



The Rays

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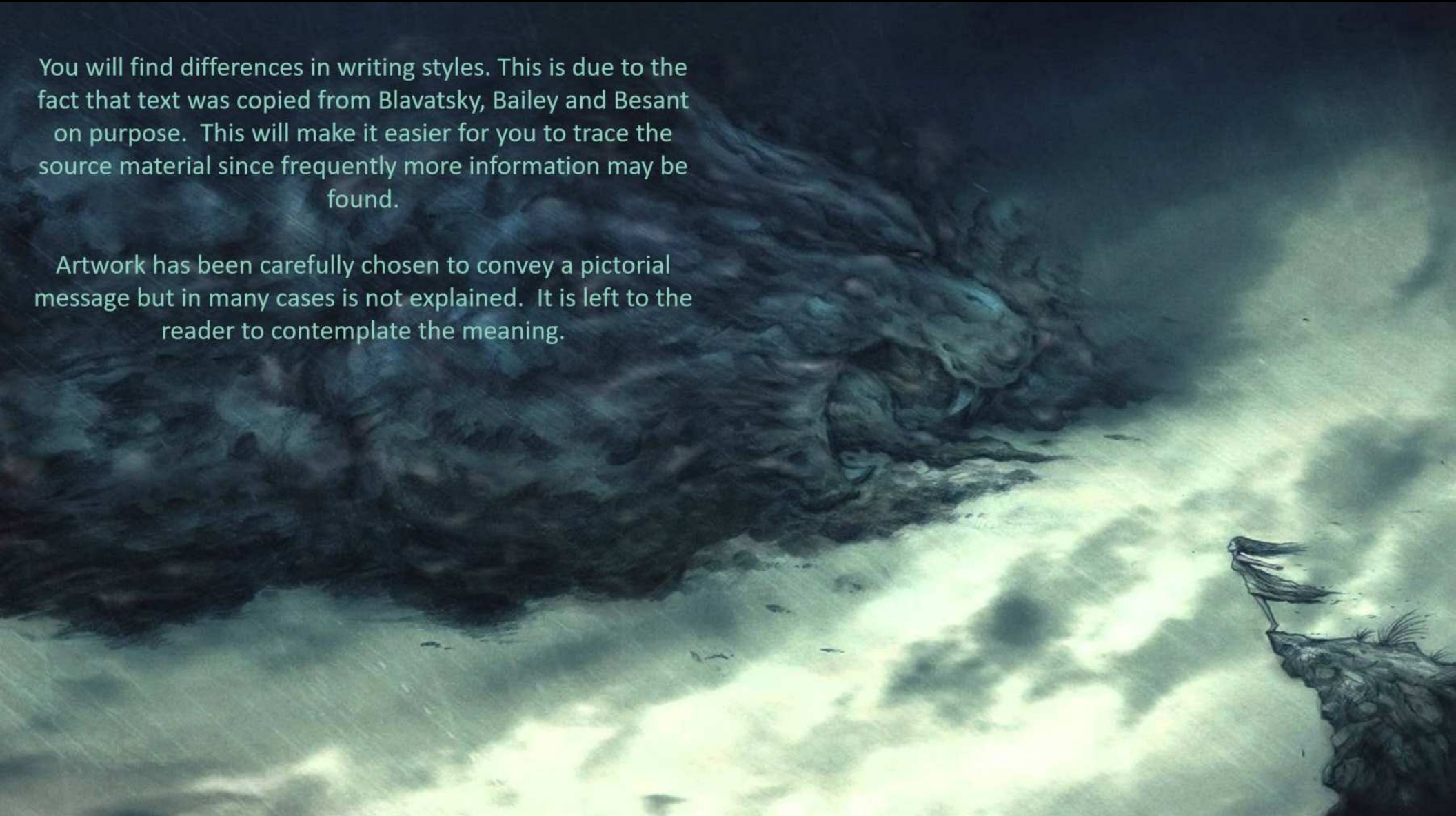
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Introduction



You will find differences in writing styles. This is due to the fact that text was copied from Blavatsky, Bailey and Besant on purpose. This will make it easier for you to trace the source material since frequently more information may be found.

Artwork has been carefully chosen to convey a pictorial message but in many cases is not explained. It is left to the reader to contemplate the meaning.



The readers of the presentation have many different backgrounds and education level. Therefore, in the following, pictures will be used for the young, the young-at-heart and the non-scientist. Parents and educators can explain this complex topic to children with pictures.

The importance of the artist has long been underestimated by science and this needs to change. The artist brings insight into very complicated topics so that all may understand the concepts. Some of the artists below have insights which they do not understand with words. It is the left versus right brain conundrum.

For the scientist, technical detail is given in words.



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Introduction



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It may perhaps be easier to understand the relation of the seven rays to Deity if we remember that man himself (being made in the image of God) is a seven-fold being, capable of seven states of consciousness, expressive of the seven principles or basic qualities which enable him to be aware of the seven planes upon which he is, consciously or unconsciously, functioning. He is a septenate at all times, but his

objective is to be consciously aware of all the states of being, to express consciously all the qualities, and to function freely on all the planes.

The seven ray Beings, unlike man, are fully conscious and entirely aware of the purpose and the Plan. They are "ever in deep meditation," and have reached the point where, through Their advanced stage of development, They are "impelled toward fulfillment." They are fully self-conscious and group-conscious; They are the sum total of the universal mind; They are "awake and active." Their goal and Their purpose is such that it is idle for us to speculate about it, for the highest point of achievement for man is the lowest point for Them. These seven Rays, Breaths and Heavenly Men have the task of wrestling with matter in order to subjugate it to divine purpose, and the goal—as far as one can sense it—is to subject the material forms to the play of the life aspect, thus producing those qualities which will carry the will of God to completion. They are therefore the sum total of all the souls within the solar system, and Their activity produces all forms; according to the *nature* of the form so will be the grade of consciousness. Through the seven rays, the life or spirit aspect flows, cycling through every kingdom in nature and producing thus all states of consciousness in all fields of awareness.

For the purpose of this treatise students will have to accept the hypothesis that every human being is swept into manifestation on the impulse of some ray, and is coloured by that particular ray quality, which determines the form aspect, indicates the way he should go, and enables him (by the time the third initiation is reached) to have sensed

and then to have cooperated with his ray purpose. After the third initiation he begins to sense the synthetic purpose towards which all the seven rays are working; but as this treatise is written for aspirants and disciples, and not for initiates of the third degree, it is needless to speculate upon this ultimate destiny.

