

Agni Yoga Glossary



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Abramram. A secret nerve center in the body also known as the fiery *Chalice*. This term may be a phonetic spelling of the Sanskrit ‘abhramram,’ which combines ‘abhram,’ which means a water bearer or cup, with ‘ram,’ which is the seed syllable for fire. Also see *Chalice*.

Affinity. The principle of ‘affinity,’ also called ‘law of the magnet’ and ‘the attractive power of the heart,’ is fundamental to the workings of Cosmos. It attracts and holding together in mutual kinship all sentiency in manifestation. The mystery of the affinity between kindred spirits is sacred and very beautiful.

Agni. According to the Bhagavata Purana, one of the greatest of the Hindu scriptures, ‘Agni’ is “the sacred fire of the heart hidden within all beings.”¹ ‘Agni’ is a Sanskrit term used in Indian scriptures to represent the Fire of Manas or mind within the Cosmos and within all life forms. In the Teaching it has been called the *psychic energy*, *primal energy* and the *fiery current*. In the human kingdom it manifests itself as the divine spark or fire behind all

¹ Skandha 7:11 An abridged translation has been recently produced by Ramesha Menon and published by Rupa Publishing.

thought and feeling. See *psychic energy*. **Each of us carries within himself the One Fire, immutable throughout the entire universe. No one cares to imagine that the universal treasure is within him. The fire of the heart alone unites all world structures through its magnet.**¹

Agni Invisibilae is a term used in the Teaching to mean a *ray of silence* sent by the Teacher to the disciple. **These rays are sent to the heart, invisibly and imperceptibly. They are most penetrative, and the organism must assimilate them. At first they evoke anguish, yet they are comparable to pure Fire. The one who sends experiences a manifestation of the highest joy, and the one who receives will manifest the same joy after assimilation.**²

Agni Yoga is the perception and application in life of the all-embracing element of Fire, which nourishes the seed of the spirit.³ Agni Yoga is the utilization of *psychic energy*, the power of thought, for both self-perfection and *great service*. Psychic energy is a manifestation of Agni, the pure sacred fire within the mind of man. ‘Yoga’ means spiritual union. Agni Yoga, therefore, is the spiritual path that unites the consciousness with the *Sacred Fire* through its *affinity* with the sacred fire of the heart. By opening the heart we attract to ourselves a portion of the *primal energy*, the *fire of space*, which when absorbed activates and transmutes the centers, illuminates the consciousness, giving the motivating impulse necessary for our next step forward on the path. **Only a refined organism can assimilate the fiery current. Only the fiery heart can unite itself to the Heart of the Cosmos.**⁴ The goal of the Agni Yogi is to **become not an instrument nor a passive recipient, but a co-worker and creator.**

Ahamkara. A Sanskrit term meaning a sense of self. The Teacher uses the term in its higher sense. **Ahamkara is the high state of the fiery seed when it can already affirm itself without egoism. Thus the fiery gates are**

¹ *Fiery World I* # 7

² *Infinity I*, 81

³ *Agni Yoga* 185

⁴ *Fiery World III*, 174

opened when not only is egoism burned away but a worthy evaluation of self is achieved.¹

Akasha. A Sanskrit term meaning the all-pervasive very subtle primary energy-substance of space as a manifestation of the all-pervading cosmic Fire. Also called the *Light of Fire*, the *Radiance of the Mother of the World*,² *Materia Lucida* and *Primary Substance*.

Amrita. A Sanskrit term meaning an elixir of immortality produced within the organism of the yogi.

Anura. Perception through the heart bestows a charm that cannot be acquired with gold. The manifestation of Anura—in other words, charm of the heart—is very highly valued. It belongs to among the cumulative and indefinable qualities.²

Arcs of Consciousness. The overlap in consciousness that occurs at a certain stage between the disciple and the Teacher. Also see *Paloria*.

Arhat. Adept, an initiate of high degree.

Armageddon. Armageddon is the major intensification of the battle between forces of Light and the forces of darkness that is taking place now. Armageddon began, says the Teacher, shortly after the arrival of the Teaching (approximately 1929). **Certainly the planet is passing through Armageddon, and all its affirmations are sharply divided into camps of Light and darkness.³**

Armor. See *Protecting Net*.

Atom. A complete living organism, life-form or *psycho-life*. It can represent the tiny physical atom of physics, a human being, or a cosmic being. The term may have originated from the Egyptian Atum, which has a similar meaning. Also see *Cosmic Atom*.

¹ *Fiery World* I 602

² *Heart* 489

³ *Fiery World* III, 183

Attainment as the term is uniquely used throughout the Teaching means the achievement of selflessness. This is not renunciation, we are told, but rather an attitude that is without egoism.

Avakara. A Sanskrit term meaning inspired from above, fiery inspiration. See *Community* 180.

Baptism. Initiation. See *Fiery Baptism*.

Battle. In the Agni Teaching the term ‘battle’ is primarily used to express that ‘resistance to evil’ that all followers of Hierarchy must attain. This evil, which strikes where there is the greatest weakness, often enters the warrior’s field of play as thoughts. These unworthy thoughts and feelings must first be recognized as coming from outside, then quickly eliminated. For this constant vigilance and the mind control of *Raga Yoga* are necessary. Battle is a necessary ingredient of the Agni Yoga Path. It develops strength through *Tactica Adversita*, is produced that spiritual tension so necessary for achievement. **No other word will express that state of inner struggle and success as *battle* does.**¹

Be-ness, in its boundlessness, may be affirmed as Infinity.² A close Sanskrit equivalent is ‘tathata,’ or pure Being, indivisible and totally beyond words or concepts.’ Bodhisattva Maitreya, the coming Buddha, in his Treatise on the *Buddha Nature*, says that it is fully realized only at the very highest initiation.³ **Since Be-ness is Fire, all is permeated with it.**⁴

Blending of Consciousness, also called ‘unity of consciousness,’ pertains to the blending or overlapping of the consciousness of the yogi with the spiritual consciousness of the Teacher. Also See *Paloria*.

Brahmarandhara is the twelve-petaled subtle nerve center at the crown of the head. In the esoteric literature of India this center was called the ‘Gate of Brahma’ for through it the creative Fire of Space enters the body and through it the sacred AUM makes its ascent to the freedom of the higher

¹ Heart 585

² Infinity I, 266

³ *Heart Essence of the Great Perfection*, by Maitreya. Pentarba Publications, 2011

⁴ Infinity I, 56.

worlds. The fusion of the *fire of space* with the fires of the centers takes place through this center. It is said to be a higher heart center.

Brahmavidya is the name given to the truth or doctrine pertaining to the third aspect to the divine Trinity, which the Christians call the Holy Spirit and the Teaching calls *The Mother of the World*. Also see the *Fire of Brahmavidya*.

Breath of Cosmos streams forth as rays of cosmic *thought creativeness*, carrying life and the fiery impulse behind evolution to all worlds. It streams forth as a river of Fire from Infinity, pervading and uniting all life into a single organism. It also returns the individualized particles of that life back to its invisible source. It is the origin of all manifestation, energy, and motion. It is also called the solar ray, *rays of the supermundane spheres*, thread of the *fire of space*, the *breath of the Mother of the World*, and the *current of evolution*.

The Breath of the Mother of the World is synonymous with highest *psychic energy*. At this level it is pure for it has not yet come in contact with humanity.

The Brotherhood, also called the *Hierarchy*, *Community*, and Brothers of Humanity, is a term meaning the spiritual community of divine Bodhisattvas who guides the spiritual evolution of the world.

Call of Space is the divine motivating *Fiery Impulse* to evolve along certain predetermined lines. **Distinct is the call of space; one has only to desire to hear it.**¹ Also see *Currents of Evolution*.

Cementing Space means to saturate space with thoughts that are in step with evolution. This is one of the yogi's primary acts of service. **Much can be facilitated by constant calm and affirmative thought directed with intension.** Also see *Thought Creativeness*.

Centers of Fire can refer either to the '*Luminaries*' or the nerve centers of the yogi, depending on how it is use in the sentence.

Chalice. Since times immemorial the Chalice has been a symbol of Service.... The symbol of the Chalice has always stood for self-

¹ Infinity I, 78.

sacrifice. Whoever bears the Chalice bears *achievement*. Each lofty deed can be marked by the symbol of the Chalice. Everything most lofty, everything for the good of humanity, should bear this symbol. All images of Heroes of the Spirit may be represented as bearing the Chalice.¹

The Chalice is also used in the Teaching to represent a secret nerve center in the etheric body closely connected with the heart center. The Chalice is where the higher *psychic energy* is gathered, stored, and utilized. **The gifts of the Higher Forces are gathered in the chalice and given from the chalice.**² When we are told to be careful not to spill the chalice it means to not carelessly squander our store of psychic energy. When we make the offering, **“accept my heart oh Lord, and sacrifice it for the sake of the world,”** we are offering our store of precious psychic energy to be used by the Teacher as needed to benefit the world.

