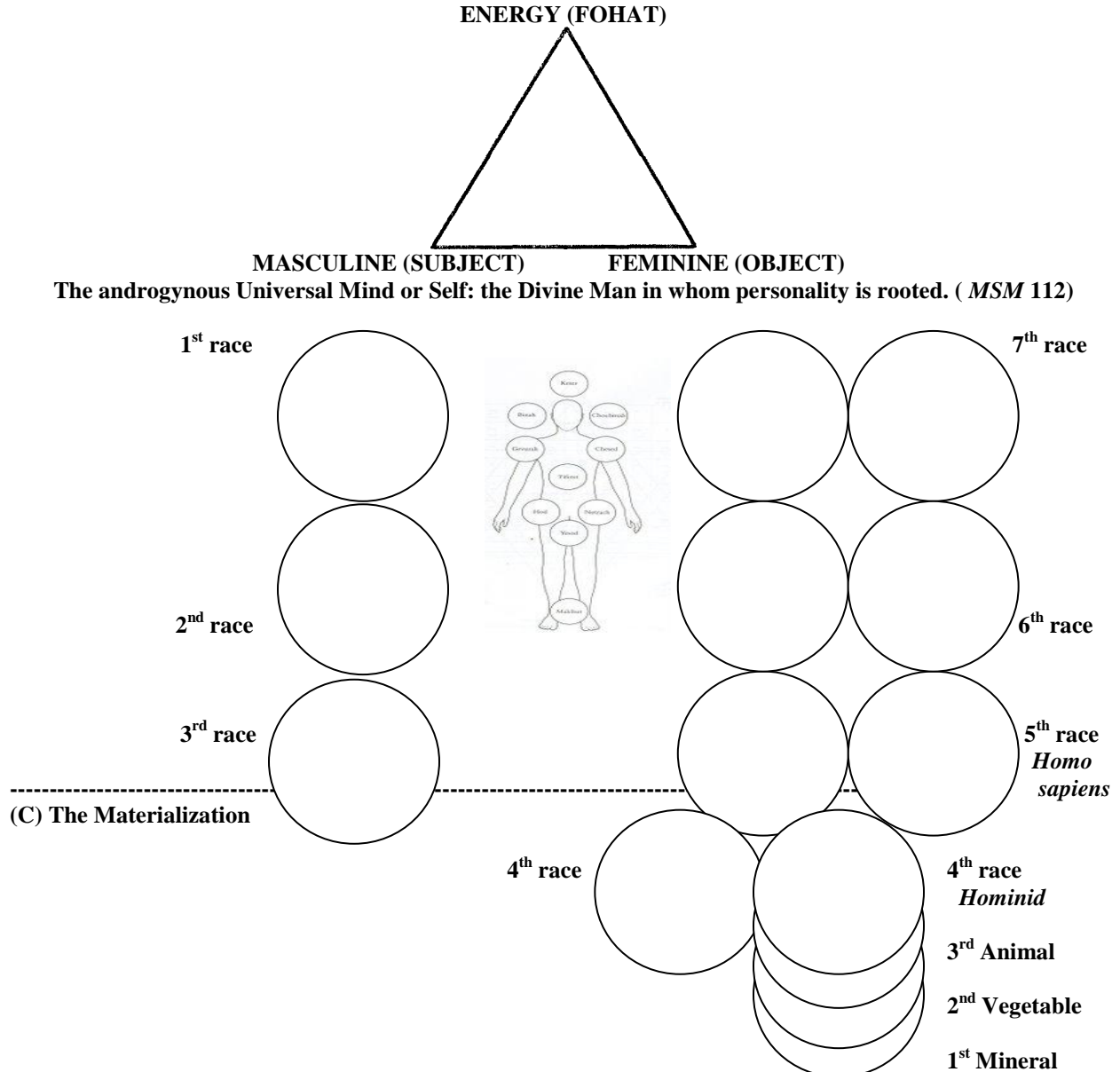


**Diagram of (A) the Unmanifest Transcendent – (B) the Watery mid-region – (C) the Materialization
And the Two Sets of Numbered Races**

(A) The Unmanifest Transcendent, the Divine Unity from which all proceeds and whither all returns. (SD I,1)

(B) The Watery mid-region between the sensible universe and the unmanifest transcendent. The mid-region of magical effects, ghosts, astral bodies and other occult phenomena. Those who reject this strange, magical area of experience are rejecting the key to life along with it, for without the amniotic waters of the Matrix, there could be no womb of becoming and no human birth. ... It is extremely difficult to give an adequate description of this deceptive middle-region of the universe. It has neither the relatively stable definition of the sensible universe, nor the intellectual clarity of the unmanifest Transcendent. (From *Man, Son of Man* 85-6)



What appears as confusion in the list of races given in the stanzas is due to the combination of the ascending series of forms from mineral to man with the descending hierarchy of subtle powers whose ingressions gives rise to new and higher forms of existence. The Fourth race represents the stage where the descending order of human characteristics meets the physical order of animal evolution. (*Man, Son of Man* 142-3)