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PREFATORY WORDS.

A glossary is said to be “a vocabulary explaining words which are obscure, antiquated, local, or peculiar to some cult or special study”. This little book is not a dictionary, because to be such it should contain all the words of some language, which it does not.

This is an attempt to furnish students of Theosophical literature who are not Sanskritists with a glossary — nothing else — of the many Sanskrit and other strange words found so often in books and writings published and written by members of our Society. Readers will therefore understand that we are not offering them a Sanskrit grammar, nor a book that will make clear all that they wish to know about the proper pronunciation of Sanskrit words. The latter would be, in our opinion, a hopeless work, and is not attempted.

Rarely is even a dictionary complete; and we do not claim that this Glossary contains every foreign word which may be met in Theosophical books, but it has all the important ones.

In order to give some notion of the proper pronunciation of Sanskrit, but only by way of a guide and not as an authority, a short table is put at the end of these paragraphs, which if carefully studied will help readers to come somewhat near to the right sound.

Yet even the table will be blind to those who cannot comprehend that if we postulate for *e* the sound of *a* in *gay*, we must spell *Kate* as *Ket*. Those who speak Spanish will very readily acquire the right pronunciation when they know that as in Spanish so in Sanskrit, in nearly all cases, *a* is *ah*, *e* is like *a* in *gay*, *i* is *ee*, *o* is *oh*, *u* is *oo*, *ai* is *i*, and *au* is *ow*, none of these sounds being altered by juxtaposition or combination of letters.

It is well to remember, too, that a little common sense and memory will enable us to see at once that if one author writes *Arjoon* he means what another does by *Arjuna*. The old edition of Wilkins' translation of the *Bhagavad-Gita* comes as near as any later work to giving the right sound in English form. He

spells *Gita* as *Geeta*, *Arjuna* as *Arjoon*, *Pandu* as *Pandoo*, *Amrita* as *Amreeta*, *Krishna* as *Kreeshna*.

An appendix has been added giving new words and also some additions and corrections to words in the main text.

This Glossary being for ordinary readers and enquirers, accent marks are omitted, because in the multitude of systems there is no uniformity. Pedantry in this respect would add nothing to the value of the book.

TABLE OF VOWEL SOUNDS.

a as *a* in *father*.

a as *a* in *hate*.

i as *i* in *pique*.

o as *o* in *go*.

u as *oo* in *root*.

ai as *i* in *mine*.

au as *ow*, in *now*.

EXAMPLES. — *Avidya*, *ah-veed-yah*; *Buddha*, *Booh-dhah*; *hatha-yoga*, *hat-ha-yogah*; *Isvara*, *Eesh-wah-ra*; *Siva*, *Shee-vah*, *Surya*, *Soor-yah*; *yuga*, *yoo-gah*.

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EDITOR'S NOTE.

For ease of locating items, the Appendix words have been collated alphabetically (separately) in the main Glossary. Words in small caps in the text may be found as entries in the Glossary. Some names and words have also been updated. Items added by this Editor are in braces { }.

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ABHAHA, non-existence, non-entity; privation, negation, destruction, death. (*a*, not; *bhava*, being: non-being.)

ABHIDHARMA, the third division of the “TRIPITAKA” or Buddhist canon. It contains the philosophical dissertations and metaphysics of the Buddhists, and from it the MAHAYANA and HINAYANA schools got their fundamental doctrines.

ABHINIVESA, idle terror causing death.

ABHUTARAJASAS, bright incorporeal beings, deities having not even astral forms. (*a*, not; *bhuta*, element; *raj*, shine.)

ABHYASANA, uninterrupted contemplation of an object. (*abhi*, into; *asa*, throwing: “throwing [one’s self] into [study].”)

ABSOLUTE, anything of which it can be predicated that it is “not relative”. In pure metaphysics that which exists independent of any other cause; unconditioned. Hence the same as PARABRAHMAM, or the “unknowable”. That state or condition into which it is said the manifested universe disappears upon the great PRALAYA. Said to be, by some, the combination of Spirit and Matter.

ACHARYA, a holy teacher; an instructor in the mysteries. (*Literally*, “one who knows the *achara*, or rules.”)

ACHIT, one of the three inseparable aspects of PARABRAHMAM. (*a*, devoid of; *chit*, thought, intelligent force, mind.)

ACHYUTA, the “unfalling,” that which is not subject to “fall;” a title given to KRISHNA in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*; a name of VISHNU.

ADAM, the first man in the Hebraic system. The word really means *Man* and not *a man*.

ADAM KADMON, in the KABALAH, the Heavenly Man; Humanity in its ideal form, for ADAM KADMON is said to stand with his head in heaven and his feet on earth.

ADEPT (*English*), as used in these times is applied to the MAHATMAS, but as there are black and white, high and low ADEPTS, that use is erroneous. The word strictly means an expert or master in some particular art or science. In Theosophical literature the term is generally applied to those occultists who have passed beyond the age of pupilage and have, so to speak, “come of age” in the study and practice of occultism, being more than chelas but less than full Initiates.

ADHARMA, unrighteousness, wickedness, vice.

ADHIBAUTIKA, natural; a term applied to natural and extrinsic pain.

ADHIBHUTA, the lord of lives; the Supreme Spirit when dwelling in all elemental nature through the mysterious power of nature’s illusion. (*adhi*, over; *bhuta*, element.)

ADHIDAIVATA, (also ADHIDAIVA), presiding deity, lord of all the gods; the Supreme Spirit as dwelling in the solar orb (meaning, according to Eastern ideas, that the supreme power for this

solar system has its place in the sun), or when fully manifest in man. (*adhi*, over; *deva*, a god.)

ADHIDAIVIKA, spiritual; a term applied to superhuman pain.

ADHIYAJNA, the Supreme Spirit as director of the body, as it is held in the ancient doctrine that one spirit guides all men, assuming in each an apparent separateness which is due to the personal lower self. (*adhi*, over; *yajna*, sacrificial ceremony: “director of the sacrificial ceremony” — which is human life.)

ADHYATMA, the soul of souls; the over-soul. (*adhi*, over; *atma*, soul.)

ADHYATMIKA, relating to the soul (ADHYATMA); a term applied to natural and inseparable pain.

ADI, the first, the beginning; the unknown Deity, BRAHMA.

ADIBUDDHA, the first or supreme BUDDHA. BUDDHA in reality is not a person, but a principle incarnating in different so-called BUDDHAS.

ADI-BUDDHA, first or primeval wisdom; an aspect of PARABRAHMAM. (*adi*, first; *buddha*, wisdom.)

ADI-BUDDHI, the first or unmanifested consciousness.

ADI-SANAT, “the first ancient,” BRAHMĀ, the creator.

ADITI, “the boundless,” *i.e.*, space; AETHER; AKASA; Vedic name for MULAPRAKRITI; abstract space, or ideal nature, corresponding with the Egyptian ISIS, the female side of procreative nature.

ADITYAS, the twelve sun-gods who bring about the universal conflagration of this solar system.

ADI-VARSHA, the first country; the Eden of the first races.

ADONAI, a *Hebrew* word, meaning “Lord,” which was used in reading the sacred scrolls as a substitute for the unutterable name of four letters, the J-H-V-H. This term was used by mediaeval writers as a name for certain classes of the DHYAN CHO HANS.

ADRIKHTA, unseen; beyond reach of consciousness; the merit or demerit attaching to a man’s conduct in a former incarnation, and the corresponding (apparently arbitrary) punishment or reward in the present or a future incarnation; destiny.

ADVAITA, non-duality; the one secondless existence, the one reality; a system of philosophy based on non-duality.

AEONS, periods of time of such duration as to be incomprehensible; also celestial beings.

AETHER, same as ETHER. The great luminiferous substance throughout the whole universe. ASTRAL LIGHT, AKASA, and the like are forms of Aether.

AGAMI, one of the three sorts of KARMA. (*a*, not; *gami*, going.) (See KARMA.)

AGNI, name of a god; fire, especially fire from heaven; sometimes indirectly signifying PARABRAHMAM.

AGNIHOTRI, a priest and invoker of fire. (*agni*, fire, especially fire from heaven; *hotri*, priest, offerer, invoker.)

AGNISVATTAS, gods of fire and air; one of the two kinds of PITRIS, incorporeal, without even astral forms, who are fashioners of the inner man.

AHAMKARA, egoism; that which within us says, “I am the actor, for me all this is being done”; in SANKHYA philosophy, the third of the eight producers of creation. (*Aham*, I; *kara*, making: the making of self.)

AHRIMAN, the evil principle of the universe; the “Satan” of Zoroastrianism; an ASURA.

AHURA-MAZDA, the divine principle with the Parsis.

AIN-SOPH, from the KABALAH; the boundless, the expanding Deity. It is also written EN-SOPH.

AISVARYA, power; superhuman powers of omnipresence, omnipotence, invisibility, etc.

AITAREYA-BRAHMANA, name of a UPANISHAD. (See BRAHAMANA.)

AITIHYA, oral communication, traditional instruction.

AJA, not born, existing from all eternity; a term applied to the higher deities.

AJNANA, ignorance, or not-knowledge. (See AJNYANA, the word is the same.)

AJNYANA, ignorance.

AKASA, the subtle fluid that pervades all space, and exists everywhere and in everything, as the vehicle of life and sound; “out-look,” open space, sky, AETHER. It is said that by a

knowledge and use of the AKASA all magical feats can be performed.

AKHYAYIKAS, short tales or anecdotes.

AKSHA, eye; any round thing.

AKSHARA, unbroken, imperishable; BRAHMA, VISHNU, or SIVA: the syllable OM; the soul. (*aksha*, a round thing, a circle, unbroken [like a circle].)

AKTA, anointed, initiated.

ALAYA, the over-soul. (*a*, not; *laya*, dissolution: non-dissolution, permanence.)

ALAYA, in addition to meaning already given it, may be rendered Universal Soul.

ALKORAN, same as KORAN, which see.

AMANASA, the mindless. (*a*, not; *manas*, mind.)

AMENTI, in the Egyptian system the dwelling of the God Amon; the same as *Hades* of the Greeks. In fact the state of man after death, as it was divided into various parts corresponding to the possible various conditions of the soul after death of the body.

AMITABHA, a DHYANI-BUDDHA; the celestial name of Gautama BUDDHA, much used in Japanese Buddhism. (*Literally*, “of unmeasured splendor.”)

AMRITA, the water of immortality obtained, according to an allegory in the *Mahabharata*, from the churning of the ocean by the SURAS and ASURAS, meaning the spiritual cultivation resulting from the conflict between our higher and lower

nature; SOMA juice; immortality; the collective body of immortals; the immortal light; final emancipation. (*Literally*, “deathless.”)

ANAIKVARYA, powerless, without supremacy.

ANANDA, bliss; an aspect of PARABRAHMAM.

ANANDAMAYA-KOSA, the spiritual soul, BUDDHI. (See KOSA.)

ANANTA, infinite; a term applied to different deities, and to the seven-headed serpent couch upon which KRISHNA (the manifested VISHNU) reclines when he creates the worlds; the infinite beyond time and space.

ANAVASADA, indifference to miseries.

ANAYAM, a measure of time, 180 days.

ANDHATAMISRA, utter darkness of the soul.

ANIMA, a power or SIDDHI by which one can go into the smallest ATOM.

ANIMA MUNDI (*Latin*), the soul of the world. In Esotericism it means the actual soul or psychic force of the world; that is, that this globe as a whole with its creatures has its own soul.

ANISHTUBHA, a peculiar Sanskrit metre.

ANITYA, temporary, not everlasting.

ANNAMAYA-KOSA, the material body. (See KOSA.)

ANTAHKARANA, the channel of communication between the higher and lower aspects of MANAS; the seat of thought and

feeling. (*antar*, within; *karana*, instrument or means of causing.)

ANTARATMA, mind, the human soul.

ANTARYAMIN, that which is latent in all; a title of ISHWARA.

ANTASKARANA, the same as ANTAKARANA.

ANU, one of the names of BRAHMA.

ANUDDHARSHA, contentment, satisfaction with one's condition.

ANUGITA, an episode from the fourteenth book of the *Mahabharata*. It gives the discourse between KRISHNA and ARJUNA after the battle with which the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* opens. (*anu*, after; *gita*, song: an after-song.)

ANUMANA, inference, drawing a conclusion from given premises, one of the means of obtaining knowledge according to the SANKHYA or NYAYA systems.

ANUMAPAKA, the basis of inference.

ANUMATA, producer of satisfaction in the doer of an act, though not himself concerned in action, still appearing as such.

ANUPADAKA, without progenitors; a name applied to celestial beings generally, and also to the highest ADEPTS.

ANUSRAVA, Vedic tradition; acquired by repeated hearing.

ANYATHAJNANA, confounding of the attributes of one thing with those of another. (*anyatha*, otherwise; *jnana*, knowing.)

AP, water; air; the intermediate region.

APAH, (plural of AP), divinities and potencies.

APAM-NAPAT, Vedic name for AGNI, or fire as sprung from water; intelligent force pervading nature, the “light of the LOGOS,” FOHAT. (*apam*, water; *napat*, offspring.)

APANA, breathing out, expiration, one of the five vital airs, (opposed to PRANA); a cultivated physical faculty utilized in certain HATHA-YOGA exercises.

APAVARGA, the emancipation of the soul from the misery of repeated re-births; final beatitude. (*apa*, from, away; *varga*, purified, exempt.)

APRITHAKSIDDHA, inseparable and eternal union, such as that existing between CHIT, ACHIT and ISVARA.

ARANIS, the two pieces of wood used in producing, by attrition, the sacred fire.

ARGHYA, a libation to gods or saints, of rice, flowers, etc., with water, or of water only, in a small boat-shaped vessel.

ARGHYANATH, lord of libations, a title of the MAHA-CHOHAN.

ARGHYA-VARSHA, the land of libations; the mystery name of the land whence the KALKI AVATAR is expected to come.

ARHATS, initiated holy men of the Buddhist and JAINA faiths; often used synonymously with RISHI, MAHATMA, and ADEPT. (*Literally*, “worthy ones.”)

ARJUNA, a personality in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*, son and avatar of INDRA, allegorically representing man; also spoken of as NARA. (*arjuna*, silver white; *mara*, man, the primal man, a hero.)

ARUPA, formless, colorless. (*a*, not; *rupa*, color, form.)

ARYA, a man of the Vedic Indian tribes, an Aryan. (*Literally*, “one of the faithful.”)

ARYASANGHA, the whole body of the Aryans; name of the founder of the YOGACHARA (Yogakara) school of Buddhism.

ARYAVARTA, the sacred land of the Aryans; India.

ASAKTI, disability.

ASANA, a posture of a devotee, the manner of sitting forming part of the eight-fold observances of ascetic; one of the eight means or stages of YOGA. (See YOGA.)

ASAT, non-being.

ASHWATTHA, same as ASVATHA.

ASMITA, egoism.

ASTRAL BODY (*English*), a term very loosely used in Theosophical literature to cover every kind of phantasmal or ethereal appearance of the human form. Its principal meanings are as follows: (1.) The term is used as the English equivalent of the Sanskrit LINGA-SARIRA, and then means the ethereal or subtle form round which the physical body is built up, a form which serves as the vehicle of PRANA or life, and constitutes the mould into and from which the atoms of gross matter are continually passing. The LINGA-SARIRA or ASTRAL BODY in this sense can exude or ooze out from the physical body and become perceptible to the physical senses. This frequently occurs in the case of spiritualistic mediums, many of whose phenomena, especially the so-called materializations, are produced through the agency of this ASTRAL BODY. But the

LINGA-SARIRA can never go far from the physical body and disintegrates, as a rule, shortly after the death of the latter. (2.) The term “astral body” is also used to mean the MAYAVI-RUPA or thought-form, or illusionary form. As its name implies, the latter is a form or body created by the power of thought, and it is this MAYAVI-RUPA which is seen in cases of the apparitions of living persons at a distance from the physical body. (3.) The term “astral body” is also sometimes used in regard to the KAMA-RUPA or body of desires, which remains in the astral world after the death of the physical body, and the disintegration of the LINGA-SARIRA proper, when it slowly fades out as the energy that it has derived from the true ego, the MANAS-BUDDHI, is dissipated.