The human soul is a synthesis of material energy, qualified by intelligent consciousness, plus the spiritual energy which is, in its turn, qualified by one of the seven ray types.

Thus the human being emerges, a son of God incarnate in form, with one hand (as the *Old Commentary* says) holding firmly to the rock of matter and with the other hand plunged into a sea of love. An ancient scripture puts it thus:

"When the right hand of the man of matter grasps the flower of life and plucks it for himself, the left hand remains in emptiness.

"When the right hand of the man of matter grasps the golden lotus of the soul, the left descends seeking the flower of life, though he seeks it not for selfish ends.

"When the right hand holds the golden lotus firm and the left hand grasps the flower of life, man finds himself to be the seven-leaved plant which flowers on earth and flowers before the Throne of God." See pages [23](#) and [24](#).

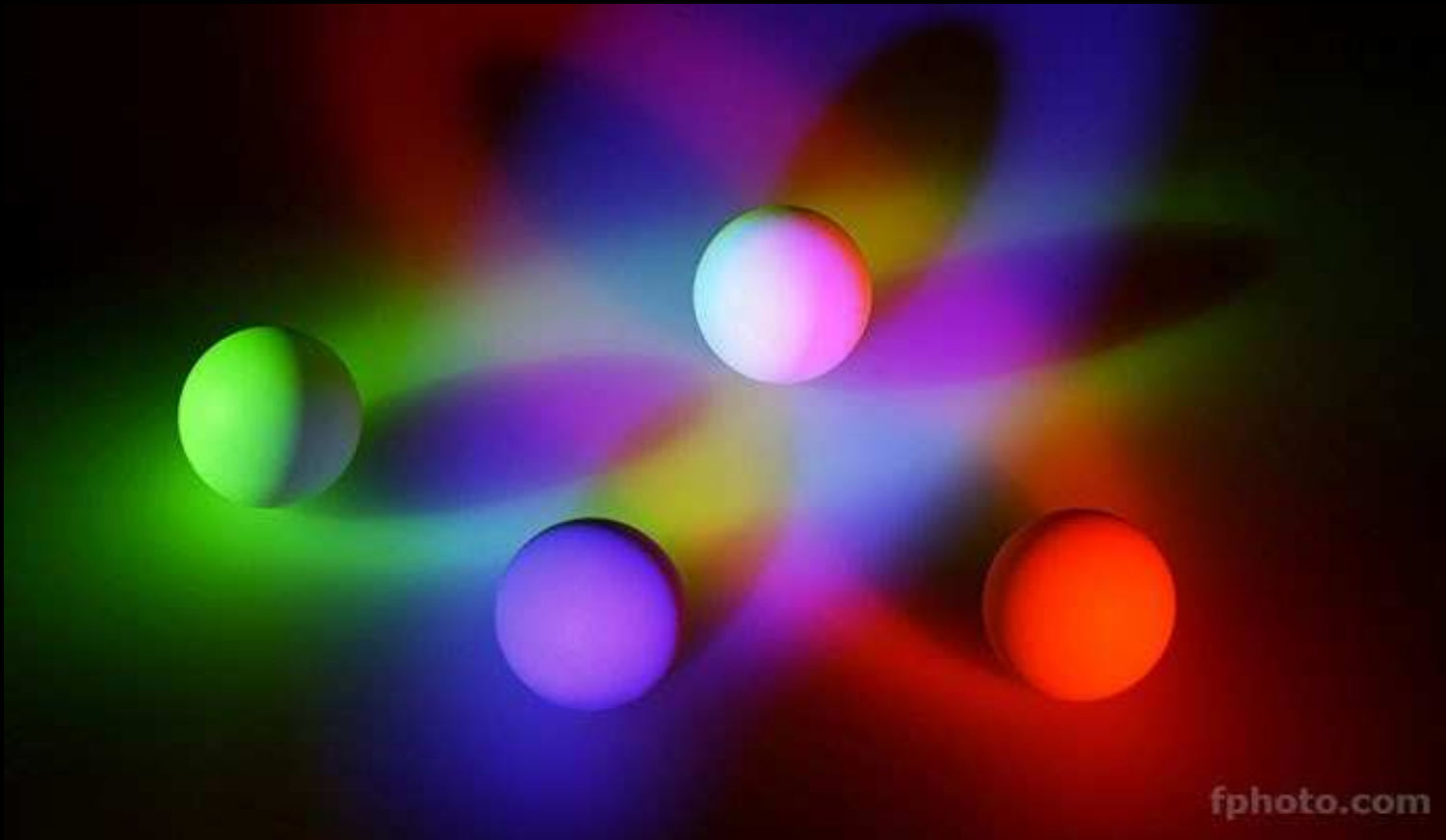
The purpose of Deity, as it is known to the Creator, is totally unknown to all save the higher initiates. But the purpose of each ray Life may be sensed and defined, subject of course to the limitations of the human mind and to the inadequacy of words. The planned activity of every ray qualifies every form found within its body of manifestation.

We come now to a technical statement which must be accepted for the sake of argument, being incapable of proof. All the Lords of the rays create a body of expression, and thus the seven planets have come into being. These are their major expressions.

- The Sun (veiling Vulcan)
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Mercury
- Venus
- Mars
- The Moon

The energies of these seven Lives however are not confined to their planetary expressions, but sweep around the confines of the solar system just as the life impulses of a human being—his vital forces, his desire impulses, and his mental energies—sweep throughout his body, bringing the various organs into activity and enabling him to carry out his intent, to live his life, and to fulfill the objective for which he created his body of manifestation.

Each of the seven kingdoms in nature reacts to the energy of some particular ray Life. Each of the seven planes similarly reacts; each septenate in nature vibrates to one or another of the initial septenates, for the seven rays establish that process which assigns the limits of influence of all forms. They are that which determines all things, and when I use these words I indicate the necessity of Law. Law is the will of the seven Deities, making its impression upon substance in order to produce a specific intent through the method of the evolutionary process.