It has also been called the ‘chalice of amrita,’ as it is through this center that the elixir and the *ringse* (the *crystals of psychic energy*) are generated. **Once again we come to the idea of life as a chalice of wondrous remedy. To drink of the poison of the world and be reborn with full power! This ritual comes from ancient legends. We see it in Egypt and in Greece. Shiva Himself performs it and a whole chain of Redeemers drink from the chalice of poison, transforming it into the *Amrita*, the elixir of immortality.**³ The chalice is also called the *Inner Lotus & Abramram*.

Co-measurement. Fitting the truth to the proper level of application or manifestation. Francis Bacon, in his *Advancement of Learning*, writes: “We ought not to attempt to draw down or submit the mysteries of God to our reason; but contrariwise to raise and advance our reason to the divine truth.”

Each action can be measured only in accordance with its relation to Hierarchy and Infinity. When we speak of the magnitude of fundamentals let us beware of applying earthly measures. Let us especially not base our concepts on the finite because, in essence, the finite does not exist.⁴

¹ *The Fiery World* III. 49

² *The Fiery World* III, 49

³ *Agni Yoga* 304

⁴ *AUM* 241

Earthly measure is not applicable to the grandeur of Cosmos.¹

Communion. Making a heart connection with the Teacher, the Hierarchy, the Supreme. Communion is primarily made through prayer and the highest form of prayer, says the Teacher, is without words. Silent communion leads to *Paloria*, unity of consciousness.

Community. See *Hierarchy*.

Concatenation means the unification of many parts, as links in a chain. **The concatenation of the universe with all higher spheres should be adopted by the consciousness as a saving anchor in the advancement of the higher foundations of the future.²** Concatenation embraces the principle of hierarchy.

Concordance means both unity and cooperation; unity with the cosmos and cooperation as that creative labor which is in step with evolution. **Concordance is the unifying principle, which affirms the sacred intercourse between spirit and spirit, between spirit and the planet, between spirit and cosmos, between cosmos and the power of the infinite.³**

Consciousness of Space means the universal mind.⁴ The term *space* is often used in the Teaching to mean the universal, the all-inclusive, and the unbounded. The consciousness of space' is close to the Sanskrit 'Alaya,' the all-pervading origin of consciousness.

Cosmic Affinity. See *Affinity*.

Cosmic Atom. A cosmic *psycho-life*, a spiritual being of a level far beyond the human kingdom.

Cosmic Breath. See *Breath of Cosmos & Current of Evolution*.

Cosmic Energy. See *Fire of Space & Cosmic Fire*.

¹ *Fiery World III*, 44

² *Infinity I*, 23.

³ See verse 94 above.

⁴ See *Agni Yoga* 181 & 218.

Cosmic Fire. The fiery essence which permeates all that lives is **Cosmic Fire**, emanating from the depths of the **Cosmos** and proceeding into **infinite creative manifestations**.¹ Also see *Fire of Space* and *Currents of Evolution*.

Cosmic Fusion is what attracts and holds together the necessary living atoms to form a living organism whether elemental, human, or cosmic.

The Cosmic Magnet. The root source and fiery motivating impulse behind Evolution. **The Cosmic Magnet is our sacred power. Boundless is the immensity of this Power.... The Arhat proceeds carrying the power of the Cosmic Magnet in his heart.**¹ Also see *Hierarchy & the Heart of the World*.

Cosmic Patterns are the archetypal blueprints of evolution. Also see *Nets of materia lucida* and *Cosmic Seed*.

Cosmic Reason. Universal Mind.

Cosmic Right. See *Law of the Cosmic Right*.

Cosmic Scales. See *Karma*.

Cosmic Seed. Cosmic seed is the vital and pure archetypal idea-form, similar to Plato's 'eidos,' that contains the patterns, the blueprints of evolution. A portion of this cosmic seed is found within each individual and is thus called the 'the seed of the spirit.' Also see *Cosmic Patterns*, *Cosmic Web*, *Materia Lucida*, and *Web of Materia Lucida*.

Cosmic Solitude is felt by the spirit who is breaking away from the earth and is experiencing the joys of the *Fiery World* while still remaining within a physical body. At this stage the yogi is called '*Lion of the Desert*.' 'Cosmic solitude' is similar to the Sanskrit term 'Kivalya' (isolated unity) where spiritual union (yoga) is realized while still in the isolation of physical incarnation. Kivalya is the goal of *Raga Yoga*, the forerunner of *Agni Yoga*. **Thus, when the worlds are united in the fiery consciousness it is difficult to bear all the acute manifestations of the earthly sphere.**²

¹ *Fiery World III*, 146.

² *Fiery World III*, 88.

Cosmic Stream. See ‘*Current of Evolution.*’

Cosmic Thought Frame is the evolutionary pattern upon which the substance of manifestation is built. Also see *Primary Substance* and *Cosmic Web*.

Cosmic Vibrations. **Cosmic vibrations direct energies into action. If man would accustom himself to harkening to the cosmic vibrations, he would discover many spatial manifestations.** Also see *Currents of Evolution* and *Fiery Impulse*,

Cosmic Waves. Cosmic waves are the result of the impulse of spiritual evolution as it spirals into manifestation from the Higher Worlds.

The Cosmic Web is the underlining structure or pattern behind all manifestation, physical, subtle and very subtle. In the Teaching it has been called the ‘radiant garment of the Mother of the World’ and the *Web of Materia Lucida*. In Theosophical teaching it is called the Akashic Web.

Cosmic Whirl. See *Cosmic Waves*.

Great Service or ‘Great Work,’ as it was called by the Alchemists, is labor that is in step with the pulse and motivating impulse behind the evolution of consciousness and spirit. See *Thought Creativeness*.

Creativeness. See *Thought creativeness*.

Crystals of Materia Lucida are concentrations of the finest *psychic energy* precipitated from above into the subtle body. **It sharpens the center of the third eye and also serves as the substance for astral construction on the highest plane.** Further concentration of this energy-substance upon the physical plane produces the so-called Philosopher’s Stone (*ringse* or *ringsel Tibetan*). These crystals come in a verity of colors.

Crystals of Psychic Energy. See *Crystals of Materia Lucida and Ringe*.

Currents of Karma. Karma is primarily the action and effect of those thoughts and desires that run contrary to the natural flow of evolution. The energy produced by these separative thoughts and feelings lives on in space where as it accumulates and becomes the ‘seeds of karma’ to be latter manifested as

events. The *current of evolution* connects these seeds to their creators, individually and collectively, to be played out and eventually transmuted through the fire of the heart. Also see *Karma & Law of karma*.

The Currents of Evolution are manifestations of the spiritual Will. They are rays of *Cosmic Fire* that enter our world system from infinity carrying the motivating *fiery impulse* to evolve spiritually. These currents together make up the spiritual Path itself, the great Way, which leads all life toward perfection. The quality of these divine Impulses change according to the necessity of the times. The Agni Yoga Teaching sounds the keynote for those currents that are necessary for the coming epoch. These keynotes include Beauty, Community, Hierarchy, Women, Battle, and Synthesis (*Infinity*). Also called Solar ray, Cosmic stream, *Fiery Right*, *Breath of Cosmos*, and *Thread of the Fire of Space* and the *Fire of Space*.

Currents of Space. See *Currents of Evolution*.

The Densification of the Subtle Body. The ‘subtle body’ referred to here means the etheric body rather than the kamarupa, or emotional body. Its densification will enable those who are involved in *great service*, to leave the body and to appear where needed in the world. This is one of the hidden goals of the Hermetic science. The alchemists called this process, ‘fixing the volatile.’ It pertains to the creation of the mysterious mahavirupa or self created body that an Adept generates during his transfiguration. See also *Divisibility of spirit*.

Direct-knowledge. That understanding that comes not through analysis, rationalization, or specialization but through holistic intuitive perception. This expanded level of consciousness come not form the head but from the heart.

Divisibility of the Spirit. This important Agni Yoga concept pertains to the truth that the spirit can be in more than one place at the same time. For example the yogi can be off helping others in his subtle body while still consciously active in the physical body. In India yogis are sometimes seen at more that one location at the same time. Some initiates, while manifesting in a physical body, are also actively serving upon the higher planes. Divisibility

of spirit can indicate the **projection of one's own image and the sending of parts of one's spirit. One should know that simultaneously someone sees this image and receives help.**¹

Drops of Grace. A precipitation of *Primary Energy* called the *Fire of Space* descends into the *Chalice* producing the 'drops of bliss,' the so-called elixir of immortality, also known as *Soma* and *Amriti*.