ASTRAL LIGHT (*English*), the light derived from the stars; the lowest principle of AKASA. This term has been so indiscriminately used as to be now synonymous with AKASA and ETHER. Although called “light,” it is such as can only be perceived psychically. A tenuous medium, or ETHER, interpenetrating all space, and which cannot be properly understood unless the doctrine is fully admitted that the apparently solid world and material objects are all illusions or *space made visible*. (See AKASA.)

ASU, vital spirit, vigorous life; the breath; spiritual life.

ASURA, a spiritual, divine being; (derived from *asu*, breath;) an evil spirit, a demon of the highest order in perpetual hostility with the gods; (incorrectly derived from *a*, not, and *sura*, god: a non-god, a demon.)

ASURA-MAYA, name of a great Atlantean magician, who is said to have been a great astronomer.

ASVAMEDHA, the horse-sacrifice, a ceremony of Vedic times.

ASVATHA, the holy fig tree, symbolizing the universe.

ATHARVA-VEDA, the fourth of the VEDAS.

ATLANTIS, a former continent which was submerged long ago during the cataclysms which overtook other races. A part of it was on the Atlantic floor, and hence the name of that ocean as well as Mount Atlas. But it included much more, and probably the Americas among other lands.

ATMA, the spirit of the universe; spirit; soul; the animating spiritual breath; the permanent Self; the highest principle of life in the universe; in one sense BRAHMA, the supreme deity and soul of the universe.

ATMAN, the same as ATMA, which see.

ATMA-VIDYA, knowledge of soul or the Supreme Spirit.

ATOM, atomic.

ATRI, a famous RISHI, author of a number of Vedic hymns.

ATYANTIKA PRALAYA, absolute dissolution or obscuration, as, for instance, of a whole planetary chain.

AUGOEIDES (*Greek, literally* meaning the “self-luminous” or “shining one”), a term applied by the NEO-PLATONISTS to the HIGHER EGO or INDIVIDUALITY of man, as contradistinguished from his lower self or personality. In the *Secret Doctrine* the hints given in *Isis Unveiled* are explained by the statement that the AUGOEIDES, the “Father in Heaven,” the “HIGHER EGO,” are synonymous terms referring to the MANASA-DHYANI, who incarnated in or overshadowed the mindless men of the third race, and thus conferred on them the potency of divine, *conscious* immortality.

AUM, the same as OM, which see.

AVABOHDA, waking, perception, discrimination, knowledge.

AVALOKITESVARA, a BODHISATTVA; the manifested LOGOS, the synthesis of the seven DHYANI-BUDDHAS or DHYAN-CHOHANIC hosts. (*avalokita*, seen; *isvara*, lord: the lord who is manifest [to the Self]. Rhys Davids renders it, “the lord who looks down from on high.”)

AVARANA-SAKTI, the power that makes one thing appear as another.

AVARANA-SAKTI, centripetal force or power.

AVASTHA, state, condition.

AVASTHA-TRAYA, the three states of the soul, according to VEDANTA philosophy, known to uninitiated humanity, namely: JAGRATA, waking state; SVAPNA, dreaming state; and SUSHUPTI, dreamless sleep. (See TURIYA.)

AVATARA, an avatar, the appearance of any deity upon earth, but more particularly the incarnations of VISHNU in his ten principal forms, namely: the fish, tortoise, boar, man-lion, dwarf, the two RAMAS, KRISHNA, BUDDHA, and KALKI, the last yet to come, and which will take place at the end of the four YUGAS.

AVIDYA, Without knowledge, ignorance, illusion; personified illusion, or MAYA, in Buddhism, ignorance together with non-existence. (*a*, not, without; *vidya*, knowledge.)

AVIKARA, changeless, undifferentiating.

AVITCHI, a state of the soul. The place or time for this state is not always after death, for it may be in life and on this very earth. It is called “the last of the eight hells”, and is commonly thought of as a state after death of the body.

AVYAKTA, indiscrete or undifferentiated matter, the primordial principle whence the phenomenal world is produced;
MULAPRAKRITI; the all-soul. (See MULAPRAKRITI.)

{BADDHA, bound or conditioned; the state of an ordinary human being who has not attained NIRVANA.}

BANDHA, fettering; bondage, as opposed to MOKSHA or emancipation.

BARHISHAD, a class of lunar PITRIS who are creators of physical man. (*baris*, sacrificial grass, *kusa*; *sad*, seated: seated on the *kusa* grass.)

BHAGAVAD-GITA, an epic in the *Mahabharata*, consisting of a dialogue between KRISHNA and ARJUNA, which is carried on in a chariot drawn up between two opposing armies. The chariot means, esoterically, the body; ARJUNA is the Ego; KRISHNA is the Supreme Spirit, and the opposing hosts of KAURAVAS and PANDAVAS are the higher and lower natures of man; the horses may be called the mind, which draws the body. The poem has been translated by Burnouf into French, by Lassen into Latin, by Stanislav Gotti into Italian, by Galanos into Greek, by Wilkins, Davies, Thompson, Kasinath Telang, Chintamon, Mohini, Arnold and others into English. (*bhagavat*, having happiness, blessed; *gita*, song: song of the blessed one.)

BHAKTI, devotion, a thing apportioned or set apart, portion.

BHAKTI-YOGA, systematized devotion for the attainment of union with PARABRAHMAM, prescribed in the Visishtadvaita Catechism as “the contemplation of PARABRAHMAM, with its various attributes and qualities, without any interruption whatever, throughout one’s whole life, and at the same time discharging one’s duties to the best of one’s ability, or true devotion.” (See also the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* for prescription of and insistence upon attainment of devotion, conjoined with strict performance of duty.)

BHARATA, “the one supported,” an epithet of AGNI as being maintained or kept alive by men; the true consciousness, of which the consciousness of the interior faculties is a reflection; an epithet given ARJUNA in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* to signify his intimate relation with his race and nation.

BHARATA-VARSHA, India.

BHIKSHUS, religious mendicants, or mendicant scholars among the Buddhists. There are two sorts, those who control themselves by religion and those who control themselves by the nature of their foods. At one time they were supposed to be wonder-workers.

BHIMA, son of VAYU the god of the wind; presiding deity of the air, allegorically representing power; a Vidarbhan king; the higher nature of man. (*Literally*, “terrible.”)

BHISHMA, the grandsire (grandfather’s step-brother) of both the KAURAVAS and the PANDAVAS, allegorically representing the lower nature of man. (*Literally*, “horrible.”)

BHOGA, fruition, enjoyment.

BHOKTA, the consciousness pervading the BUDDHI, and which appears as conscious beings.

BHRANTIDARSANATAH, false perception, the perception of one who moves (or thinks) unsteadily, without aim.

BHRIGU, the planet Venus; a race of beings described in the RIG-VEDA as cherishing fire brought to them by the wind, or as kindling fire from the ARANIS; that one of the ten MAHARSHIS from whom these beings descended. It in some sense gives a clue to the use and function of Venus in relation to our earth.

BHUH, the world.

BHUMI, the earth. (See BHUH.)

BHURLOKA, the place of earth, the terrestrial world.

BHUTA, an element; created being, elemental, ghost, goblin, imp, demon, phantom, elementary.

BHUTA-DAK, a “spirit-medium;” one who holds communion with ELEMENTALS. (A mongrel word, *dak* usually meaning “carriage.”)

BHUTATMA, the vital soul, or elemental self, as opposed to KSHETRAJNA. (*bhuta*, elemental; *atma*, self, soul.)

BHUVAH, sky.

BINAH (*Hebrew*), understanding. The third of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. The third of the supernal triad. A female potency.

BLACK MACIC, sorcery, necromancy, calling back of the dead, selfish use of occult power of any sort. For instance, the use of hypnotism, magnetism, mesmerism, or the like for any purpose for one’s own ends, whether those ends be apparently good or evil, partakes of the nature of black magic. The development of

telepathic suggestion will lead to black magic, inasmuch as it can be used for the personal ends of the operator.

BODHISATTVA, one who has perfect wisdom as his essence, and who will attain in only one or a certain number of births to the state of a BUDDHA; the terrestrial correspondent of a DHYANI-BUDDHA, a human BUDDHA.

BOOK OF THE DEAD, an Egyptian ritualistic work found on mummies, and parts of which are given in Egyptian paintings. It represents in great part the supposed trial of the soul after the death of the body, and in fact refers to the imperishable records of a man's life in the ASTRAL LIGHT, and the effects in nature of his thoughts and acts, by all of which he is self-judged.

BRAHMA, the ABSOLUTE, PARABRAHMAM.

BRAHMĀ, the creator; the impersonal universe-pervading spirit personified under this name; the lord or ruler over a BRAHMANDA, at the end of whose "life" that system is resolved into its final elements and reabsorbed by PARABRAHMAM.

BRAHMACHARIN, an ascetic mendicant who lives under the direction of a spiritual Master and is vowed to celibacy and mendicancy.

BRAHMACHARYA, life of religious studentship and holiness.

BRAHMA-KALPA, a "day of BRAHMĀ," embracing a period of fourteen manvantaras, together with the SANDHIS intervening between two MANUS, equal in all to 1,000 MAHAYUGAS, or 4,320,000,000 solar years.

BRAHMAN, religious devotion, prayer; one who prays, a priest.

BRAHMANA, a class of prose works appended to the VEDAS, as the RIG-VEDA has the Aitareya-Brahmana and the Kaushitaka-Brahmana; the WHITE YAJUR-VEDA has the Satapatha-Brahmana; the BLACK YAJUR-VEDA has the Taittiriya-Brahmana; the SAMA-VEDA has eight BRAHMANAS; and the ATHARVA-VEDA has the Gopatha-Brahmana. They are ESOTERIC keys to the ceremonial magic of the VEDAS.

BRAHMANDA, a MACROCOSM, the MUNDANE EGG; a division of infinite space containing the fourteen LOKAS. (*Brahmā*, the creator; *anda*, egg.)

BRAHMA-PURA, a Vedic term for the heart, also for the body. (*brahma*, Brahma; *pura*, city: city of Brahma.)

BRAHMA-PUTRAS, sons of BRAHMĀ.

BRAHMA-RANDHRA, an opening in the crown of the head through which the soul is said to escape at death. Nine openings of the human body are usually reckoned, the BRAHMA-RANDHRA being the tenth. It is, however, in the right sense, an astral current and not a material place or opening. (*brahma*, the Supreme, the ATMA; *randhra*, an opening, any one of the openings of the human body.)

BRAHMA-RISHI, (also BRAHMARSHI), a priest-sage.

BRAHMA-SAMADHI, abstract meditation upon BRAHMA, perfect absorption in thought upon the Supreme Spirit.

BRAHMA VACH, the speech of BRAHMA, and hence BRAHMA male and female.

BRAHMA VIDYA, the knowledge of or about BRAHMAN; true knowledge — not *literally*, but in the sense that if of BRAHMAN it must be true.

BRAHMA VIRAJ, almost the same as BRAHMA VACH; it is
BRAHMAN differentiated into material unintelligent nature and
into spiritual intelligent nature.

BRIH, prayer; expansion.

BRIHASPATI, the personification of EXOTERIC ritualism; the planet
Jupiter.

BRIHAT-SAMAN, a sacred verse which is said to reveal the path to
NIRVANA.

BROTHERS OF THE SHADOW, the opposite of the ADEPTS of the
white or unselfish school. Those of the shadow include all
black magicians, sorcerers, and others who intelligently abuse
occult powers for selfish ends. They are not only living in
bodies, but are also still undestroyed or not yet disintegrated
shades of former living beings who were magicians of the
black school. (See DUGPA and GYALUKPA.)

BUDDHA, a manifestation of the Supreme, the first BUDDHA being
AVALOKITESVARA, from whom emanate the seven DHYANI-
BUDDHAS (“Buddhas of contemplation”), who by the power of
meditation create for themselves the celestial BODHISATTVAS,
who incarnate on earth at the beginning of each human cycle as
men, and become human BODHISATTVAS and finally terrestrial
BUDDHAS, of whom there have been four, humanity being now
in the fourth round.

BUDDHI, intelligence; in the SANKHYA philosophy, intellect as the
second TATTVA, coming next to and proceeding from
MULAPRAKRITI or AVYAKTA; the passive spiritual vehicle, or
latent ideation, of ATMA, serving to connect it with MANAS, the
individual self. (See MANAS.)

BUDDHI, the sixth “principle” of man’s sevenfold constitution.

BUDHA, awake, intelligent, wise; the planet Mercury.

BYTHOS, the abyss, or chaos, — a Gnostic term.

CADUCEUS (*Greek*), the rod of Mercury, consisting of two serpents twined about a staff. Sometimes the staff also terminates in the head of a serpent.

CAUSAL BODY, the principle BUDDHI in conjunction with MANAS, as it thus is the cause for incarnation through its connection with *spirit* above and *matter* below. In this sense it is soul, thus with the other two bringing out the classification of *body*, *soul*, *spirit*.

CHAITANYA, the Supreme Spirit considered as the essence of all being.

CHAKRA, wheel, discus, center; in the body, centers of psychic energy; the weapon of VISHNU, symbolizing cyclic evolution; a cycle.

CHAKSHUS, the eye.

CHANDALA, an outcast, a pariah.

CHANDRA, the moon. (*Literally*, “glittering.”)

CHARVAKA, a HINDU philosopher, founder of the CHARVAKA system of philosophy, which is considered by some to be materialistic.

CHATURMASYA, three sacrifices performed every four months, at the beginning of the three seasons.

CHELA, pupil, disciple. (See LANOO.)

CHEMI, the land of Egypt.

CHESED (*Hebrew*), mercy. The fourth of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A masculine potency, sometimes called GEDULAH.

CHETANA, knowledge of right and wrong; the thinking principle. (See CHAITANYA.)

CHHAYA, a reflected image, shadow, shade; the astral image projected as a model for material man.

CHIDATMA, the LOGOS — that is, the unitary soul and intelligence in one aspect (*chit*, intelligence; *atma*, soul.)

CHINMATRA, pure intelligence.

CHIT, intelligence, perception; the element of immaterial and eternal spirit in each human being, the individual soul; intelligent force; potential understanding; one of the aspects of PARABRAHMAM. It is held that CHIT and ACHIT do not exist without PARABRAHMAM, but, like substance and quality, are in inseparable union with one another and with PARABRAHMAM.

CHITRA-GUPTA, name of one of the beings recording the vices and virtues of mankind in YAMA'S world. (*chat*, visible, ether; *gupta*, guarded, preserved: preserved in the ether.)

CHITTA, thought, mind, reason: the heart considered as the seat of intellect; notice (in the sense of observation).

CHOCKMAH (*Hebrew*), wisdom. The second of the ten Sephiroth in the KABALAH. The second of the supernal triad. A masculine potency.

CHOHAN, Lord and Master. Spiritual beings. (See *Secret Doctrine* for fuller explanations.)

CHRISTOS (*Greek*), the HIGHER SELF, ISVARA.

CHYUTA, “the fallen,” a term applied to those DHYANIS who, incarnating in human form, “fell” into generation.

CODEx NAZARAEUS, the *Codex* of the Nazarenes; the *Book of Adam*. (See Norberg’s *Codex Nazaraeus*.)

CRORE, 10,000,000.

CRUX ANSATA (*Latin*), the ansated cross. (See SVASTIKA.)

CYCLE, a ring or turn, from the Greek *Kuklos*; more properly a spiral; a day and night are a cycle; a year is another. The returning again of any time or any impression. The subject of cycles is of the greatest importance, as it includes all history and all evolution. The best known large cycle is the *sidereal*, a little over 25,000 years.

DAGOBA, a conical erection of brick or stone surrounding relics among the Buddhists, built on a platform.

DAITYAS, descendants of *Diti*, demons, giants who lived in the earliest ages.

DAITYA-YUGA, an age of the demons, consisting of 12,000 divine years.

