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BOOKS READ FROM OR REFERENCED:

- Proclus, Glenn R. Morrow (tr.), *A Commentary on the First Book of Euclid's Elements*

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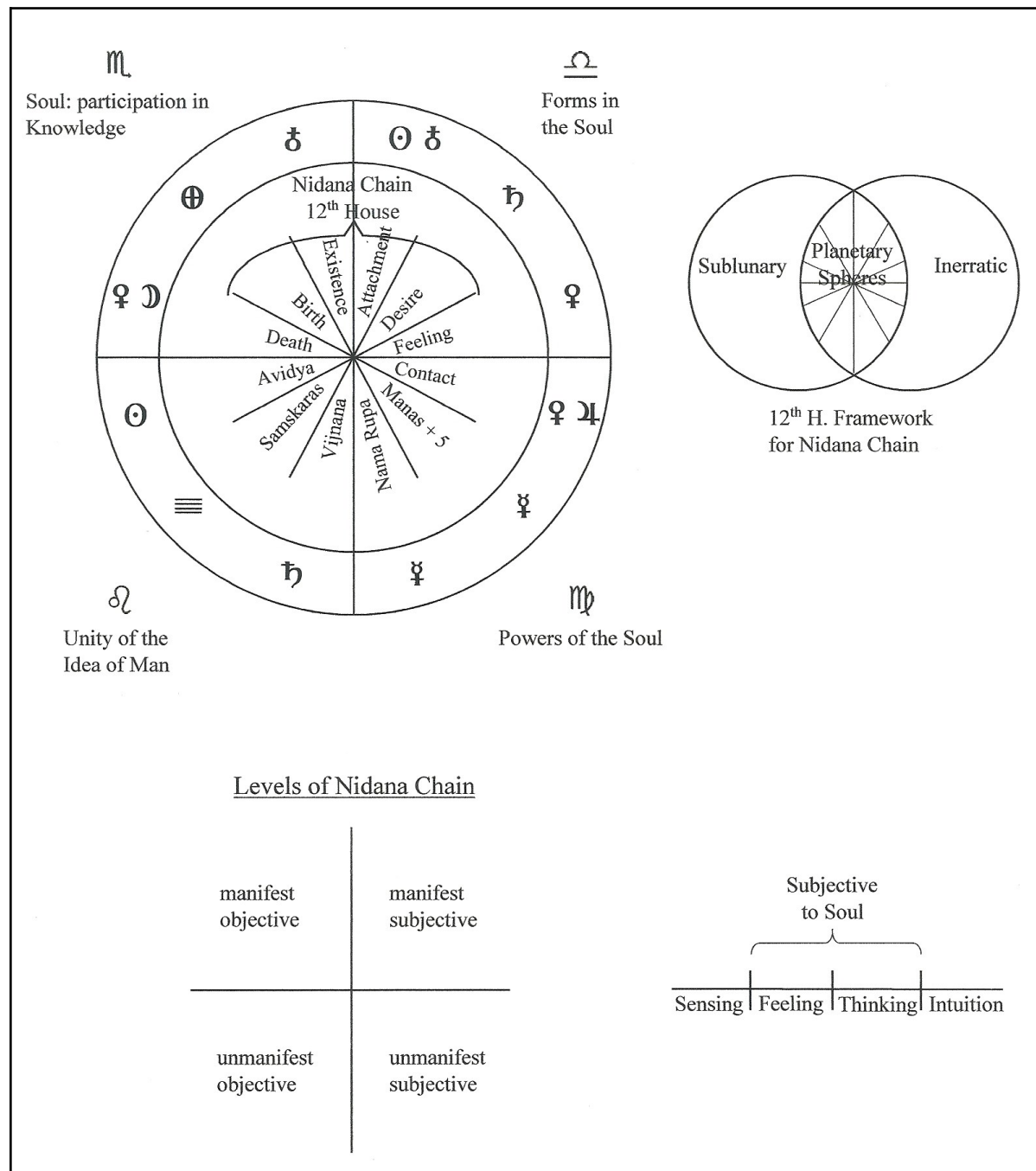
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- AB Classnotes have been appended because they contain information that the partial transcript does not have and thus help round out the class. Retyped from Classnotes AB 1981 0609 to 1981 0629.PDF. All capitalization and punctuation corrected, abbreviations spelled out in AB Classnotes.
- All abbreviations and planetary glyphs spelled out, most numbers spelled out.
- See *Astronoesis*, p. 328-29 “Mandala of Idea of Man in the Soul,” and Fig. 152 for more on the Mandala of the Idea of Man in Soul.

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[FIGURE 1981 0609-1. Idea of Man and Nidana Chain.]

