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...The true esoteric viewpoint is always that of the larger Whole. He finds the world of meaning spread like an intricate network over all activity and every aspect of the phenomenal world. Of this network the **etheric web** is the symbol and design; and the **etheric web** to be found between the centres up the individual spinal column is its microcosmic correspondence, like a series of doors of entrance into the larger world of meaning. This, in reality, concerns the true Science of the Centres to which I have frequently referred. They are modes of conscious entry (when developed and functioning) into a world of subjective realities and into hitherto unknown phases of the divine consciousness. Esotericism is not, however, concerned with the centres as such, and esotericism is not an effort scientifically to awaken the centres, as many students th...

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...gistered in the subhuman kingdoms, and the apparatus of the vital body in man is so constructed that through its three objective manifestations, the triple nervous system, through the seven major plexi, the lesser nerve ganglia, and the many thousands of nerves, the entire objective man can be responsive to: a. The above mentioned types of force. b. Energies generated in and emanating from any part of the planetary **etheric web** of life. c. The solar web of life. d. The constellations of the Zodiac which appear to have a real effect upon our planet and of which astrology is as yet the immature study. e. Certain cosmic forces which, it will be recognised later, play upon and produce changes in our solar system and consequently upon our planet and upon all forms upon and within that planetary life. This has been touched upon in the Treatise o...

...al things has a momentous effect upon the phenomenal aspects of the death process. If the student is thinking clearly, it will be apparent to him that one exit concerns the spiritual and highly evolved man, whilst the other concerns the low grade human being who has scarcely advanced beyond the animal stage. What then of the average man? A third exit is now in temporary use; just below the apex of the heart another **etheric web** is found covering an orifice of exit. We have, therefore, the following situation: 1. The exit in the head, used by the intellectual type, by the disciples and initiates of the world. 2. The exit in the heart, used by the kindly, well-meaning man or woman who is a good citizen, an intelligent friend and a philanthropic worker. 3. The exit in the region of the solar plexus, used by the emotional, unintelligent, unthi...

This is much like the cross upon the Union Jack, which has always had an esoteric significance for the student, and indicates a point in racial evolution. This cross in the head separates the ajna centre (the centre between the eyebrows) from the head centre, for it lies behind that centre in the forehead, and at the same time forms a protective shield between the ajna and throat centres. These **etheric webs** are in reality disks, rotating or revolving at specific rates, which differ for the different centres, and according to the point in evolution of the system of centres concerned. Only when these webs are burnt away by the ascending and descending fires can the true centres really be seen. Many clairvoyants confuse the centres and their protective counterparts, for the latter have a radiance and light of their own. As the life achieves ...

...st from wasting time and looking for a Master; they should achieve mastery where now they are defeated and in the life of service and of struggle they may then reach the point of such

complete self-forgetfulness that the Master may find no hindrance in His approach to them. It will be apparent therefore from the above that I cannot give specific instructions as to the awakening of the centres and the burning of the **etheric web** which will result in the release of energy. Such information is too dangerous and too intriguing to be put in the hands of the general public, who are driven by desire for some new thing, and lack right poise and the needed mental development. The time has come however when the fact that there is an energy body underlying the nervous system must be recognized by the world at large, and when the nature of the seven c...

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...nal pull or the magnetic potency of these blending centres: the pull will be upon Shamballa, which is the highest centre of all. Is the **etheric web** of the planet sufficiently stable and balanced so that it can adequately respond to the new and potent forces which could and will pour through it into objective expression? I would remind you that the release of atomic energy has had a far more potent effect in the **etheric web** than in the dense physical vehicle of the planet. Three times the atomic bomb was used, and that fact is itself significant. It was used twice in Japan, thereby disrupting the **etheric web** in what you erroneously call the Far East; it was used once in what is also universally called the Far West, and each time a great area

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Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy when the evolutionary process is completed, it will have been organised. At present a pattern of squares is the major construction of the web but this is slowly changing as the divine plan works out. The **etheric webs** of the sacred planets are largely triangles whilst that of the Sun is that of interlaced circles. The effort on Earth today (as seen by the planetary Logos) is to bring about a transformation of the web of the planet and thus slowly change the existing squares into triangles. This is done by the creation of division, by the application of the Law of Separation, but also by the recognition, in consciousness, of duality, the application of directed motion and the appearance of two triangles in the place of one square. When this has taken place, the perceiving consciousness recognises ide...