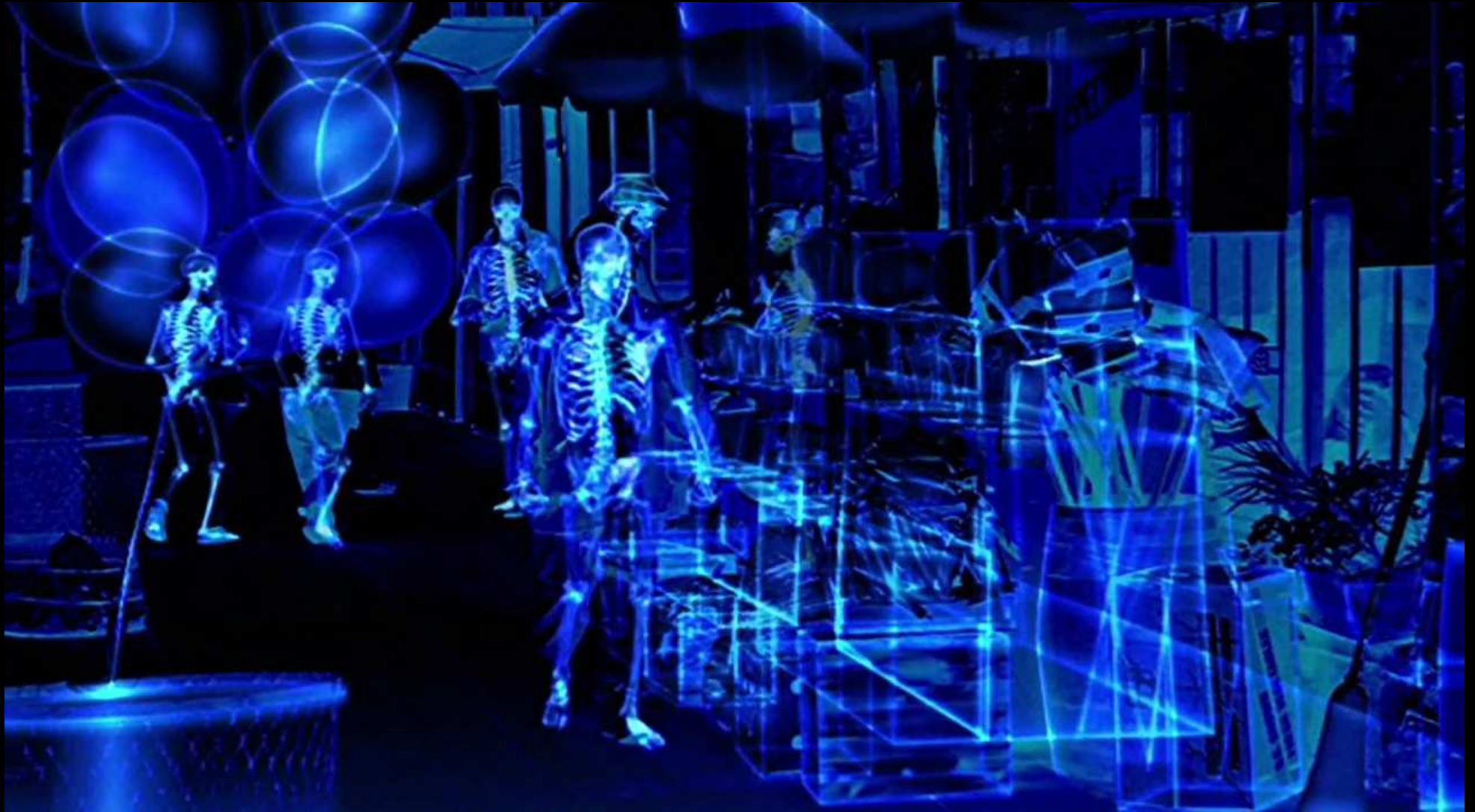


It is important to note that we only see in a combination of three colours - red, yellow and blue - when in actuality there are 7 colours. We can not perceive them! This is important because the colours and tones described are based on a 7 colour scale. Science must make the adjustment for although the colour cannot be seen its signature can be detected. Also, the colours described are in 4 dimensions with the tones in the 5th dimension. What we hear is only an approximation of the real.