DAIVA-PRAKRITI, the synthesis of the six forces in the astral light; the “Light of the LOGOS.”

DAKSHA, ability, faculty, strength, power — all with especial application to spiritual power and will; son of Marisha, Kandu's daughter, an allegorical personage introduced in the PURANAS.

DALADA, the left canine tooth of BUDDHA — a relic.

DAMA, Victor, a son of BHIMA; house, home; self-restraint.

DANA, true charity.

DANAVAS, sons of DANU, demons and foes of the gods; spoken of in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* as evil spirits or fallen angels.

DANDA, chastisement, correction; conquest; a measure of time, 60 making a sidereal day.

DANU, one of the daughters of Daksba and mother of the DANAVAS.

DARSANAS, the six systems of HINDU philosophy, viz: SANKHYA of KAPILA, YOGA of PATANJALI, NYAYA of GOTAMA, VAISESHIKA of KANADA, PURVA-MIMANSA of JAIMINI, UTTARA-MIMANSA or VEDANTA of VYASA.

DAY OF BRAHMA, the great period during which universal manifestation lasts. A space of time said to include 2,160,000,000 years, or 14 MANVANTARAS. (See YUGA.)

DEHA, the body.

DEMIURGOS (*Greek*), the creator, not in any personal sense, but as the aggregate of creative forces in the universe.

DESATIR, an ancient Persian book containing the books of the various prophets. It is full of mysticism and not clear to the modern mind.

DEVA (also DEVATA), a celestial being, a god.

DEVACHAN, heaven, the subjective rest between incarnations.

DEVADATTA, the conch-shell of ARJUNA; one of the vital airs.
(*deva*, god; *datta*, given: god-given.)

DEVAGANA, a troop of Gods or celestial beings possessing much wisdom, for they are presided over by INDRA, chief of the Gods.

DEVAGANESHWARA, an epithet of INDRA, because he is lord of a collection or troop of Gods.

DEVAKI, the mother of KRISHNA.

DEVANAGARI, the character in which Sanskrit is usually written.
(*Literally*, “the divine-city writing.”)

DEVARSHI, divine sage, demi-god. (*deva*, god; *rishi*, sage.)

DEVI (feminine of DEVA), an elemental being, a goddess,

DHAIRYA, fortitude, firmness.

DHANANJAYA, a title of ARJUNA in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*; an epithet of SOMA; a particular vital air which nourishes the body.
(*dhanam*, booty, wealth; *jaya*, conquering: conquering wealth.)

DHARANA, maintaining, supporting, upholding; steadfast concentration. (See YOGA.)

DHARMA, law; duty; religion; good works; custom, usage, correct course of conduct; natural action of anything under its laws; virtue.

DHARMAKAYA, the “glorified spiritual body” developed by every BUDDHA; the body of the law, not as a collection of laws but as a body or vehicle obtained by practice of the precepts through countless incarnations.

DHARMA-MEGHA, cloud of virtue; one of the ten BHUMIS (earths, worlds) with Buddhists. (*dharma*, virtue; *megha*, cloud.)

DHARMANA, accordant with nature; according to the established order of things.

DHARMA-SASTRA, book of laws.

DHOTI, the cloth wrapped around the loins of HINDUS. It is from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 yards long, and 2 or 3 feet broad. It is found represented upon the oldest frescoes and sculptures.

DHRITARASHTRA, a blind king, one of the personalities in the *Mahabharata*, who allegorically represents material existence — of which his blindness and thirst for prolonged life are typical. He is the first character prominently mentioned in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*, where, being blind, he anxiously asks for particulars of the battle, the defeat of his side meaning that material existence will fall into insignificance. (*dhrita*, firm, supported; *rashtra*, kingdom: “whose empire is firm.”)

DHRITI, patience, steadfastness; a certain evening sacrifice offered to the ASVAMEDHA.

DHRUVA (also DHRUVATARA), the pole-star. (*Literally*, “remaining in one place.”)

DHURTI, decay; injury, damage.

DHYANA, meditation; abstract contemplation; divine intuition.
(See YOGA.)

DHYAN CHOANS, the highest creative intelligences; gods; souls
who become gods and co-workers with nature.

DHYANI-BUDDHA, a spiritual or mental BUDDHA, of whom seven,
and sometimes ten, are mentioned; the first beings emanated by
AVALOKITESVARA.

DIKSHA, ceremonies preliminary to sacrifice; new-birth — a rite
of initiation; initiation personified as the wife of SOMA.

DIKSHITA, initiated; an initiate.

DIOSCURI (*Greek*), the twin brothers Castor and Pollux.

DIS, space; a cardinal point of the compass.

DNYANA. (See JNANA.)

DNYANA-MARGA. (See JNANA-MARGA.)

DNYANA-YOGA. (See JNANA-YOGA.)

DOPPELGANGER, the double which goes; the same as ASTRAL
BODY when that wanders from the physical; synonymous with
wraith or apparition or forerunner.

DOSHA, faults.

DOUBLE, the same as DOPPELGANGER, or the ASTRAL BODY
detached from the physical.

DRAUPADI, the wife of the five Pandu princes, being a personification of yoga-maya, or the power of illusion.

DRAVYA, thing, object, substance, nine kinds of which are reckoned in the NYAYA philosophy, viz: PRITHIVI, earth; ap, water; TEJAS, fire; VAYU, air; AKASA, ether; KALA, time; DIS, space; ATMA, soul; and MANAS, mind.

DRIKSTHITI, the state in which one having converted his internal eye into one of pure knowledge, views the whole of this transitional world as BRAHMA; the real concentration. (*drik*, one who sees, a seer; *sthiti*, standing, steadiness.)

DRISHTA, seen, perceived.

DRISYA, visible, to be seen.

DUGPA (*Tibetan*), a sorcerer or “red-cap” of Bhutan. (See GELUKPA.)

DUHKHA, misery, uneasiness, anguish; pain personified as the son of NARADA and VEDANA.

DURGA, a goddess, the wife of SIVA — goddess of destruction, called also KALI.

DVAITA, dualism; a system of philosophy which asserts the distinctness from each other of the human spirit and the universal spirit.

DVAPARA. (See DVAPARA-YUGA.)

DVAPARA-YUGA, the third of the four ages. (See YUGA.)

DVARAKA, KRISHNA'S city, submerged by the sea. A temple still remains on the peninsula of Gujarat, {above Mumbai, India}, an object of pilgrimage. (*Literally*, "city with many gates.")

DVESHA, hate.

DVIJA, an initiated BRAHMAN, KSHATRIYA, or VAISHYA. (*dvi*, twice; *ja*, born: twice-born.)

DVIPA, the same as DWIPA, an island, peninsula, any land surrounded by water; any continent on which a root-race is evolved.

DWELLER ON THE THRESHOLD, found in Lytton's *Zanoni*; the shades of defunct bad men in KAMALOKA, full of evil, able to do evil, and with a kind of intelligence not easily explained; also the combined evil thoughts of the race and family to which every one belongs, and said to become, as it were, visible when one passes the threshold of ordinary experience.

DWIJADRUSHTA, the inner vision.

DWIPA, the same as DVIPA. There are said to be seven Dwipas, and these are the great divisions of the world as given in the allegories of the PURANAS. Their names are: *Jambu*, *Plaksha*, *Shalmali*, *Kusha*, *Krauncha*, *Shaka*, and *Pushkara*. An explanation of these allegorical divisions will be found in *The Path* for April and May, 1889.

EGG OF THE WORLD, the egg form assumed by the Supreme Spirit, according to the RIG-VEDA, from which the world is evolved.

EGO (*Latin*), I; myself; self.

EIGHT SUPERHUMAN FACULTIES. These are given under VIBHUTI, which see.

EKA, one, single.

EKAGRATA, one-pointed; the perfect concentration of contemplation. (*eka*, one; *agrata*, pointed.)

EKANEKARUPA, the one and the many in outward form.

ELEMENTALS (*English*), nature-spirits presiding over the elements of fire, air, etc.; beings evolved from or constituting the lower, elemental nature of man; centers of force in the astral light.

ELEMENTARY (*English*), the psychic remnant left in the astral sphere after death, where it eventually becomes dissipated. Though abandoned by the real EGO, it may retain the elements of the lower personality, and through accession of force from elementals, or from a living mediumistic person, may present a spurious semblance of the dead, which is easily mistaken for the spirit of that person. The Kabalistic works call the ELEMENTALS “elementaries” without distinguishing them from “shells” the dead.

ELOHIM, one of the names occurring in *Genesis*, which have been rendered in the Christian bible as God and Lord; but the Hebrews had a different meaning, and the word may be translated as plural.

ENS, being, existence, essence. With the alchemists the recondite part of a substance from which all its qualities flow. The real Presence in Nature of the Greeks.

EN-SOPH, the same as AIN-SOPH, which see.

EPOPTA (*Greek*), a seer; one initiated into the Greater Mysteries.

ESOTERIC, hidden, secret, within. From the Greek “Esoterikos”.

The term was first applied to the private instructions and doctrines of Pythagoras, taught only to a select number of his pupils and not intended or designed for the general outer body. Opposed to EXOTERIC or public.

ETHER, in *physics* and *astronomy* a hypothetical medium of extreme tenuity universally diffused throughout all space, and which is supposed to be the medium for the transmission of sound and light, and in a sense the basis of form. It corresponds almost exactly to the ASTRAL LIGHT of the Kabalist, which is an aspect of the AKASA. There are differences between the two, however. It should not be confounded with the ETHER of the ancients, which might be said to be the same as the AKASA itself, whereas ETHER is only an *aspect* of that.

EXOTERIC, public, unconcealed. The opposite of ESOTERIC, which see.

FAKIR, a Muslim ascetic wonder-worker; the equivalent among the Muslims of the HINDU YOGI.

FLAGAE (*Latin*), a name given by Paracelsus to one of the higher groups of DHYAN CHOHANS.

FOHAT (*Tibetan*), force; force in its highest aspect, — that which gives differentiation and life to cosmic matter.

GANDHA, odor, smell; fragrant substance; fragrance; perfume.

GANDHARVAS, heavenly singers belonging to INDRA’S court, a class of elemental spirits.

GANDIVA, the bow of ARJUNA, which was made from the plant *gandi*. It was presented by SOMA to VARUNA, by him to AGNI, and by AGNI to ARJUNA.

GANESA, the god of wisdom, who is said to cause obstacles and remove them. He is the son of SIVA and PARVATI, and is represented as a short fat man with an elephant's head, having but one tusk; usually he is riding a rat, or is attended by one. He is said to have written down the *Mahabharata*, as dictated by VYASA. He is the allegorical representation of magical learning. (*gana*, body of attendants, Siva's troop; *isa*, commander: leader of the attendants of Siva.)

GARIMA, a SIDDHI, or power in magic, giving control over gravitation, so that one can become light or heavy at will.

GARUDA, a mythical bird pictured as attendant upon VISHNU, as the eagle is the bird of Jove. It is a symbol of the great cycle of cosmic activity.

GATHA, a sacred verse, to be chanted or sung; a religious verse, but not belonging to the VEDAS.

GEBURAH (*Hebrew*), power. The fifth of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A female potency.

GEDULAH (*Hebrew*), same as CHESED.

GELUKPA, the same as GYALUGPA. *Literally*, the "yellow caps", from their wearing such color. They are a sect in Tibet, the opposite of DUGPAS who wear red caps. Gelukpas are white magicians and DUGPAS black.

GHEE, a common word for *ghi* or *ghrita* — clarified butter used both for culinary and religious purposes.

GHORA, frightful, disagreeable; an epithet of SIVA.

GHRANA, the nose; smell; smelling.

GHRITA, ghee, butter clarified and hardened.

GNANA. (See JNANA.)

GNANI. (See JNANIN.)

GNOSIS, “knowledge”. The term used in the earlier Western mystical systems to denote the final wisdom to be achieved. The same as the GUPTA VIDYA of the HINDUS.

GNOSTICS, philosophers of the first, second, and third century who followed the GNOSIS (knowledge) and taught a doctrine almost identical with present-day THEOSOPHY.

GNYANA. (See JNYANA.)

{GOTAMA, the clan name of Gautama means “descendant of Gotama”, Gotama meaning “one who has the most light”.}

GOVINDA, the finder of cows, the searcher for cows, an epithet of KRISHNA or manifested VISHNU.

GRIHASTHA, a priest of the EXOTERIC ritual only; a householder. (*grihia*, house *sthia*, standing, abiding.)

GUARDIAN WALL, the metaphorical wall of protection created around mankind by the accumulated efforts of all the hosts of Saints, ADEPTS, NALJORS, and NIRMANAKAYAS, to save it from falling lower in the scale than it already is, and to shield it from yet more terrible evils than are at present its lot.

GUHA, a cave or subterranean resort of a YOGI.

GUNA, a quality, attribute; as a term in philosophy, one of the three pervading qualities of PRAKRITI, matter, which specifically are: SATTVA, truth, purity; RAJAS, passionate activity; TAMAS, darkness. (*guna*, a single thread of a cord.)

GUNASAMYA, the state in which the qualities — GUNAS — are in equilibrium.

GUNAVISESHA, modifications or affections of the qualities.

GUPTA-VIDYA, guarded or secret knowledge. (*gupta*, hidden; *vidya*, knowledge.)

GURU, a spiritual parent or preceptor. (*guru*, weighty, important, worthy of honor.)

HA, the sun; a symbol for the breath called PRANA in HATHA YOGA practices.

HAMSA, (also HANSA), a mythical bird, corresponding some what to the swan, and which is the vehicle of BRAHMĀ; it symbolises spiritual wisdom. (Probably derived from *aham*, I, and *sa*, that: “I am that,” *i.e.*, the Supreme Spirit, — *sa* being a form of *tad* or TAT. It may also be derived from *han*, “to go,” and would then mean “who goes eternally.” See also SO’HAM.)

HANUMAN, (HANUMAT), a monkey-chief, the most celebrated of a vast host of ape-like beings, who, according to the *Ramayana*, were created by the gods to be the allies of Rama-chandra in his war with RAVANA. Hanumat was the son of Pavana or Maruta, “the Wind,” (according to some legends, of SIVA,) and had many magical powers. (*Literally*, “having large jaws.”)

HANUMAN, the “monkey god”.

HARI, pale yellow or golden, bay — “bays,” the bay coursers of INDRA; “the Remover,” a title given to KRISHNA.

HARIVANT, “lord of the bay coursers” — a title of INDRA.

HARPOCRATES, the “god of Silence and Mystery” in Egyptian mythology. He is represented with a finger on his mouth, and is either standing, or sitting on a Lotus. An aspect of Horus, the child of Isis and Osiris.

HATHA-YOGA, a system of physical practices designed to cultivate will-power, withdraw the mind from external objects, and bring about certain changes of condition in the physical body, for the attainment of the lower SIDDHIS or magical powers. It involves great austerities, difficult and often painful postures, control of the breath, etc., is attended with great dangers, and yet, at its best, results in merely abnormal cultivation of physical and psychical powers, *at the expense of spiritual progress*. (*hatha*, violence, *force*; *yoga*, union, contemplation: forcing the mind to abstain from external objects.)

HERMES TRISMEGISTUS, the “founder” of the HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY. A purely mythical personage, whose name has been appropriated by many of the Greek Alchemists. The same as the Egyptian god Thoth, the celestial scribe, who records the thoughts and words of all men, and on whose tablets are to be found the mysteries of the ages.

HERMETIC PHILOSOPHY, the philosophic system of HERMES TRISMEGISTUS, of which unreliable fragments alone remain in Western literature.

HERMETIST, one who follows the philosophy of HERMES TRISMEGISTUS.

HETUMAT, having cause or origin; proceeding from a cause.
(Literally, “having, the *hetu*,” reason for an inference, the second member of the five-membered NYAGA syllogism.)

HEYA-GUNAS, bad qualities.

HIEROPHANT (*English*), an instructor in the Mysteries, an initiator.
(Greek *hieros*, sacred; *phantes*, one who shows.)