Dual Origin. The physical and spiritual source of the life of human beings.

The Echo of Space. The ever-repeating turns of the spiral of life, creating the cyclic rhythm of evolution.

Education of the Heart. The refining of the higher feeling nature to the point where every nuance of the heart's perceptions can be clearly distinguished. Emotion arises in relation to oneself. Heart feeling never arises in relation to oneself. The education of the heart learns to distinguish between these two energies.

Epoch of Fire. See *Epoch of Maitreya*.

Epoch of Maitreya. The end of the *Kali Yuga*, which we are told is immanent, marks the beginning of the new Epoch of Maitreya, also called the 'Epoch of Fire,' the 'Epoch of the Sword of Spirit,' and the 'Epoch of Fiery Right.'

Elements. Present day science sees the elements only as lifeless matter, while the Teaching speaks of them as subtle, living, even conscious, elemental beings. The Teaching warns the student against these elementals.

The Far-off worlds: Planets and suns of a high order. **Let us regard the far-off worlds—the life there is affirmed in beauty and in striving for achievement; there are the fires of spirit; there is the fire of love; there the seeming excrescence of earth are transformed into creations of fire.**²

Feminine Origin. The essential nature and subtle origin of the material world. See *Mother of the World* and *Materia Lucida*.

¹ *Hierarchy* 92.

² *Infinity* I, 44

Fiery. When the Teaching designates something as ‘fiery,’ such as in ‘fiery constructiveness’ or ‘fiery striving’ it means that it is saturated with the fire or the subtle energies of the heart, whether human or cosmic.

***Fiery Baptism:** Spiritual initiation. The **saturation and assimilation of the higher fire** so that **fiery transmutation and the possibility for attaining the higher spheres** occur. **Each step** in the fiery transmutation **reveals the opening of a new, supermundane sphere.**¹

Fiery Centers of the Cosmos. When we speak about the fiery centers of the Cosmos, one must have in mind those fiery strivings that are radiated by the centers of great manifested Arhats from distant and in the earthly spheres.²

Fiery Flame. See *Fire of Space*.

Fiery Guards. See *Hierarchy*.

Fiery Impulse is the initiating ‘creative spark’ behind the spiritual evolution of the world. The sensitive Agni yogi registers and acts upon these creative impulses of the ‘spiritual will.’ When the fiery impulse meets with a spontaneous response the yogi’s actions are said to be in step with the *currents of evolution*. **How important it is to guard the fiery impulse! Without this impelling force an undertaking cannot be saturated with the best possibilities.**³

Fiery Rays. See *Rays*.

Fiery Striving occurs when desire is being purified in the fire of the heart so that the attraction to Spirit becomes strong. **The joy of the heart lies in striving upward.** Fiery striving is a combination of joy, purified desire, and a fiery will directed towards Infinity.

Fiery Right See *The Law of Cosmic Right*.

¹ *Fiery World III*, 86

² *Fiery world III*, 181

³ *Hierarchy* 93

Fiery Thought. In its timelessness and spacelessness thought belongs to the Subtle World, but still deeper possibilities must also be discerned in this construction. Fiery thought penetrates deeper than that of the Subtle World, therefore fiery thought more truly manifests the higher creativeness. With attention, everyone can distinguish these two strata of thought. During the usual trend of thought we are often conscious of a current, as it were, of a second thought, which clarifies and intensifies the first. This is not a division of the thought, on the contrary, it is a sign that deeper centers have begun an active participation.¹ One of the best ways to develop fiery thought is by recognizing it as it arises within us. Watch for it as a clarification and broadening of the ideas presented in the Teaching. Also see *Illumination, Psychic energy* and *Thought-creativity*.

Fiery World. The Teaching speaks of three worlds, the ‘earthly sphere,’ the ‘subtle world,’ and the highest ‘fiery world,’ which is without form yet includes consciousness, beauty, splendor and the continued evolution of its inhabitants. The mental plane is mentioned in the Teaching as a bridge between the physical and fiery world.

Fire as the term is usually used in the Teaching means energy at some level. But we must remember that even thoughts and feelings are energy, psychic energy. Also see *Agni, Cosmic Fire, the Fire of Space, and Psychic energy*.

Fire Blossom. Symbolizes the synthesis of Evolution and the unfoldment of its ‘many-colored petals.’

Fire of Brahmagyda. *Agni*, the subtlest primordial psychic energy. At a certain level of its condensed manifestation it can be seen with the physical eyes as *Sparks of Fohat*.

Fire of Infinity. See *Fire of Space*.

Fire of Space. A name that is identical to the highest psychic energy before it has been individually utilized. It is *Agni* the Sacred Fire that pervades all space, giving vital life to all living organisms. In the Ancient Mysteries it was

¹ *Fiery World I* #102

called Anima Mundi. At the highest levels this *Primary energy* manifests as the evolutionary currents of space. It is this '*Cosmic Fire*' that gives the '*Fiery Impulse*' to evolve along certain predetermined lines. **When we speak of the Spatial Fire we have in mind those seeds that affirm life and which strain** (propels) **all life forms toward the manifestation** of their destiny. Through *fiery striving* the yogi attracts and then unites with this fiery current thereby creating a 'new consciousness,' which greatly hastens the evolutionary process. The Fires of Space illuminates the consciousness, vitalizes and transmutes the energies of the centers, and gives the necessary impulse to evolve a higher sensitivity and creativeness of spirit instep with evolution. **Certainly, no one doubts that the Fire of Zoroaster is the Fire of Space, which you now study.**¹ Also see *Psychic Energy*.

Fire of the Heart. See *Teros*.

Fire of the Sun. See *Fire of Space*.

Fire-mist. Very subtle energy-substance.

Free energies. Free energies make up the substance aspect of the Cosmos, both psychically and physically. These energies are made up of elemental entities that are, according to their inherent nature, swept along by the power of attraction, whether the impulse of that attraction is of cosmic or human origin. Thus they become imbued with an impulse to move in a certain direction according to the original impulse. These free energies, having no direction of their own, often follow the direction of humanities chaotic and disorganized thinking. When weak spirits cannot determine their own direction these free energies can direct the spirits actions. **The free energies can mold the karma of weak spirits. The space abounds with such tossing spirits.**²

Fohat is a Theosophical term that means the subtlest energy, the essence or true nature of the manifested universe. See also the *Fire of Space* and *Primal Energy*, and the *Fire of Brahavidya*.

¹ *Agni Yoga* 416

² *Infinity* I, 369.

The Formula of Psychic Energy is based upon the idea that the realization of a higher truth helps to bring about its manifestation in the material and psychic world. This is the formula behind the power and creativeness of thought. The realization of the essential unity of the cosmos, for example, will help to establish this unity within the world of form. To see how the patterns unfold on a higher level tends to bring that archetypal pattern more closely into manifestation. The formula of psychic energy works through the law of attraction by drawing to us those energies that correspond to what we think about and what we strive toward with clarity, intension, and intensity. Also see *Thought Creativeness*.

Great Service. This great concept of Service is usually completely misunderstood or if accepted at all it is mistaken for monastic monotony. But Great Service responds to earthly needs and the true servant of humanity must know all conditions of life. He must spare the feelings of the ignorant; he must soothe the desperate, and must appreciate the various fields of labor in order to be able to give wise encouragement. In this way service will bring benefit everywhere and the servant of good will know how to find the word that will lead people to a new, luminous age. In the Mysteries it is called the 'Great Work' and the 'One Work.'

Guardians of Humanity. See *Hierarchy*.

The Guiding Star is karma, affirmed by the actions of many lives.... The guiding star will be that skiff which conveys one to the other shore amid the raging elements.¹ If *karma* is the effect of those psychic actions that are not in harmony with the *current of evolution* then by refining the consciousness to a point where we can clearly perceive these effects in our daily lives we will begin to understand, through a simple process of elimination, the true direction of the evolutionary process.

Goal-fitness is the principle upon which the correct actions of the yogi are determined. The law of goal-fitness governs the process that attracts the necessary combinations of energy-elements together that corresponds with

¹ *Fiery World* III, 82

the goal of evolution. The Agni Yogi works with this law by applying those necessary actions of thoughts that are in concordance with evolution.

Golden Network. The golden network is an intricate weave of subtle nerves or nadi that form the foundation of the *chalice*.

Hatha Yoga intensifies separate centers and it can only be regretted that these partial endeavors do not lead to *Raja Yoga* and *Agni Yoga*.¹

Heart. In the Teaching the term is usually used to represent a spiritual principle rather than an organ in the body—Love, selflessness, and the realization of universal synthesis. **How necessary it is to learn to feel one's heart as not one's own but as the universal One. Only through this feeling can one liberate oneself from egotism.² The heart, is the sun of the organism, is the focus of psychic energy. It is beautiful to sense the heart as the Sun of Suns of the Universe.³**

Heart of the World. See *Hierarchy*.

