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³ In the human kingdom, the monad learns, without the aid of any group-soul, how to acquire by itself the qualities and abilities that are necessary for the next higher kingdom. It learns how to control its envelopes of incarnation, using them as tools to master the problems existing in the worlds of the envelopes. It learns how to control the physical envelopes at the stage of barbarism, lower emotionality and lower mentality at the stage of civilization, and higher emotionality at the stage of culture, higher mentality at the stage of humanity, and finally causal consciousness at the stage of ideality.

⁴ In this process, there is to be seen another difficulty at the stages of barbarism and civilization. The inner support that the animal received from its group-soul was substituted by the outer support given by the tribal collective in its manners, customs, taboos, and primitive conceptions. At the stage of civilization, the speculative systems of religion were the substitutes and, considerably later, those of philosophy and science. No real independence is achieved in that way.

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