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<sup>42</sup> The true state of affairs is that the monad in the causal envelope is the human self, properly speaking. When the monad in the causal envelope has acquired full subjective and objective consciousness in that envelope, it passes to the fifth natural kingdom. Till then the monad has no contact with its own “spirit”. The monad acquires in the fifth natural kingdom envelopes in worlds 46 and 45, and when it has passed to the sixth natural kingdom or the lowest divine kingdom, it acquires envelopes in worlds 44 and 43.

<sup>46</sup> Our planet has been called (and of course not without good reason) the slop-pail of the solar system, the planet of sorrow, etc., precisely because the repulsive monads have to such a great extent managed to idiotize and satanize the rest of mankind. The neutralization of this influence has called for special efforts on the part of higher natural kingdoms.

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