HIGHER EGO, BUDDHI-MANAS. The spiritual part of the human EGO. The god within us, or our “Father in Heaven.”

HIGHER SELF, ATMA. The spiritual essence in man. The supreme Soul, the divine MONAD, overshadowing the human EGO.

HINA-YANA, the inferior or lesser vehicle, a system of Buddhistic teaching. (See MAHA-YANA.)

HINDU, a Hindoo; the name of the religion of the HINDUS.

HIRANYA-GARBHA, a name of BRAHMĀ, the creator, said to have been born from a golden egg which was formed out of the seed deposited by the self-existent BRAHMA in the waters; a symbol for universal abstract nature. (*hiranya*, golden; *garbha*, the conceiving womb, the fruit of the womb: “gold-scion,” or “fruit of the golden [egg].”)

HOD (*Hebrew*), splendor. The eighth of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A female potency.

HOLY TRIAD, in Buddhism, the Lord (BUDDHA), the Law, and the Assembly.

HORUS, the son of Osiris and Isis, the Father and Mother, or spiritual and material aspects of Being, in Egyptian mysticism. Therefore he is the fount of life, the germ, the “mystic child of

the ark”; that out of which the whole universe grows or becomes.

HOTRI, a priest conversant with the RIG-VEDA; an offerer of sacrifices with fire.

HRIDAYA, the heart; the center or essence of anything; divine knowledge.

HRISHIKESHA, lord of the organs of sense, or the faculties.
(*hrishika*, any organ of sense, or *indriya*; *isa*, master, ruler.
(See INDRIYATMAN.)

HYPERBOREAN, the regions round the North Pole comprised within the Arctic Circle. The land of the Second Race.

IAO (*Hebrew*), among the Semites, a name for the Supreme Spirit, as AUM is among the Aryans.

ICHCHHA, wish, desire.

ICHCHHANABHIGHATA, unobstruction of wish.

ICHCHHA-SAKTI, the power of will, in the sense of strong desire.

IDA, a magnetic current on the right side of the human body, between the heart and the BRAHMA-RANDHRA.

IKSVAKU, son of MANU VAIVASVATA, and founder and first kin of the solar dynasty in Ayodhya, the capital of RAMA, said to be the modern Oude.

ILDA BAOth, the son of Darkness and god of our material (fourth) globe according to the *Gnostic* teaching in the CODEX NAZARAEUS.

INCARNATION, the descent into matter, or contacting of the Soul with physical existence.

INCUBUS, the male ELEMENTAL called into existence by sexual passion and lust. The female is called the SUCCUBUS.

INDIVIDUALITY, the permanent principle in man. A name applied by Theosophists to the HIGHER EGO, in contradistinction to the lower, transitory element, the “personality”. (See HIGHER EGO.)

INDRA, one of the great powers of nature; the name of god, or power, in heaven (SVARGA) found in Sanskrit literature, sometimes directly and at other times indirectly signifying PARABRAHMAM.

INDRIYAS, the senses. (*Literally*, “belonging to INDRA.”)

INITIATE, one who has passed through an INITIATION; especially, one who has passed the seventh or final INITIATION on this planet.

INITIATION, the ceremony of introducing to fresh knowledge concerning anything. Applied to the rite of admission into the sacred mysteries.

ISA, lord; the name of one of the UPANISHADS, which treat of spiritual identity or unity.

ISIS, the mystic “Mother” of Nature in Egyptian lore. The “woman clothed with the sun”.

ISITA, one of the eight superhuman faculties. The power to exercise supreme dominion. (See VIBHUTI.)

ISVARA, lord, master; an epithet of SIVA, also of DURGA or any other female SAKTI; the Supreme Spirit, or ATMAN, — the usual meaning in modern Theosophical works; one of the three inseparable realities — CHIT, ACHIT and ISVARA — combined in PARABRAHMAM, the three-in-one, which pervades and controls the universe; that part of the trinity which, assuming a form of suddasatva (intellectual substance), enables yogis to engage in contemplation who would otherwise be incapable of contemplating or comprehending the impersonal deity. (Pronounced, and often written, ISHWARA.)

JAGAD-YONI, an epithet of SIVA, BRAHMA, VISHNU and KRISHNA. (*jagat*, world; *yonī*, womb: womb of the world.)

JAGANNATHA, a HINDU god, the “Juggernaut” of the Christian missionaries. He is the allegorical representation of the soul indwelling in the body and in the world. (*jagat*, movable, the body, the world; *natha*, ruler, master.)

JAGAT, movable; all that moves; the animated beings of the visible, material universe.

JAGRATA, waking existence, one of the three states of consciousness known to ordinary man. (See AVASTHA-TRAYA.)

JAINA, a sect founded in India by Rishabadeva. They deny the infallibility of the VEDAS; give reverence to holy men called TIRTHANKARAS, and will kill nothing that has life. They are followers of JINA, and affirm NIRVANA. (The Anglicized form of the word is JAINS.)

{JAIMINI, founded the MIMANSA School of HINDU philosophy.}

JANAKA, a celebrated king and ADEPT who is taken as an example of one who, in the midst of the performance of duties, yet became proficient in divine science.

JANA-LOKA, the fifth of the seven LOKAS, the one where the sons of BRAHMĀ reside. (*jana*, created beings; *loka*, place, world.)

JANARDANA, “giver of all that men ask,” one of KRISHNA’S titles; a class of deities. (*jana*, created beings, men; *ardana*, moving: agitating men.)

JANMAN, birth; existence; term of life.

JAPA, a religious exercise, consisting of repeating in a murmuring tone passages from scriptures, muttering prayers or spells, counting the beads of a rosary, etc. (*Literally*, “whispering,” “muttering.”)

JAYA, a class of deities, the twelve great gods created by BRAHMĀ to assist him in the work of creation; a name of the sun. (*Literally*, “conquering.”)

JEHOVAH, *literally* Male-Female. The god of procreation, or sex-god. The tribal-god of the Jews — now worshipped by Christians as the “Most High”.

JESOD (*Hebrew*), foundation. The ninth of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A masculine potency.

JIHVA, the tongue; tongue of flame of AGNI.

JINA, a name of BUDDHA.

JIVA, living; the principle of life; the vital principle in the material body; monad; individual soul; the name adopted in *Esoteric Buddhism* for one of the seven human principles. There are, it is taught, three classes of JIVAS, or souls: first, NITYAS, those who permanently enjoy supreme bliss, and are never subject to matter or KARMA; second, MUKTAS, those who have attained supreme bliss, and are freed from all miseries and from the necessity for reincarnation; third, BADDHAS, who are subject to all KARMA and to the miseries arising from connection with matter.

JIVAN-MUKTA, one who has during life attained freedom from conditioned existence; a soul in conscious union with the Supreme Spirit.

JIVAN-MUKTI, emancipation, redemption. (See JIVAN-MUKTA.)

JIVATMA, the human spirit; the intellectual life of the EGO; the LOGOS; living soul; sometimes applied to the MONAD which passes through all incarnations. (*jiva*, life; *atma*, soul.)

JNANA, knowledge, especially of the higher truths of religion and philosophy. (See VIDYA.)

JNANA-MARGA, knowledge of the way. (*jnana*, knowledge; *marga*, path.)

JNANA-SAKTI, power of knowing.

JNANA-YOGA, the religion of knowledge.

JNANENDRIYAS, the organs of sense, or perception; the organs by which external objects are perceived.

JNANIN, a sage; one possessed of occult wisdom.

JYOTIS, light; star; heavenly body; the light in the head.

KABALA (*Hebrew*), the ESOTERIC meaning of the scriptures and the traditions of the Jews, derived by them from the Chaldeans. As, in the Hebrew language, the consonants only were usually written and the vowels omitted, the letters being at equal distances and without punctuation, and each letter representing also a numeral, the real meaning could be concealed under an apparently real wording.

KADMON, see ADAM KADMON.

KAIVALYA, emancipation of the soul from matter; enjoyment by the JIVA, in its real condition, of supreme bliss. (*Literally*, “isolated,” “detached.”)

KALA, time. (See TIME.)

KALAYANA, truth-seeking, mercy, charity; fair, lovely.

KALI, black; an epithet of SIVA; the goddess DURGA.

KALIDASA, the greatest dramatist of India, well known in European literature. His drama *Sakuntala* was first translated into English in 1789. He is said to have lived in the sixth century A.D.

KALI-YUGA, the age of vice, a period of 432,000 years of mortals in Brahmanical computation. It is the present yuga, the age in which we live, and is described in the *Mahabharata* as characterized by great material advance, with spiritual darkness. (See YUGA.)

KALKI AVATAR, the tenth and last avatar of VISHNU, who will appear at the end of the four yugas. (See AVATARA.)

KALPA, a day of BRAHMĀ, or 1,000 YUGAS, a period of 432,000,000 years of mortals. (See YUGA.)

KAMA, desire, longing, love.

KAMA-DHUK, a mythological animal, the cow of plenty.

KAMALOKA, sometimes written KAMA LOKA and KAMA-LOCA. *Literally*, the place, world, or sphere of desire, from KAMA, desire, and LOKA, place, world, or sphere. That place where the body of passions and desires holds sway after the death of the physical body. It is the same as the Greek *Hades* and Egyptian *Amenti*, where the astral shades of the dead remain until they disintegrate or fade out. As the earthly plane is where the material body disintegrates, so KAMALOKA is that one wherein the astral body in its turn dies and fades away. KAMALOKA is much the same as the purgatory of the Christians, and in it remain the bodies of the dead infused with the desires and passions, for which reason is the term KAMARUPA. The disincarnated EGO sheds its ASTRAL BODY in KAMALOKA, and from that state passes to DEVACHAN; hence the state is intermediate between earth-life and the joys of the Devachanic state.

KAMA-MANAS, a compound term used in Theosophical literature to designate the state of mind or MANAS when closely associated with KAMA, or desire; it may therefore be said to be lower MANAS, as it is mind directed by, and functioning in, desire to a greater extent than in and by BUDDHI.

KAMA-RUPA, one of the human “principles”; “desire-form.” (*kama*, desire; *rupa*, form.)

KAMAVASAYITA, one of the eight superhuman faculties. The power to suppress all desire. (See VIBHUTI.)

{KANADA, an ancient Indian natural scientist and philosopher who founded the VAISHESHIKA School of Indian philosophy.}

KAPILA, a great Indian sage, who founded the SANKHYA school of philosophy.

KARANA-SARIRA, the causal body in which the LOGOS is reflected. (*karana*, causal; *sarira*, body.)

KARANOPADHI, the spiritual soul or BUDDHI, the vehicle of ATMA. (*karana*, causal; *upadhi*, basis.)

KARMA, the law of universal harmony, or the self-adjusting force of nature restoring harmony disturbed by action; the self-enforcing equation of action — cause and effect in endless succession; the moral law of compensation, operating to produce all conditions of life, misery and happiness, birth, death and rebirth, being itself both cause and effect, action and the effect of action, the rewarder of good and the punisher of evil, and being always in operation, involving all worlds up to that of BRAHMĀ. The three divisions of karma in the Thai school are: *thittham wethaniya kam*, fruits experienced at once, or in this life; *upadha wethaniya kam*, fruits for next life; *aprapara wethaniya kam*, fruits in future lives from the third onward. In the Indian schools some of its great divisions are: karma now being experienced; karma that we are making for the next incarnation or incarnations, and delayed karma from other lives still unexperienced. (*karma*, action, work deed; derived from the root *kri*, “to make,” which is akin to the Latin *cre-are*, whence comes the English “cre-ate.”)

KARMA-YOGA, the religion of good deeds, or the proper performance of duty, as prescribed in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*, always keeping in view the Supreme Spirit.

KARMENDRIYAS, the five organs of action, namely: *vak*, voice; *pani*, band; *pada*, foot; *payti*, anus; *upastha*, organs of generation. (*karma*, action; *indriya*, organ.)

KARSHVARES, the seven spheres of our planetary chain.

KARTTIKA, a name of SKANDA. (See KARTTIKEYA.)

KARTTIKEYA, SKANDA, the god of war, so called because he was nourished by the Pleiades or KARTTIKAS.

KARYA, action; effect.

KASHAYA, in the practice of YOGA, that disposition of the mind which impels to thinking of unpleasant things.

KASHI, the same as CASI and KASI.

KASHTA. (See TIME.)

KASI, Benares; the sacred city; consciousness fully developed and figured as located between the eyebrows.

KASYAPI, an epithet of ARJUNA, charioteer of the sun; also of GARUDA, the bird of VISHNU. (*Literally*, “having black teeth.”)

KAURAVAS, the same as KURAVAS.

KESAVA, one of the titles of KRISHNA. (*Literally*, “having long or much handsome hair.”)

KETHER (*Hebrew*), the Crown. The highest of the ten Sephiroth, the emanations of Deity in the Hebrew KABALAH. The first of the supernal Triad.

KHANDA, broken; a portion, a chapter; divisions of some of the UPANISHADS.

KHANDA-KALA, conditioned time; time reckoned by the revolutions of the planets.

KIM-PURUSHAS, heavenly spirits.

KLESHA, *literally* “misery”. Cleaving to existence; love of life; KAMA.

KORAN, the sacred Scriptures of the Muslims — Mohammedans — containing their moral and religious code; revealed to Mohammed.

KOSA, (KOSHA), sheath; a term, especially Vedantic, for five of the human principles, regarded as successive “sheaths” around the divine MONAD.

KOSHA, the same as KOSA, which see.

KOUNBOUM, a sacred Tree of Tibet, on whose leaves and bark are said to be imprinted innumerable religious sentences in sacred characters, each leaf containing a distinct word or sentence. The tree is said to have grown out of the hair of the Lama Tson-ka-pa, who was buried under the soil on which it flourishes.

KRISHNA, one of the manifestations, within the comprehension of finite intelligence, of the ABSOLUTE and, in Itself, Unknowable One; the personification of the Supreme Spirit; the human

spirit; a divine AVATAR who remained in mortal form 125 years and died 3,001 B.C. (*Literally*, “dark,” “black.”)

KRITA, made, done, well done, good; the side of a die marked with four spots.

KRITA-YUGA, the first age, sometimes called SATYA-YUGA, “the age of truth,” containing 4,800 divine years, which multiplied by 360 gives 1,728,000 years. (See YUGA.)

KRITTIKAS, the Pleiades.

KRIYA, performance, duty, action; doing one’s duty, as prescribed in the Vedas, as perfectly as possible.

KRIYA-SAKTI, the power of thought which, by its knowledge, produces results on the objective plane. (*kriya*, power; *sakti*, power: capability to act.)

KSHA, loss; destruction of the world; the fourth incarnation of VISHNU, as the man-lion, or nara-sinha.

KSHANA, a measure of time. (See TIME.)

KSHANTI, indifference, patience, forbearance.

KSHARA, water; that which streams or flows; perishable; a material body.

KSHATRA, rule, dominion, temporal power; the second or military tribe or caste.

KSHATRIYA, the second or military tribe or caste in India.

KSHETRA, a field; the field of evil passions, *i.e.*, the body.

KSHETRA-JNA, the embodied soul. (*kshetra*, field; *jna*, knowing.)

KUCHAKRI, “the intriguer,” a title that has been by some commentators on the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* applied to KRISHNA, because of a certain allegory concerning him.

KUMARAS, gods who incarnated in the third root-race. (*Literally*, “easily dying.”)

KUMBHAKA, immovable concentration on the conviction of the identity of the individual soul and the Supreme Spirit; in HATHA-YOGA, stopping the breath by shutting the mouth and closing the nostrils with the fingers of the right hand.

KUMUDI-PATI, the moon. (*kumud*, lotus, water-lily; *pati*, father: father of the lotus.)

KUNDALINI-SAKTI, the serpentine force, the astral fire, an aspect of BUDDHI, the basic force of all manifested nature. (*kundalini*, annular, spiral, winding; *sakti*, force.)

KUNTI. ARJUNA’S mother.

KURAVAS, sons of Kuru (who was the ancestor of both PANDU and DHRITARASHTRA, though this patronymic is applied only to the descendants of the latter); the personified evil propensities of man, his vices and their allies.

