

# REVIEW ON PERCEPTION

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Astral plane and Astral perception







# WHAT IS THE ASTRAL PLANE?

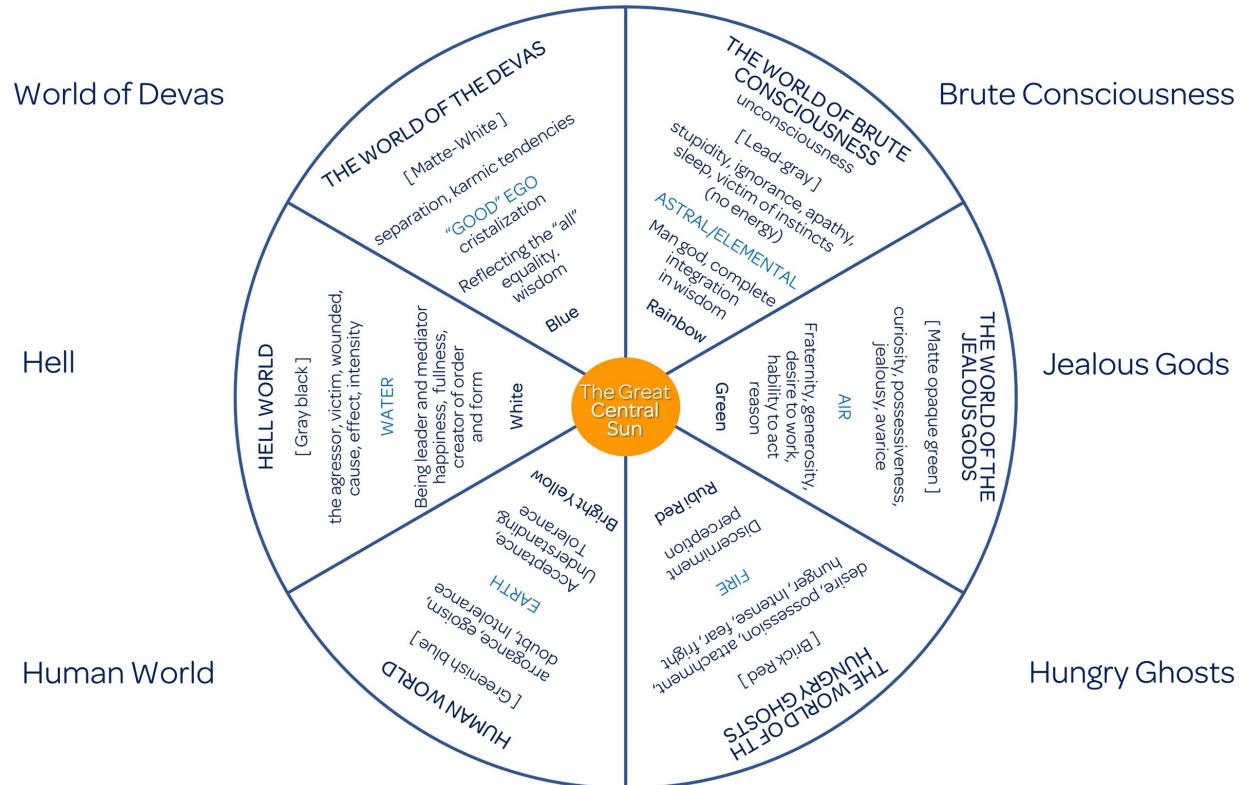
- It is the layer of **EMOTIONAL** and **LOWER MENTAL** substance that interpenetrates the 3D reality.
- The sum total of **personal thought-forms** and **personal desires** of all humanity.
- It is the realm of **human creations** and **illusions**. In other words, the realm of **GLAMOURS!**
- It forms a kind of parallel or **shadow reality**.
- But it is “real” in the sense that it **affects our 3 dimensional lives**.

