



The human Race has been compared to a tree, and this serves admirably as an illustration.

The main stem of a tree may be compared to the Root-Race.

Its larger limbs to the various Sub-Races; 7 in number. On each of these limbs are seven Branches, or Family-Races.

After this the cactus-plant is a better illustration, for its fleshy "leaves" are covered with sharp spines [1,449 in this drawing], each of which may be compared to a nation or tribe of human beings. (Cf. SD II, 434-35)

The term Root-Race applies to one of the seven great Races [e.g., Lemurian, Atlantean, Aryan, etc.], sub-Race to one of its great Branches, and Family-Race to one of the sub-divisions, which include nations and large tribes. (SD II, 198 fn)

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## HUMANITY'S FIFTH ROOT-RACE

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Illustration of the Human Race and its branches on Planet Earth, Tree of Life and Knowledge Eternal. The duration of each Root-Race is shown in Diagram 3.

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