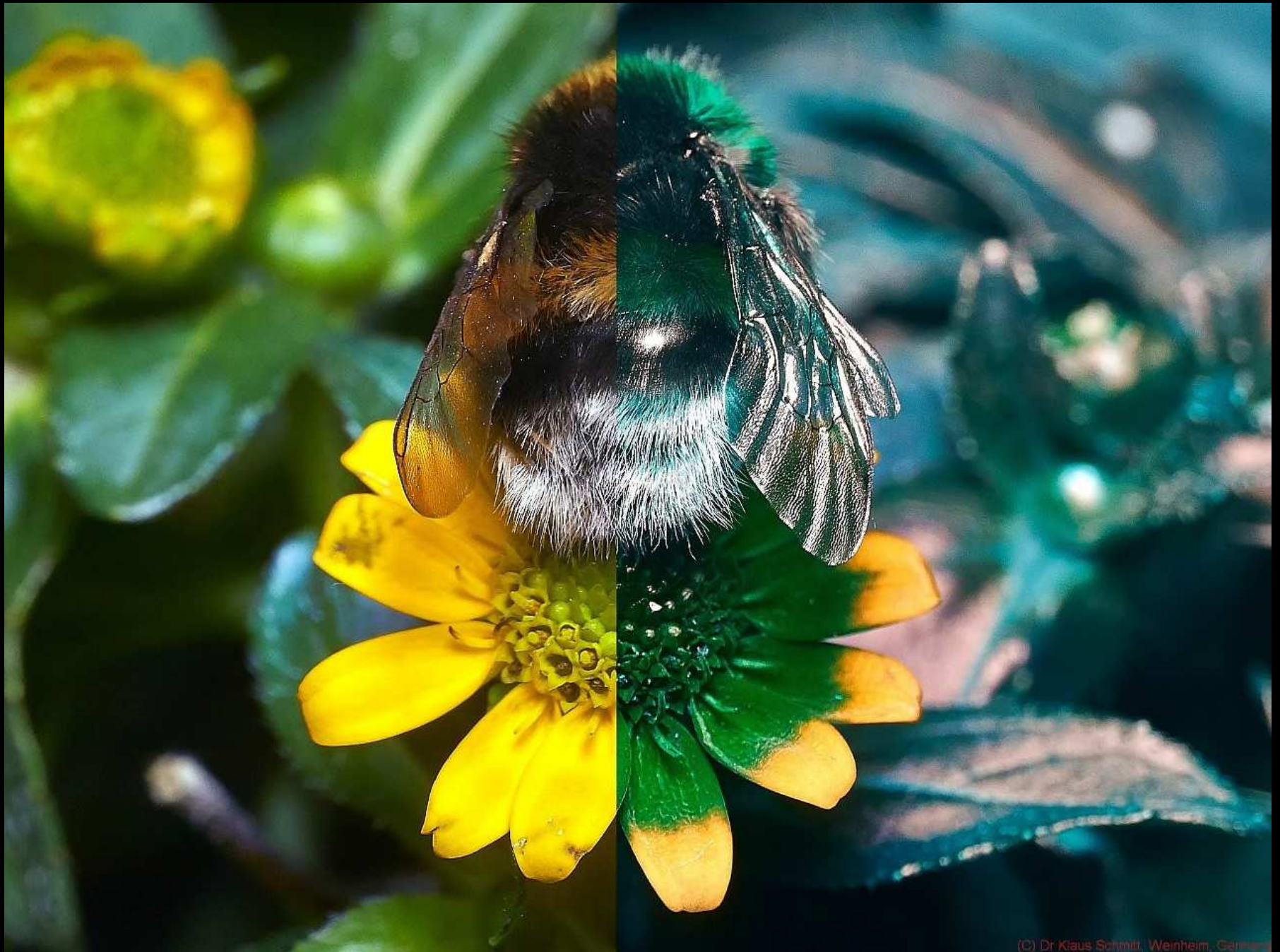












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Man is a
Walking Tree





"Matter is the Vehicle for the manifestation of Soul on this plane of existence, and Soul is the Vehicle on a higher plane for the manifestation of Spirit, and these three are a Trinity synthesized by Life, which pervades them all."

"The Secret Doctrine" Vol. I.
Page 80. Third Edition

A painting of a figure in a desert under a starry night sky. The figure, wearing a white robe and a halo, stands on a sandy dune, looking up at a vast, dark sky filled with stars and constellations. The scene is illuminated by a soft, ethereal light, possibly from the moon or stars, creating a contemplative and spiritual atmosphere.

THREE SOULS, ONE MAN

Three souls which make up one soul: first, to wit,
A soul of each and all the bodily parts,
Seated therein, which works, and is what Does,
And has the use of earth, and ends the man
Downward: but, tending upward for advice,
Grows into, and again is grown into
By the next soul; which, seated in the brain,
Useth the first with its collected use,
And feeleth, thinketh, willeth, - is what Knows:
Which, duly tending upward in its turn,
Grows into, and again is grown into
By the last soul, that uses both the first,
Subsisting whether they assist or no,
And, constituting man's self, is what Is, -
And leans upon the former, makes it play,
As that played off the first: and, tending up,
Holds, is upheld by, God, and ends the man
Upward in that dread point of intercourse,
Nor needs a place, for it returns to Him.
What Does, what Knows, what Is; three souls, one man.

From "*Death in the Desert*"
by Robert Browning.

The Rays That Must be Considered in Connection with Humanity

1. The ray of the solar system itself.
2. The ray of the planetary Logos of our planet.
3. The ray of the human kingdom itself.
4. Our particular racial ray, the ray that determines the Aryan race.
5. The rays that govern any particular cycle.
6. The national ray, or that ray influence which is peculiarly influencing a particular nation.
7. The ray of the soul, or ego.
8. The ray of the personality.
9. The rays governing:
 - a. The mental body.
 - b. The emotional or astral body.
 - c. The physical body.



Which Ray Types
are You?

The following summary of what we have been told is necessarily imperfect and admits of endless amplification. It is important to note that **everybody** is a combination of the rays as shown above; a little bit of this and a little bit of that so to say.

First Ray of Will or Power

First Ray

“Let the Forces come together. Let them mount to the High Place, and from that lofty eminence let the Soul look upon a world destroyed. Then let the word go forth: ‘I will persist’.”

Special Virtues:

Strength, courage, steadfastness, truthfulness arising from absolute fearlessness, power of ruling, capacity to grasp great questions in a large-minded way, and of handling men and measures.

Vices of Ray:

Pride, ambition, wilfulness, hardness, arrogance, desire to control others, obstinacy, anger.

Virtues to be acquired:

Tenderness, humility, sympathy, tolerance, patience.

This has been spoken of as the ray of power, and is correctly so called, but if it were power alone, without wisdom and love, a destructive and disintegrating force would result. When however the three characteristics are united, it becomes a creative and governing ray. Those on this ray have strong will power, for either good or evil, for the former when the will is directed by wisdom and made selfless by love. The first ray man will always "come to the front" in his own line. He may be the burglar or the judge who condemns him, but in either case he will be at the head of his profession. He is the born leader in any and every public career, one to trust and lean on, one to defend the weak and put down oppression, fearless of consequences and utterly indifferent to comment. On the other hand, an unmodified first ray can produce a man of unrelenting cruelty and hardness of nature.

The first ray man often has strong feeling and affection, but he does not readily express it; he will love strong contrasts and masses of colour, but will rarely be an artist; he will delight in great orchestral effects and crashing choruses, and if modified by the fourth, sixth or seventh rays, may be a great composer, but not otherwise; and there is a type of this ray which is tone-deaf, and another which is colour-blind to the more delicate colours. Such a man will distinguish red and yellow, but will hopelessly confuse blue, green and violet.

The literary work of a first ray man will be strong and trenchant, but he will care little for style or finish in his writings. Perhaps examples of this type would be Luther, Carlyle, and Walt Whitman. It is said that in attempting the cure of disease the best method for the first ray man would be to draw health and strength from the great fount of universal life by his will power, and then pour it through the patient. This, of course, presupposes knowledge on his part of occult methods.

The characteristic method of approaching the great Quest on this ray would be by sheer force of will. Such a man would, as it were, take the kingdom of heaven "by violence." We have seen that the born leader belongs to this ray, wholly or in part. It makes the able commander-in-chief, such as Napoleon or Kitchener. Napoleon was first and fourth rays, and Kitchener was first and seventh, the seventh ray giving him his remarkable power of organisation.