Heart-Striving. A striving will that is saturated with the purest psychic energy, the fire of the heart. **The power of thought depends upon calmness and heart-striving. This should always be kept in mind, because people too often place the will in the brain.... For the simplest experiments unshakable striving is required.⁴**

Hero-Inspiration (Podvig). The selfless inspiration behind heroic deeds requiring great spiritual sacrifice.

The Hierarchy. The elder Brothers of Humanity. A spiritual community of immortal Bodhisattvas who guide the spiritual evolution of the world. **Let words about the Lords resound in all corners of the world. They are candles lit before the holy shrines. They are lamps of Living Fire—a protection against all diseases.⁵ Also called *The Brotherhood*, the *Guardians of***

¹ *Fiery World* I, 13.

² *Heart* 7

³ *Heart* 2

⁴ *Brotherhood* 546

⁵ *Fiery World* I 10

Evolution, Cosmic Magnet, Friends of the Earth, Fiery Guards, Dischargers of the Spheres, Heart of the World, and Servants of the Cosmos.

Higher Will. The course of spiritual evolution. To be in step with the course of evolution is to tread the Path that leads to summit of perfection. **The entire cosmic significance of the Higher Will should be understood.**¹ Also see *Fiery Impulse*.

Higher Worlds. The spiritual worlds, also known as the *Spheres of the Infinite* and the *Far-off Worlds*.

Illumination. The Fiery World brings us flashes of illumination, similar to lightning flashes in the coarse manifestation of a thunderstorm. Just as storms always supply Earth with a purified store of prana, so does the Fiery World constantly pour out waves of influences. It is a pity that the receivers are few, but if one were to begin to exercise the consciousness for a communion with the Fiery World, then such a receiver could become naturally affirmed. But the simplest for all worlds is to adhere firmly to Hierarchy.

Imperil. A harmful crystallized substance formed within the nerve channels. It arises in the yogi when irritation at the imperfections of the world is felt. It is the negative counterpart to the precipitation of *psychic energy*, called *Rinse* and the *Crystals of Materia Lucida*, which are produced in the body of the yogi from the pure manifestation of the Fire of exaltation and bliss.

Infinity. The term Infinity, as used in the Teaching, means much more than the usual abstract mathematical concept. **Infinity is the great unembellished and indestructible Reality.** Also see *Be-ness*.

Inner Lotus. See the *Chalice*.

Justice of Space See *Spatial Justice*.

Kalachakra. A highly veiled esoteric teaching, which according to legend was given by the Buddha to the King of *Shambhala*. **I approve of the Kalachakra, now being compiled. This fiery Teaching is covered with**

¹ Hierarchy 286

dust, but it should be proclaimed. Not reason but wisdom gave this Teaching. It should not be left in the hands of ignorant exponents. Many domains of knowledge are united in the Kalachakra; only the unprejudiced mind can find its way among these stratifications of all worlds.¹ Though the original Kalachakra text has been lost an abbreviated version called the Kalachakratantra, which is said to have been written by a latter Shamballa king, is available in Sanskrit, Tibetan and Mongolian translations. Vasna Wallace is presently translating it from these three languages into English along with its ‘Great Commentary’ the Vimalaphrbha. As of this writing three of the five chapters have been completed and are available in book form.

Karma. See the *Law of Karma*.

Kernel of the Spirit. See *Seed of the Spirit*.

Kriyashakti. See *Psychic Energy*.

Ketub. Fiery ketub is the same flame of the heart, ‘the unifier of energies, the unifier of knowledge,’ the “new consciousness,’ and the realization of synthesis.

Lamp of the desert is a level of illumination where the inner light of the yogi becomes a beacon of salvation for those living in the barren desert of the physical plane.

Law of Causality. Due to the unity and interconnectedness of the cosmos, every action, particularly the action of thought, produces an effect. By affirming this law we can greatly enhance our *thought creativeness*. **How beautiful is the law that gives life to every good and each creative beginning.** The Law of Causality also governs the effects that the *Current of Evolution* has upon the world, an effects which enter life through the *cosmic chain* that links each higher cause with each corresponding manifestation. This law also governs the negative effects caused by the free-will of man when creating causes out of step with the primary flow of evolution. In this it

¹ *Fiery World* I. 212

is often called the *law of karma*. Due to the unity and interconnectedness of the cosmos, every action, particularly in the sphere of thought, has its effect in the world. **The spirit realizes that it is a link in the cosmic chain, as the effect of a cause and as the cause of a new effect.**¹

Law of Cosmic Right. The law that governs the activity of the *Current of Evolution*. It also governs the free will activity of humanity and its relationship with spiritual will.

Law of Goal-fitness. See *Goal-fitness*.

Law of Equilibrium. See *Law of Karma*.

Law of Karma. An aspect of the *Law of Causality*. In Sanskrit ‘karma’ means activity. The Law of Karma means the law that governs the effects of human activity, especially the activity of the thought. Law of Karma relates to that ‘higher Justice’ that confines those created thought-forms that are not in harmony with *current of evolution* within the sphere of its creator until it such time as they can be transmuted into activity that is in step with evolution. These condensed energies of thought are the ‘excess baggage’ of the psychologist, the ‘samskaras’ of the Hindu and Buddhist scriptures, and the *Urominai* of the Agni Yoga Teaching. When the spontaneous mental activity of the yogi is in step with the *current of evolution* it is said that no karma is being accumulated. These condensed energies of thought remain with their creator until transmuted, even through many incarnations.

Thus, in former days one was aware of caution during thinking. A grievous thought hangs in the atmosphere.²

It is karma, the fatiguing aftereffect of previous incarnations that can bring not very savory fellow travelers to us. But when each encounter is over, there comes relief, as when property belonging to others has been returned. No less than half of all earthly encounters take place because of past incarnations, in the way that cork figures are drawn together by application of electrical energy. The broad influence of karma brings about many complicated levels and degrees

¹ *Fiery World III*, 47

² *Heart 161*

of relationship. To resolve them, it is better to pay than to receive; for each payment terminates a debt from the past, whereas receiving binds one again.¹

In the Teaching karma is also called the *Law of Equilibrium*, 'Cosmic Scales,' 'Currents of Karma. Also see *United Karma* and *Urominai*.

Law of Fire. The Law of Fire is the law which governs and maintains the creative Impulse to evolve spiritually. Also see Fiery Impulse.

The Light of Fire. The all-pervasive primary energy-substance of space as a manifestation of the all-pervading Cosmic Fire. Also called the *Akasha*, *Light of Fire*, the *Radiance of the Mother of the World*, *Materia Lucida* and *Primary Substance*.

The Light of the Chalice. A radiant light emanating from the intensified psychic energy that has accumulated in the Chalice due to the yogi's striving and exaltation. This light, which is called Jyotis in Sanskrit, is sometimes seen by the yogi in meditation. See *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* 3: 25 & 33. Also see *Abramram & Chalice*.

The Lion of the Desert is a degree of self-mastery, which includes will, daring and courage applied in selfless labor for the common good upon the desert of the physical plane.

Lotus. See Heart. The 'lotus' is a center, either in the subtle body or higher; possibly the chalice of the heart. Also called The Lotus of Benevolence.

Lotus of Cosmos. This symbol depicts the Cosmic Magnet at the center and the whole field of manifestation as the petals spread out around the center. That the centers in the body are also called lotuses means that there is a direct correlation between the Cosmic Lotus and a lotus or center in the body.

The Luminaries of the heavens are not the planets and suns but rather the spirit and essential nature behind them. They are spiritual centers, living conscious magnets of powerful influence, which cycles into the earthly

¹ *Agni Yoga* 238

sphere as rays of cosmic Fire giving the impetus of evolution. Also called *Magnets, Far-off Worlds, Higher Worlds* and Centers of Fire.

The Luminary is the Magnet of the Sun. This is not the physical sun but rather the spirit or essence behind it. In the Mysteries it was called the ‘Spiritual Sun’. Sometimes in the Teaching the term refers to the particular world with which the spirit is connected.

Magnet of Infinity. See *Cosmic Magnet*.

Magnets. The term ‘Magnets’ in the Teaching has several levels of corresponding meaning: 1) The *Luminaries* or Higher Worlds, 2) the nerve centers in an Agni Yogi, 3) An Arhat. 4) A magnetized object or image. Also see *Cosmic Magnet* which means the Logos.

Mahavan. Probably a simplified spelling of the Sanskrit mahavahan meaning ‘great (*maha*) spiritual vehicle (*vhan*)’ In the Teachings it denotes a highly refined rhythmic vibration, sometimes sent it to a disciple as a protection against certain undesirable reactions.