...hrough the three constellations. 5. The constellations in groups of three transmit the seven influences of the seven rays to our planet, via the Sun, and the relationships which I am here indicating are only those in connection with our Earth. They do not apply in relation to others of the planets in our solar system, where the configuration of the relationship is different. This is dependent upon the nature of the **etheric web** through which all transmission of energies takes place. The lines of approach might be indicated as follows: DIAGRAM ONE, DIAGRAM TWO 6. This diamond shaped formation of the inter-related energies is the prototypal pattern which lies behind the etheric network and is its final, conditioning influence as far as our Earth is concerned. It is hinted at in the reference to the "diamond soul" of which the Buddha is an ex...

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...entre. At the same time, the energy pouring through those centres can be deflected into certain large physical organisms—such as the heart and the stomach. These centres, therefore, when being developed or stimulated, carry far less physiological danger than those which are not so related. The ajna centre is related to the pituitary body but there is no large physical organism to carry off the energy contacted; the **etheric web** is, therefore, in this locality specially reinforced and the activity of the centre more slowly generated. This is interesting and reassuring. It is in hints such as the above that the real teaching is given. So, my brother, go forward along the same lines, earlier indicated, until I give you your next instruction; study with care the hints given to you and to your co-disciples. June 1936 There are two thoughts in m...

...re His Ashram can run on right lines and with safety. In this work of assembling the necessary thought power for constructive work, the **etheric web** is definitely involved. It leads then to a reorganisation of the web. Academic explanations do not help the student to understand this. When the mind (the instrument of thought) is the vehicle of soul life, soul light and soul love, and the **etheric web** is responsive to the inflow of energy from the mind, then the reorganisation of the individual **etheric web** takes place. The individual etheric body is only a part, an

Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy aspect, of the **etheric web** of humanity; the steady reorganisation of the many parts leads t

... the mind and responsive to soul impression—expresses upon the physical plane, through the medium of the physical brain and the body, the intent, potency and nature of the all-inclusive soul. The individual **etheric web** galvanises the automatic physical body into activity. The energies, controlling the physical body through the medium of the **etheric web**, are the four mentioned above. The conflict in the brain consciousness of the evolving human unit begins to assume importance when the man starts to recognise these controlling energies, their source and their effects. It is immediately obvious that the work of the disciple is, therefore, almost entirely within the realm of energy and forces. The study of occultism is the study of forces and of their origin and effects. An Ashram is a place wherein this study enters the laboratory or experi...

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Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy but purely as an expression of personality will), succeeds in arousing the lowest of the three fires, the fire of matter, fire by friction; this produces a premature burning and destroys the **etheric web** in the etheric body. These circular disks or webs are to be found between each pair of the centres up the spine and also in the head. They are normally dissipated as purity of life, the discipline of the emotions, and the development of the spiritual will are carried forward. Diagram There are four of these webs. When the fourfold personality is highly developed and the ajna centre is awakening, then these webs slowly and gradually, normally and automatically disappear. The webs in the head are of much higher quality and bisect the skull horizontally and vertically. Thus they symbolise the Cross upo...

...n; in no human being is the nervous system correctly responsive to the centres. There are two reasons for this, and both are related to the cerebro-spinal system: 1. The head centre is not yet awakened, or is only slowly being developed, as the disciple submits himself to training. 2. The flow of energy through the head to the centres up the spine is uneven, owing to the fact that the inflow is uneven, and that the **etheric web**—between the centres—permits as yet only a very little energy to flow through to all the centres. It must be remembered that the life of the centres

is founded, in the initial stage, upon the inherent life of the organism itself, with the focus of the emanating life to be found in the centre at the base of the spine. This is a point oft forgotten by esotericists. This basic centre is the one through which the life of...

