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My Dear Mr. Skinner,

Many sincere thanks for your most valuable MSS. I gave it to be bound immediately after just glancing over it, for I desire to study it seriously.

From your long letter, however of what I could gather superficially from the MSS and the *Source of Measures* I feel convinced—nay, I know it—you have discovered *a* key to the universal language. You have done more than any living man in this direction, since the Fathers of the Church have designedly hidden and lost it. But—pardon me, dear Mr. Skinner; do not think me presumptuous or ignorant or *one sided* if I tell you that which I can prove. You *have* discovered *a* key, as I say; but it is only *one of the seven keys* I mention in *Isis Unveiled*.

Of course, when made to face your clear systematic, mathematically correct writings—my *Isis*, which I wrote in perfect ignorance even of the English language, at the time, cannot impress such an accurate writer as yourself, with any of its statements nevertheless, the things I give there, are *facts*. And of those seven keys to the esoteric philosophy and the universal language you have discovered one—say *two*—but you seem to scorn entirely its *first* key—the one which opens the earliest, metaphysical and abstract portions of the philosophy, the *paradigms* of all things, the divine and spiritual models of its physiological and astronomical aspects. For all those are linked *together*; and if you hold only to the *later* Jewish texts—remodeled by the Ezras and C° to fit in with the universal geometrical ideas (the Egyptian among others)—you will not unlock the others.

Now, I am a perfect ignoramus in mathematics; and of geometry, or a science, I know only the *outward* form of the symbols—(the geometrical and numerical forms I mean). For I have studied occultism and esotericism *practically* and for practical use, not theoretically; *e.g.*, when I see a certain symbol of the mineral kingdom—say—I know at a glance its relation to the vegetal, animal, and human (or psychic) realm. I know what a *foetus* (as in the Palenque carvings) relates to; and that every stroke, every figure repeated on a tablet, related in its enumeration not only to the lunar months, periods and divisions— as in its bearings on the mystery of generation—but also to the cosmogony, the theogony (the hierarchy of the "Builders" or the constructive Dyani-Chohans—the *masons* of our *manvantaric* world who are in their collectivity the "Master Mason" or *Demiurgos*.

And I know also to what objects in the physical world and *Forces* in the noumenal world, each of the 49 weeks of gestation# of the primitive man, (or child) in the "*lunar egg*" corresponds to. This will puzzle you— but it *is* Eastern esotericism. You take up physiology, female periods, quickening gestation

etc.—from the last races of the 4th *Atlantean* race. We take it up from the 2nd and 3rd Races, and begin with sexless, then *bisexual* or hermaphrodite, and finally male and female separated—at the beginning of the 4th *Root* Race. And if we are opposed, we ask how came *first man* on earth? The profane stand on two paths of speculations: the Theological — Adam made of earth, a human clay figure into which "God" breathed the breath of life; and — the Darwinian, materialistic — man evoluted to its present form from lower animals: the anthropoid ape and we having one common ancestor. We answer to the latter — *fiddlesticks*: it is the pithecoid animal, the gorilla, the orang, the chimpanzee *who are the descendants of the Atlantean giants*.

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FOOTNOTE # Eastern esoterism in giving the history of the gradual development of man (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Race, the Atlantean giants have physiological laws for each which vary. Before 37 weeks it was 49.)

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But all this will be in my *Secret Doctrine* and you will judge. For the present I will only say for your information—that *our* Esoteric Science shows the appearance and descent of man thus: — 1st Root Race *sexless*, was composed of the *shadows* — the *astral* projections evolved from themselves, by the "Creators", the Dhyan Chohans or *lunar* Pitris; the progenitors and ancestors of man in Hindu *exoteric* religion. 2nd Race—the "Sons of *Will and Yoga*" — so called — hermaphrodites, ethereal, *boneless*; whose progeny were called the "*sweat-born*" because of the process as described, the hermaphrodites oozing out perspiration which formed into an egg, in which Man (like Brahmâ, or the universe, in his Golden Egg) gestated under the influence of the moon and was born as reptiles and birds do. Then the 3rd Race (the one of the *Fall*)—separated owing to the law of natural Evolution; by beginning to be born as men and women, (children) of two *sexes* instead of hermaphrodites.# Then at the end of the 3rd Root Race, the "giants with *soft* bones"—*fell* anew by following the example of animals, and began mating. Your Adam Kadmon became Jehovah-Cain, and Cain and Abel, and finally Enoch, (the son of Seth) the first race from which Third Race, were born the men of the 4th, the Atlantean or the "giants with bones", the Titans and those of whom the VIth chapter of Genesis speaks of as the "Sons of god" and daughters of man, whose progeny were *giants* and mighty men of old. All of this is found even in the allegories of the Purânas, but is given *scientifically* and without any fables or additions in the Books of *Dzyan* or Wisdom of the Esoteric philosophy.