Second Ray of Love-Wisdom

Second Ray

“Let all the life be drawn to the Centre, and enter thus into the Heart of Love Divine. Then from that point of sentient Life, let the Soul realise the consciousness of God. Let the word go forth, reverberating through the silence: ‘Naught is but *Me!*’”

Special Virtues:

Calm, strength, patience and endurance, love of truth, faithfulness, intuition, clear intelligence, and serene temper.

Vices of Ray:

Over-absorption in study, coldness, indifference to others, contempt of mental limitations in others.

Virtues to be acquired:

Love, compassion, unselfishness, energy.

This is called the ray of wisdom from its characteristic desire for pure knowledge and for absolute truth—cold and selfish, if without love, and inactive without power. When both power and love are present, then you have the ray of the Buddhas and of all great teachers of humanity,—those who, having attained wisdom for the sake of others, spend themselves in giving it forth. The student on this ray is ever unsatisfied with his highest attainments; no matter how great his knowledge, his mind is still fixed on the unknown, the beyond, and on the heights as yet unscaled.

The second ray man will have tact and foresight; he will make an excellent ambassador, and a first-rate teacher or head of a college; as a man of affairs, he will have clear intelligence and wisdom in dealing with matters which come before him, and he will have the capacity of impressing true views of things on others and of making them see things as he does. He will make a good business man, if modified by the fourth, fifth and seventh rays. The soldier on this ray would plan wisely and foresee possibilities; he would have an intuition as to the best course to pursue, and he would never lead his men into danger through rashness. He might be deficient in rapidity of action and energy. The artist on this ray would always seek to teach through his art, and his pictures would have a meaning. His literary work would always be instructive.

The method of healing, for the second ray man, would be to learn thoroughly the temperament of the patient as well as to be thoroughly conversant with the nature of the disease, so as to use his will power on the case to the best advantage.

The characteristic method of approaching the Path would be by close and earnest study of the teachings till they become so much a part of the man's consciousness as no longer to be merely intellectual knowledge, but a spiritual rule of living, thus bringing in intuition and true wisdom.

A bad type of the second ray would be bent on acquiring knowledge for himself alone, absolutely indifferent to the human needs of others. The foresight of such a man would degenerate into suspicion, his calmness into coldness and hardness of nature.

Third Ray of Higher Mind

Third Ray

“Let the Army of the Lord, responsive to the word, cease their activities. Let knowledge end in wisdom. Let the point vibrating become the point quiescent, and all lines gather into One. Let the Soul realise the One in Many, and let the word go forth in perfect understanding: ‘I am the Worker and the Work, The One that *Is!*’”

Special Virtues:

Wide views on all abstract questions, sincerity of purpose, clear intellect, capacity for concentration on philosophic studies, patience, caution, absence of the tendency to worry himself or others over trifles.

Vices of Ray:

Intellectual pride, coldness, isolation, inaccuracy in details, absent-mindedness, obstinacy, selfishness, overmuch criticism of others.

Virtues to be acquired:

Sympathy, tolerance, devotion, accuracy, energy and common-sense.

This is the ray of the abstract thinker, of the philosopher and the metaphysician, of the man who delights in the higher mathematics but who, unless modified by some practical ray, would hardly be troubled to keep his accounts accurately. His imaginative faculty will be highly developed, i.e., he can by the power of his imagination grasp the essence of a truth; his idealism will often be strong; he is a dreamer and a theorist, and from his wide views and great caution he sees every side of a question equally clearly. This sometimes paralyses his action. He will make a good business man; as a soldier he will work out a problem in tactics at his desk, but is seldom great in the field. As an artist his technique is not fine, but his subjects will be full of thought and interest. He will love music, but unless influenced by the fourth ray he will not produce it. In all walks of life he is full of ideas, but is too impractical to carry them out.

One type of this ray is unconventional to a degree, slovenly, unpunctual and idle, and regardless of appearances. If influenced by the fifth ray as the secondary ray this character is, entirely changed. The third and the fifth rays make the perfectly balanced historian who grasps his subject in a large way and verifies every detail with patient accuracy. Again the third and the fifth rays together make the truly great mathematician who soars into heights of abstract thought and calculation, and who can also bring his results down to practical scientific use. The literary style of the third ray man is too often vague and involved, but if influenced by the first, fourth, fifth or seventh rays, this is changed, and under the fifth he will be a master of the pen.

The curing of disease by the third ray man would be by the use of drugs made of herbs or minerals belonging to the same ray as the patient whom he desires to relieve.

The method of approaching the great Quest, for this ray type, is by deep thinking on philosophic or metaphysical lines till he is led to the realisation of the great Beyond and of the paramount importance of treading the Path that leads thither.

Fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict

Fourth Ray

“Let the outer glory pass away and the beauty of the inner Light reveal the One. Let dissonance give place to harmony, and from the centre of the hidden Light let the soul speak, let the word roll forth: ‘Beauty and glory veil Me not. I stand revealed. *I Am!*’”

Special Virtues:

Strong affections, sympathy, physical courage, generosity, devotion, quickness of intellect and perception.

Vices of Ray:

Self-centredness, worrying, inaccuracy, lack of moral courage, strong passions, indolence, extravagance.

Virtues to be acquired:

Serenity, confidence, self-control, purity, unselfishness, accuracy, mental and moral balance.

This has been called the "ray of struggle" for on this ray the qualities of rajas (activity) and tamas (inertia) are so strangely equal in proportion that the nature of the fourth ray man is torn with their combat, and the outcome, when satisfactory, is spoken of as the "Birth of Horus," of the Christ, born from the throes of constant pain and suffering.

Tamas induces love of ease and pleasure, a hatred of causing pain amounting to moral cowardice, indolence, procrastination, a desire to let things be, to rest, and to take no thought of the morrow. Rajas is fiery, impatient, ever urging to action. These contrasting forces in the nature make life one perpetual warfare and unrest for the fourth ray man; the friction and the experience gained thereby may produce very rapid evolution, but the man may as easily become a ne'er-do-well as a hero.

It is the ray of the dashing cavalry leader, reckless of risks to himself or his followers. It is the ray of the man who will lead a forlorn hope, for in moments of excitement the fourth ray man is entirely dominated by rajas; of the wild speculator and gambler, full of enthusiasm and plans, easily overwhelmed by sorrow or failure, but as quickly recovering from all reverses and misfortunes.