Maitreya was a disciple and close childhood friend of the Buddha. He is said to have renounced the highest nirvana to remain in the planetary sphere to continue to aid the spiritual evolution of humanity. The Buddha proclaimed Him as His successor, the next Buddha. His appearance on the physical plane is considered to be imminent. Some Buddhist scriptures prophesy that He will appear within the next 2 or 300 years. Theosophists identify Him with the Christ.

Materia Lucida. A Latin term meaning luminous substance. In the Teaching it refers to the all-pervasive primary energy-substance of space as the radiant manifestation of the all-pervading *Cosmic Fire*. Also called *Akasha, Ur, Radiant Principle, Light of Fire, Fire of Space* and the *Radiance of the Mother of the World*. In the Hermetic sciences it is the ‘fire-mist’ from which all manifestation is woven.

Materia Matrix. See *Materia Lucida*.

Maya is a Sanskrit term meaning the illusion of physical plane existence. **The illusion of life is created only by thought, which limits the cosmic expressions.**¹

Mental Energy. See *Psychic Energy*.

Mental World. Observe that in enumerating the worlds we seem to omit the world of thought. This is not by accident. The Mental World constitutes a living link between the Subtle and Fiery Worlds.²

Mind of Cosmos. In the same way that the physical elements are the manifestation of subtle energies, which in turn are the expression of the Universal Fire, so the individual consciousness is an outer reflection of the Universal Mind.

Moksha. A Sanskrit term meaning the liberation of the yogi from the limitations of the material world and ignorance.

Monad. Webster's dictionary defines monad as "an individual elementary being, psychical or spiritual in nature, reflecting within itself the whole universe." Also see *Seed of the Spirit*.

Mother of Agni Yoga. Helena Roerich, also know as *Urusvati* and *The Tara*.

The Mother of the World. The Deva/Angel kingdom considered as a single entity. One of the *Two Origins*. **The Mother of the World appears as a symbol of the feminine origin in the new epoch.** She is the living essential nature behind Nature and the material world. She is the womb from which and in which the Divine Child is born. She is the field upon which the evolution of consciousness is slowly unfolding. She is the essence and *primary energy* behind all manifested life, the *Materia Lucida*.

The Mother of the World is the great creative force in our being.³ I have already told you that the Mother of the World conceals Her Name. I have already shown you how the Mother of the World veils Her Face. I have already made mention about the Mother of Buddha

¹ Infinity I, 45

² *Fiery World* I, 84

³ *Infinity* I, 40.

and Christ. Indeed it is time to point out that the one Mother of both Lords is not a symbol but a Great Manifestation of the Feminine Origin, in which is revealed the spiritual Mother of Christ and Buddha. She it was who taught and ordained them for achievement.

From time immemorial the Mother of the World has sent forth to achievement. In the history of humanity, Her Hand traces an unbreakable thread.

On Sinai Her Voice rang out. She assumed the image of Kali. She was at the basis of the cult of Isis and Ishtar. After Atlantis, when a blow was inflicted upon the cult of the spirit, the Mother of the World began to weave a new thread, which will now begin to radiate. After Atlantis the Mother of the World veiled Her Face and forbade the pronouncement of Her Name until the hour of the constellations should strike. She has manifested Herself only partly; never has She manifested Herself on a planetary scale ...

The Mother is Beauty; the world is self-sacrifice. Precisely by these two fundamentals are the Gates opened. The bridge between the planets, and the shortening of race cycles, rests upon these two fundamentals.¹

Nerve Centers. Nerve centers are the subtle nerve plexuses of the body, which in India are called charkas or wheels. They have also been called spiritual antennae and *magnets*.

Net of Protection. See *Protecting Net*.

The Nets of Materia Lucida are the archetypal patterns of creation produced by interacting, interconnected currents of evolution. It is what holds the physical universe together with such precision.

New World. We call the 'New World' the perception of the invisible One, even in its primary stage.²

Origins. See the *Two Origins*.

¹ *Leaves of Morya's Garden*, Page 131-132.

² *Heart* 40.

Outer Lotus. A fiery armor that surrounds and protects the yogi. It is produced as a reflection of the *Inner Lotus* and the rotation of the Kundalini through the *nerve centers*. Also see the *Shield & Protecting Net*.

Paloria. A union of consciousness with Reality through an overlapping of the consciousness with the greater awareness of the Teacher. Also see *Unity of Consciousness*.

Paths of the Spatial Fire. Also called ‘Rays of Supermundane Spheres,’ ‘*Current of Evolution*’ and ‘*Thread of the Fire of Space*.’

Philosopher’s Stone. See *Ringse*.

Phosphorus. A mineral plant substance that strengthens the nerves (subtle and dense) and nourishes the all-pervading fires of *Soma* in the body. A good source for phosphorus is soda-bicarbonate. Cod-liver oil promotes its assimilation. **One should guard the fire as a treasure. The phosphorus of the nerves is being consumed as a wick; and is the lamp fit without it? One can add the oil of ozone, but without the wick the nerves will not kindle the fire. One should remember about soda not only in sickness but also in health. As a bond with fiery actions, it serves as a shield against the darkness of destruction. But one should accustom the body to it gradually. Each day it should be taken with water or milk, and in taking it one should, as it were, direct it into the nerve centers.** Also see *Soma*.

The Pledge, also called the ‘Sacred Pledge of the Future,’ is made before Hierarchy to aid in whatever way we can the Great or One Work of Spiritual Evolution. As with all promises the pledge is karmically binding. Once the pledge is given we are bound by law to follow though. The ‘pledge’ is given to follow the Hierarchy and stand by, guide, and even protect one’s accepted disciples. **Once the pledge is pronounce it becomes the foundation of karma. . . . The pledge is a manifestation of tremendous significance. It creates a chain of hearts and turns chaos into conscious arteries of space.**¹ Do not, therefore, pronounce the pledge unless you are fully ready to accept the responsibility of entering the chain of Hierarchy.

¹ See *Hierarchy* 299-300 & *Heart* 46

Pralaya. Pralaya is a Sanskrit term meaning the destruction of the external universe, where all differentiation in the cosmos is dissolved and synthesized into its primary essence. Pralaya is to the cosmos what nirvana is to the yogi.

Primal Energy. Primal Energy is *Agni*, the fundamental energy that pervades the universe. In the human kingdom it manifests as *psychic energy*. **All that exists is imbued with primal energy.... It should be recognized that the energy of thought is one of the highest manifestations of primal energy. It is impossible to isolate thought from the fundamental energy of the Cosmos.**¹

Primary Matter. As is known, Primary Matter itself—*Materia Matrix*—does not penetrate to the earthly sphere because of the whirling of the infected lower layers. But the so-called *Fohat*, which is the granulation of Primary Matter, can reach the earthly in the form of sparks and can even be discerned by some eyes when a ray of sunlight crosses the planetary ray, coloring the sparks according to the chemical composition of the ray. Also see *Primary Substance*.

Primary Substance. Before him the weaver has his warp, without which the most skilled craftsman cannot reveal his creative thought. For creativeness of thought, the cosmic thought-frame is also necessary; for thus we name the primary substance from which fiery thought strikes the spark of creation.² See *Primary Matter, Akasha, Materia Matrix,* and *Materia Lucida*.

Protecting Net. A lot of semi-veiled information is given throughout the Teaching concerning the necessary of creating one's armor of light. A search could be made for all the hints that have been given. This shield of light is produced through the accumulation of psychic energy in the *chalice* of the heart and precipitated from there to the extremities. **'Surround yourself with Fire and become immune,'** is a most ancient covenant. But, having grown more callous, people began to forget what fire was indicated by the wise. The fire became a physical one and magic circles of fire made their appearance. Thus, people always belittle their

¹ *Inner Life* Vol 1 # 213.

² *Heart* 50

essential nature. **Actually any living fire is a healing one but no resin can compare with the fire of the heart.** The fire of the heart is what produces the protecting radiance of the chalice.

