

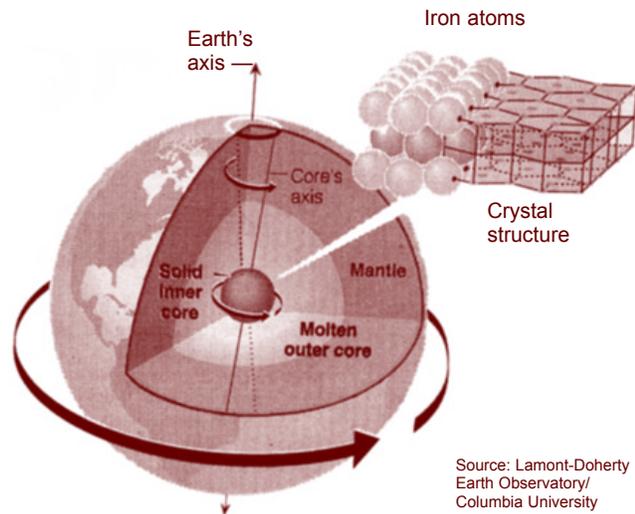
Journey to the Center of the Earth

MIDWAY through 1966 scientists reported finding strong evidence, based on seismic measurements and computer modeling, that the Earth's inner core is spinning freely and slightly faster than the rest of Earth, "making it virtually a planet within a planet."

Scientists at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, as reported simultaneously in *Nature* and the *New York Times* (7-18-96), theorize that this inner core, 1500 miles in diameter (about the size of the moon), is under such tremendous pressures that, in spite of its 7000 degree Fahrenheit temperature, it is still solid. Studying seismic waves by sensors has yielded data suggesting that a) the core acts as a single giant crystal of tightly packed iron atoms; b) its axis is tilted about 10 degrees to that of Earth; c) it laps the Earth's axial rotation approximately once every 400 years.

While in itself intriguing, the proposal that the Earth's core has independent movement must be regarded as speculative. It is true that scientific instruments can provide more information than the undeveloped physical senses. The problem arises not from the instruments of sense extension but from the interpretation of the data they make possible. As Max Heindel wrote in the early part of this waning century, "the camera will register rays that are invisible to the eye" (*Questions and Answers, Vol. 2, p. 305*), including his own soul body, which was photographed at a pier in Long Beach while his dense body was asleep.

"Even among occult scientists it is counted



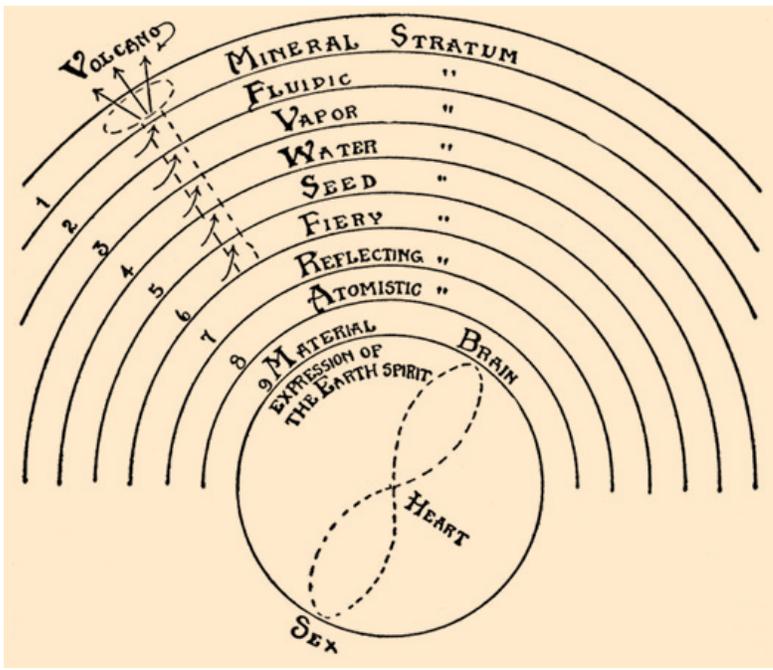
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When earthquakes occur, the fastest path through the earth for their seismic waves is determined by the structure of the crystal. By tracing the endpoint of this path on the opposite side of the Earth over the years, researchers have found a shift that reflects the core's faster rotation.

among the most difficult problems to investigate the mysterious construction of the earth because to do that fully, one must have passed through the nine lesser Mysteries and the first of the Great Initiations" (*Cosmo-Conception, page 498*).