[FIGURE 1981 0609-2. Twelfth House Framework for Nidana Chain.]

[FIGURE 1981 0609-3. Levels of Nidana Chain.]

[FIGURE 1981 0609-4. Divided Line: Soul Powers.]

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Relation of Nidana Chain to Cosmic Circuit:

In the framework we are considering the rings as the four intellects -- correlate with the dignities -- and these are to be kept distinct from the gnostic powers of the Soul. The planets would be manifesting the link in the chain corresponding to their house position -- and this manifestation would be in the mode of their dignity in terms of gnostic function -- and non-dignity in terms of fabrication. For example, Venus in Taurus in the Seventh House would be operating intuitively with relationships and the Soul would be interpreting this operation through the seventh house idea of the 36 Tattvas as substance of its interpretation and Venus in Libra as the specific function of the Soul's interpretation of the Seventh House. Another example would be, coming from the perspective of the Soul, the Venus Moon in Scorpio in the Twelfth House: Venus in Scorpio would be the felt quality of the Soul's participation in the Subjective Conception -- in life -- and feeling the transitory nature of the mahabhutic world -- and this is what Death means in the Nidana Chain. This is experienced through the Moon in Scorpio -- the individual matter given the Soul.

It was stated that the previous diagram of the gnostic powers of the Soul divided according to the quadrants was wrong -- they must be considered as all pervasive. We considered Jupiter in Virgo -- the powers of the Soul, as accompanying the Soul's interpretation, and possibly correlate the six powers with the dignities in:

Being Life Intellect Soul Nature Body

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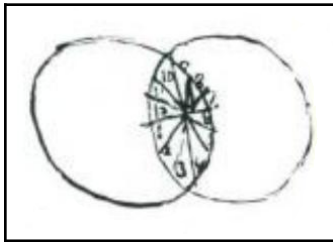
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1) Nidana chain viewed from within the twelfth house (inerratic, planetary, and sublunar). Combined dependent origination = the production of the planetary spheres. For Buddhism, it is not necessary to go beyond the cosmic circuit to explain our experience.



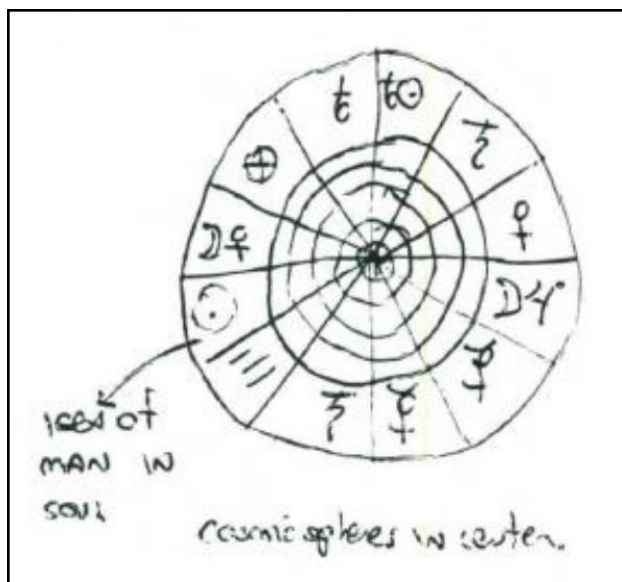
[FIGURE 1981 0609-5-AB. Twelfth House Framework for Nidana Chain. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

1-6 = unmanifest	}	1-3 unmanifest aspects of the objective
7-12 = manifest		4-6 unmanifest aspects of the subjective
4-9 = subjective		7-9 manifest aspects of the subjective
10-3 = objective		10-12 objectively manifest

[FIGURE 1981 0609-6-AB. Levels of Nidana Chain: Unmanifest/Manifest, Subjective/Objective. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Kinetic approach -- production is taking place every moment in time. All kinetic simultaneously. = The aspects and motion within the planetary spheres produce your psycho-mental life.

2) The soul is what interprets the cosmic functioning, which it pervades. In this viewpoint, we must bring in something outside the cosmic circuit.



[FIGURE 1981 0609-7-AB. Mandala of Idea of Man in Soul. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

House system provides background or context for interpreting experience. In this view the nidana chain is the relationship between the soul and cosmic circuit. Example: the soul in relation to the cosmic circuit is avidya, samskaras, etc.

This view brings in the Madhyamika and imputation by thought, etc.

In the Soul Ring are all the forms within it (see Proclus Commentary on Euclid -- ideas in soul) -- to explain universals you need the ideas in soul. [Note: See Proclus, Glenn R. Morrow (tr.), *A Commentary on the First Book of Euclid's Elements*.]

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