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FOOTNOTE # These passed in their egg as the foetus does now in the womb through all the vegetal and animal forms.

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This will be regarded as, and proclaimed nonsense by both believers in the Jewish Chronology of 7,000 years since the world's creation, and by geologists and biologists, who know only of *man as he is now*; and dare not assign antiquity to the human race beyond some 100,000 years. But Eastern or Aryan chronology teaches us as based upon zodiacal records that—

(1) From the beginning of cosmic evolution up to the Hindu year Tarana (1887)—The number of years elapsed is—1,955,884,687.

(2) The mineral, vegetal, and animal (lower) Kingdoms up to *man* have taken to evolute 300,000,000 years.

(3) Time from the first appearance of humanity on our Planetary chain (see Sinnett's *Esoteric Buddhism*)—equals 1,664,500,987 years

(4) The number of years that elapsed since the Vaivasvata Manvantara (or our Aryan Adam), *i.e.*, Man in the *present* human form after the "Deluge" (which is a Cosmic astronomical and geological cataclysm, not simply a *flood*)—to the present year 1887, is just—18,618,728 years.#

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FOOTNOTE # Thus our globe said in Esoteric philosophy to be inhabited by man 18,000,000 years and the globe since its incrustation about 350,000,000, does not differ much from modern Science. Reade demands 500 million years since sedimentation began *in Europe*, Lyell 240 million, Darwin 300, and Huxley 1000 million years! A touching harmony in *exact* science.

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Of other periods we need not speak now.

Thus, you see, that assigning 18 or 19 million years as the time for the *physiological* evolution of man, from the ethereal, sexless, bisexual and "man and woman" *races*, there was ample time for him (Man) to become as he is now; and except in size, never to alter much since 859,000 years ago, when the *first* Atlanteans were swept away and down into the seas.

The geologists and anthropologists may be searching for the *missing link* till doom's day, they will not find it; except, as said before "giant" skeletons, perchance.

Your iii degrees of masonry are certainly the only ones, to be taken into consideration. The Jainas have only 3, and the Brahmins only 3 chief and 4 collateral degrees.

And now I will answer all of your points.

The 500 words in common (Hebrew and Egyptian) do not surprise me. But that which does is Seyffarth's idea that Coptic is a derivative of the Hebrew. Pardon me; but the Hebrew is not only a dead language virtually—the Hebrew (I mean the language of Moses which he got and brought from the Egyptian Sanctuary) exists no more. It is found in no existing records save, perhaps, with the *Kali* Jews (the black Jews) of Cochin, who know *nothing* of Babylonian captivity nor of the *Twelve* Tribes, (knowing only of two, the Juda and Levi tribes, the warrior and the sacerdotal); for they have come to India about 700 B.C. and have never moved from their place. They have their *Laws* of Moses—and *no* Genesis. That language was *thoroughly lost* during the captivity and preserved partially only by some Levites. The Ezra Hebrew, is a hybrid language already much tinctured with Chaldean. The Hebrew *square letters* cannot be traced even to the day of Esdras (458 B.C.). That they have been adopted from the Babylonian is quite true; but that they have received their *final* form in the first centuries of our era is also true. And that these square letters have not existed before that captivity is shown by the *absolute* absence of any inscription in those characters among thousands of different kinds found in the ruins of Chaldea; not even a gem or a medal. Nor have there been ever found such in Egypt. Say what Seyffarth may, the *square* Hebrew character and the Hebrew in which the most ancient scrolls are written cannot be traced earlier than just before our era.

Pentateuch has never been written as *a whole* by Moses or his god either. The oral traditions are his; but the many portions of the Old Testament belong to different epochs and many writers, as you yourself know. These "books" have been lost and found, destroyed and rewritten about a dozen times since Moses, on the confession of the writers themselves. And if we accept Hilkiah and his finding "The Book of God" which was lost for centuries and truly forgotten, we have to accept Ezra's (or Esdra's) *infallible* inspiration; and after him *of all the other* writers when his books were destroyed by Antiochus and others, etc., etc. The Talmudists had various readings of the Pentateuch most strikingly different from our canonical text (See Donaldson, Jolowicz, and even the Chaldee paraphrast, Jonathan ben Uzziel), and also the author of "*Chronol*. *Orth.*" If we take into consideration the variations of the Hebrew texts and MSS, none of which can boast any great antiquity, the discrepancies between the Hebrew and