It is preeminently the ray of colour, of the artist whose colour is always great, though his drawing will often be defective. (Watts was fourth and second rays.) The fourth ray man always loves colour, and can generally produce it. If untrained as an artist, a colour sense is sure to appear in other ways, in choice of dress or decorations.

In music, fourth ray compositions are always full of melody, and the fourth ray man loves a tune. As a writer or poet, his work will often be brilliant and full of picturesque word-painting, but inaccurate, full of exaggerations, and often pessimistic. He will generally talk well and have a sense of humour, but he varies between brilliant conversations and gloomy silences, according to his mood. He is a delightful and difficult person to live with.

In healing, the best fourth ray method is massage and magnetism, used with knowledge.

Fifth Ray of Lower Mind

Fifth Ray

“Let the three forms of energy electric pass upward to the Place of Power. Let the forces of the head and heart and all the nether aspects blend. Then let the Soul look out upon the inner world of light divine. Let the word triumphant go forth: ‘I mastered energy for I am energy itself. The Master and the mastered are but One.’”

Special Virtues:

Strictly accurate statements, justice (without mercy), perseverance, common-sense, uprightness, independence, keen intellect.

Vices of Ray:

Harsh criticism, narrowness, arrogance, unforgiving temper, lack of sympathy and reverence, prejudice.

Virtues to be acquired:

Reverence, devotion, sympathy, love, wide-mindedness.

This is the ray of science and of research. The man on this ray will possess keen intellect, great accuracy in detail, and will make unwearied efforts to trace the smallest fact to its source, and to verify every theory. He will generally be extremely truthful, full of lucid explanation of facts, though sometimes pedantic and wearisome from his insistence on trivial and unnecessary verbal minutiae. He will be orderly, punctual, business-like, disliking to receive favours or flattery.

It is the ray of the great chemist, the practical electrician, the first-rate engineer, the great operating surgeon. As a statesman, the fifth ray man would be narrow in his views, but he would be an excellent head of some special technical department, though a disagreeable person under whom to work. As a soldier, he would turn most readily to artillery and engineering. The artist on this ray is very rare, unless the fourth or seventh be the influencing secondary rays; even then, his colouring will be dull, his sculptures lifeless, and his music (if he composes) will be uninteresting, though technically correct in form. His style in writing or speaking will be clearness itself, but it will lack fire and point, and he will often be long-winded, from his desire to say all that can possibly be said on his subject.

In healing, he is the perfect surgeon, and his best cures will be through surgery and electricity.

For the fifth ray, the method of approaching the Path is by scientific research, pushed to ultimate conclusions, and by the acceptance of the inferences which follow these.

Sixth Ray of Devotion

Sixth Ray

“Let all desire cease. Let aspiration end. The search is over. Let the Soul realise that it has reached the goal, and from that gateway to eternal Life and cosmic Peace let the word sound: ‘I am the seeker and the sought. I rest.’”

Special Virtues:

Devotion, single-mindedness, love, tenderness, intuition, loyalty, reverence.

Vices of Ray:

Selfish and jealous love, over-leaning on others, partiality, self-deception, sectarianism, superstition, prejudice, over-rapid conclusions, fiery anger.

Virtues to be acquired:

Strength, self-sacrifice, purity, truth, tolerance, serenity, balance and common sense.

This is called the ray of devotion. The man who is on this ray is full of religious instincts and impulses, and of intense personal feeling; nothing is taken equably. Everything, in his eyes, is either perfect or intolerable; his friends are angels, his enemies are very much the reverse; his view, in both cases, is formed not on the intrinsic merits of either class, but on the way the persons appeal to him, or on the sympathy or lack of sympathy which they shew to his favourite idols, whether these be concrete or abstract, for he is full of devotion, it may be to a person, or it may be to a cause.

He must always have a "personal God," an incarnation of Deity to adore. The best type of this ray makes the saint, the worst type, the bigot or fanatic, the typical martyr or the typical inquisitor. All religious wars or crusades have originated from sixth ray fanaticism. The man on this ray is often of gentle nature, but he can always flame into fury and fiery wrath. He will lay down his life for the objects of his devotion or reverence, but he will not lift a finger to help those outside of his immediate sympathies. As a soldier, he hates fighting but often when roused in battle fights like one possessed. He is never a great statesman nor a good business man, but he may be a great preacher or orator.

The sixth ray man will be the poet of the emotions (such as Tennyson) and the writer of religious books, either in poetry or prose. He is devoted to beauty and colour and all things lovely, but his productive skill is not great unless under the influence of one of the practically artistic rays, the fourth or seventh. His music will always be of a melodious order, and he will often be the composer of oratorios and of sacred music.

The method of healing for this ray would be by faith and prayer.

The way of approaching the Path would be by prayer and meditation, aiming at union with God.

Seventh Ray of Ceremonial Order or Magic

Seventh Ray

“Let the builders cease their work. The Temple is completed. Let the Soul enter into its heritage and from the Holy Place command all work to end. Then in the silence subsequent let him chant forth the word: ‘The creative work is over. I, the Creator, Am. Naught else remains but *Me.*’”

Special Virtues:

Strength, perseverance, courage, courtesy, extreme care in details, self-reliance.

Vices of Ray:

Formalism, bigotry, pride, narrowness, superficial judgments, self-opinion over-indulged.

Virtues to be acquired:

Realisation of unity, wide-mindedness, tolerance, humility, gentleness and love.

This is the ceremonial ray, the ray which makes a man delight in "all things done decently and in order," and according to rule and precedent. It is the ray of the high priest and the court chamberlain, of the soldier who is a born genius in organisation, of the ideal commissary general who will dress and feed the troops in the best possible way. It is the ray of the perfect nurse for the sick, careful in the smallest detail, though sometimes too much inclined to disregard the patients' idiosyncrasies and to try and grind them in the iron mill of routine.