Yet this recent scientific surmise does give pause in that it may provide a physical analogue for the mysterious nature of the truly occulted Earth core, which does have an independent existence, being the site of the Earth's indwelling Spirit. While a disembodied spirit can pass through a wall or mountain, if "an ordinary clairvoyant" attempts to pass through the earth he will experience something similar to the effect registered "when a man hurls himself against a wall" (*Q & A, Vol. 1, p. 116*).

Only by the path of initiation can the Earth's inner recesses be approached. There are nine degrees in the Lesser Mysteries and in each degree the candidate becomes able to penetrate into the corresponding layer of the Earth, while the tenth initiation belongs to the first of the four Greater Mysteries and teaches all that can be known by



Constitution of the Earth

The diagram to the left showing the Earth's strata omits the central core (tenth level) to indicate more clearly the lemniscate formation of the currents in the ninth stratum. The equal thickness of strata is for the purpose of representation only and does not accord with the reality of variable thicknesses. Volcanic eruptions originate in the seventh stratum.

man in the Earth Period.

Material scientists will continue to be hoodwinked by the nature of the planet until they realize that it is "permeated by spirit, which is the leaven that causes [all its] changes" (*Cosmo*, p. 499).

To know the different strata of the Earth without also having a knowledge of their use and meaning in the life and purpose of the Cosmos is as useless as knowing names

and positions of body parts without understanding how they relate to the functional economy of the whole human organism.

The Earth's ninefold constitution is correlated to the occult anatomy of ninefold man (threefold body, threefold soul, and threefold spirit). When he gains occult access to the Earth's center, man shall have become an Adept and will take possession of the key to admit him to the work and consciousness of the Jupiter Period.

In general, "there is still much for modern, material scientists to learn and unlearn....and it is only a matter of time when they will have been compelled to accept" the "illusionary ideas" of the occult scientist (*Cosmo*, p. 511).

In reference to the specific news item under consideration, until he has opened the door himself in the proper manner, until the gate of initiation has opened his latent faculties, neither man nor any spirit, "whether in the body or discarnate, can see what is inside the earth" (*Q & A, Vol. 2* p. 116). □

Table Showing Correlation Between Earth Strata and Their Corresponding Occult Levels

<u>EARTH STRATUM</u>	<u>OCCULT LEVEL</u>
1. MINERAL STRATUM.....	CHEMICAL REGION
2. FLUID STRATUM.....	ETHERIC REGION
The matter from this stratum "has the quality of expansion, like that of an exceedingly explosive gas," and is released by the propulsive energy of volcanic eruptions.	
3. VAPOR STRATUM.....	DESIRE WORLD
The matter in this stratum pulsates with life.	
4. WATER STRATUM.....	REGION OF CONCRETE THOUGHT
Contains archetypal forces of minerals and those in back of the group spirits.	
5. SEED STRATUM.....	REGION OF ABSTRACT THOUGHT
Primordial fount of life which provides the impetus for all form-building.	
6. FIERY STRATUM.....	WORLD OF LIFE SPIRIT
Stratum of sensation. Feeling of the Earth is particularly active here.	
7. REFRACTING STRATUM.....	WORLD OF DIVINE SPIRIT
Here all nature forces exist as <i>immoral</i> forces. They exactly reflect the existing moral status of mankind and serve as general agents of retributive justice through floods, earthquakes, and volcanos. Also the "reservoir in which, as forces, past forms [human dense bodies] are stored."	
8. ATOMIC STRATUM.....	WORLD OF VIRGIN SPIRITS
Upon anything shaped on earth (flower, picture, human brain), this stratum has the effect of multiplication to an astonishing degree.	
9. MATERIAL EXPRESSION OF THE EARTH SPIRIT.....	WORLD OF GOD
This stratum's lemniscate currents are intimately connected with the brain, heart, and sex organs of the human race.	
10. CENTER OF BEING OF THE EARTH SPIRIT.....	ABSOLUTE
Ultimate seed ground of all that is in and on Earth.	