Samaritan texts and the Greek versions; the evidences of different readings furnished by the Talmud, Targumim and other rabbinical authorities; the change of the Hebrew character from the older Phoenician form to the square letters borrowed from the Syrians *after Babylonian captivity*, then the Massorah *humbug*; the distinction between medial and final letters etc. etc. etc., *all this will prove that the present Hebrew new text was accommodated* to the *Septuagint* written in Greek at the whim of Ptolemy Philadelphus. And the Septuagint itself? How then?—We are told that the ten tribes disappeared during Babylonian captivity 500 B.C., and centuries later, Ptolemy Philadelphus asks the high priest Eleazar, to send him *six men from each of the 12 tribes*, and the high priest sends them? To send men from tribes which have disappeared centuries ago is funny. Yet, there is *positive proof* that the Septuagint was made in its *measurements and esoterism* to conform to the Egyptian *astro-cosmic* records of the Great Pyramid, just during the reign of Ptolemy, and that, except as said before, a few books (real and genuine) of Moses with the Cochin "Black Jews"—the Jewish world *had* not preserved one single MS of the Pentateuch earlier than A.D. 300 and 400, of which the earliest MSS now existing (XIth century) *may* be tolerably correct copies.

Why wonder then, that the Pyramid measurements dovetail so well with the measurements found in the Bible, of The Ark of the Covenant, Solomons temple etc.? To begin with, Moses was an Egyptian Initiate; then, sorry and angry as were the Jews at the desecration of their Holy Books by the Seventy writers (see Josephus) yet, when their last *Ezra* scrolls came to disappear in their turn and were entirely lost, they were too glad to have copies even from the entirely *Egyptianized* and *Greecofied* Septuagint, for lack of any other. But this would lead me too far; I could write volumes on it. I send anyone who would contradict these statements to Dr. Humphrey Prideaux, Dean of Norwich (*Sacred Connect.*, Book 5) to Dr. Horne and his Introduction to the Old Testament, to their confession and admissions of *additions, alterations*, *interpolations*, *borrowing*, etc. The whole being excused and justified on the plea that the various writers acted under the orders of the Holy Ghost!! That they were *divinely inspired*!!! The esoterism you find now in the Hebrew Chaldaic texts, is the esoterism of Egypt and Chaldea, not the genuine and original esoterism of the Hebrews, a small little tribe, which derived its traditions (a *portion* of the Egypto-Mosaic Wisdom, certainly) and accommodated the texts of its sacred scrolls to the esoteric doctrines of Chaldea and Egypt, while denouncing the *pagans*. The real Hebrew, *i.e.*, the *sacerdotal* language of the Levites and Moses—was the language of the priests of Egypt but under another name—the Neter-Khari, or "divine language", the sister of Devanagari "the divine Speech" or the language of the gods of the Aryan Hindus, and the *Senzar* in *old* Devanagari characters, of the Initiates of Central Asia. The Hebrew of the existing scrolls is a later dialect, an invented variation that every Chaldee would

understand. That the Hebrew of the descendants of Heber, that language that came beyond Euphrates and was yet spoken, even in the days of Jeremiah (600 B.C.) was not the Chaldaic nor the Syriac as some persons now claim is well proven by Bishop (Brian) Walton's happy suggestion, who shows it in his [*In Biblia Polyglotta Prolegomena*] *Prolegomena* III,13, by drawing attention to verse 15, chapter V of Jeremiah where the Chaldeans and Assyrians whom god threatens to bring against Judea are called *an ancient nation*, a *strong nation whose language the people of Israel knoweth not, neither do they understand their speech.*

This proof is *unanswerable.*

Now do I deny the presence of Esoterism and of The *Universal Language* "The *One Lip*"_of the 4th Race in the Old Testament? *Never*. I say it is there and as you have shown, it is also in the New Testament and this proves that the *Initiates* who wrote the Synoptics and St. John—were of the same school of Initiates as the Essenes, the Egyptians and the Greeks; especially, as St. Paul was. That the history of Jesus is not his life or biography, not even the history of three or four years of his life, but simply the allegorical rendering of the years of probation, Initiation, trials, and final glorification of the Initiate of any country, whether he be called Viśvakarmâ, Apollonius of Tyana, Osiris, Wittoba or Sallivana, or Jesus. What I say, again, is that while the Jews and the early Christians remodeled or made their Scripture to fit in with the original archaic tradition and the universal Astro-cosmic *Initiation* by adapting.it only to the astronomical and purely physiological materialistic myths—they left the metaphysical, cosmic, and theogonical portions of it untouched; for, pretending to monotheism they would avoid the purely pagan, philosophical views of the universe. They have done this in the most ingenious and clever way imaginable, and have succeeded thereby to blind long series of generations into the idea that they (the Jews) were the "chosen people" of Jehovah, and Christians an improvement on that *chosen* people. But I say it again—they have, neither of them, given anything new or original whatever, in the real esoteric meaning—not to the Hindus, at any rate, now the only people on earth whom have preserved the original *Archaic* doctrines.

