**WHAT CAUSES CYCLES?**

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 Much has been written about cycles, by way of discovering these cycles in the universe, pointing out as far as possible their relative time-periods, but no one has explained the CAUSATIVEnature of cycles. What is it in universal Nature itself that gives rise to and sets in movement the various cyclical, repetitive and/or rhythmic processes which make up the movements of the worlds around us?

 Every being and thing that exists in universal Nature, is actually an expression of a cycle or of a rhythmic pulsation in Nature, including the rock cycle and the water cycle. (see pictures) We human beings, as a practical illustration in point are not only the children of cycles greater than we are, but actually in our own beings, imbody cycles because we ourselves are cyclical or rhythmic in all our life-processes, such as the heart-beat, etc.; and what is here said of a human being as an illustration, applies with identical force to any other being or thing or entity in Boundless Infinitude, whether it be a galaxy, a solar system, a sun, a planet, a member of any of the Kingdoms that we humans cognize, or a molecule, an atom or an electron. Each and every one of them is a cyclical operation.

 There are no cyclical movements or even an existence of an entity called 'time'; because time apart from things is non-existent. Time is a component of the universal continuum. In this point of thought the modern mathematical specialists are correct, when they speak of the 'space-time continuum.'

 A cycle is an expression of the movements of bodies or of the consciousness of some being or beings. We recognize cycles by the repetitive recurrences of moving beings and things in our world, and we are deluded into thinking that these repetitions are caused by some intangible entity called time. Cycles are caused by movements of beings or things and these moving beings or things, moving as they do repetitively, produce 'cycles.' The movements are not caused by time. It is the moving entities themselves which produce in us the time-illusion. Cycles hence are things in movement; and the time part of it is our misunderstanding of operations in duration of these moving entities.

 A human being is a cycle. An atom is a cycle - i.e., a cycle in this technical sense; and a cycle has no other real sense. We see the sun rise. We say that it rises in the morning and sets in the evening, and we call it a day. The time-illusion in our consciousness produced by the moving object -- in this case, our Earth. It gives us the notion that a day is produced by an absolute entity called Time, or is an integral part of such separate entity.1

 Cycles themselves are not caused as minor integrals of time by time. Where you have no space, there is no time. Where you have no time, there is no space. Space is a substantial entity in Occultism. *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice A. Bailey on page 8, states: "Space is an Entity and the entire vault of heaven (as it has poetically been called) is the phenomenal appearance of that entity."2

 One of the illusive attributes of Space, is what we humans call time. As Space is eternally enduring, this is the cause of the time-illusion. That does not mean that time is non-existent, but there is no absolute entity apart from things called 'Time,' nor where there are no beings to perceive it.

 All the varied astronomical phenomena of the infinitesimal worlds of which physical chemistry and chemical physics is beginning to cognize; all the movements of Nature everywhere, even such things a meteorological phenomena, like storms, hurricanes, periods of drought, electro-magnetic outbursts, such as the Aurorae; the periodic comings and goings of diseases, which are so often epidemic among humans, beasts and plants -- all these and all other things are rhythmic because *repetitive*, because cyclical in Nature. A human being also is repetitive because he reincarnates. If we cannot trace their cyclical character in every case, this is because we are still ignorant of natural facts, despite the widening knowledge so carefully gleaned by the thousands of scientific students and writers.

 The pulsing of the blood in the human body, with the rhythmic heart beats, are as much cyclical and manifest cycles as fully as does the sun-spot period, or the cycle of the precession of the equinoxes.

 What brings these cycles into being? This is one of the most difficult questions to answer that could possibly be propounded, solely because the answer, to be readily understandable, would have to involve long and intricate explanations. Yet, a general answer can be given which is simple enough. The answer is, that it is in the very nature of the characteristics and/or individuality of the Cosmic Life, to be pulsatory and rhythmic in its movements. Yet to state thus baldly that Cosmic Life pulsates throughout eternity, while absolutely accurate as a statement, is incomplete. It can be completed as a comprehensive explanation only, when we add, that such pulsatory, rhythmically vibrational activity of the Cosmic Life is the imbodied expression of the movement of **Cosmic Intelligence**.

 As the Cosmic Life itself from the standpoint of structure may be looked upon as but a vast aggregate of all other smaller beings and lives living in and of the essence of this Cosmic Life and Cosmic Intelligence, and as every such being or thing is in *itself*, in its essence, a 'Droplet,'2 or spark of the Cosmic Life and of the Cosmic Intelligence, and therefore imbodying its own relative portion of all the attributes of the Cosmic Life and Cosmic Intelligence, we see how it is that we have the vibratory, rhythmic and pulsatory movements of the Cosmic Life, *plus* all the other interwoven cycles included, of these vast hosts of beings, each one in itself of cyclical character. We see why we have cycles within cycles, and again other cycles within others still greater.

 Every cycle is the life movement, the vibrational activity of the HEART-BEAT, and hence the MIND-BEAT of some Cosmic being or some entity. Thus the rotation of a galaxy is an expression of the rhythmic, vibratory life-pulses of the Galactic Hierarch, expressing itself throughout all its dimensions or planes of being and manifesting astronomically on the physical plane, as the cyclical rotations of the galactic body. Similarly with all astronomical cycles of whatever character. Each one is the expression of the combined Mind and Life of some Cosmic Entity expressing itself in pulsatory, vibratory movement. Applying the same rule to the worlds of the infinitesimals, we see at once that the rotations of the electronic bodies in the atoms or of the atoms themselves, or of a freed molecule, are of precisely the same character.3

 Cycles of whatever character and whatever magnitude, are the expressions of the intrinsic (and consequently extrinsic) pulsatory movement of the heart-beats of the life and mind, of the Web of interblending worlds. This is but another way of saying, of the hierarchical hosts which not only infill the universe, but actually ARE IT*.* ***Cycles are the inherent Rhythms of Life, the Rhythms of Lives, irrespective of scale or magnitude or hierarchical plane or dimension;***Though, it is, of course, true that each Cosmic Plane is characterized by its own particular pulsatory movements, inter-webbing with all similar movements on all the other Cosmic Planes of such universe.4

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