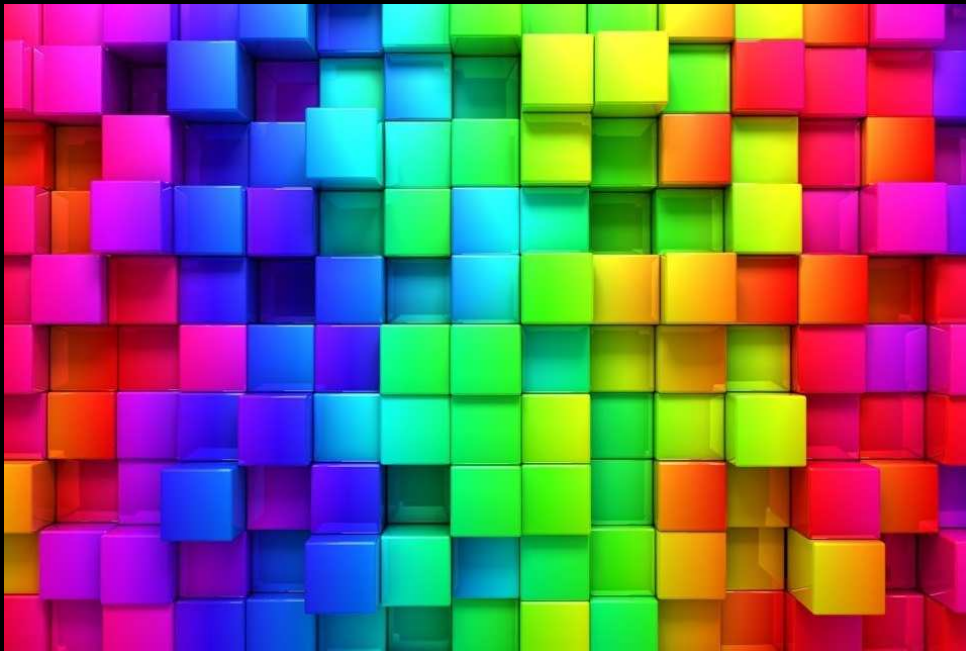
It is the ray of form, of the perfect sculptor, who sees and produces ideal beauty, of the designer of beautiful forms and patterns of any sort; but such a man would not be successful as a painter unless his influencing ray were the fourth. The combination of four with seven would make the very highest type of artist, form and colour being both in excelsis. The literary work of the seventh ray man would be remarkable for its ultra-polished style, and such a writer would think far more of the manner than of the matter in his work, but would always be fluent both in writing and speech. The seventh ray man will often be sectarian. He will delight in fixed ceremonials and observances, in great processions and shows, in reviews of troops and warships, in genealogical trees, and in rules of precedence.

The bad type of seventh ray man is superstitious, and such a man will take deep interest in omens, in dreams, in all occult practices, and in spiritualistic phenomena. The good type of the ray is absolutely determined to do the right thing and say the right word at the right moment; hence great social success.

In healing, the seventh ray man would rely on extreme exactness in carrying out orthodox treatment of disease. On him the practices of yoga would have no physical bad results.

He will approach the Path through observance of rules of practice and of ritual, and can easily evoke and control the elemental forces.

Remarks



From many of the above remarks it may have been inferred that the characteristics of any given ray find closer correspondence with one of the other rays than with the rest. This is a fact. The only one which stands alone and has no close relationship with any of the others is the fourth. This brings to mind the unique position which the number four occupies in the evolutionary process.

Between the third and the fifth rays there is a close relationship. In the search after knowledge, for example, the most laborious and minute study of detail is the path that will be followed, whether in philosophy, the higher mathematics or in the pursuit of practical science.

The correspondence between the second and the sixth rays shews itself in the intuitive grasp of synthesised knowledge, and in the common bond of faithfulness and loyalty.

Masterfulness, steadfastness, and perseverance are the corresponding characteristics of the first and the seventh rays.

The Rays - Part 2

We continue now to a tabulation of the RAYS at a primer level.

A Tabulation



The Rays in and Out of Manifestation

Ray I	Not in manifestation.
*Ray II	In manifestation since 1575 A.D.
*Ray III	In manifestation since 1425 A.D.
Ray IV	To come slowly into manifestation around 2025 A.D.
*Ray V	In manifestation since 1775 A.D.
Ray VI	Passing rapidly out of manifestation. Began to pass out in 1625 A.D.
*Ray VII	In manifestation since 1675 A.D.

The Ray Method of Teaching The Truth

Ray	Higher Expression	Lower Expression
Ray I	The science of statesmanship, and of government.	Modern diplomacy and politics.
Ray II	The process of initiation as taught by the Hierarchy of Masters.	Religion
Ray III	Means of communication or interaction. Radio, Internet, television, telephone/cellular and means of transportation.	The use and spread of money and gold.
Ray IV	The Masonic work, based on the formation of the Hierarchy and related to Ray II.	Architectural construction. Modern city planning.
Ray V	The science of the Soul. Esoteric psychology.	Modern educational systems.
Ray VI	Christianity and diversified religions. Note relation to Ray II.	Churches and religious organizations.
Ray VII	All forms of white magic.	Spiritualism in its lower aspects.

Discipleship and The Rays

1 st Ray	Force	Energy	Action	The Occultist
2 nd Ray	Consciousness	Expansion	Initiation	The true Psychic
3 rd Ray	Adaptation	Development	Evolution	The Magician
4 th Ray	Vibration	Response	Expression	The Artist
5 th Ray	Mentation	Knowledge	Science	The Scientist
6 th Ray	Devotion	Abstraction	Idealism	The Devotee
7 th Ray	Incantation	Magic	Ritual	The Ritualist

From: *Initiation, Human and Solar.*

The Numerical Influence of The Rays

Kingdom	Rays
The Mineral Kingdom	Rays 7 and 1
The Vegetable Kingdom	Rays 2, 4 and 6
The Animal Kingdom	Rays 3 and 6
The Human Kingdom	Rays 4 and 5
The Soul Kingdom	Rays 5 and 2
The Planetary Kingdom	Rays 6 and 3
The Solar Kingdom	Rays 1 and 7



Kingdom	Rays	Expression
The Mineral Kingdom	Ray 7 Ray 1	Radiation Power
The Vegetable Kingdom	Ray 2 Ray 4 Ray 6	Magnetism Harmony of Colour Growth towards light
The Animal Kingdom	Ray 3 Ray 6	Instinct Domesticity
The Human Kingdom	Ray 4 Ray 5	Experience Intellect
The Soul Kingdom	Ray 5 Ray 2	Personality Intuition
The Planetary Kingdom	Ray 6 Ray 3	The Plan Creative Work
The Solar Kingdom	Ray 1 Ray 7	Universal Mind Will Synthetic Ritual





The Rays and The Planes

Ray I Will, dynamically applied, emerges in manifestation as power.

