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⁶ Just as the organism, all higher envelopes have their special organs (made of atoms), which are the seats of the different kinds of functions of consciousness and of motion. These atomic organs in the etheric, emotional, mental, and causal envelopes are in contact with each other.

⁷ Since man tends always to identify his self (his monad, the ultimate self) with that envelope in which he happens for the time to be, he regards himself in the physical world as being a physical self, in the emotional world as an emotional self, in the mental world as a mental self, and in the causal world as a causal self – not knowing that he is a monad, an ultimate self.

⁸ It is inevitable at the stage of ignorance that subjectively, when emotionally active, he regards his feelings as his being, or, as intellectual man, regards his thoughts as his true being. He thinks he is that with which he identifies himself at the time.

⁹ The self knows only what it has itself experienced, worked up, and realized, what exists in its envelopes, what it has been able to learn in its worlds.

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