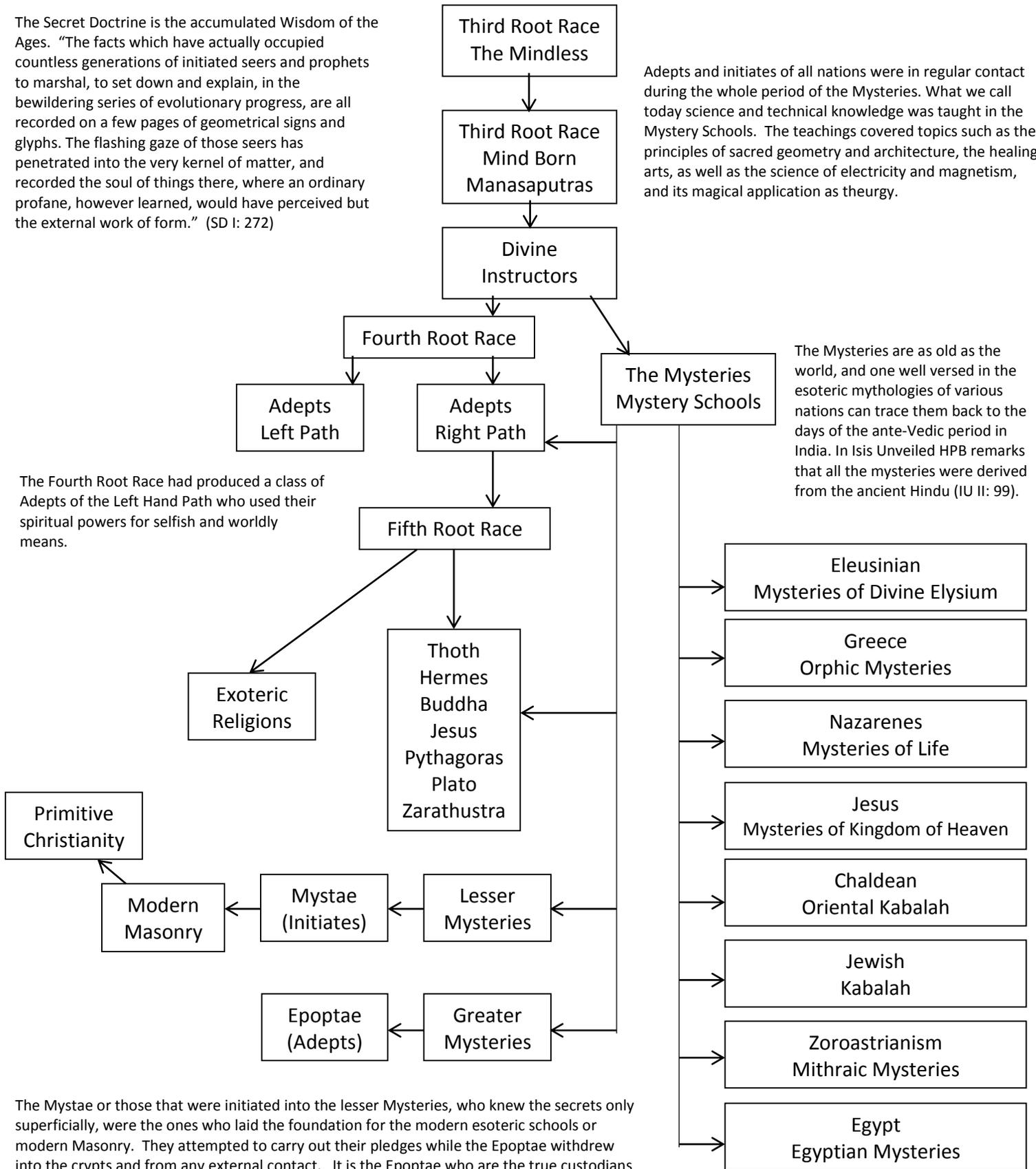
For mind is like a mirror; it gathers dust while it reflects. It needs the gentle breezes of Soul-wisdom to brush away the dust of our illusions. Seek, O Beginner, to blend thy Mind and Soul.

Shun ignorance, and likewise shun illusion. Avert thy face from world deceptions: mistrust thy senses, they are false. But within thy body — the shrine of thy sensations — seek in the Impersonal for the "Eternal Man"; and having sought him out, look inward: thou art Buddha.

The Mysteries and the Secret Doctrine

The Secret Doctrine is the accumulated Wisdom of the Ages. "The facts which have actually occupied countless generations of initiated seers and prophets to marshal, to set down and explain, in the bewildering series of evolutionary progress, are all recorded on a few pages of geometrical signs and glyphs. The flashing gaze of those seers has penetrated into the very kernel of matter, and recorded the soul of things there, where an ordinary profane, however learned, would have perceived but the external work of form." (SD I: 272)

Adepts and initiates of all nations were in regular contact during the whole period of the Mysteries. What we call today science and technical knowledge was taught in the Mystery Schools. The teachings covered topics such as the principles of sacred geometry and architecture, the healing arts, as well as the science of electricity and magnetism, and its magical application as theurgy.



The Mysteries are as old as the world, and one well versed in the esoteric mythologies of various nations can trace them back to the days of the ante-Vedic period in India. In Isis Unveiled HPB remarks that all the mysteries were derived from the ancient Hindu (IU II: 99).

The Fourth Root Race had produced a class of Adepts of the Left Hand Path who used their spiritual powers for selfish and worldly means.

The Mystae or those that were initiated into the lesser Mysteries, who knew the secrets only superficially, were the ones who laid the foundation for the modern esoteric schools or modern Masonry. They attempted to carry out their pledges while the Eoptae withdrew into the crypts and from any external contact. It is the Eoptae who are the true custodians of the secrets and they have been lost to the world until they are to emerge once again.