... physical plane in the withdrawing from out of the top of the head of the radiant etheric body and the consequent disintegration of the physical. The framework goes and the dense physical form falls apart. Page 85. a. The etheric body is in reality a network of fine channels which are the component parts of one interlacing fine cord—one portion of this cord being the magnetic link which unites the physical and the astral bodies and which is snapped or broken after the withdrawal of the etheric body from the dense physical body at the time of death. (See Ecc: XII.6.) Page 98. b. Later "definite methods of demonstrating the fact that life persists after the death of the physical body will be followed and the **etheric web** will be recognised as a factor in the case." Page 429. Death is "initiation, or the entering into a state of liberation."

...is is the first and most important factor to remember, and it will easily be seen how the trend of a life tendency and the focus of the life attention determine the mode of exit at death. It can be seen also that an effort to control the astral life and the emotional nature, and to orient one's self to the mental world and to spiritual things, has a momentous effect upon the phenomenal aspects of the death process. If the student is thinking clearly, it will be apparent to him that one exit concerns the spiritual and highly evolved man, whilst the other concerns the low grade human being who has scarcely advanced beyond the animal stage. What then of the average man? A third exit is now in temporary use; just below the apex of the heart another **etheric web** is found covering an orifice of exit. We have, therefore, the following situation:

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... direct result of this intensification. The electrification of the planet through the wide-spread use of electricity is one of the things which is inaugurating the new age, and which will aid in bringing about the revelation of the presence of the soul. Before long this intensification will become so great that it will materially assist in the rending of the veil which separates the astral plane from the physical plane; the dividing **etheric web** will shortly be dissipated, and this will permit a more rapid inflow of the third aspect of light. The light from the astral plane (a starry radiance) and the light of the planet itself will be more closely blended, and the result upon humanity and upon the three other kingdoms in nature cannot be overemphasized. It will, for one thing, profoundly affect the human eye and make the present sporadic

...e world of the seen and tangible from the world of the unseen and the intangible, the astral world. Just as there is a veil called "the **etheric web**" dividing off the various force centres in the human body, and protecting the head centres from the astral world, so there is a separat...f physical life and the astral world. This will be destroyed, slowly and certainly, by the play of the cosmic rays upon our planet. The **etheric web** which is found between the centres in the spine, and which is found at the top of the head (protecting the head centre) is destroyed in...e planetary kundalini, and their effect will be the same in the body of the planetary Logos, the Earth, as it is in the human body; the **etheric web** between the physical and astral planes is in process of destruction, and it is of this event which the sensitives of the world and the ...

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3. A burning away of the **etheric web**, through the gradual arousing of kundalini and its correct geometrical progression, and a resultant continuity of consciousness that enables the initiate consciously to utilise time as a factor on the planes of evolution. 4. A gradual grasp of the law of vibration as an aspect of the basic law of building, the law of attraction, is brought about, and the initiate learns consciously to build, to manipulate thought matter for the perfecting of the plans of the Logos, to work in mental essence, and to apply the law on mental levels, and thereby affect the physical plane. Motion originates cosmically on cosmic levels, and in the microcosm the same will be seen. There is an occult hint here that, pondered on, will reveal much. At initiation, at the moment of the application of the Rod, the initiate consciou...

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...energies at the base of the spine, he draws them into the magnetic field of the centres up the spine and blends them with the dual energy emanating from the spleen. The spinal tract with its five centres then awakens into activity, and finally all the forces are gathered together into one fused and blended stream of energy. Three things then happen: a. The kundalini fire is raised and immediately burns away all the **etheric webs** which are the protective barriers, separating the various centres. b. The etheric body intensifies its vitality, and the physical body is consequently powerfully vitalised, galvanised, and energised. c. The entire aura is coordinated and illuminated, and the soul can then, at will, withdraw from its physical vehicle in full waking consciousness, or stay in it as an incarnated Son of God, Whose consciousness is comple...

Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy passage up the spine, penetrating and destroying the **etheric web** which separates each centre and the area it controls from the next above. All these transferences and interior organisation produce normally and naturally turmoil and conflict in the life of the mystic, causing difficulties of a definitely psychological nature and frequently pathological trouble as well. You have to note consequently, the series of transference, psychological difficulty and pathological results. For instance, these ideas may clarify themselves in your mind if I point out certain facts, relating to the sacral centre which for so long a period of time

...distributing areas and thus galvanising, at will, any part of the mechanism into activity, or the whole mechanism into coordinated action. The disciple has now reached the point in his development where the **etheric web**, which separates all the centres up the spine from each other, has been burned away by the fires of life. The "sushumna" or central channel can be slowly utilised. This parallels the period wherein there is...lowing through the "nadis" and reorganises them—usually prematurely. It hastens the process of breaking down the walls separating four forces from the fifth energy, and hastens the burning of the protecting **etheric webs** up the spinal column. If this is done whilst the emphasis of the life is below the diaphragm and the man is not even an aspirant or intelligent, then it will cause the over-stimulation of the sex life, and...

...ere, are definitely working under the direction of one of the Masters. Only where there is direction, a knowledge of a man's governing rays and a grasp of the astrological indications as to a man's "path of life" can the true, but dangerous, rules be given, which will lead to: 1. A right distribution of energy. 2. The focussing of the forces in the centres. 3. The burning of the separating walls and of the dividing **etheric webs**. 4. The lifting of the energies ever higher in the body by the power of the directed will. Many of the difficulties of mystics and occultists today are due to the fact that they are literally "playing with fire" and are not aware of it; that they are

not preserving the right or ordered sequence of development, as outlined above; that they are following practices for which they are not ready, which have not been mod...

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...e methods that eventually will be the first attempts at cure. In the first type of cases, those due to physical plane weakness, the stress of the cure will be laid first on building up a strong physical body in both its departments, though especially the etheric body. This will be done in future years with the direct aid of the devas of the shadows (the violet devas or devas of the ethers). The strengthening of the **etheric web** will be aided by means of the violet light, with its corresponding sound, administered in quiet sanitariums. Coincident with this treatment will be the attempt to strengthen the mental body. With the strengthening of the physical body will come longer and longer periods of freedom from attack. Eventually the attacks will cease altogether. When the cause is lack of co-ordination between the physical and the emotional...

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Fifth. This **etheric web**, during incarnation, forms a barrier between the physical and astral planes, which can only be transcended when consciousness is sufficiently developed to permit of escape. This can be seen in both the microcosm and the macrocosm. When a man has, through meditation and concentration, expanded his consciousness to a certain point he is enabled to include the subtler planes, and to escape beyond the limits of the dividing web. (stop)
PHYSICAL SUB-PLANES SOLAR SYSTEM PLANES
1. First ether. Atomic plane ----- Adi. Divine. Sea of fire. First cosmic ether.
2. Second ether. Sub-atomic ----- Anupadaka. Monadic plane. Akasha. Second cosmic ether.
3. Third ether. Super-etheric----- Atmic. Spiritual plane. Aether. Third cosmic ether.
4. Fourth ether. Super-gaseous ----- Buddhic. Intuitive Plane. Air. Fourth co...

5. Gaseous. Sub-etheric ----- Mental. Fire. Cosmic gaseous.
6. Liquid ----- Astral. Emotional plane. Water. Cosmic liquid.
7. Earthly. Dense----- Physical plane. Earth. Cosmic dense. When the Logos has expanded His Consciousness on cosmic levels He can then transcend the logoic **etheric web**, and escape beyond the ring-pass-not of His objective manifestation. In thinking out this analogy we must hold closely in mind the fact that the seven major planes of our solar system are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical or the lowest cosmic plane. We might note here the accurate working out of the correspondence in matter and the radiatory correspondence is equally accurate. Sixth. In all the three bodies—human, planetary, and systemic or logoic—will be found a great organ within the organi...