KURU-KSHETRA, the field of the battle between the Kurus and the Pandus; allegorically, the human personality as the contested ground between cosmic energy and spiritual forces. (*kuru*, son of DHRITARASHTRA or personified material existence, the cosmic or astral forces; *kshetra*, a field.)

KURUS, the enemies of the PANDAVAS in the *Mahabharata*. The *Kurus* represent the lower material elements in our nature: the

PANDAVAS the higher. The war which is carried on between these on the plane of KURUKSHETRA represents the struggle Man has to make in order to gain control over his lower nature.

KUSA, the *poa cynosuroides*, a grass with long stalks and numerous pointed leaves, considered sacred and used in certain religious ceremonies. It is said to have strong magnetic properties.

KUSINAGARA, the scene of BUDDHA'S NIRVANA, said to be some one hundred miles north by north-east of Benares.

KUTASTHA, in philosophy, whatever is immovable, unchangeable, perpetually and universally the same; the indestructible spirit. (*kuta*, the summit; *stha*, standing: standing on the peak.)

KUTHUMI, a pupil of Panshyinji and teacher of the SAMA VEDA.

KWAN-SHAI-YIN, the manifested spiritual side of nature in Northern and Chinese Buddhism. The Male LOGOS.

KWAN-YIN, the permanent, hidden side of the manifested Universe. The female LOGOS. (Chinese).

LAGHIMA, lightness, one of the magic powers by which one can control weight.

LAKH, (also LAC), 100,000.

LAKSHANA, characteristic mark; topic.

LAKSHMI, a mark or sign of luck, good or bad, but usually good, and so of wealth, prosperity; the goddess of wealth.

LALITA-VISTARA, Nepalese life of BUDDHA.

LAMA, a title properly given only to the superior priests of Tibet; now of ten, however, applied to those of any caste. The Grand Lama is supposed to be an incarnation of BUDDHA.

LANKA, the capital of ancient Ceylon; the island of Sri Lanka.

LANKRIKA, psycho-physiological powers supposed to be developed by physiological means; the results obtained by HATHA-YOGA practices.

LANOO (*Tibetan*), disciple, CHELA, neophyte or student of the Mysteries, under the instruction of a GURU or Master.

LAOTZE, a great Chinese philosopher; the founder of *Taoism*. He preceded Confucius. The mystic doctrine of the latter (now almost universal in China) is in many ways but the revived Taoistic belief.

LAYA, passivity; a neutral center; in YOGA practice, the natural disposition toward passivity of mind, one of the obstacles to concentration.

LEMURIA, the name given by some writers to a continent supposed to have existed at one time, but now hidden under the waves. The *Secret Doctrine* affirms its previous existence and holds that it extended between India and Africa. The land of the Third Race.

LHA (*Tibetan*), PITRIS, spirits.

LHAMAYIN (*Tibetan*), an order of ELEMENTALS.

LINGAM, the genital organ, *membre virile*, phallus.

LINGA-SARIRA, the astral form upon which the physical body is concreted. (*linga*, characteristic; *sarira*, *body*.)

LIPIKAS, the celestial scribes; the recorders of every thought, act, and word of man. Collectively, the “Book of the Recording Angel”. Agents of KARMA in the greater sense; mentioned in the *Secret Doctrine*.

LOBHA, avarice.

LOGOS (*Greek*), the word; the first cause; the Demiurgos; ISVARA; BRAHMĀ; a mirror reflecting universal mind; the great unseen; the unknown light; the one ray.

LOKAS, worlds, places, spheres. The VISHNU-PURANA gives seven, namely: *pitri-loka*; Indra, or *svarga*; *marut-loka*, or *devi-loka*; *mahar-loka*, or *gandharva-loka*; *janar-loka*, of saints; *tapar-loka*, of the seven sages; *Brahma-loka*, or *satya-loka*, of infinite truth. The loka of KRISHNA, called *go-loka*, is indestructible.

LOKOTHRA, psychic powers accompanying spiritual development.

LOTUS, the sacred plant of oriental nations, Egypt, India, etc. At one time a universal symbol of the Universe, and in a narrower sense of the Earth.

LUCIFER, the planet Venus as the “Morning Star”. Lucifer is the symbol of purity and wisdom, and not of the devil; the alter-ego and “better half “ of the earth.

LUXOR, (BROTHERHOOD OF) the most secret of the mystic orders. One of its centers is in the United States, while “its ramifications extend widely throughout the great Republic of the West”. The name is derived from the Ancient *Lookshur* in Balochistan, {in Afganistan}, after which the Egyptian city

was also named. It is in direct and intimate relationship with the great Eastern Brotherhood.

MACROCOSM the great world, or universe, of which the MICROCOSM, or little world — man — is a copy.

MACROPOSOPUS, a Kabalistic term, meaning the “Great Countenance”. The Universe as a whole, or the totality of the manifested Cosmos. The Heavenly Man. The MACROCOSM.

MADHAVA, a title of KRISHNA. (*Literally*, “made of honey.”)

MADHU, the demon of darkness; a giant who was slain by KRISHNA.

MADHVACHARYA, a great philosopher, who taught that the relation between Deity and man is that of master and servant. He founded a system of philosophy and established monastic orders that exist to the present day.

MADHYA-STHA, neutral, indifferent, unconcerned. (*madhya*, middle, *medius*; *stha*, standing.)

MAGIC, the science of bringing into visible action forces ordinarily hidden. The ancients recognized three sorts: *Theurgia*, or White Magic; *Goetia*, or Black Magic; and *Natural Magic*. *Theurgia* had to do with the powers of the soul, the philosopher’s stone, the magic which makes of man a God. *Goetia* was sorcery, or the communication with the regents of the invisible worlds with evil intent. *Natural Magic* had dealings entirely with nature, and might be either Black or White according as the Adept whose will called it into action was of the Left- or Right-hand path. The physician who heals with the use of his drugs is as much a *natural* magician as the

necromancer who effects cures by his thaumaturgy; with the difference, however, that the one can give no reason for the effects he produces, while the other can.

MAHA, (*Sanskrit*) great.

MAHABHARATA, a great epic poem of India. The “Great war”. In it occur the two celebrated poems, the *BHAGAVAD-GITA* and the *Ramayana*. Probably the oldest poem extant.

MAHA-BHUTAS, the five great elements, ether, air, fire, water and earth. (*maha*, great; *bhuta*, element.)

MAHA-BUDDHI, MAHAT. The great intelligence of the Universe; Cosmic Ideation.

MAHA CHOHAN, the “great CHOHAN”. The head of a spiritual Hierarchy. On this planet the head of the trans-Himalayan School of Adepts.

MAHA-KALPA, 100 years of BRAHMĀ, comprising 360 days and nights of BRAHMĀ, making 311,040,000,000,000 solar years. (*maha*, great; *kalpa*, age.)

MAHA-MANVANTARA, the great manvantara, or period of universal activity. Said to include 311,040,000,000,000 years, or a MAHA-KALPA.

MAHA PRALAYA, a great pralaya, or period of universal rest and dissolution. The “Night of BRAHMA”.

MAHA-PURUSHA. the Supreme Spirit. (*maha*, great; *purusha*, spirit.)

MAHARAJA, “Great King”. The four *Maharajas* are the four Karmic deities said to be at the four cardinal points to watch mankind.

{MAHARSHI, also MAHARISHI, *literally*, “Great Sage”.}

MAHA-SUSHUPTI, the great dreamless sleep of all, signifying pralaya or dissolution, for at the great pralaya everything goes into a state which for us can only be rendered as dreamless sleep.

MAHAT, intellect in the universal sense; first manifested intellect. (See MAHA-BUDDHI.)

MAHATMA, great soul. As applied to beings it is held by some to mean a perfectly developed sage who has become one with universal spirit. (*maha*, great; *atma*, spirit: *mahatmā*, the Supreme Spirit, or maha-tattva; *mahatmā*, great-souled, powerful.)

MAHA-YANA, “the great vehicle,” a system of Buddhism promulgated by Nargajuna.

{MAHA YUGA, the aggregate of four YUGAS or ages; 4,320,000 solar years; a DAY OF BRAHMĀ.}

MAHESVARA, the great lord, the Supreme Spirit. (*maha*, great; *isvara*, master.)

MAHIMA, a power or SIDDHI by which one can expand the consciousness and perception so as to embrace the largest mass or the greatest space.

MAHIMNASTAVA, a hymn of praise.

MAITREYA, the title of an UPANISHAD composed by Maitri, wife of Yajnavalkya; name of a BUDDHA yet to come.

MAKARA, in the HINDU zodiac the tenth sign, Capricornus, said to have been the eighth sign under the old system; a fabulous sea-monster sometimes confounded with the crocodile.

MALIMLUCH, a demon, an imp.

MALKUTH, (*Hebrew*), the kingdom. The tenth of the ten Sephiroth. A female potency. The “Inferior Mother”; the earth.

MANAS, mind, in the widest sense as applied to thought and emotion; the intellect, feelings, disposition; one of the seven human principles, the individual self or reincarnating EGO, corresponding to the Greek NOUS.

MANASA DHYANIS, the AGNISHWATTA PITRIS: those who incarnated in man at the close of the Third Race and gave him mind, thereby making him a rational being.

MANASA-PUTRAS, mind-born sons. (See AUGOEIDES.)

MANAS TAJASI, “Manas radiant”; MANAS illumined by the light of BUDDHI; the EGO in conjunction with spirit.

MANAVA, (*feminine* MANAVI), human; descended from MANU.

MANTRA, (also MANTRAM), incantation; spell; charm; sacred text; essential virtue, in sound or otherwise, of verse or word.

MANTRIKA-SAKTI, the power of sound.

MANU, mankind; a name applied to each of fourteen spiritual sovereigns of humanity, the first being SVAYAMBHUVA (sprung from the Self-Existent), and the seventh or present Manu being

VAIVASVATA (sun-born). They are personifications of collective humanity. The HINDU “Laws of Manu” are ascribed to SVAYAMBHUVA.

MANVANTARA, the period of creative, formative and re-constructive activity on the objective planes of the universe, intervening between two PRALAYAS; a period of evolution; the life of a MANU.

MARA, death; the world of death, *i.e.*, this world; with Buddhists, the Destroyer, Evil One.

MARTTANDA, our sun; the sun-god; an ADITYA.

MARTYA-LOKA, the world of mortals, this world. (*martya*, mortal; *loka*, world.)

MARUTS, the storm-gods; INDRA’S companions.

MATERIALIZATION, a term used among spiritualists to designate the supposed appearance objectively and tangibly at a séance, of a spirit. Materializations, however, are not such as spiritualists claim. They are brought about — according to the “spirits” themselves in agreement with occult philosophy — by a combination of magnetic and electric forces and material with pictures from the astral light wherein all pictures forever are. A framework, skeleton form, or flat surface of magnetic and electric matter is first constructed which is perfectly transparent like glass but also tangible, and upon it is reflected the image desired to be seen, whereupon the onlookers think they see a once incarnated spirit. It is the greatest of illusions, and, on the astral plane, is, in the opinion of occultism, nothing more than a “pepper’s ghost”. That these images speak does not add to proofs of identification, because all such things may be psychologically imitated, and an *impression* of speech may be produced upon every one who views the phenomenon. But

it does happen, sometimes, that one among the onlookers may not hear the speech the others think they hear. A medium is absolutely necessary for a materialization to occur, unless it is brought about by an ADEPT.

MATI, understanding; devotion.

MATSYA, a species of fish; the twelfth sign of the zodiac, Pisces; name of one of the eighteen PURANAS, so called because said to have been communicated by VISHNU in the form of a fish to VAIVASVATA MANU.

MAUNA, the state of a sage or MUNI who abandons all doubts as to the relations of BRAHMA and JAGAT.

MAYA, illusion, which produces the diverse manifestations of the one reality, entering into all finite things; in the SANKHYA system, PRAKRITI.

MAYA-KRITA, made by illusion, illusionary.

MAYAVI-RUPA, illusionary body, the form used by an ADEPT when appearing at a distance from his physical body. (*mayavi*, illusionary; *rupa*, form.)

MELHAS (*Tibetan*), fire-gods.

MERU, the celestial mountain where the gods and highest spiritual beings are said to dwell. It is compared to the seed-vessel of a lotus, the leaves of which are formed by the various continents (DVIPAS), the central DVIPA being Jambu. Meru is thought by some to mean the north-polar continent, now unseen.

METEMPSYCHOSIS, transmigration, the passage of the soul (psyche) from one body to another.

METEMPSYCHOSIS. While this means transmigration it should be applied only to animals, so as to distinguish it from *Reincarnation*, now applied to the reimbodiment of the soul in human bodies. For many years European encyclopedias have given the meaning as “passing after death into the body of some animal”, and thus misunderstood the doctrine of the passing from one human body into another. Yet it has been often used to describe rebirth in human form. Herder has “Dialogues on Metempsychosis”, devoted to the doctrine of human rebirth. There is not the slightest doubt that the doctrine of passing into an animal form can be found in both Buddhism and Brahmanism. It doubtless arose from the theory, which has great authority behind it, that the physical atoms will pass, after death and the flight of the soul, into animal forms if the life of the man has been low and animal-like; for, every atom in the body is impressed with the actual character of the person; and further it was taught that a man having thus misused the atoms in his charge during life, would reap bad karma; from this arose the doctrine, with the vulgar, that men’s souls passed into animal forms of different kinds as penalty for this, that, and the other crime.

MICROCOSM, a little world; man. (See MACROCOSM.)

MICROPOSOPUS, the “Lesser Countenance”, a kabalistic term applied to any *part* of nature’s manifestations, in antithesis to *Macroposopus* which includes them all; the MICROCOSM.

MIMANSA, an Indian philosophical system founded by JAIMINI. It, in effect, denies the doctrine of free-will. (*Literally*, “something to be considered.”)

MISRANA, mixing.

MLECHCHHA, a foreigner, barbarian, outcast, non-Aryan.

MOHA, dullness; insensibility; destruction; delusion of mind preventing the discernment of truth by leading men to believe in the reality of worldly objects.

MOKSHA, salvation; complete liberation from conditioned existence and enjoyment of supreme bliss. Those who attain it *may* reincarnate on earth to aid humanity, but in doing so are not subject to karma or to the conditions of matter, and return to moksha when their term of voluntary reincarnation ends. Two kinds of moksha — KAIVALYA and BRAHMANDA, also called SAYUJYA — are described in the Visishtadvaita philosophy.

MONAD, an ultimate atom; an unextended point; an elemental; the spirit, the EGO.

MORYA, the name of a Rajpoot tribe, so-called because of its being almost altogether composed of the descendants of the famous Moryan sovereign of Marya-Nagara. The Moryan Dynasty began with certain KSHATRIYAS of the Sakya line closely related to Gautama BUDDHA, who founded the town of Morya-Nagara in the Himalayas. In the *Vishnu Purana* it is stated that a king called Moru who lived during the Surya Dynasty is by his devotion and austerities living yet, in a certain village in the Himalayas, and in a future age he will come forth and restore the KSHATRIYA race. “The Moryas will possess the Earth” is said in another place; meaning that by the power of their occult wisdom the Moryas in the future will be rulers of the earth, occultly, or in possession of all its knowledge.

MRIGA, a wild animal.

MRITYU, death.

MUHURTTA. (See TIME.)

MUKTATMA, liberated spirit. (*mukta*, freed; *atma*, spirit.)

MUKTI, salvation, deliverance, release from conditioned existence.

MULA-BANDHA, having roots, deep-rooted.

MULA-PRAKRITI, undifferentiated matter; the root of matter; the first emanation of PARABRAHMAM, being itself an aspect of PARABRAHMAM. (*mula*, root; *prakriti*, matter.)

MUMUKSHUTVA, desire for MOKSHA or final emancipation.

MUNDANE EGG. (See EGG OF THE WORLD, also HIRANYAGHARBA.)

MUNI, an ascetic, a saint, a holy man; pressure, impulse; a man driven by inward pressure or impulse.

MURHA, perplexing.