This takes nothing away from your independent discovery, which is of great importance to the world. Its greatest merit is for the western world, since you have put it so clearly, and in such scientific *mathematical* language—hence made your discovery and proofs *unattackable*. But all you say is known to Eastern Occultism and you may find more than one thing in *Isis*, vague and hazy and put in my flapdoodle pigeon English, still the spirit of it is there, but you have created a tangible, *objective body* for that which in my work may be regarded as a shadowy phantom of imagination. But if you add Esoteric philosophy to your own independent research you will have to give up your ideas of the *holiness* of

the Hebrew scrolls about which you are so enthusiastic. The Jews have never and at no time been monotheists—not as the *word* is understood in the West; though they may have been as some Hindu sects are now who choose a favorite god among the *Devas* and make the rest subservient to that creature. The early Jews were Pantheists as we are, and the later—*humbugs*. The gentiles were always too philosophical to create unto themselves *one, personal, anthropomorphic* god and call him *infinite* while showing his relation to men and the angels—finite; to call him *absolute*, yet to make him concerned with conditioned subjects; *noumenal*, perfect and eternal — yet subject to passions. All this is an absurdity in logic as in philosophy. You may consider me an *atheist*. I say *I am not*. I believe in a boundless, eternal, infinite *abstract* Principle (*abstract* to my limited understanding); in a *Causeless* Cause, a Rootless *Root* of all that exists—your *Circle*, in short, as you defined it, and which no man can know. You call its diameter the One, so do we—but what you think of, or how you define it *finally* is not yet clear to me. But in part I of my S.D. I give the various circles, differentiating from the first race to the last. It is ○ —precosmic; —at the dawn of manvantara; ⊖ —the first *manifested* cosmic plane; *mother* chaos or nature appearing across the infinite circle at its reawakening; then, and when the 1st Race of mankind (*collective* Adam) was projected on the seven zones of the Earth by the Progenitors or *Pitris* from within themselves—it became  (or △ I □ — ✯ within and around the circle); because, the 7 hosts of the "septenary" had, by *dedoubling* themselves, so to say, become 14. These 7 septenary groups are called the *49 Fires*, of life and being—the Divine Spirits of the Earth. You will find the same idea in *Divine Pymander* of *Hermes Trismegistus* in his "7 governors" and nature building or forming *seven* men simultaneously on the seven centers of the universe. Then—the 2nd Race has  the "egg-evolving" and bisexual Race following the *sexless*, which had evolved in its turn, the second Race by *dedoubling* as their progenitors did—only more physical though still *boneless*. This egg–business is hinted at by the Greek mythos of Leda and the Swan and their progeny Castor and Pollux. Then, 3rd Race has in its beginning  —the glyph of the androgynes and ends by  the *phallic* and *yonic* separation. Where I get "my authority, from"? From the *Book of Dzyan* (or Wisdom) and *Masters* in whom you have hitherto declined to believe, only, perhaps, because *They* are living and mortal men. I am curious to know what you make of , the *Svastika* within the circle, which became the "sacred sign" with the Atlanteans, and by being transformed into  (minus its circle) thus became the first phallic sign of the accursed materialistic Race—the

Fourth, and of our own—the Fifth. I make of it the Hebrew (?) א *aleph*—the *Bull*, (the male aspect of the Hindu *Cow*). Tell me, if you believe me right or wrong!

These are the most archaic signs, and glyphs. From this point 卐 —henceforward, I leave you full sway. You have studied thoroughly and comprehend sexual symbols to perfection, better than I do, for I am not for the physiological but for the metaphysical.