...ysical body at the time of death. The silver cord is loosed, as the Bible expresses it 4544 and this is the basis of the legend of the fateful sister who cuts the thread of life with the dreaded shears. The **etheric web** is composed of the intricate weaving of this vitalised cord, and apart from the seven centres within the web (which correspond to the sacred centres, and of which the spleen is frequently counted as one) it has the two above mentioned, which make—with the spleen—a triangle of activity. The **etheric web** of the solar system is of an analogous nature, and likewise has its three receptive centres for cosmic prana. The mysterious band in the heavens, which we call the Milky Way, (S. D. II.250) is closely connected with cosmic prana, or

that cosmic vitality or nourishment which vitalises the solar etheric system. 2. The assimilato...

The System receives prana from cosmic sources via three centres, and redistributes it to all parts of its extended influence, or to the bounds of the solar **etheric web**. This cosmic prana becomes colored by solar quality and reaches the furthest confines of the system. Its mission might be described as the vitalisation of the vehicle which is the physical material expression of the solar Logos. The Planet receives prana from the solar centre, and redistributes it via the three receiving centres to all parts of its sphere of influence. This solar prana becomes colored by the planetary quality and is absorbed by all evolutions found within the planetary ring-pass-not. Its mission might be described as the vitalisation of the vehicle which is the physical material expression of one or other of the seven Heavenly Men. The Microcosm receives pr...

... not one) will have its functional disorders, which will affect its reception of prana, will suffer its organic troubles which may affect its distribution, and those disorders which permit of trouble in the **etheric web**, which forms the ring-pass-not for the involved planetary Spirit. Here I would point out that in the case of the planetary Spirits Who are on the divine evolutionary arc, the Heavenly Men Whose bodies are planets, the **etheric web** does not form a barrier, but (like the Karmic Lords on a higher plane) They have freedom of movement outside the bounds of the planetary web within the circumference of the solar ring-pass-not. 47 Heavenly Men. He is on the evolutionary arc of the universe, and has passed many stages beyond the human. The planetary Entity is on the involutory arc and is a very low grade Entity. He is the sum tot...

...the following facts that are even now in process of development: The fourth plane of Buddhi is the one on which the planetary Logoi begin to make Their escape from Their planetary ring-pass-not, or from the **etheric web** that has its counterpart on all the planes. When man begins in a small sense to co-ordinate the buddhic vehicle or, to express it otherwise, when he has developed the power to contact ever so slightly the buddhic plane, then he begins simultaneously and consciously to achieve the ability to escape from the **etheric web** on the physical plane. Later he escapes from its correspondence on the astral plane, and finally from the correspondence on the fourth subplane of the mental plane this time via the mental unit. This leads eventually to causal functioning, or to the ability to dwell, and to be active in, the vehicle of the Ego...

... of expression. This fourth round finds the solution of its strenuous and chaotic life in the very simple fact of the shattering of the **etheric web** in order to effect liberation, and permit a later and more adequate form to be employed. A further chain of ideas may be followed up in...ties and correspondences have been somewhat dwelt upon, as it is necessary for us to realise the work to be done in connection with the **etheric web** before we take up the matter of the various causes which may hinder the desired progress, and prevent the appointed escape and destined liberation. Later we will take up the consideration of the **etheric web**, and its static condition. This will entail the recollection of two things: First, that this static condition is only so when viewed from the standpoint of man at the present time, and is only termed so in order...

...Purpose of the Etheric Body. Now let us, after this somewhat lengthy digression, leave things cosmic and incomprehensible, and come down to practical evolution, and to the study of the matter of man's etheric body, and of the harm that may ensue to him should that body (through the breaking of the law) no longer perform its protective function. Let us see first of all what those protective functions are: First. The **etheric web** acts as a separator or a dividing web between the astral and the dense physical body. Second. It circulates the inflowing vitality or pranic fluid and carries on its work in three stages. The first stage is that wherein the pranic fluid and solar radiations are received, and circulated three times around the triangle, thence being

distributed to the periphery of the body, animating and vitalising all the physical or...