MYSTERIES, the secret ceremonies which took place during the Ancient Initiations, in which the candidates were taught the origin of things, the nature of the soul, and shown the births of worlds and systems by dramatic representations. They were divided into the Greater and the Lesser Mysteries.

MYSTERY-LANGUAGE, the language of the “mysteries” or those things which cannot be told. The sacerdotal language used in discussing sacred things.

NADI, passage, channel, method.

NAGA, a serpent; a tree; a mountain; the sun; the number seven; a symbol of wisdom; an Initiate.

NAIMITTIKA-PRALAYA, that change by which, at the end of each BRAHMĀ-KALPA, all things in an individual solar system are resolved into their primitive elements. (*naimittika*, periodical; *pralaya*, dissolution.)

NAKSHATRA, star; the 27 lunar houses or signs of the zodiac.

{NALJOR, a holy man, an ADEPT.}

NARA, man; the primal man; a hero; a title of ARJUNA.

{NARADA, one of the Seven great Rishis, a Son of BRAHMĀ.}

NARAKA, a state of being, “in a certain locality,” in which the JIVATMA feels pain as a punishment for or effect of bad karma; hell, limited in duration by KARMA; a place of retribution for evil KARMA, supposed to be situated near the earth and in an ethereal condition — variously described by different systems as of numerous divisions, generally said to be twenty-one in number.

NARAYANA, son of the primal man; VISHNU, a manifestation of PARABRAHMAM. (*nara*, water; *ayana*, moving: moving on the water.)

NATHA, lord, protector, ruler.

NEOPHYTE, a candidate or novice. One not initiated but preparing to be admitted into the sacred mysteries.

NEO-PLATONISM, the revived Platonism of the second and third centuries. Ammonius Saccas founded an Eclectic School of Theosophy in Alexandria at that period, and strove to reestablish the older oriental philosophies and reconcile Platonic teaching with them. His followers have since been called NEO-PLATONISTS. Plotinus was of this school.

NEPHESH (*Hebrew*), the “breath of life”; the vital soul; MANAS. In the KABALA the division is: *neschamah, ruach, nephesh*.

NESCHAMAH (*Hebrew*), the spirit; ATMA. (See NEPHESH.)

NETZACH, (*Hebrew*), Victory; the seventh of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A masculine potency.

NIDANA, a band, a rope, a halter. Theosophically, a first or original cause; a primary or remote cause; original form or cause of a thing; in ancient medicine of the HINDUS the study of symptoms to determine remote or primary cause of the disease was a department with sixteen divisions, one being called *nidana sthana*. In metaphysics and the psychology of occultism, a *nidana* is the beginning of a current leading to acts and circumstances. It is related to another word — *nida* — which means a resting-place, a bird’s-nest, a lair, a den; that is, the resting-place for a cause or start of a current or *nidana*.

NIGHT OF BRAHMA, a period of non-manifestation, of the same length as DAY OF BRAHMA, which see.

NIMISHA, the time taken to twinkle the eye. (See TIME.)

NIMITTI-KARANA, the instrumental cause.

NIRAKARA, formless; VISHNU; universal spirit.

NIR-GUNA, devoid of attributes or qualities.

NIRMALAH, free from love, hate, etc.

NIRMANAKAYAS, men who have reached the point where they can enter NIRVANA but voluntarily relinquish it and remain on earth in an unseen body in order to help men.

NIRUKTA, uttered, pronounced; explained.

NIRVANA, the extinguishment of desire; the kingdom of ineffable peace; annihilation of the illusions of matter; conscious rest in omniscience. Called *Niebban* in Myanmar and *Nippang* in China.

NIR-VIKARAH, formless.

NISH-KARMA, karmaless. (*nish*, without; *karma*, karma.)

NISH-KRIYA, actionless; a term for the Supreme Spirit. (*nish*, without; *kriya*, action.)

NITYA, constant; daily; always.

NITYA-MUKTAH, separate.

NITYA-PRALAYA, constant dissolution; the change which takes place, perceptibly and imperceptibly, in everything in the universe of matter, from the globe to the ATOM, without cessation.

NIYAMA, act of obligation, voluntary penance; constant and inseparable consciousness of unity with BRAHMA.

NOUMENA (*Greek*), realities, as opposed to phenomena or illusionary appearances.

NOUS (*Greek*), the HIGHER MANAS or Reincarnating Ego.

NYAYA, method, system; logic; the system of philosophy of Gautama.

NYAYYA, normal, right, regular.

OANNES, the same as *Dag or Dagon*, the “man-fish”. A generic name for the Initiates of Chaldea, corresponding to the *Nagas* or “Snake-Kings” of the Buddhist legends, who are said to preserve and guard the ancient truths.

OCCULTISM, the real science of things, now unknown to uninitiated humanity; the science of the unknown ASTRAL and spiritual planes; secret knowledge.

OM, the name of the Deity, considered as sacred by the Brahmins and Buddhists alike. Its sounds are said by them to contain a mystery and to symbolize the universe. Its full form is AUM. The first sound, in its utterance, — a sound of *a* — represents BRAHMĀ, and signifies creation; its second sound — a sound of *u* — represents VISHNU, and signifies the preservation of the universe; the third, or “stoppage” — the sound of *m* — represents SIVA, and signifies destruction. Its occult significance is very great. Its substitute word is PRANAVA.

OM-KARA, the name of OM.

ORMAZD, (see AHURA-MAZDA).

OSHA, burning, combustion.

PADA, foot; step; pace; stride; footprint; mark; vestige; portion; path.

PADMA, the lotus — not the plant itself, but the flower only.

PADMI, the lotus — the whole plant, PADMA being the flower only.

PANCHA-KARMENDRIYA, the five organs of action. (*pancha*, five; *karma*, action; *indriya*, organ.)

PANCHA-KOSA, the five-fold screen, case or sheath of the soul — *anna-maya*, *prana-maya*, *manomaya*, *vignana-maya* and *ananda-maya*. (*pancha*, five; *kosa*, sheath.)

PANCHA-MAHA-BHUTA, the five gross elements — earth, water, fire, air, ether. (*pancha*, five; *maha*, great; *bhuta*, element.)

PANCHA-MAHA-PRANA, the five great airs — the ascending and descending airs, the airs of circulation, assimilation and respiration. (*pancha*, five; *maha*, great; *prana*, breath.)

PANCHA-RATNANI, the five jewels, or five most admired episodes in the *Mahabharata*.

PANCHA-TAN-MATRAS, the five subtle elements. (See TANMATRAS.)

PANDAVAS, the five sons of Pandu — Yudhi-sthira, BHIMA, ARJUNA, Nakula, and SAHA-DEVA, — and their adherents: personalities in the *Mahabharata* who represent the higher principles in man.

PANDITA, a learned Brahmin.

PANDU, the father of the PANDAVA Princes, who were the foes of the KURUS as related in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*.

PANI, the hand.

{PANINI, a celebrated grammarian, author of the *Paniniyama*.}

PAPA, evil, destructive; bad karma; one of the hells.

PARA, the opposite shore of a river; the limit or utmost reach; applied to the first half — now completed — of the present MAHA-KALPA, of which the universe has but just entered upon the second half; other, chief, highest.

PARA-BRAHMA, (also PARA-BRAHMAM), the ABSOLUTE, above all, yet in all and containing all; BRAHMA, the Unknowable, above and beyond BRAHMĀ and all creators.

PARA CHITR, Thai equivalent of Divine Spirit.

PARA-DEVATA, the highest deity — in the sense of the highest abstraction of the human mind.

PARA-GURU, highest teacher, in an occult and religious sense.

PARAMAPADA, the supreme state, or path — vaikuntha LOKA — above all material worlds, and composed of intellectual substance — suddha-SATTVA — in which supreme bliss is enjoyed.

PARAMARTHA, the highest or most sublime truth.

PARAMĀTMAN, the Great or Supreme Spirit; beyond ATMAN.

PARAMITAS, the Buddhistic six and ten perfections belonging to a BODHISATTVA. (*Literally*, “transcendent.”)

PARAMITAS, the seven Paramitas of perfection are: *Dana*, Charity; *Shila*, Harmony; *Kshanti*, Patience; *Virag*, the higher Indifference; *Virya*, Courage; *Dhyana*, Contemplation; *Prajna*, the capacity for Mahatic perception.

PARA-NIRVANA, beyond nirvana.

PARINAMA, change, alteration, advance in age.

PARVATI, a name of DURGA, the goddess representing cosmic energy.

PASA, a noose, a cord.

PASU, domestic animal, sacrificial animals; uninitiated persons.

{PATANJALI, a contemporary of PANINI, the author of YOGA philosophy.}

PAYU, the anus.

PENTAGRAM, a figure of this shape:



PHALA, fruit (of action); result.

PHRABAT, the holy footprint of BUDDHA, said to be in Thailand, where a temple is erected over it. It is visited by pilgrims every year. There are many alleged footprints of BUDDHA in India and other places.

PINDA, lump, ball, especially the ball or cake of meal offered to the manes of deceased ancestors. (See SRADDHA.)

PINDI, a meal cake.

PINGALA, a particular current in the body: the right of three currents running from the *os coccyx* to the head, which, according to the anatomy of the YOGA system, are the chief passages of breath. (*Literally*, “yellowish.”)

PINGALA, in addition it should be understood that the breath and its channels referred to are not the lungs and air passages but the inner psychic breath.

PISACHA, an evil spirit or demon; an evil ghost.

PISTIS SOPHIA, a sacred Gnostic work; full of mysticism; very obscure in its terms.

PITRI-PATRI, lord or king of the PITRIS.

PITRIS, fathers, lunar spirits, beings perfected (within its scope) upon the lunar chain of planets, transferred hither to lead and guide humanity. Some Indian wonderworkers claim the help of pitris.

PITRI-YAJNA, sacrifice to the manes or PITRIS. (*pitri*, forefather; *yajna*, sacrifice.)

PLANE, a level surface; specifically, a field of consciousness; as dream-plane, mental-plane, physical-plane, etc.

PLANETARY SPIRIT, the Regent of a planet; its Archangel, Governor, Spirit or DHYAN-CHOHAN.

PLASTIC BODY, a name for the LINGA-SHARIRA, or ASTRAL form. Called “Plastic” or “Protean” because of its power to assume any shape or form.

PLEROMA, space; AKASA.

POSEIDONIS, (*Greek*), the last remaining portion of the great Atlantic Continent, the isle Atlantis referred to in the *Critias* of Plato.

PRABHUTA, governed, presided over.

PRADHANA, in the SANKHYA systems, the source of the material world; the manifestation of MULAPRAKRITI. (*Literally*, “the originant.”)

PRAGNA, (also PRAJNA), consciousness; wisdom personified; the energy of ADI-BUDDHI.

PRAJA-PATIS, creators; the seven progenitors of the first seven divisions of men on the planet. (*praja*, offspring; *patis*, fathers, lords.)

PRAKAMYA, one of the eight superhuman faculties; the power to exercise irresistible will. (See VIBHUTI.)

PRAKASANA, manifesting to; enlightening; an epithet of VISHNU.

PRAKRITA, essential, natural.

PRAKRITA-PRALAYA, the change of the universe from its present to a latent condition and its dissolution in unmanifested nature, in which no evolution can take place until the dawn of a new MANVANTARA. This takes place at the end of each *maha-kalpa*, and the PRALAYA continues during an expanse of time equal to a *maha-kalpa* — 311,040,000,000 solar years.

PRAKRITI, nature; cosmic matter, always in combination with spirit — PURUSHA. (*Literally*, “procreated.”)

PRAKRITI-SAMBANDHA, connection with matter; being bound to matter.

PRALAYA, change from the present objective, or manifested, into a latent or elemental condition; destruction; dissolution.

PRANA, breath; the force derived from the sun, which is represented in man by the breath; one of the seven human principles.

PRANA-MAYA-KOSA, the vital sheath surrounding the soul.

PRANAVA, a substitute word for the sacred word AUM.

PRANAYAMA, suspending the breath: by RECHAKA, or holding the left nostril and breathing through the right; *puraka*, closing the right and breathing through the left nostril; KUMBHAKA, both nostrils closed and breathing suspended.

PRAPATTI, a phase of YOGA — devotion and means for attainment of supreme bliss — in which one contemplates: first, one's own inability to practice either of the other kinds of YOGA; and, second, the attributes and qualities of ISVARA as the sole redeemer. PRAPATTI is much approved in the Visishtadvaita school of religious philosophy. It is particularly intended for those who are unable to contemplate the impersonal Deity.

PRAPTI, one of the eight superhuman faculties. (See VIBHUTI for description.)

PRARABDHA-KARMA, that karma which has already begun to produce results, such as we now experience.

PRATIBHA, comprehension, understanding.

PRATYAGATMA, the individual soul.

PRATY-AHARA, restraint of the organs of sense from all outward things and directing them entirely to mental impressions. (*Literally*, “drawing back, restraint.”)

PRATY-AKSHA, perception, apprehension by the senses. (*prati*, near; *aksha*, eye: in sight.)

PRATY-EKA-BUDDHA, a BUDDHA who obtains emancipation for himself only. (*Literally*, “one by one.”)

PRETYA-BHAVA, the state after death. (*pretya*, having died; *bhava*, being.)

PRITHIVI, the earth.

PUJA, worship or adoration to idols, images or persons.

PURA, filling; rising of a river; flood; high water; formerly.

PURANAS, a large class of Indian works of an historical and prophetic character. They are eighteen in number, as Brahma, Padma, Vishnu, Vrihan-naradiya, Bhagavata, Martanda, Agni, Bhavisya, Brahma-vairvata, Linga, Varaha, Skanda, Vamana, Kurma, Matsya, Garuda, Brahmanda. There are eighteen minor Puranas. (*Literally*, “tales of old times,” from *pura*, “formerly,” “once upon a time.”)

PURUSHA, spirit; the intelligence pervading nature; the divine spirit infusing matter.

PURUSHOTTAMA, the Supreme Spirit. (*purusha*, life principle, spirit; *uttama*, uppermost, highest.)

PURVA-MIMANSA, one of the six systems of Indian philosophy; an UPANISHAD (sometimes called the KARMA-MIMANSA), being an inquiry into the first or ritual portion of the VEDA. It is really an interpretation of the text of the VEDA, and is generally called *the* MIMANSA, the term VEDANTA— “end of the VEDA” — being applied to the Uttara-MIMANSA, which is an

exposition of the later portion of the VEDA or UPANISHADS.
(*purva*, prior, ancient, *mimansa*, discussion.)

PUSHAN, the Deity in the sun.

QABALLAH, this is also written KABALLAH and KABALAH, which see. For a good series of hints on the KABALA see *Lucifer*, vol. x, May 1892, p. 185.

QUATERNARY, the four lower “principles” in man’s sevenfold constitution, to wit: RUPA, *Life*, ASTRAL BODY, and KAMA. These four separate and disintegrate in KAMA LOKA after death, for when the link is broken the deserted physical body is as much in KAMA LOKA as the others. The symbol of the Quaternary is a square.

RACE, a division of Humanity. Occultism teaches that Mankind arises on the Earth in seven successive classes, called races. Each of these again divides into sub-races. The present “civilized” nations constitute the Fifth Subrace of the Fifth Root-Race; and it is taught that there are still extant specimens of the older races.

RAGA, emotion, feeling, love; joy, pleasure; regret, sorrow; the quality of RAJAS. (See GUNA, also RAJOGUNA.)

RAHAT, the same as ARHAT and ARAHAT which see.

RAJASIKA, equivalent to RAJOGUNA.

RAJA-YOGA. (See YOGA.)

RAJOGUNA, the quality in nature that impels to action, of mixed good and evil in its development in man, inasmuch as no action can be performed by an imperfect man without some taint of self. (*rajas*, energy, activity; *guna*, a quality, a “single thread.”)

RAKSHASAS, nocturnal demons who disturb sacrifices; a name for the Atlanteans, or men of the fourth race. (*Literally*, “harmers,” “destroyers.”)

RAMA, in HINDU mythology the seventh AVATAR, or manifestation on Earth of the Supreme. He is the hero of the *Ramayana*, the famous epic poem of India.