Thus, when you speak to me of the Egyptian Mouth (*Mout*) as connected with Jehovah and a causative of generation — I say — you are right. In Egypt the *Theban* triad was composed of Ammon, Mout (or Mouth) and their son *Khonsu* — the *Deus Lunus*, the "Moon god". But Mout means "mother" (see Champollion, Maspero, Mariette, etc., etc.) Of course she is also the moon in one aspect, as every "*mother* goddess" of Egypt, as Isis, Hathor, Diana, etc., etc. She was, however, less the wife than the *mother* of Ammon, who was called "his mother's husband" (the root idea of Christianity if you please. Jesus *if* identical with god or the Holy Spirit, being also "his mother's husband"; and his grandmother Ann's husband too, agreeably with Roman Catholic interpretation making Mary *born without sin*.) The moon was everywhere (except in India) the *holy of holies*, the *Navis*, the divine vessel holding in it the seed of being, and always male and female—the emblem of occult *practical* wisdom, or *sorcery*, in contradistinction to abstract, divine occultism. So it was with the Chaldeans. (See Nabathean Agriculture—Qu-tamy taught by the moon and Saturn). *Soma*—(the Hindu moon) is male. He seduces *Târa* the wife of Brihaspati (planet Jupiter) the *guru* of the gods and has an illegitimate son by her—*Budha* (physical brain wisdom, do not confuse it with *Buddha*) and Soma, esoterically is the causative of generation, the fructifier of, and the symbol of the embryological cell, containing the seed. Jehovah may well be connected with the female *Mouth* since in the *Zohar* he is *Binah*, the female Sephiroth of the first triad. This you know, of course, better than I do. This is why, perhaps, Adam (the *phallus*, too) is said in Maimonides (*Moreh Nevukhim*) to have been regarded as the "prophet of the moon" by some Semitic nations. By the way, the world has never known much, I believe, of Maimonides. *Khonsu* was also called *Iohtef*—in his aspect of *Thoth Lunus* or "he who operates Salvation"—when he wears on the brow the head of an *ibis* ending with the lunar disc and is crowned with the diadem called IOhtef. There is a bronze statue of his at Boulaq (N° 2068) of the Serapeum period. The phallic gods *were always* more *lunar* than *solar*. And that fact that Khonsu; or rather Ammon – Mout – Khonsu — are of the *Theban* period not of the Memphian — show its far later origin when phallicism became the root and soul of every symbol.

The identity between the "Holy of Holies", of the Egyptians as the King's Chamber and Sarcophagus, mistaken by Piazzi Smyth for a granary-*bin* (!!) at

first—and of the Hebrews, is once again ~~to~~ the universality of the symbol. Only, while with the Aryans (the passage through the golden cow, when an initiate became a *Dvija*—or "twice born" or a Brahmin), and with the Egyptians, after the three nights and three days in the Sarcophagus, when the candidate became after *resurrecting* or emerging from it a Hierophant, was *born anew*—has quite another meaning. At any rate the meaning has been ever cosmical and purely spiritual with the Aryans and the early Egyptians; whereas the Jews have dragged it down entirely into matter. The "golden cow" into which the Aryan *stoops* to this day  , as you show in your instance and enters it through the breast–part to *re-emerge* through the "natural parts" on the other side–denotes a *separation* from *terrestrial matter*, and a *spiritual* birth, or regeneration; for after this he becomes a Yogi renouncing all, as an ascetic; this has nothing *phallic* in it; but the Jews alluded in that symbol simply and coarsely to the physiological, sexual act. Their god was a phallus and the *act* divine, and the *pit of sin*, was their "Holy of Holies". This why I say that they adopted only one of the meanings—the latest, the phallic use; which shows their late origin and that their religion evoluted as one of the last—after all the others—Christianity being the only one later than Judaism, if we leave exoteric Mussulman religion out of the question; for in truth, it is not a religion, but a Jewish sect, with a prophet hooked unto it.

Now I have no right to give out the secrets of Brahmanism. But if Subba Row consents to it, I will show in the S.D. that this passage through the "Golden Cow", or spiritual abstract Nature—the mother goddess which *purifies*—is by ages and ages older than the Jewish symbol. That the early Israelites took it from Chaldea which had it from the Brahmins who lived and had a school of Sanskrit in Babylonia ages before the said Captivity. (see what Colonel Vans Kennedy says.) That the Jews were Indian *Tchandâlas*, "brick-makers" and the cunning workmen, which, on account of their filthy habits were driven out of India 6 or 7,000 years ago—(just about the time of their *Creation* and *Genesis*)—is sure. Esoteric books can trace them step by step from various parts of India to Iran, on the shores of the Euphrates and toward Babylonia and Chaldea, in the *Institutes of Manu* they are mentioned only as the lowest of the low. In the chronicles of Shankaracharya and the Adwaitins, especially in the Tablets of Agastya, the King and the Saint, they are shown emigrating finally West, between 3 and 4,000 B.C. They had their castes and priestly hierarchy — the latter being called *A-brâma* (*non*-Brahmin) in the *esoteric* writings of the temples. Is it a coincidence, or what, that Abrama, becomes Abraham and means *a-brahm*, *non*-brahmin (low caste) in Sanskrit? Baron Bunsen proved beyond doubt or cavil that between Abraham's time and Moses; there is a period of between 3,000 and 4,000 years. Just the time when their Adam and *their* history begins! Philologists and Ethnologists may speak and speculate till they

are blue in the face; *we* know better. We know that the Zoroastrians, or modern *Parsis*, the Armenians and the Jews are all of one primitive stock, whether the one call themselves Aryans and the other Semites. The latter are, or may be Semites through their Shem, but surely *not the Arabs*, older by thousands and thousands of years than the Jews and who knew nought of Shem before the Jews transformed the Assyrian Shamas into Noah and son. The old books teach that the Jews are a hybrid race, (as Dr. Wilder rightly thought) of Hamiti (*Caucasian*) and Aryan Hindu races. They were outcasts, and had lived long enough in India among the Aryans to learn esoteric wisdom.