The substance of fiery immunity was described by Zoroaster. He pointed out that from each pore of the skin people could call forth fiery rays to smite all evil. A man clad in a protective armor cannot succumb to any contagion. One can increase this resistance through unity with Hierarchy. Thus, the heart becomes like a sun reducing all microbes to ashes.¹

Psychic Energy. Psychic energy (Kriyashakti, Sk.), as the term is used in the Teaching, is essentially the one *primal energy* that pervades and gives life to the universe. When applied to the human kingdom it is the subtle energy that gives thought its creative power. It has been called the ‘fire of the heart.’ It is active on many levels and manifests in many grades of refinement. On the mental plane it manifests as the **power of thought**. In the biological arena it manifests as prana, the vital energy of the sun, giving life to forms of all living organisms. Psychic energy, which is ruled by *Agni*, the spiritual Fire, is a manifestation of the third or Mother aspect of the divine Trinity, which rules the creative activity of the mind. **Calling it psychic energy, we speak of the Sophia of the Hellenic world or Sarasvati of the Hindus. The Holy Ghost of the Christians manifests signs of psychic energy, just as do the creative Adonai of Israel, and Mithra of Persia, full of solar power. Certainly, no one doubts that the Fire of Zoroaster is the Fire of Space, which you now study.**²

Psychic seeds are those pure creative thought-forms that conform to the spiritual evolution of the world. They can be of either cosmic or human origin, although in the Teaching they usually refer to those created by the yogi in response to the *current of evolution*. They are produced by the concentrated psychic energy of thought, magnetized by the fire of the heart and the *Fire of Space*, and sown in space as an impulse for future action.

¹ *Fiery World I*, 17

² *Agni Yoga* 416

Cosmic psychic seeds contain the archetypal patterns for the evolution of consciousness, which Plato called ‘ideal-forms.’

Psychism. Channeling. **Psychism is a window into the Subtle World, but the teacher tells the pupil, ‘Do not turn so often to the window. Look directly into the Book of Life.’¹**

Much has already been said about psychism; nevertheless this scourge of humanity is insufficiently understood. Psychism blunts each aspiration, and higher attainment remains inaccessible.... Creativeness is blunted, and there is established a passive state which makes a man an instrument for all kinds of forces. By reason of relaxation of the will, control is weakened, and by this the attraction of various lower entities is increased.”²

Psycho-activity. An Agni Yogi sensitively responds to cosmic vibrations. Each vibration evokes the kindling of the centers. Each striving calls forth a cosmic vibration. This resounding we call psycho-activity.³

Psycho-dynamic Force is the unity of the consciousness principle and the evolutionary patterns of growth. As a force it is that which consciously unifies and coordinates spirit-creativeness with the current of evolution.

Psycho-life is a living organism. This includes all life-forms from elemental and atomic lives to the great *Cosmic Magnets* of the heavens. Also see *Atoms*.

Psycho-vision. Clairvoyance.

Radiance of Infinity. The all-pervasive primary energy-substance of space as a manifestation of the all-pervading Cosmic Fire. Also called the *Akasha*, *Light of Fire*, the *Radiance of the Mother of the World*,⁴ *Materia Lucida* and *Primary Substance*. In the same way that all physical elements are but the outer expressions of energy or fire, so is all energy a manifestation of the all-encompassing *Cosmic Energy*, the *Fire of Space*. Also called *Garment of the Mother of the World*, *Materia Lucida* and the *Veil of Mother of the World*.

¹ *Fiery World II*. 14.

² *Fiery World III*. 309.

³ See verse 245

Radiance of the Mother of the World. See *Radiance of Infinity*.

Radiant Principle. See *Materia Lucida & Radiance of Infinity*.

Raga Yoga is the forerunner of Agni Yoga and as each new yoga includes the ones that came before, Raga Yoga is included within Agni Yoga. Raja Yoga emphasizes the development and mastery of the mind through one-pointed meditation. The Teaching for this important yoga is found in the very ancient *Yoga Sutras* by Patanjali. One of the best translations of this work is by Edwin F. Bryant.

Ray of Silence. See *Agni Invisibiliae*.

Rays. A ray, whether human or cosmic, is a stream of psychic energy, sent forth by the will, qualified with creative thought and magnetized with the fire of the heart. The Cosmic Rays are the *Currents of Evolution*, streaming forth from Infinity giving the fiery impulse of evolution to the world. The creative ray of an Agni Yogi is a thought-form or *psychic seed* directed toward the furthering of evolution.

Rays of the Supermundane Spheres. The cosmic Rays of the Luminaries are divine currents of energy issuing from the higher worlds to humanity and the world. They contain the archetypal pattern and the impulse to evolve spiritually, plus those psychic seeds necessary for future evolution of consciousness. Also called Rays of the far-off worlds. See *Currents of Evolution*.

Reason. See *Cosmic Reason*.

Religare is bestowed on humanity in the form of a religion for unification, for the development of community, for the avowal of the Primary Source, which contains all principles of Being and which creates all substances for our good.”¹

Rigden. King of Shambhala. The last Rigden of Shambhala, Rigden Dragpo (also spelled Jyepo), is also known as Kalki Rudracakrin, the coming avatar on a white horse, who will lead his followers into battle against the dark

¹ *Infinity* I, 23.

forces. **One should gather all unwaveringness of the heart in order to find oneself in the ranks of Rigden.**¹

Ringse. *Rinsel* or *Ringsel* (Tibetan), *Sarira* (Sanskrit). Ringse crystals are **sediments of psychic energy, consisting of subtle energies that have been chemically transformed in the organism.**² These small pearl colored precipitations of the psychic energy are formed in the body of great yogis. In Tibet they are often found in the ashes after the cremation of the body of a high lama or mahasiddha. **The Tibetan ‘ringse’ has a deep significance, being the sediment crystallized by the manifestation of bliss.**³ In the Teaching they are also called ‘deposits of psychic energy,’⁴ ‘crystals of psychic energy,’ and ‘crystals of *Materia Lucida*.’ In Tibet they are called the ‘secret bodhichitta’ and ‘bliss relics’ (ananda-sarira), because of the qualities of consciousness necessary to produce them. In many eastern countries including India, Tibet, China, and Japan these secret crystals were preserved in stupas, which were created for this purpose. The radiation of these crystals have a powerful effect upon those within their immediate vicinity including the power to spontaneously heal the body and the psyche. They have been called ‘Wish-Fulfilling Gems,’ as they are said to magnify the power of the striving of those in the immediate proximity. Their existence was kept secret in Tibet up to the time of the Chinese invasion. The Rosicrucians called these crystals ‘Philosopher’s Stones,’ though its nature was kept secret. **The Philosopher’s Stone, as a physical accumulation of psychic energy, is the foundation of all life.**⁵ It is a lower correspondence to what is called in the Teaching the **Stone from the far off worlds**, also known as the ‘Flaming Vajra.’ **On the path to the Fiery World it is necessary to realize those fiery batteries that are contained in man.**⁶

We consider it a treasure when the heart is ever ready to respond to the environment, being already without tension. It is not easy to do

¹ *Heart*, 380

² *Fiery World* III # 218

³ *Hierarchy*, 422 Also see *Heart*, 120 & 354

⁴ *Heart*, 120

⁵ *Agni Yoga*, 495

⁶ *Fiery World* III # 218

this unless the energies are transformed into resounding crystals. Then there will be formed the Ringse so correctly pointed out in Tibet in the Covenant of the Himalayas.

Sacred Pledge. See *'Pledge.'*

Samyama is the utilization of the *straight-knowledge* of the heart by a disciplined consciousness to one-pointedly examine the truth of something. It can be used to understand the many dimensions of Infinity and to confirm the truth concerning cosmic forces. The principles of samyama in yoga are dealt with extensively in Book III of the *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*.

Satya Yuga. Satya Yuga is the Age of Truth. According to the teaching we are now approaching the end of the Kali Yuga or dark age and the beginning of Satya Yuga.

Seed of the Spirit is our true essential nature, a spark of the one eternal Fire of Cosmos. The Seed of Spirit contains the archetypal blueprints and fiery impulse of our future perfection. It is **the cosmic seed inherent in each being**. Also see *Monad*.

Seeds of Karma. See *Currents of Karma*.

Sensar, also spelled Sensa and Zensar, is a secret language used by the Hierarchy to create thought forms in step with spiritual evolution and to communicate with each other through projected images. See *Sensa: The Lost Language of the Sun*, Pentarba Publications, 2011.¹

Service. See *Great Service*.

Shambhala is the *Stronghold* of the *Hierarchy*. Also called 'the Center,' the 'spiritual magnet,' and the 'Abode.'

Shield. The protection given to the disciple by Hierarchy. Also a shield of light created by the yogi for protection against the enemy. See the *Protecting Net*.

Shield of Light. See *Protecting Net*.

¹ PentarbaPublications.com

The Shifting of the Currents is caused by the beginning of a new cycle, by a ‘change of direction,’ as it is called, from the old currents, impulses, and archetypal patterns of evolution to new incoming currents, impulses, and patterns. As these incoming rays contain the archetypal impulses for the evolution of consciousness on all levels of world evolution, the shifting extends to all the currents of life on earth, including elemental and subterranean currents. **The planetary focus, as a manifestation of the Magnet, is shifting. When the change of energies occurs, not only are the parts shifted but the entire orbit is involved in this shifting.**¹ The purpose behind the shifting of the cosmic *currents of evolution* is the “reconstruction of the world.”