# WHY STUDY THE ASTRAL PLANE?

- **It is part of our life in the third dimension.**
- **It is where the vast majority of people (embodied and disembodied) remain in terms of level of consciousness.**
- **We are responsible for it - we feed it, we qualify it!**
- **It is a direct consequence of our attachment to physical matter and sensation.**

# SIX WORLDS OF HUMAN CREATION

## The wheel of Cause and Effect



*(...) “a clear comprehension of its mysteries may often be of the greatest importance to us, by enabling us not only to understand many of the phenomena of haunted houses, etc., which would otherwise be inexplicable, but also to guard ourselves and others from possible dangers”.*

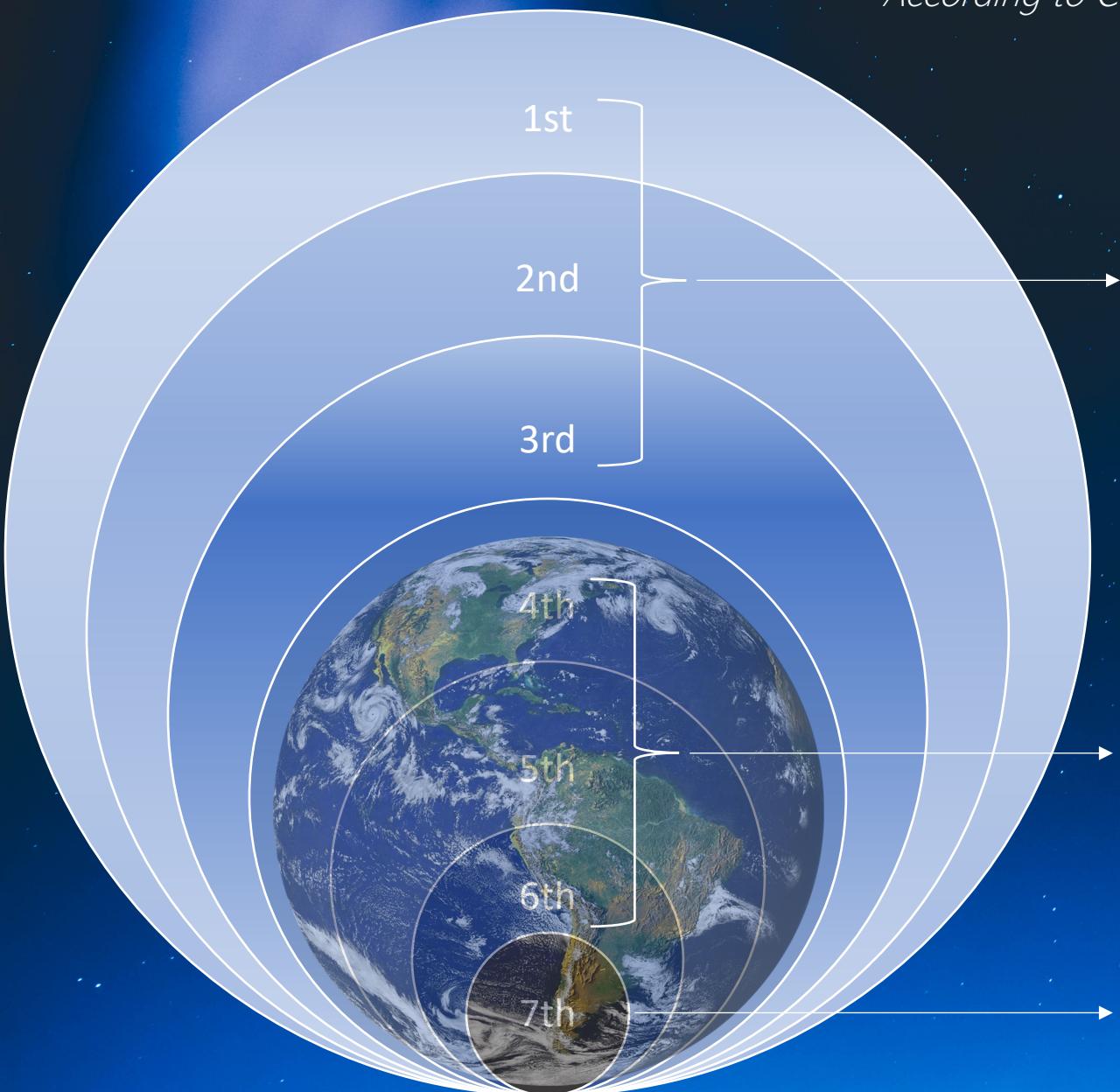
Extract from the C.W. Leadbeater's book **Astral Plane: its scenery, inhabitants & phenomena**

# BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ASTRAL PLANE

- 1. The Astral plane has seven subdivisions, each of which has its corresponding degree of materiality – from the densest to the lightest.**
  - The matter of each plane or sub-plane interpenetrates that of the plane or sub-plane below it, so that here at the surface of the Earth all exist together in the same space.
  - We don't literally move through dimensions, but rather we transfer our consciousness from one level to another.
- 2. The Astral Plane is inhabited by different beings, grouped in 3 classes:**
  - the human
  - the non-human and
  - the artificial.

# THE SEVEN LAYERS OF THE ASTRAL PLANE (Sub-planes)

According to C.W. Leadbeater



## HIGHER astral reality:

A “better version” of the physical reality. Inhabited by those who acquired a certain level of consciousness but are still linked to the physical world. Where *Summer-land* and other “spiritual cities” (schools, houses, gardens, exuberant landscapes, etc.) are located. The “heaven” for some religions.

## “MIDDLE” astral reality:

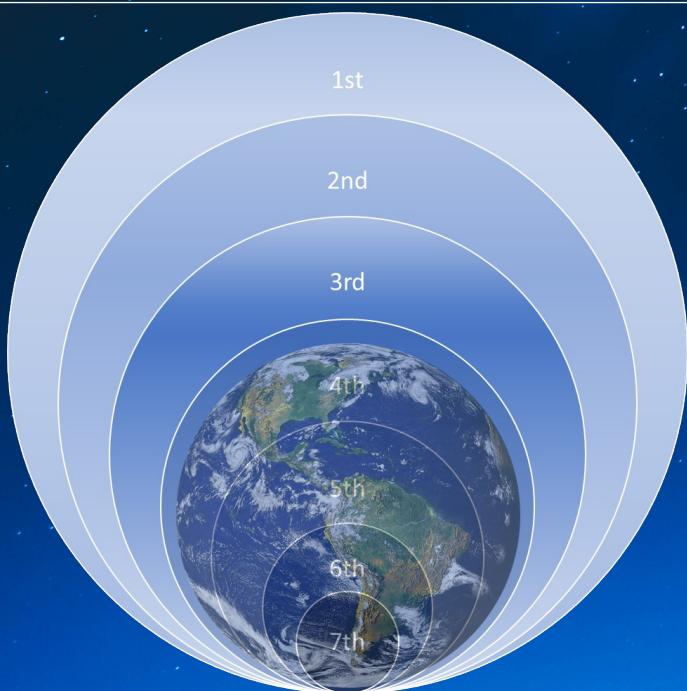
Very similar to the physical reality. Inhabited by “dead people” (regular people without a physical body) totally attached to the physical world (thoughts & desires). A transition zone to higher levels. The “purgatory” for Christians.

## LOWER astral reality:

Thick, dense, dark substance. Home of those who are immersed in the lowest emotions and thoughts. The “hell” or “abyss” for some religions.

# ASTRAL PLANE & DIMENSIONS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

PHYSICAL & ASTRAL



HIGHER DIMENSIONS

**SPIRIT PERSPECTIVE**  
Oneness, Source, Divine

**SOUL'S PERSPECTIVE**  
Holistic, Neutral, Integration

**MATTER / PERSONALITY  
PERSPECTIVE**  
Polarity, details, forms

DIMENSIONS of  
CONSCIOUSNESS

12th

11th

10th

9th

8th

7th

6th

5th

4th

3rd

2nd

1st

# INHABITANTS OF THE ASTRAL PLANE

## 1) HUMAN

1.1) Living: The Adept or his pupil, the ordinary person, the "black magician".

1.2) Dead: The Nirmanakaya, the pupil awaiting reincarnation, the ordinary person after death, the shade, the shell, the victim of sudden death or suicide, the vampire, the werewolf, the black magician after death.

## 2) NON-HUMAN

The elements' essence, the astral bodies of animals and various classes of nature-spirits commonly called fairies (sylphs, salamanders, etc.).

## 3) ARTIFICIAL

Elementals formed unconsciously, guardian angels, elementals formed consciously and human artificial.