With regard to Vishnu *Matsya* (Fish) avatar and its identity with the Chaldean Oannes, the Chaldean Man-Fish, please see Vol. II, *Isis Unveiled*, page 257. Dr. Buck must have it. Jacolliot is a French humbug in many a thing; but if you turn to the *Theosophist*, August 1881, p. 238, you will find there *Antiquity of the Vedas* by Krishna Shastri Godbole, a good Astronomer and mathematician who proves undeniably that the *Vedas* could not have existed *less* than 25,000 years. If you never read the article, read it, for it is all purely mathematical and astronomical and will interest you. It runs, I believe, serially through six or seven numbers of the *Theosophist*. By the bye, in your “Source of Measures” there is a misprint. It is Aryabhata and not Ar*ga*bhatta as on p. 86. You must excuse my sincerity, but Bentley whom you quote as an authority, is (or was rather) a great humbug. I can prove to you his malice and misstatements. You say: “your Brahma Prajâpati” has the same phallic significance as Jehovah. Of course he has, and I never said *Brahmâ* was anything else.

But then Brahmâ (male) is not Brahma (neuter) or Parabrahma. Brahmâ’s name is not found in the *Rig Veda* nor in any other Veda, but is a later name, from *Brih* to expand, to *grow* and *increase*, hence—phallic. Brahmâ splits himself into two parts, male and female—or Vâch, and in Vâch, the Aryan Eve, the mother of all that lives, he created Virâj, who is the father of all men and living beings. Esoterically it is precisely the same as Jehovah, or Adam Kadmon separating himself and becoming Adam and Eve, and then creating in Eve, Cain or himself, Jehovah, “even Jehovah”; but this has reference to the beginning of the 4th Race; as I said before. A proof of it is that as Brahmâ’s name is not in the Vedas, so this male symbol (in the human sense) has no more temple or worship in India and thus is rejected and spurned. In his place remain the *lingam* far more suggestive and grand—as the symbol of nature’s Spirit, which vivifies all nature, *yoni*—than the “pillar of Jacob"—a purely human phallus.

The “Three Steps” are the three Steps, or strides of Vishnu. Vishnu is *one* and Vishnu is *three* and on earth he is 5 and 7. (Vishnu is from the root *vish* “to pervade”, and he is described as striding through the *seven* regions of the universe in *three steps*. As a fire symbol, they mean flame, lightning and the

Sun; astronomically—the rising, noon, and setting of the Sun. Anthropologically the *three* evoluting races of humanity after which Vishnu takes 5 and 7 strides—*i.e.*, it becomes 3 and 4. The male and female symbols, *phallic*.

Since I wrote to you last, I had permission to write upon such subjects which I have not dared to touch before in my letters. And now, I can tell you, that if you could only get at the Hindu Zodiac, its twelve signs, and you but know Sanskrit, they would reveal to you the whole evolution of Kosmos—for they *do* represent this mystery, surely. Only one has to be initiated in the secret reading of the

Mantras and their rhythmical melody, and of the *Tantra Shastras* (works on incantation and magic). "Ahrens found musical notes in the Hebrew of the Sacred Scrolls"! Why Aryan Hindu reading of the Vedas and the Brahmanas is impossible (as far as comprehension and effects go) without *such* musical notes. Hebrew has 22 letters and Sanskrit about 70 and as many vowels (16) signs and other points of accentuation *all— and each a musical note*. One who knows Aryan Music could notate the whole Vedas and make of it another Volume of Archaic Scripture *ohne Worte* or the "Songs without words" of German musicians. Then again, the Hebrew has 22 letters and 22 numerals (throwing out the ciphers). Sanskrit has thrice that number for consonants, and 16 numerical combinations for the vowels and heaven knows how many more for the signs.

Then, there are 7 synonyms for every word in the ancient books, with other meanings besides the one used *exoterically*.

Then you have to find out the numerical value of all the letters of a certain word and the same value of *each syllable* in that word—which value is different.