Silence. See ‘*Voice of Silence.*’

Silvery Lotus. The silvery lotus is a fiery formation of pure heart energy that arises in the *chalice* at a certain degree of yoga. It is a very high degree of the fire of the heart. It is also called the ‘fiery lotus.’ **The Silvery Lotus of the fiery heart is not often manifested, even to lofty spirits. But separate petals of the fiery Lotus can be seen, and in accordance with them let us assemble the entire flower. But if this fiery wonder is even once evoked, and viewed by the heart, then from that hour the heart's path leads upward, toward eternal attainment.**² The silvery lotus arises after the union of the *fire of space* with the heart fire of the individual.

Sixth Race. According to the teachings of the Hierarchy as given through H. P. Blavatsky the forefront of humanity are manifesting bodies that are at that stage of evolution called the Fifth Race. The Sixth Race will be established by those pioneers of spirit who are embodying the new incoming currents of evolution.

Solar Plexus. The center of the solar plexus gives equilibrium to the all the bodies. Its radiations saturate also the ethereal body, which feed the astral body.³ The solar plexus center is a receiving station for incoming

¹ See verse 359

² *Fiery World II*, 469.

³ *Fiery World III* 219

cosmic energies including those rays that issue from the Teacher for the purpose of establishing the protective network in the aura.

Solar Ray. See *Currents of Evolution*.

Solar Serpent. Kundalini. Also called *Subterranean Fire*.

Solitude. **The Spirit of Darkness, pondering how to still more firmly lash humanity to the Earth, thought: “Let them keep their old customs and habits. Nothing binds humanity so much as habitual forms. But this is fit only for the multitudes. Far more dangerous to us is solitude, in which the consciousness is illumined and new forms are created. Therefore, time in solitude must be severely limited. People must not be allowed to remain alone.”**

Soma. Soma is a Sanskrit term meaning the elixir of immortality. In the Teaching it represents the all-pervading energy-substance of the etheric body, which lies somewhat dormant until the inner fires have been ignited. It is precipitated into the nerves via the *chalice* and into the bloodstream through the secretion of a corresponding gland. In many legends, of both the east and the west, the elixir is contained in the sacrificial cup or grail. In Tibet images of Maitreya portray Him carrying the elixir in a vase. The term is also used in the Teaching as the name of a substance found in certain plants, probably *phosphorus*. H.P. Blavatsky says: “Soma makes a new man of the initiate; he is reborn and transformed, and his spiritual nature overcomes the physical; it bestows the divine power of inspiration, and develops the clairvoyant faculty to the utmost.”

Somatic structure. The energy system of the etheric body.

Space. In the Teaching the term often means infinity, the universal, unbounded, indivisible, and invisible. The *fire of space*, for example, means the all inclusive, all pervading *cosmic fire*. **All reality is built according to the laws of Space.**¹

Spatial Justice. Divine Justice, *Karma*.

¹ *Agni Yoga* 243

Sparks. The colored sparks of light that appear unexpectedly before the vision of the yogi are precipitations of psychic energy. They are one of signs of Agni Yoga and indicate the accumulation and condensation of psychic energy within the centers. They arise **when sufficient sensitivity of the organism has been developed.**¹ These colored stars are sometimes sent to the student by the Teacher as a warning or confirmation. Pay attention to your thoughts at such a time. They may also give emphasis to a word while reading. **Where colored sparks appear, the door is open to the chain of benefaction.**² These sparks are densified particles of *Fohat*, a condensation of the *fire of space* also known as the *fire of Brahmavidya*. **As is known, Primary Matter itself—*Materia Matrix*—does not penetrate to the earthly sphere because of the whirling of the infected lower layers. But the so-called *Fohat*, which is the granulation of Primary Matter, can reach the earthly in the form of sparks and can even be discerned by some eyes when a ray of sunlight crosses the planetary ray, coloring the sparks according to the chemical composition of the ray.**³ In the *Kalachakra*, an esoteric scripture taught by the Buddha to the king of *Shamballa*, these rainbow colored sparks, called ‘tiple stongpai sgron-ma,’ arise spontaneously like fire-flies from the heart center at a certain level of spiritual development. Also called the Sparks of Fohat.

Spatial Fire. See *fire of space*.

Spheres of the Infinite. See *far-off worlds*. Also know as *Higher Worlds*.

Spiral of the Life Principle. All life expresses itself as energy. All energy moves in a spiral pattern. This is the origin of all cyclic activity in manifestation. See *wheel of cosmos*.

Spirit-creativity is the power of thought, purified and refined in the fire of heart, projected into space for the dissolving of the darkness of human thinking. Spirit-creativity is the primary work of the Agni Yogi. Also see *Thought Creativity* and *Psychic-Seeds*.

¹ Agni Yoga 139

² *Hierarchy* 160

³ Agni Yoga 144

Spirit-knowledge. See Straight-knowledge.

Spirit-understanding. Spirit-understanding is a fusion of clear intuitive insight or straight-knowledge and clairvoyant perception.

Star of the Mother of the World. The sun.

Straight-knowledge. Straight-knowledge is pure intuitive insight obtained by refining and purifying the consciousness in the fiery heart. Straight-knowledge is that heart perception that sees and understands the truth hidden behind appearances. **The realization of enlightenment may be defined as straight-knowledge.**¹ Also called spirit-knowledge and spirit-understanding.

Striving. See Heart-Striving.

The Stone refers to a crystallization of *psychic energy*. See *Ringse*.

Stone from the far off worlds. On the bosom of Earth he (the disciple) **will find the Stone from the far off worlds.**² There are legends concerning the Stone or Flaming Diamond which says that it was brought to the earth from another world to hasten the evolution of those who are ready to accept the responsibility for such an acceleration of their evolution.

Stronghold. An abode of Hierarchy. See *Shambhala*.

Subterranean Currents/Fires. The upward moving energy current of the kundalini fire of the yogi is a reflection the greater subterranean currents of the world. In both cases it is drawn upward in responds to the influence of the cosmic *Currents of Evolution*. **This gas of the fire must be released and must blend with the Fire of Space.** Also called *Solar Serpent*.

Subtle World. The Teaching distinguishes three worlds, the ‘earthly sphere,’ the ‘subtle world,’ and the *fiery world*. The subtle world, also called the astral plane, is a transitional plane between the earthly sphere and the fiery world. It is where the earthly inhabitants go when the body is discarded.

¹ *Agni Yoga*, 127.

² *Agni Yoga*,

Supermundane. Urusvati knows that some people do not understand the difference between the Subtle World and the Supermundane. It seems to them that both concepts are interchanged in Our Discourses, simply to avoid repetition. But it should be remembered that the Subtle World is a particular and limited realm, while the Supermundane World includes not only the various spheres, but also the world of thought—even the thought produced by those on Earth. It can even be stated that the Supermundane World is mainly the world of thought.¹

Supermundane Currents. See *Currents of Evolution*.

Supermundane Spheres. See *Far-off Worlds*.

Svati See *Urusvati*.

Synthesis refers to the fundamental truth of the essential unity of all life. **Humanity can be divided into those who accept synthesis and those who deny it. Those who deny the benefit of synthesis do not recognize the history of the human race, where epochs of upliftment were also the epochs of an understanding of synthesis. Please do not think that specialization makes the glory of an era.**² Synthesis means *essential* unity and not merely the unity of parts. The synthesis of the seven colors, for example, is the white light from which they arise. **He who can understand synthesis can understand Hierarchy.**³

Tactica Adversa. We often use **Tactica Adversa** to arouse the **consciousness.**⁴ Sometimes the protection of the Teacher is temporarily withdrawn to test and even strengthen the disciple. By matching one's strength against a strong opponent we gain in strength. The realization that adversity can be beneficial to the Path is the attitude of a Warrior of Light. Also see *Battle*.

¹ *Supermundane* III, 642

² *Inner Life* I, 96

³ *Hierarchy* 162

⁴ *Inner Life* 1 # 32

Tara. A manifestation of the Mother of the World, which is in other systems called the Deva/angelic kingdom. “The coming Tara,” is the appearance of a portion of the Deva kingdom on earth. Also called feminine divinities.¹

The Tara. A name given by the Teacher to Helena Roerich, who is also called *Urusvati* and the *Mother of Agni Yoga*.

