

earth is one of seven globes on which we make seven rounds to evolve through seven kingdoms. Anthropogenesis traces human history through seven races, each with seven subraces. Each of the seven planes of matter has seven subplanes.

Even numerically seven is noteworthy. The lunar month consists of about 28 days, and 28 is the sum of the numbers 1 through 7. If you divide out a fraction with the denominator 7, something odd appears. The result is a repeating decimal (that is, it has no end, but the same numbers keep coming up in the same order). Thus $1/7$ is 0.142857142857142857 ..., the repeating sequence is 142857; no matter how long you go on dividing, you'll just get those same six numbers coming up. That is not odd, but here is what is: The decimal equivalent of $2/7$ is also a repeating sequence: 285714. And so on with other fractions of 7: $3/7 = 428571$; $4/7 = 571428$; $5/7 = 714285$; $6/7 = 857142$. Do you spot what's odd? All of those repeating sequences consist of the same six numbers in the same order, only beginning at a different place in the sequence. Seven is an odd number. In several senses.

NOTE: Several of these facts about seven are from *Zero to Lazy Eight: The Romance Numbers*, by Alexander Humez, Nicholas Humez, and Joseph Maguire (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993), a book full of number lore and other ibonis (interesting bits of needless information).