Then you must permute these different syllables and examine the new combinations. And if the values of the syllables and letters correspond—then you have the right meaning. Now you have undeniably found out the real meaning of the cube, triangle, etc., etc. of the 4 and the 3; and that it refers to ~~the~~ male and female and the *number of generation*. This is on the *terrestrial* plane. Now take the perfect *cube* with the Sanskrit Aryans. You will find that besides this meaning which exists only in *exoterism* they represent it by the 4th sign of the zodiac the *Karkataka* (Cancer); because when the syllables are transmuted according to *Mantra Shastra* into their corresponding numerals, the musical notes become the four measured sounds, the lines eliminated therefrom are IIII—and that the word answering to it is *Pa-ra-brah-ma-dha-ra-ka*, or the seven resolved back into four mâtras—or the four states of mentality—waking, dreaming, deep sleep and death; four states of human life also—childhood, adolescence, maturity and old age; and so on and so on. This permutation alone of 3, 4, 7 and back again from the four states of Brahmâ, to the one aspect of Brahma (neuter) could fill a whole volume.

I believe that the years or age of Jesus had besides the connection you give to a sign of the zodiac, which is of course correct, also to the cycle of 33 years and 33 *crores* of years in India and I will tell you why. The Hindus count 33 "*crores*" of gods or 333 millions of deities—the personified *qualities* of the *One Parabrahma*, the *Absolute*. Now there were many attempts to prove the birth of Christ as prophesied since the world's creation—astronomically—attempts made by Kepler and by Dr. Sepp now, as also in the early days of Christianity. Repeating Kepler's idea, Dr. Sepp says that "*it was written in the stars* (the signs of the zodiac) that the Messiah would appear *in the lunar year* of the world 4320, during that memorable year when the whole angelic choir (of the planets) would be singing his jubilee."

Now this seems a very innocent hallucination of a Christian fanatic, if it had not been from the first a very malicious and cunning appropriation of a pagan mystic cycle: The Chaldees claimed 432,000, for their Divine Dynasties by the Saroses; and the Hindus have 4,320,000 as the duration of their *Mahayuga*. What could there be easier then, than to avail themselves of the pagan figures and show the gentiles exaggerating and lying, and the Jewish chronology made triumphantly reducing the figures to their utmost simplicity? Well, if they did not scruple to make of the Hindu 4,320,000 years cycle 4320 years from the world's *creation* why could they not avail themselves of the figures 33 likewise, for the years of the savior? What you show is astronomically and mathematically correct. See what you can do of this.

Thus, I see that the difference in our beliefs will amount to this, you believe in a Creative Power *unified*, a god. We believe in an absolute unity as noumenon, and in *Creators* as its aspects, or Heavenly Men, who have evolved humanity phenomenally. I see you are a kind of transcendental theist. We are *Pantheists* on this plane and believers in One incognizable All. You seem to reject the *Elohim*, as entities independent of the *abstraction* and call them a "constant coefficient". Well, we do so also; but we say that this "constant coefficient" is the "*known*" and *living* quantity put before the *unknown* quantity, the *X*.

(Please excuse me if I put it stupidly, for I say again I am a *jackass* in mathematics and unable to put my thoughts in figures and symbols on *your* plane.) But you understand my meaning. You are a great mathematician and I pay you no compliment at all in saying that I thoroughly and sincerely regard you as an (*Occult*) genius, some reincarnation of an Archimedes, or of a Euclides; and it breaks my heart to think that with such genius as yours you *will not go beyond the Hebrew* scrolls. If I could pass you what I know, and add that knowledge to your mathematics I would die happy; for I would leave then Esoteric philosophy and the Theosophical Society in good hands. I know you will not be pleased with this letter. But what can I do? Notwithstanding my

reputation, I am unable to flatter and *lie* and have the bad habit of saying what I think to every man, woman, or child that I find on my way…

"Tibetan rosaries"? Well, every Hindu rosary has 108 beads answering to 1008 names of Vishnu (or Siva or any other god). I am writing to India for some rosaries for you. Dr. Buck ought to write to Olcott to see to that, and he will do it quicker, in such case. I had loads of such charms and amulets but left all at Adyar. What would you make of this—I have drawn it crooked, but you may have an idea. It is a bronze "Holy of Holies" from Tibet with a wheel-prayer on it. Around the letter or the figure, are flames which I have made to look like unkempt curls. Have you any idea of what it may be?



Now *do let me have your photograph* and I will see what I can do. But remember, I am very sick and my living or being still alive is simply cheating nature for the benefit of Theosophists. I ought to be dead two or three years ago. I see I have made a mess of your π business; I do not mean, by what I said, that the π (*pi*) value could be any other in India, or China exoterically or esoterically, as well say that in Esotericism 2 and 2 make 5. What I meant was that I do not know whether they use in India the same formula; meaning that perhaps they express it in some other way. You say yourself that Aryabhata gave it designedly wrongly—as far as I could understand what you said; for bless my soul it gives me a headache to try and read your figures and rows of ciphers and dots—with my *intuitional* eye, since I am incapable of making correctly a simple addition of a few figures that I take them generally *on faith*.