Tension. When I indicated tension, I had in mind not muscular tension, but that of the heart.² Tension means ‘high-voltage,’ an intensification of energy. Pure striving, solemnity, gratitude, and communion with Hierarchy, all intensify the pure psychic energy of the heart. From this spiritual tension arises the powers and straight-knowledge of the saints. Only the pure tension of a fiery heart can realize infinity. **He who has directed his vision toward infinity understands that the higher it is the greater tension. Thus prepare people for an inevitable intensification.**³ An intensification of heart energy is necessary to the spiritual Path! This may seem to be at first a bit uncomfortable, but once the emotional stability of a calm spirit is attained, this tension is bliss. All the great yogi-saints, all the great servers, feel this spiritual tension. **The calm of the yogi is as the tension of an ocean wave.**

Teraphim or Teraph. Teraphims are highly magnetized objects, either astral or material, that can enhance the connection and communication, between the teacher and student or between coworkers. It is also used to manifest (materialize) a thought-form in some creative work. Traditionally teraphims were placed on the alter or housed in a stupa, a buildings which was created for this purpose.

We know about teraphs. We know that a teraph can be astral or material. The astral teraph is higher than the material one, just as the astral world is higher than the material world. Only very developed beings can have an astral teraph, whereas material teraphs can serve any conscious spirit. The teraph is a model of an actual event or thing.

¹ *Letters of Helena Roerich* Vol. 2 page 152.

² *Heart* 186

³ *Heart* 314

A navigator can more easily understand the behavior of his ship by studying a model of the vessel. Looking at the image, people, in a way, come into contact with what is absent. Even humble fortunetellers request first of all an image or an item closely connected with the subject. These objects direct their psychic energy, in order to increase its effect, like a beacon or a milestone.

With material teraphs, one must have a special image for every need. But the astral teraph has the advantage of serving all needs and of taking on different appearances as required. Therefore it is like a milestone, marking one's steps in the development of consciousness. The astral teraph is a product of the crystallization of psychic energy, just as the material one is a product of physical effort. The chief action takes place during the creation of the teraph, for it is then that the psychic energy is most tense. Even though the astral teraph is superior, We can describe the technique of creating a material one.¹

The material teraph was usually made as a sculpted image, by using any object to which was added something belonging to a person referred to in the ritual. Often, after the death of the owner of the teraph, it was put into the tomb, as in ancient Egypt and in the burial monuments of the Mayans and Etruscans. When the funeral rites required cremation, the teraph followed into the fire.

In the Temple of Israel there was a general teraph for all uses, but for each ritual something belonging to the subject was placed under the teraph. Eventually, in the various countries there were scattered a multitude of teraphs, each one filled with the accumulations of many psychic transmissions. It is curious to observe the continued vitality of these accumulations of psychic energy. One can truly see that teraphs retain their power over thousands of years, like a seed that lives, manifesting undying power.

¹ *Agni Yoga* 419

Of the experiments with psychic energy, the test demonstrating that it cannot be dispersed or destroyed is very important. The teraph is the best proof of this, especially if the aid of clairvoyance is available to the experimenter.

It is possible to make a teraph that carries an instruction whose effects will be known only in the future. The teraph can carry the message either to a particular person, or to someone else who will later own the teraph. Two things should be known—that the preparation of the teraph requires much time, and that much time is also needed for its effects to be revealed. The teaching about teraphs comes from great antiquity, when the Atlanteans knew about psychic energy.

How to make a teraph? A place must be used where the maker's psychic energy has saturated the space and has accumulated upon the objects in it. In this place a chosen image is molded out of wax, clay, or plaster. When the image has been created, it is then covered with a silver, crystal, or glass dome, or a leather cover.¹

An astral teraphim of the Teacher is made by precise visualization upon a selected image with intense heart energy. The visualization of sacred images in Tibetan Buddhism, for example, creates astral teraphims that connect the yogi with the beings that embody the energy or truth that the image represents. Physical teraphims can be highly charged (saturated with psychic energy) alter statues, preferably made by the person to use it.

Teros. Psychic energy was sometimes called Teros. In Hermetic writings one may find this expression: 'The warrior Teros raised his shield.' So was indicated the protective significance of psychic energy. Teros is the spiritual energy accumulation in *Chalice*. One of its uses is to form a shield of protection when needed. Also called 'the fire of the heart.'

The Thinker is Plato. It is true that Plato knew the power of thought, but he revealed only a clue to its power, because it was dangerous to give this knowledge prematurely to the masses.² Later in the same book: **The**

¹ *Agni Yoga* 420

² *Supermundane* 1, 99

Thinker was asked why he did not mention the power of thought in his writings. He answered: 'The time will come when humanity will be ready to understand this truth, but each premature transmission will only create obstacles.'

Thought-creativity on a cosmic level pertains to the *currents of evolution*. For the yogi the term expresses the idea of 'saturating space,' in cooperation with Hierarchy, with those ideas or *psychic seeds*, so necessary for creation of a New World.¹ These *psychic seed* will accurately reflect the archetypal patterns of evolution. **Creativeness encompasses the fiery potential and is impregnated with the sacred fire of the heart.**²

Thread of the Fire of Space is yet another way to speak of the *current of evolution* and the 'rays of the supermundane spheres'. **The thread of the Fire of Space stretches into Infinity.**

Transformation. See *Transmutation*.

Transmutation. The process of changing one element or energy-substance into another higher element through the agency of fire, which raises its vibratory rate to a point where transmutation occurs. This process is applied in the Teaching on several levels, physical, human, and cosmic. **When the tensed current of will flows with accelerated speed, matter is absorbed by the spirit and the functions of a spiritual creator are performed. Then the refining of form takes place. The power of the fire of spirit is like the power of fire that melts metals. Only through the process of melting may one form new combinations.... From times immemorial the Lords have assumed the task of melting the consciousness.**³ The term 'melt' is a veiled reference to the process whereby the energy particles are reduced or transmuted to their original nature and 'matter is absorbed by the spirit' or the consciousness is absorbed into its original state of being.

Two Origins. The *Hierarchy of Arhats* and the *Mother of the World*. The *Hierarchy* represents the spirit of humanity. The *Mother of the World* represents the

¹ See *Fiery World* III 248 & 251.

² *Heart* 1

³ *Infinity* I 24. Also see *The Gates of Infinity*, which is a commentary on *Infinity* series by Dorje Jinpa.

essential nature of the vehicles through which the spirit of humanity manifests.

Unity of Consciousness. See *Paloria*.

Upasika. It is the name given to H.P. Blavatsky. See Agni Yoga 141.

Ur is the root of the Light of Fire. From time immemorial the Radiant Principle has attracted the hearts of many people.¹ “UR reveals a grand list of shining names. It was in itself the greatest and most likely the original word for *fire*. The Egyptians, wishing to name it *the* fire, added the divine article, *the*, which in their language was the hieroglyph for the letter P. This addition made it *p-ur*, *pur*, the Greek word for fire to this day. From this comes *pure*, *purge*, *purgatory*, as also *pyre*, *pyrotechnic* and *empyrean*, the Greek U changing to Y in English, as in hundreds of words. *Ur* (a variant of *aur*, *or*) was the name of that state of the primordial spiritual fire.” From Alvin Boyd Kuhn’s *Esoteric Structure of the Alphabet*.

Urominai. The serpent of condensed negative thought-substance that hangs in the atmosphere of its creator awaiting transmutation. It can adversely affect the activity of the heart. **Urominai is the serpent that gnaws at the forces of evolution. Thus, in former days one was aware of caution during thinking. A grievous thought hangs in the atmosphere.**² It is the result of *karma*, the activity of those thoughts that are not in step with evolution.

Uru. Sanskrit meaning spacious or great. See *Urusvati*.

Urumiya. A kind of straight-knowledge that perceives obsession in others.³

Urusvati. It is time to say that this is the name we have given to the star which is irresistibly approaching the earth. Since long ago it has been the symbol of the Mother of the World and the Epoch of the Mother of the World must begin at the time of Her star’s unprecedented

¹ *Fiery World* I Preface.

² *Heart* 161.

³ *Fiery World* I, 373.

approach to the earth. The great epoch is beginning because the spirit-understanding is linked with the Mother of the World.¹

Urusvati is also the name given by the Teacher to Helena Roerich, also known as *Mother of Agni Yoga* and *the Tara*. Urusvati is a Sanskrit term meaning a great and noble being—uru means spacious or great and svati from svatta means being.

Valerian kindles the fires.² Among the prophylactics against cancer and other fiery ailments one may advise valerian. I often speak of this tonic and preventive remedy, but as with any prophylaxis it must be administered systematically—every evening without fail, like a daily course of the sun.³

Veil of the Mother of the World. The physical-etheric manifestations of nature, which hide Her essential nature. Also see *Radiance of Infinity*, *Akasha*, and *Materia Lucida*.

Voice of Silence. The Voice of Silence is to sound what the white light is to a rainbow of colors. It is the synthesized essence of sound. Also simply called ‘The Silence.’

¹ *Leaves of Morya's Garden* II, page 66

² *Fiery World* I 381

³ *Fiery World* I 387