...imal memory, and functional recollection which are so apparent in the little evolved man. As time progresses the fire of mind burns more brightly and thus reaches a point where it begins to burn through the **etheric web**—that portion of the web that can be found guarding the centre at the very top of the head, and admitting entrance to the downflow from the Spirit. By its means certain things are brought about: The kundalin... will aspect from the mental plane. The two fires of matter by the power of the mind of man are blended first with each other, and, secondly, with the fire of mind. The united result of this blending is the destruction (under rule and order), of the **etheric web**, and the consequent production of continuity of consciousness and the admission into the personal life of man of "Life more abundant," or the third fire of Spirit.

Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy f. Kundalini has two effects upon the **etheric web**, as it is called. 1. By its gradually increasing action it purifies that etheric form and cleanses it from "dross," as the Christian expresses it. 2. Eventually, after the two fires of matter and the fire of mind have begun to blend (a slow and gradual process), the web itself is destroyed and by the time the third Initiation is reached, the man should have continuity of consciousness. This is so unless for certain work and for certain specific ends, the man consciously and willingly foregoes the burning of the web, a thing which can be brought about by the conscious action of the will. 4. The Centres and the Senses, Normal and Supernormal. Before at all dealing with the centres and their relationship to the senses, it will be necessary first of all...

...ring to the initiate, but which produces a capacity to respond to contacts that far outweighs the incidental pain. Second. A development of psychic faculty that again may lead to temporary distress, but which eventually causes a recognition of the one Self in all selves, which is the goal of endeavor. Third. A burning away, through a gradual arousing of kundalini, and its correct geometrical progression through the **etheric web**. This produces a resultant continuity of consciousness which enables the initiate consciously to utilise time as a factor in the plans of evolution. Fourth. A gradual grasp of the Law of Vibration as an aspect of the basic law of building; the initiate learns consciously to build, to manipulate thought matter for the perfecting of the plans of the Logos, to work in mental essence, and to apply the law of mental leve...

...dy the side of manifestation we call the "life side" just as the scientist studies that called "matter," and both will come to a realisation of the close relation existing between the two, and thus the old gap and the ancient warfare between science and religion will be in temporary abeyance. Definite methods of demonstrating the fact that life persists after the death of the physical body will be followed, and the **etheric web** will be recognised as a factor in the case. The connection between the different planes will be sought, and the analogy between the fourth etheric subplane and the fourth or buddhic plane (the fourth cosmic ether) will be studied, for it will be realised that the life of those Entities, Whom we recognise as the planetary Logoi, pours through our scheme from the fourth cosmic plane, the cosmic buddhic, and thus in a ...

...articular planetary Logos. Work out the analogy in the microcosmic development and note how in order to function consciously in his individual etheric body a man has to burn through what has been called the **etheric web**, and study how the fires of initiation produce something analogous in the planetary etheric body, and eventually in the cosmic etheric. As each unit of consciousness, through self-induced effort, achieves the goal and crosses the 'burning-ground,' a microscopic portion of the **etheric web** of the planetary etheric body is consumed by fire; this results in a definite gain for that great Entity, the planetary Logos, through the relatively unimportant liberation of the force of one cell in His body. When all the units or cells in His body

have achieved, He too is set free from dense manifestation and physically dies. This stage ...

...d and done away with. Under the Law of Sacrifice and Death, the disintegration is begun on the third level and is consummated on the second, when the man merges with the Triad, preparatory to the final merging with the Monad. Another illustration of the same thing can be found on the physical plane. When a man has reached the point where he can sense and see the fourth ether, he is ready for the burning away of the **etheric web**, which has its location midway between the third and second subplane matter which composes his physical body. When this disintegration is effected, the man merges with his astral vehicle, establishing a consequent continuity of consciousness. This correspondence, and this disintegration, can be traced on each plane, till finally on the atomic level on its third subplane comes the final disintegration, which results i...