Now you ask me not to mention your name or mention it the least I can. I quote considerably from the “Source of Measures”. How can I quote and let out your name? Or how can I quote without quotation marks? You say otherwise make what you like of my MSS and letters. How can I, if you won’t let me give you credit for what you say? I would like very much to discuss a few points, and I did so in my appendices—simply saying “a Kabalist”, “a great mathematician”, or “a correspondent”, “a friend”, etc., etc. But I am a Dutchman, if people will not *recognize* Mr. Ralston Skinner from the style. Of course, I would never think of *commenting* upon your private beliefs expressed in letters or even in your MSS, nor will I speak of you as a Mason; for you may be as humble a Master Mason as you like, or may have never raised your Hiram Abif, the widow’s son, with words at low breath and other relevant and irrelevant gestures—you know more than all the Masonic Lodges put together. And I guess, that if even poor I, gave you the strong grip of the Lion’s paw of the tribe of Judas, you would see and find that *even* I may know something more than your Pikes and Princes of Wales—bless their dear, innocent souls. Your interpretation of the 543 and the reverse 345 of the name of Moses (משה) is curious. It is the first time I heard it, and it exonerates the writers of the verse in Exodus from a great and ridiculous degradation of their supposed god, only believe me, dear Mr. Skinner, that, though “my” Brahmâ, the “first born” is *sacr*, *Brahma* is something more and better than this, whereas turn your Jehovah either way, make him male, female, or bisexual, he will never be better in the Jewish scripture than a phallic number, a *sacr* and *n’cabvah* blended together. This is just why we worship no more Brahmâ (single male) than his seven, nine, ten and 21 Prajapatis, Rishis, Dhyan Chohans—call them what you like, his plural *aspects* in short. But *they* exist, nevertheless. We honour these aspects, but would no more think of *praying* to them, or ministering or propitiating them, than the “face of Moses” on the moon. We recognize them, that’s all, and occasionally—we *feel them*. They *can help* us; but only when Karma permits them to; since they are as much under the unalterable and immutable *law of Karma*, as we are ourselves. They—all of them—have been, are, or will be men. No highest Malachim can become such unless they have won their epaulettes and spurs on the battlefield of life and terrestrial probation. Masters will be Dhyan - Chohans someday in Eternity and so will you be and I, and dear Dr. Buck. Only I hope neither of us will be disgraced with orthodox wings, and find ourselves reduced to sit on our tonsils in the absence of something better to sit upon, nor shall we play on golden harps.

Now don’t be angry with me for what I said of the Jews. I don’t like them for the harm they have done the world, and their grasping, selfish, *hideous* egotism. They, the “chosen people”!! Oh, shadow of Lord Buddha. One thing is very suggestive. The most commercial, money-making grasping nation the world over—the English, have chosen the fittest deity they could ever have—a *member*; the phallic god, answering marvelously at the same time their immoral,

hypocritical character, their beastly sensuality and *cant*. I am going to tell it to them in so many words in my S.D.

You have an admirer through me, one who worships you—Reverend Dr. A. Ayton of Banbury, Vicarage Dixon. He is a great Kabalist and I had him get your *Sourcenof Measures*.

Now if you can make out the shrine I attempted to draw with the curly flames around, I will send it to you—only how? But if you can make nothing of it what's the use?—Unless you keep it as an amulette and a *talisman*—from your humble servant. Only never open it, if you please; besides if you do, you would spoil it and—find nothing in it. There's only some *Akasas* in it.

Say, why did you labor under the impression that I was *lying* about Masters? Can one lie about *living* men? And why should I have *invented* them or still support the "invention" since for 12 years and especially for the last three, I am made a *martyr* for the truths I hold? Ah, dear sir; no woman in her right senses, not a man either, would go willingly into such *hell* as I have, and persisted in having spiritualists, Christians, materialists, scientists and the whole world, with *two thirds of our own Theosophists* to boot—against me, if I had not been forced by my oath and vows to do so. I have lost friends, country, money and health, to serve only as *manure* for the fields of *future Theosophy*. And now that I am alone, abandoned by nearly all, when I am begged and implored by our Hindu Theosophists to return to India—that Olcott needs me badly, I cannot do so—because the Anglo-Indian government has taken it into their wise head that I am a *Russian spy*!!!

I have but to say a word, to bamboozle the world with the confession that our Masters are "Spirits", not living men; and I will have the millions of spiritualists turn in my favor. I have but to be a *hypocrite*—and pander to Christians recognizing or even leaving their Jehovah quiet and Jesus alone—*as a god*, and I will make friends of the whole Christian world. The Roman Catholics offer me this day, any amount of money I like—if even *without believing* I turn Roman Catholic. Shall I listen to them? Better starve and be hung in India innocent, than to *lie* in anything in this world of lies. May you be happy.

Ever yours gratefully

HP Blavatsky.