RAMANUJACHARYA, name of the founder of a system of religious philosophy and monastic orders still in existence. He taught that the Supreme Spirit is the only reality.

RAMAYANA, the twin epic poem of the *Mahabharata*; the allies of the hero (RAMA) are monkeys, which under the able generalship of HANUMAN finally conquer *Ravana*, the demon-king, and the RAKSHASAS, or demons and giants of LANKA or Sri Lanka.

RASA, juice; sapidity, taste; inclination.

RASASVADA, in YOGA practice, the disposition (one of the obstacles) of the mind to fly from the object selected for contemplation to pleasurable ideas. (*rasa*, juice; *asvada*, tasting, enjoying: the sipping of juices, perception of enjoyment.)

RATHA, car, chariot, war-chariot; the body as the vehicle of the soul.

RECHAKA, emptying; expelling the breath out of one of the nostrils, in yoga practice; the negation of phenomenal illusion and conviction of spirit as the only reality.

REINCARNATION, rebirth of the soul into human bodies. The oldest belief of the world, *viz.*, that the Soul or EGO of man has lived on Earth many times previously to the present life, and will be reborn, or incarnated again, many times in the future, before the full experience attainable on this planet has been gathered, Not to be confounded with *transmigration* however, for which it is often mistaken. (See METEMPSYCHOSIS.)

RIG-VEDA. (See VEDA.)

RING-PASS-NOT, the limit of possibility in the expansion of consciousness or perception for Man, while he remains such. To cross its border-line is to enter NIRVANA, to become one with all and to lose the personality. The circle is broken for all only on the great day *Be-with-us*, when all go into PARA-NIRVANA.

RISHI, singer of sacred songs; poet; one of those to whom the VEDAS were revealed, later regarded as a patriarchal sage. The seven RISHIS are the seven DHYAN CHOANS, or creative spirits.

ROUND, the journey of the monad once around the seven globes composing the Earth-chain or any other planetary chain. The word "round" was used interchangeably with "ring", in the early writings on the subject in Theosophical literature. It is applied generally in respect to the MONAD in human body, although it is the same for all other kingdoms.

RUACH (*Hebrew*), in the KABALA, the spiritual soul, or BUDDHI.

RUCHI, light; beauty; desire, passion.

RUDRAS, a class of storm-gods (MARUTS) led by Rudra, who became in later Sanskrit literature SIVA — the third member of the trinity. (*Siva*, “the gracious one,” an euphemism for Rudra, the howling one, the terrible one.)

RUPA, form, external appearance, body; visibility.

{SABDA, the LOGOS or word; sound, hearing.}

SADAIKA-RUPA, the immutable nature, or essence; changeless form. (*sada*, always; *eka*, one; *rupa*, form.)

SADATMA, the EGO. (*sada*, always; *atma*, soul.)

SADHANAS, possessing riches, having spiritual accomplishments.

SADHU, a holy man. (*Literally*, “leading straight to the goal.”)

SAHA-DEVA, one of the “sons of the sun,” representing water, in Mahabharatic allegory. (*saha*, with; *deva*, god.)

SAHAKARIKARANA, the auxiliary cause.

SAKRIYA, mutable, movable.

SAKSHI, witness. (*Literally*, “one having eyes.”)

SAKTI, power, ability; the power to create.

SAKYA-MUNI, the “Sakya-saint,” a title of Gautama BUDDHA, *Sakya* being the name of the family of BUDDHA.

SALOKYA, living in one and the same place with ISVARA.

SAMA, the first qualification of a disciple — perfect mastery over the mind. (*Literally*, “same,” “level,” “equal.”)

SAMADHANA, being constitutionally incapable of deviating from the path of right.

SAMADHI, abstract meditation; perfect absorption of thought into the Supreme Spirit, — the highest and last stage of YOGA.

SAMAJA, company, convention.

SAMANA, good; honored.

SAMARTHYA, having considered; being determined.

SAMARTHYA, also, the attenuation of passion by reflection.

SAMA VEDA, one of the four VEDAS of the HINDUS.

SAMA-VEDA. (See VEDA.)

SAMBHAVA, proportion; identity.

SAMSKARA, *literally* means “impression”. The name of the initiatory rites of the BRAHMANS from birth through life, for they, being all priests by birth, have various initiatory ceremonies. With us the SAMSKARAS would be the same as *sacrament*; for baptism or naming the child is one SAMSKARA, the first going forth of the child is another, shaving the head, marriage, giving up the world, and so on, are others. A full explanation of the Samskaras is given in the *Oriental Department* of the American Section Theosophical Society, in Paper No. 10.

SAM-YOGA, junction, — one of the twenty-four GUNAS of the NYAYA system.

SANCHITA-KARMA, that KARMA which is latent, producing no effect- owing to the active operation of other KARMA, but which will operate in a future incarnation. (*sanchita*, piled up, accumulated; *karma*, karma.)

SANDHI, the period at the expiration of each YUGA and equal to one-sixth of its duration; occurring also at the end of each MANVANTARA. (*san*, together; *dhi*, putting: junction.)

SANDHYA, morning or evening twilight; the period which precedes a YUGA.

SANDHYANSA, the portion of a SANDHI (twilight) succeeding a YUGA, and equal in duration to the dawn preceding the YUGA. (*sandhi*, period between day and night; *ansa*, a part, a portion.)

SANGHA, the order, the assemblage.

SANJAYA, the charioteer of King DHRITA-RASHTRA and narrator in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*.

SANJNA, name of the Gayatri, or most sacred verse of the VEDAS; name of a daughter of VISVA-KARMAN and wife of the sun, allegorically signifying spiritual consciousness.

SANKALPA, volition, strength of mind; thought, reflection.

SANKARACHARYA, one of the great teachers of Brahminism; said to be a reincarnation of Gautama BUDDHA.

SANKHYA, one of the great systems of Indian philosophy, — a speculative system as broadly distinguished from the practical, or that based upon exercise of the moral and religious duties. (*Literally*, “the summing up [of philosophy].”)

SANKHYA KARIKA, the metaphysical aphorisms of KAPILA RISHI.

SANNYASA, asceticism; withdrawal from the world of pain.

SANNYASIN, one who retires from worldly concerns; an ascetic.

SANSARA, migration; passing through a succession of states;
passing from one body to another, reincarnation.

SANSAYA, doubt; error.

SANSIDDHIKA, innate.

SANSKARA, fancy, imagination; inclination.

SANTA, tranquil, pleasant.

SANYAMA, the combination of attention, contemplation and
abstract meditation; in YOGA practice, restraint due to the
foregoing combination.

SAPTA, seven.

SAPTAPARNA, the seven-chambered cave, near Buddhagaya,
{Bihar, India}, where BUDDHA initiated and taught his
ARHATS; also *man*, because he has seven chambers or
principles.

SAPTARSHI, (also SAPTA-RISHI), the first seven sages or great
teachers of men. (*sapta*, seven; *rishi*, sage.)

SARASVATI, the wife or female SAKTI of BRAHMĀ. (*Literally*,
“watery.”)

SARIRA, body; attributes. The SARIRA of PARABRAHMAM may be
spoken of as qualities.

SARIRI, substances.

SARUPYA, having body or shape, similar to that of ISVARA.

SARVA-JNA, omniscient. (*sarva*, all; *jna*, knowing.)

SARVA-SAKTI, omnipotent. (*sarva*, all; *sakti*, power.)

SASTRA, a religious or scientific treatise, any sacred book or standard authority.

SAT, truth, “be-ness,” self-existence; one of the aspects of PARABRAHMAM.

SATCHITANANDA, that which is all truth (SATTWA), all intelligence (CHIT), and all bliss (ANANDA). (See respectively those words.)

SAT-KARYAM, existent effect.

SATTVA, being, existence, entity, life; truth, reality; in philosophy, the highest of the three GUNAS.

SATTWA, the same as SATTVA.

SATYA, real, true; truth, unconditioned reality.

SATYAKI, a great hero, an allegorical personification introduced in the battle described in the *BHAGAVAD-GITA*.

SATYA-LOKA, the highest heaven; place of truth.

SATYA-YUGA, the first of the four ages, the golden age, containing 1,728,000 of mortal years. (See YUGA.)

SAVITRI, the sun; the divine sun. According to Sayana, Savitri is the sun before rising, and after rising until its setting it is called SURYA. (*Literally*, “the vivifier.”)

SAWAN, Thai for heaven.

SAYUJYA, a state of MOKSHA (supreme bliss), which includes SALOKYA and SARUPYA, but does not mean absolute union with PARABRAHMAM.

SENZAR, the Mystery-language of the ancient Initiated ADEPTS, known to all schools all over the world.

SEPHIROTH, the ten emanations of Deity in the Hebrew KABALAH. They are, *Kether*, crown; *Chokmah*, wisdom; *Binah*, understanding; *Chesed*, mercy; *Geburah*, power; *Tiphereth*, beauty; *Netzach*, victory; *Hod*, splendor; *Jesod*, foundation; *Malkuth*, the kingdom.

SEPTENARY, the collection of six principles synthesized in the seventh or ATMAN, and constituting man. The first four are given under *Quaternary*, and the remaining three under *Triad*. The symbol of the septenary is a square and a triangle combined.

SESHA, name of the thousand-headed serpent — also called ANANTA — sometimes represented as forming the couch and canopy of VISHNU while he sleeps during the night of BRAHMĀ. It is a symbol of eternal matter.

SHAMANS, Tartar Magicians and priests, male or female, of the ancient *Bhon* religion of Tibet. They are found chiefly in Siberia.

SHAMBHALA, the town spoken of in the PURANAS where the KALKI-AVATAR, *the Messiah on the White Horse* will appear before the end of the KALI-YUGA or Black age. Occultists name its position as in the Himalayas.

SHAT-KONA, a symbol consisting of two interlaced triangles, one pointing up, the other down — “INDRA’S thunderbolt” with the HINDUS, “SOLOMON’S SEAL” with the Jews. (*shat*, six; *kona*, angle, point.)

SIDDHA, one who has attained psychic powers by proficiency in occult sciences; perfect; one who has attained perfection; he who has acquired SIDDHIS.

SIDDHARTHA, a title of Gautama BUDDHA.

SIDDHAS, demi-gods, with superhuman powers.

SIDDHASANA, a particular posture in religious meditation, described as putting the left heel under the body and the right heel in front of it.

SIDDHI, magic power; extraordinary power that may be acquired by man through spiritual development.

SILA, morality.

SISHTA, chastened, corrected, taught, instructed, ruled.

SIVA, one of the HINDU trinity (BRAHMĀ, VISHNU and SIVA), the destroyer, or transformer. (*Literally*, “the gracious one,” an euphemism for RUDRA, “the howler,” “the horrible one.”)

SKANDA, a name of KARTTIKEYA, son of SIVA and god of war. (*Literally*, “leaping.”) (See KARTTIKEYA.)

SKANDHAS, the impermanent elements that enter into man’s constitution and which he assumes upon incarnating. (*Literally*, “branches,” “ramifications.”)

SMRITI, remembrance; tradition; laws handed down by human authors, not “revealed,” as SRUTI.

SO’HAM, the reverse of HAMSA, symbolizing black magic. (*sas*, that; *aham*, I: I that very person, I myself — expressive of bad egoism — while Hamsa (*aham*, I; *sas*, that: I am *That*) is an affirmation of divine unity.)

SOLOMON’S SEAL, two interlaced triangles, one pointing tip, the other down, one dark and the other light, expressing the union of spirit and matter.

SOMA, the moon; a liquid expressed from the moon-plant.

SPARSA, tangibility, that which may be touched.

SPARSANAKA, that which touches, (used in speaking of the skin.)

SRĀDDHA, an oblation to the manes, made at the same time as the PINDA offering.

SRADDHA, trust, faith.

SRI, beautiful appearance, beautiful; goddess of fortune and prosperity and of beauty; also a title of honor, “the glorious,” as Sri KRISHNA.

SROTAPATTI, one who has “entered the stream” which will bear him to the Nirvanic Ocean — the “Shining Sea”.

SROTRAM, the ear.

SRUTI, revelation; utterance; sacred utterance handed down by tradition.

STHAMBHA, stiffness, rigidity, stupor, stupidity, stupefaction; a magical faculty, many kinds of which are enumerated in the TANTRAS.

STHAVARA, standing, powerless of locomotion; the lower orders of created things, vegetable and mineral.

STHULA, the differentiated condition of matter.

STHULA-SARIRA, the gross physical body.

STHULOPADHI, the lowest of the three bases in the TARAKA-YOGA classification of the human principles, inclusive of the STHULA-SARIRA, PRANA and the LINGA-SARIRA. (*sthula*, physical; *uphadhi*, basis, vehicle.)

SUBHAVA, the same as SWABHAVAT, which see.

SUCCUBUS, the female INCUBUS, which see; a “spirit bride”.

SUCHI, flaming, glowing; the solar fire; the fire of passion and animal instinct.

SUKHA, pleasure.

SUKRA, the planet Venus; clean, bright.

SUKSHMA, atomic, intangible, small, fine; the undifferentiated condition of matter.

SUKSHMA-SARIRA, the subtle body, the “double.”

SUKSHMAVASTHA, the latent condition of the attributes before evolution began.

SUKSHMOPADI, the psychic body in the dreaming state; the subtle body used by the dreamer.

SURAS, good spiritual beings, the antitheses of asuras.

SURYA, the sun.

SUSHUMNA, one of the seven principal rays of the sun; a particular tube in the spinal cord, lying between the vessels called IDA and PINGALA, through which the spirit passes. (See BRAHMA-RANDHRA, IDA and PINGALA.)

SUSHUPTI, the state of dreamless sleep, in which the ego has real experiences of very high spiritual nature. It is entered by all persons, whether virtuous or vile. (See AVASTHA-TRAYA.)

SUTRA, the sacred cord worn by the two higher HINDU castes; a religious verse, aphorism or extract.

SUTRATMAN, in Vedantic philosophy, the spiritual essence which passes through the five subtle principles of the human being and links them together as by a thread. (*sutra*, thread; *atman*, soul: thread-soul.)

SVABHAVA, the real nature of a thing; concrete aspect of MULA-PRAKRITI, the one substance.

SVABHAVAT, the “world stuff” or substance with energy. The Spirit within substance. That which is the basis of all manifested things. The “create uncreate”.

SVABHAVIKA, a sect of Buddhist philosophers who accounted for all things by the laws of nature.

SVAMI, master, lord; spiritual preceptor.

SVAPNA, the dreaming state, intermediate between JAGRATA and SUSHUPTI. (See AVASTHA-TRAYA.)

SVARGA, heaven, INDRA’S paradise, said to be situated on the mountain MERU. It is a state in which the disembodied soul enjoys bliss — under karmic limitations — for a space of time commensurate with the spiritual energy which produced the state.

SVASTIKA, any lucky or auspicious object; a sign shaped like a Greek cross, with the extremities of the four arms bent at right angles in the same direction.

SVAYAM-BHUVĀ, the first MANU. (*svayam*, himself; *bhuvā*, being, existing: self-existing.)

SWAPNA, the same as SVAPNA.

SWARGA, the same as SVARGA.

SYLPH, an ELEMENTAL of the Air (Rosicrucian).

TAIJASI, bright, luminous, brilliant; in VEDĀNTA philosophy, the “radiant one,” *i.e.*, manas illuminated by ĀTMA-BUDDHI.

TAIJASI, illuminated, radiant. From TEJAS — Fire. (See MANASA-TAIJASI.)

TĀMAS, darkness; the gloom of hell; a division of hell; mental darkness, constituting one of the five forms of ĀVIDYĀ — ignorance — in the SĀNKHYA philosophy; the lowest of the three qualities of matter. (See GUNA, also TĀMOGUNA.)

TAMASHA, show, display; trick, jugglery, performance of phenomena.

TAMISRA, gloom; darkness of mind, illusion.

TAMOGUNA, the lowest of the three qualities of nature, predominating in earth and water, and in human beings productive of sloth, indifference and inaction. (*tamas*, darkness; *guna*, quality.)