...dogmas of pre-war days. It should be pointed out here that the war was a great occult event, and caused a vital change in many of the plans and arrangements of the Hierarchy. Modifications have been necessitated, and some events will have to be delayed whilst others will be hastened. One of the profoundest effects of the war was felt among the devas of the shadows, and primarily among those of the fourth order. The **etheric web** which protected certain groups in the human and animal kingdoms was rent in various places, and the results of that disaster have to be offset. Another effect upon the devas resulting from the war, as it worked, can be seen among the devas of Group A, or those devas who are (in an occult sense) the physical permanent atoms of all self-conscious beings. The fourth spirilla was tremendously stimulated, and its evoluti...

Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy body of man is positive to the physical plane, negative to the mental, and positive to the buddhic plane. As evolution proceeds, the astral body should become positive to the mental, and thus prove incapable of being swayed by thought currents, and the separative processes of that plane, and negative to the buddhic plane, or receptive to the forces from that plane. When it has attained equilibrium, and the forces are evenly balanced, the astral body should become the transmitter from the buddhic plane, the fourth cosmic ether, via the gaseous, to the dense physical plane. This thought should be studied in connection with the burning of the **etheric web** of the planet, thus illumination may come. Literally, there is no such division

... permanent atom (whereby the Path of Liberation is travelled, and man set free) and the opening up of the channel between the centre at the base of the spine and the brain and thence to the head centre. Through this latter channel man escapes out of the dense physical body, and continuity of consciousness (between the astral and the physical planes) is reached. In the one case, through right direction of force, the **etheric web** no longer forms a barrier; it is destroyed and the man is fully conscious in the physical brain of what transpires on the astral plane. In the other case, the causal body also is eventually destroyed through the right direction of force. We will not here take up the specific work of building upon the scaffolding of the etheric body the dense physical form. It has been sufficiently dealt with in other books. We will ...

...r bodies responding. The egoic impulse is slow and heavy, and the vibration is directed to producing response between the egoic consciousness and the atoms of the physical body. The physical permanent atom is more active than the other two. It is the aspect of "fire by friction" which is fanned by the egoic breath, with a triple object in view: a. Co-ordinating the physical body. b. Increasing the resistance of the **etheric web**, a work which was only carried to the desired point by the middle of the Atlantean root-race. c. Bringing certain of the lower centres to

the necessary stage of expression. The heat of the atoms in the bodies is increased during this stage, and their atomic life co-ordinated, while the triangle between the three permanent atoms becomes a demonstrable fact and not a faint indication. During the second stage, the law ...

...is brother, and one who arouses men into activity for others. The second hint is that as the aspirant becomes progressively radioactive, and as the energy of the inner God demonstrates more and more through the lower personality, the "heat radiations" become so powerful that very definite results are produced of a personal, and also of an enviroinal, nature. A few of these results might be enumerated as follows: The **etheric web**, separating the lower physical consciousness of the brain from the astral plane begins to undergo a lengthy process of destruction, and the first "rents" in the web occur. It is through these that the student becomes aware of the inner planes, becomes conscious in the physical brain of the inner happenings, and can (if a disciple) make his contacts with his Ego and (via that ego) with his Guru. 27374 This marks a ve...

...king in imperfect matter as yet imperfectly manipulated. The secret of fear is hidden in the etheric body, and the particular type of substance out of which it may be built. 3. The builders of the planetary **etheric web**. Their work is exceedingly obscure and exists in three divisions: a. The materialisation of the web. This is only perfected by the fourth round, and was purposely hurried in connection with our planet owing to karmic conditions, and under the law of spiritual necessity. A correspondence to this can be seen in the case of man himself. The **etheric web** was very loosely co-ordinated in man at the beginning of the fourth rootrace. Spiritual necessity forced its rapid consolidation, and it is now so constituted that it forms a barrier between the physical and the astral plane. b. The preservation of the planetary web. This will b...