TANHA, desire; the will to live; thirst for life.

TAN-MATRA, a subtle element, or rudiment of elementary matter, of which five are popularly enumerated, viz: SABDA, SPARSA, RUPA, RASA and GANDHA, from which are produced the five gross elements. (*tat*, that; *matra*, element.)

TANTRA, a religious or magical treatise. The Tantras are very numerous in India, and are usually in the form of a dialogue between SIVA and DURGA. They comprise five subjects, viz.: the creation; the destruction of the world; the worship of the gods; the attainment of all objects, especially the six mystic YOGA powers; the four methods of attaining union with the Supreme Spirit. Though many of them contain noble philosophy, the practice, by uninitiated persons, of the rites and formularies contained in the Tantras leads invariably to black magic.

TANTRIKA, one versed in the TANTRAS; also, a black magician.

TAPAS, burning, heat; self-castigation, asceticism; devotion.

TAPASVIN, an ascetic, one who practices religious austerities.

TAPASYA, asceticism, worship, devotion, silent meditation.

{TARAKA(-RAJA)-YOGA, a purely intellectual and spiritual school of training.}

TAT, THAT, the ABSOLUTE.

TATHAGATA, a name of BUDDHA — used in his discourses when he speaks of himself. (*Literally*, “going the same way [as his predecessors.]”)

TATTVA, truth, reality as opposed to illusion. The SANKHYA system has twenty-five tattvas, viz.: AVYAKTA, BUDDHI, AHANKARA, the five TAN-MATRAS, the five MAHA-BHUTAS, the eleven organs and PURUSHA. The MAHESVARAS enumerate five TATTVAS, corresponding with the five elements. In Vedantic philosophy tattva is called maha-vakya, “the great word,” by which the identity of the whole universe with BRAHMA is expressed. (*tat*, that; *tva*, thou: that art thou.)

TAU (*Greek*), the letter T; the cross of that shape.

TEJAS, flame; radiance, brilliance.

TETRAGRAMMATON, the four-lettered name of God with the Greeks.

THEOSOPHY, divine wisdom; the wisdom of the Gods, obtained through the Gods, not however by revelation, but through individual aspiration and experience.

THEURGY, divine Magic, or power to work phenomena through Divine aid or by the aid of the “Gods”, or powers of nature. (See MAGIC.)

THIRTY-TWO CHARACTERISTICS, the thirty-two marks some or all of which are found on spiritually developed men, or BODHISATTVAS. On Buddha all were found.

THREAD-SOUL, see SUTRATMAN.

THVAK, the skin as the organ of touch.

TIME, KALA, is divided by the HINDUS as follows: 15 nimishas (twinklings of the eye) equal 1 kashta; 30 kashtas equal 1 kala; 30 kalas equal 1 kshana; 12 kshanas equal 1 muhurtta; 30 muhurttas equal 1 day and night.

TIPHERETH, (*Hebrew*), beauty. The sixth of the ten Sephiroth of the KABALAH. A male potency.

TIRTHANKARA, (also TIRTHANKAR), a JAINA term signifying nearly the same as AVATARA; a JAINA ARHAT. (*Literally*, “bathing in holy water.”)

TIRTHIKA, a pilgrim.

TITIKSHA, endurance, patience, resignation, forbearance.

TRETA, third; name of the second of the four YUGAS or ages. It contains 1,296,000 years of mortals. (See YUGA.)

TRIAD, the triad consists of ATMA-BUDDHI-MANAS, and is the reincarnating man. It is the upper third of the *Septenary*; which see. Its symbol is an equilateral triangle.

TRIBHUVANA, the words called SWARGA, BHUMI, and PATALA; vulgarly heaven, earth, and hell, but in occultism the Terrestrial, Psychic, and Spiritual spheres. (See TRI-LOKAS.)

TRI-LOKAS, the three worlds — of men, gods and semi-divine beings. (*tri*, three; *lokas*, worlds.)

TRIMURTI, the name of the HINDU trinity, of BRAHMA, VISHNU, and SIVA, or creation, preservation, and destruction. In some

old pictures the Trimurti is shown appearing on a lotus which springs from KRISHNA'S body.

TRI-PITAKAS, the three classes of the sacred books of the Buddhists, viz: Sutra-Pitaka, Vinaya-Pitaka and Abhidharma-Pitaka. (*tri*, three; *pitaka*, basket, collection.)

TRISHNA, thirst; thirst for life.

TRIVENI, the junction of the three minor currents respectively called IDA, PINGALA, and SUSHUMNA, called also best of all places of pilgrimage or *Tirtharaja*. This is because the discovery of these powers and currents is made by effort or pilgrimage to them, and when the spot is found complete mastery over self becomes possible.

TURIYATITA, a state of consciousness beyond TURIYAVASTHA; name of an UPANISHAD. (*turiya*, fourth; *atita*, having passed beyond.)

TURIYAVASTHA, the fourth state of consciousness, not attainable by the ordinary man but only by Initiates. (*turiya*, fourth; *avastha*, state.)

TUSHTI, satisfaction; acquiescence; indifference.

TYAGA, forsaking; abandonment of the world of illusion.

UDASINI, indifferent, free from affection; a stoic philosopher; a religious mendicant. (*ud*, apart; *asini*, sitting: sitting apart.)

UPACHAYA, accumulation, aggregation.

UPADHI, foundation, basis.

UPADRASHTA, the absolute consciousness within us.

UPAMANA, comparison, analogy; in NYAYA philosophy, the third of the four means of correct knowledge.

UPANAYANA, the ceremony of investiture with the sacred thread of the two higher HINDU castes; initiation. (*Literally*, “leading to [a teacher.]”)

UPANISHADS, ancient Sanskrit mystical writings, by many authors. The actual number of Upanishads is not known. Muller placed them at 149 in 1865; Weber at 235; there are, however, many more. Those translated and edited by Muller are: Chandogya, Talavakara, Aitareya, Kaushitaka, Vajaseneya, Sanhita, Katha, Mundaka, Taitiriyaka, Brihadaranyaka, Svetasvatara, Prasna, and Maitreyana-Brahmana. (*Literally*, “secret knowledge.”)

UPARATI, ceasing, stopping; the renunciation of all formal religion — the third qualification of a disciple.

UPASAMA, cessation, stopping; quiet; tranquility; patience.

UPASANA, devotion, adoration; religious meditation. (*Literally*, “sitting by the side of [ISVARA.]”)

UPAYA, that by which one reaches an aim, expedient, means.

URAGAS, an order of celestial beings, higher elementals, who possess great knowledge. They are usually represented as semi-divine serpents, having human heads of great beauty. (*uras*, breast; *ga*, going; going upon the breast.)

URDHVA-LOKA, the world above, heaven. (*urdhva*, upper; *loka*, world.)

USANAS, the planet Venus.

USHMAPA, a spirit of an inferior order, a deceased ancestor.
(*Literally*, “feeder on warmth.”)

{UTTARA-MIMANSA, second of the two MIMANSAS; this one is
really the VEDANTA.}

VACH, speech, word; the mystic Word, the LOGOS or collective
host of DHYAN CHOANS.

VAHAN, vehicle, carrier.

VAIKRITI, modification, change.

VAIKRITIKA, constructive; incidental.

VAIRAGYA, (also VIRAGA), freedom from worldly passion,
absence of all worldly desires.

{VAISHESHIKA, the Atomistic School.}

VAISVA-NARA, the internal fire which causes digestion; in
Vedanta philosophy, the spirit of humanity, the collective
consciousness of mankind; an epithet of SAVITRI. (*vaisva*,
pervading, common to all; *nara*, man, mankind.)

VAIVASVATA-MANU, the MANU reigning during the present
MANVANTARA. (See MANU.)

VAJRA-SATTVA, having a heart of adamant. (*vajra*, adamantine;
sattva, soul, heart.)

VALLABACHARYA, the founder of a sect of *Vaishnavas*. His
descendants are called Goswami Maharaj. They are said to be
immoral.

VARANAKA, surrounding, enveloping, covering.

VASANA, knowledge derived from memory; an impression remaining unconsciously in the mind from past good or evil actions, and hence producing pleasure or pain.

VASITA, one of the eight superhuman faculties. The power to subjugate any person or being by magic. (See VIBHUTI.)

VASU-DEVA, name of the father of KRISHNA, who was also the brother of Pritha, or KUNTI, the mother of the five Pandu princes. (*vasu*, excellent; *deva*, a god.)

VAYU, air, wind.

VEDA(S), the sacred books of the earlier HINDU religion. Originally there were three Vedas, but a later work called the ATHARVA-VEDA has been added to these and constitutes the fourth Veda. Collectively they are termed SRUTI, “revelation,” or “utterance” — the sacred utterance handed down by tradition. RIG-VEDA signifies “Veda of verses,” from *rig*, a *spoken* stanza; SAMA-VEDA, Veda of chants, from *saman*, a song or chant; YAJUR-VEDA, “Veda of sacrificial formulas,” from *yajus*, a sacrificial text. The distinctive quality of the Vedas is the power of invocation. (*veda*, knowledge, divine knowledge.)

VEDANA, sensation, knowledge obtained through the senses.

VEDANTA, a system of philosophy. (See PURVA-MIMANSA.)

VEHICLE, a carriage. That through which anything expresses itself. Thus the body is the vehicle of the soul. Same as VAHAN.

VENDIDAD, one of the Nosks (works) of the *Zend*, the first of the fragments collected together in that which is known as the *Zend-Avesta*.

VIBHU, pervading all natural things, omnipresent.

VIBHUTI, great power, might, dominion, supremacy, dignity; superhuman power, consisting of the eight faculties of ANIMA, to become minute; LAGHIMA, extreme lightness; PRAPTI, power to attain anything; PRAKAMYA, irresistible will; MAHIMA, illimitable bulk; ISITA, supreme dominion; VASITA, subjugation by magic; KAMAVASAYITA, power to suppress all desire. Also the name given to the ashes with which SIVA besmeared himself.

VIDARSANA, the attaining, by reflection, of wisdom that transcends the normal wisdom of the race.

VIDYA, knowledge, learning science.

VIGNANA, act of perceiving; *worldly* knowledge of any kind.

VIHARA, a Buddhist or JAINA temple or convent.

VIKALPA, distinction; duality; doubt.

VIKARA, (also VIKRITI), change, alteration; in SANKHYA philosophy, a production, or that which is evolved from a previous PRA-KRITI or producer.

VIKSHEPA, casting asunder; refuting in argument.

VIKSHEPA-SAKTI, centrifugal force or power.

VINA, the Indian lute, a seven-stringed instrument of the guitar kind, said to have been invented by NARADA.

VIPARAITI-GNANA, confounding one thing with another, the effect of imperfect and consequently confused knowledge. (*viparaiti*, turned around, inverted; *gnana*, knowing.)

VIRAGA. (See VAIRAGYA.)

VIRAJ, the LOGOS; the male half of VACH.

VISHESHAS, species; the distinctions existent between objects.

VISHADA, despondency, distress of mind, despair; stupefaction.

VISHAYA, an object sense. Five vishayas are enumerated, one for each INDRIYA, or organ of sense, and each corresponds with one of the five elements.

VISHNU, the second member of the HINDU trinity. (*Literally*, “all-pervading.”)

VISHWAKARMAN, the artificer and carpenter of the Gods in the VEDAS. From this has sprung the idea of Jesus as a carpenter.

VISISHTA, separated, set apart by itself; distinguished.

VISVA-DEVAS, a class of deities particularly worshipped at the sraddhas, or funeral ceremonies.

VIVASVAT, the sun; the first manifestation of divine wisdom at the season of creation.

VIVEKA, discrimination, good judgment; in VEDANTA philosophy, the power of separating the invisible spirit from the visible world, spirit from matter, truth from untruth, reality from illusion. (*Literally*, “a separating apart.”)

VRITTI, event; procedure, action; established rule; occupation, means of subsistence.

VYAKTA, discrete, discernible, manifest, evident.

VYASA, a mythical Indian sage and poet, to whom the compilation of the VEDAS, the *MAHA-BHARATA* and other works is ascribed. The VISHNU-PURANA enumerates twenty-eight Vyasas, and the first Vyasa is said to have been SVAYAMBHUVA, or BRAHMĀ himself.

VYASHTI-SARGA, specific and individual creation. (*vyashti*, manifold; *sarga*, creation.)

WHEEL OF SAMSARA, being reborn on earth over and over again; reincarnation; called a wheel because we whirl about from one life to another so long as we are overcome by desire.

WISDOM-RELIGION, the one religion which underlies all creeds, and which is to be found hidden under the text of all holy books in all nations.

YAKSHAS, sprites, ghosts, elementals who guard treasures. (*Literally*, “restless ones.”)

YAMA, forbearance; the first stage of YOGA; the god of death. Yama and his sister Yami constituted the first human pair, in allegorical Vedic tradition, and he is consequently so honored as the father of mankind and king of the *pitaras*, or ancestors. Later he becomes “the restrainer,” and, as “the punisher,” rules the dead in the underworld.

YATANA-DEHA, a body evolved from the SUKSHMA-SARIRA, in which the soul is clothed during its stay in NARAKA — hell. (*yatana*, requital, pains of hell; *deha*, body.)

YEAR OF BRAHMA, 360 days and 360 nights of BRAHMA.
3,110,400,000,000 solar years.

YOGA, the second of the two divisions of the SANKHYA philosophy, teaching the means of attaining complete union with the Supreme. Eight stages or means of Yoga, mental concentration and union with ISVARA, are enumerated, *viz*: yama, forbearance, freedom from cruelty; NIYAMA, restraint, religious observances; ASANA, bodily postures; PRANAYAMA, regulation of the breath; PRATYAHARA, full control of thoughts and feelings; DHARANA, steadying of the mind; DHYANA, contemplation; SAMADHI, perfect meditation, the highest of mystic trances. To the system of mental and ethical training the term RAJA-YOGA, “kingly union,” is applied, while physical and psychic practices in the line of black magic and spiritualism are called HATHA-YOGA, violent control. (*yoga*, yoking, union.)

YOGA-BALA, the force of devotion; the power of magic.

YOGACHARYA, a teacher of magic; a teacher of the YOGA philosophy. (*yoga*, philosophy; *acharya*, teacher.)

YOGA-VIDYA, knowledge of YOGA, divine knowledge.

YOGI, (also YOGIN), a follower of the YOGA system, a contemplative saint; a magician.

YUGA, an age; a cycle. There are four ages of the world, the durations of which constitute together a MAHA-YUGA, or great age. They are thus set forth in Brahmanical computations: KRITA-YUGA contains 1,728,000 solar years; TRETA-YUGA,

1,296,000; DVAPARA-YUGA, 864,000; KALI-YUGA, 432,000. These four make one MAHA-YUGA, of 4,320,000 years, and 71 such MAHA-YUGAS form the period of the reign of one MANU, containing 306,720,000 years. The reigns of 14 MANUS (embracing the duration of 994 MAHA-YUGAS) equal 4,294,080,000 years; and, adding to these the SANDHIS (twilights), equal to 6 MAHA-YUGAS, or 25,920,000 years, the total of these reigns and interregnums of 14 MANUS is 1,000 MAHA-YUGAS, which constitute a KALPA, or “day of BRAHMĀ,” amounting to 4,320,000,000 solar years. As BRAHMĀ’S “night” is of equal duration, one day and night of BRAHMĀ would contain 8,640,000,000 solar years; and 360 such days and nights make a year of BRAHMĀ, containing 3,110,400, 000, 000 solar years; while 100 such years of BRAHMĀ constitute the whole period of BRAHMĀ’S age, comprising 311,040,000,000,000 years of mortals. Among lesser YUGAS is an astronomical cycle of five years. (*yuga*, a yoke, a yoking [of human beings], and so, human generation, a generation of men, an age of the world. The four YUGAS have received their names from the marks on dice, the best mark being four points and the worst one: KRITA is the side of a die marked with four points; TRETA, the side having three spots; DVAPARA, two spots; and KALI, one spot.)