...at the moment of death. This is the vital point. The "thread" of life there, by the time the seventh year is reached, has divided itself into three branches, reaching out to the three centres. The realisation of this fact will eventually prove of much interest to scientists. A good deal of imbecility, or of arrested development will be found to have its origin in the etheric connection with these three centres. The **etheric web** is literally the fine network of fiery threads which spreads itself over the centre, and forms an area of fairly large dimensions. It separates the two bodies, astral and physical. A similar corresponding area will be found in the solar system. Through it the cosmic forces must pass to the different planetary schemes. The elemental groups of the dense physical plane who are swept into activity by the builders, are t...

..." and while in that state begin to build the form for his idea, and thus materialise the plan of his Ego. 5. The amount of energy he can pour later into his thought form and thus procure for it a period of existence, or its tiny "day of Brahma." These subsidiary factors are again dependent upon: a. His place on the ladder of evolution. b. The condition of his bodies. c. His karmic condition. d. The tenuosity of the **etheric web**. e. The calibre of his physical body, and its relative refinement. It is necessary here to warn the student against the error of making any hard or fast rule anent the sequential order of the development of the physical head centres, and the vitalisation of the force centres. This process is incident upon many things, such as the ray upon which the monad may be found, and the nature of the development in the past in...

...reater resistance and strength, and succeeds in "manifesting" forth in a sheath of greater refinement. Etheric Freedom. This term does not convey all that I seek to impart, but it suffices for need of a better. The student of magic who can safely undertake the enterprise, will have constructed an etheric body of such a nature that vitality, or pranic force and energy, can circulate unimpeded; he will have formed an **etheric web** of such tenuosity that it forms no barrier to consciousness. This is all that can be said on this subject, owing to the danger involved, but it

suffices for the conveyance of information to those who are beginning to know. Astral Stability. The student of magic aims, above all, to purify his desires, and so to transmute his emotions that the lower physical purity and the higher mental responsiveness and transmutativ...

...g. Much of interest will open up before the thinker who extends this idea to the planetary Logos and His work of form creating. With these few preliminary remarks, we can now continue with the Rules of Magic for the physical plane. RULE XII. The web pulsates. It contracts and expands. Let the magician seize the midway point and thus release those "prisoners of the planet" whose note is right and justly tuned to that which must be made. It is necessary for the magician here to remember that all that takes place upon the earth is to be found within the planetary **etheric web**. The worker in white magic, being an occultist, deals in universals, and starts his magical work on the confines of the physical etheric sphere. His problem is to locate those lesser lives, within the web, who are of the right order to be built into the proposed thought

Twenty-Four Books of Esoteric Philosophy vehicle. Such work can necessarily only be done by the man who, through the severance of the confining web of his own **etheric web**, can reach out to that which is consciously recognised by him as the planetary vital body. Only he who is free can control and utilise those who are prisoners. This is an occult axiom of real moment, and much of the failure undergone by would-be workers in magic is to be traced to the fact that they themselves are not free. The "prisoners of the planet" are those myriads of deva lives who form the planetary pranic body, and are swept in on the floods of vital force emanating from the physical sun. RULE XIII. The magician must recognise the four; note in his work the shade of violet which they evidence, and thus construct the shadow. When this is so, the shadow clothes it...

..., when divorced from moisture, and of the method of employing such heat. The adepts use the "dry alchemical fires" to produce the results they desire in aiding the evolutionary process. As they use these "dry fires" the reaction upon themselves is such that they transmute the electrical spark (or the Monad within the flame of the planetary Life) and break it up in such a manner that it can pass through the systemic **etheric web** and on to that stream of cosmic energy emanating from the constellation mentioned above. They are then known as "Absolute sparks of parental love," or (in the exoteric language of the initiates) they pass on to Path VII, that of "Absolute Sonship." The attributes which the adept on this path has to possess prior to taking the needed training for the seventh cosmic method of approach is responsiveness to heat and a k...