Ray II Love, magnetically functioning, produces wisdom.

Ray III Intelligence, potentially found in substance, causes activity.

The Rays and The Senses

The following tabulation will be found suggestive. That is all that it is intended.

Sense	Ray	Principle	Expression
1. Hearing	7th Ray	Magic	The Word of Power.
2. Touch	1st Ray	Destroyer	The Finger of God.
3. Sight	3rd Ray	Vision	The Eye of God.
4. Taste	6th Ray	Idealism	The Desire of Nations.
5. Smell	4th Ray	Art	The Beauty of Revelation.
6. The Intellect	5th Ray	Mind	The Knowledge of God.
7. The Intuition	2nd Ray	Love-Wisdom	Understanding of God.

Any apparent conflict with the section *References to The Secret Doctrine* is resolved in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 4. The Centres and the Senses, Normal and Supernormal, starting on page 185. See also, *Esoteric Psychology – Volume I*, Question 5, starting on page 129.

The Relation of The Rays to The Centres

1. Head Centre	Ray of Will or Power	First Ray
2. The Ajna Centre	Ray of Concrete Knowledge	Fifth Ray
3. The Throat Centre	Ray of Active Intelligence	Third Ray
4. The Heart Centre	Ray of Love-Wisdom	Second Ray
5. The Solar Plexus	Ray of Devotion	Sixth Ray
6. The Sacral Centre	Ray of Ceremonial Magic	Seventh Ray
7. Base of Spine	Ray of Harmony	Fourth Ray

Ray Relationship to The Races

Ray	Title	Full Expression	Major Influence
Ray I 1st ray souls	Will	In the 7th rootrace Perfection of Plan	1st and 7th sub-races.
Ray II 2nd ray souls	Love-Wisdom	In the 6th rootrace Perfected intuition	2nd and 6th sub-races.
Ray III 3rd ray souls	Intelligence	In the 5th rootrace Aryan race. Perfected intellect.	3rd and 5th sub-races
Ray IV 4th ray souls	Harmony	In the 4th rootrace Perfected astralism. Perfected emotion. Atlantean race.	4th and 6th sub-races.
Ray V 5th ray souls	Knowledge	In the 3rd rootrace Lemurian. Perfected physical.	5th and 3rd sub-races.
Ray VI 6th ray souls	Devotion	In the 2nd root race	6th and 2nd sub-races.
Ray VII 7th ray souls	Ceremonial	In the 1st root race	7th and 1st sub-races.

The Rays and The Planets

Each of the seven sacred planets (of which our Earth is not one) is an expression of one of the seven ray influences. The student however must remember three things:

1. That every planet is the incarnation of a Life, or an Entity or Being.
2. That every planet, like a human being, is the expression of two ray forces,—the personality and the egoic.
3. That two rays are therefore in esoteric conflict in each planet.

Some Sets of Correspondences

I.

Kingdom	Organs	Energy Centre
Mineral	Gonads	Sacral Centre Base of Spine
Vegetable	Heart	Heart
	Lungs	Throat
Animal	Stomach Liver	Solar Plexus
Human	Brain Vocal Organs	The two Head Centres

II.

Kingdom	Energy Centre	Gland
Mineral	Base of Spine	Adrenals
Vegetable	Heart Centre	Thymus
Animal	Solar Plexus	Pancreas
Human	Sacral Centre	Gonads
Egoic	Throat Centre	Thyroid
Planetary	Ajna Centre	Pituitary
Solar	Head Centre	Pineal

III.

Kingdom	Process	Secret	Purpose
Mineral	Condensation	Transmutation	Radiation
Vegetable	Conformation	Transformation	Magnetisation
Animal	Concretisation	Transfusion	Experimentation
Human	Adaptation	Translation	Transfiguration
Egoic	Externalisation	Manifestation	Realisation

Some Notes on the Four Kingdoms



1.

The Mineral Kingdom is divided into three main divisions:

- a. The base metals.
- b. The standard metals.
- c. The crystals and precious stones.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 588.

2.

The Vegetable Kingdom is...

- a. The transmitter of the vital pranic fluid.
- b. A bridge between the so-called conscious and the unconscious.
- c. In an esoteric relation to the deva or angel kingdom.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 564.



3.

The four minor rays control the four kingdoms:

- a. The 7th ray controls the mineral kingdom.
- b. The 6th ray controls the vegetable kingdom.
- c. The 5th ray controls the animal kingdom.
- d. The 4th ray controls the human kingdom.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 588.

4.

The 4th ray and the 4th kingdom form a point of harmony
for the three lower kingdoms.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 588.





5.

The 5th ray has a peculiar relation to the animal kingdom in that it is the ray governing the merging of that kingdom in the human.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 590.

6.

The human kingdom is seeking to make manifest the desire or the love nature of the planetary Logos.

The three subhuman kingdoms seek to manifest the intelligent nature of the planetary Logos.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1043 - 1044.





7.

The mineral kingdom is responsive to the lowest type of energy, the lowest aspect of fire.

The vegetable kingdom is responsive to that type of energy which produces the phenomenon of water.

The animal kingdom is responsive to the type of energy which is a combination of the two above mentioned, fire and water.

The human kingdom is responsive to the energy of fire at its highest manifestation in the three worlds.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1071 - 1072.

8.

The period of radiation is longest in the mineral kingdom
and shortest in the human kingdom.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1075.



9.

The mineral kingdom provides that negative yet vital something which is the essence of the human permanent atom.

The vegetable kingdom provides the negative energy for the astral permanent atom in the human kingdom.

The animal kingdom provides the negative force which when energised by positive force becomes the mental unit.

Sattva	Rhythm	Mental body	Mental Unit	Animal
Rajas	Activity	Astral body	Astral permanent atom	Vegetable
Tamas	Inertia	Physical body	Physical permanent atom	Mineral

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1134.

10.

Each kingdom in nature is positive to the one next below.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1135.



Ray Methods of Activity

These are twenty-one in number, making in their synthesis the twenty-two methods which are the expression of the great Law of Attraction.



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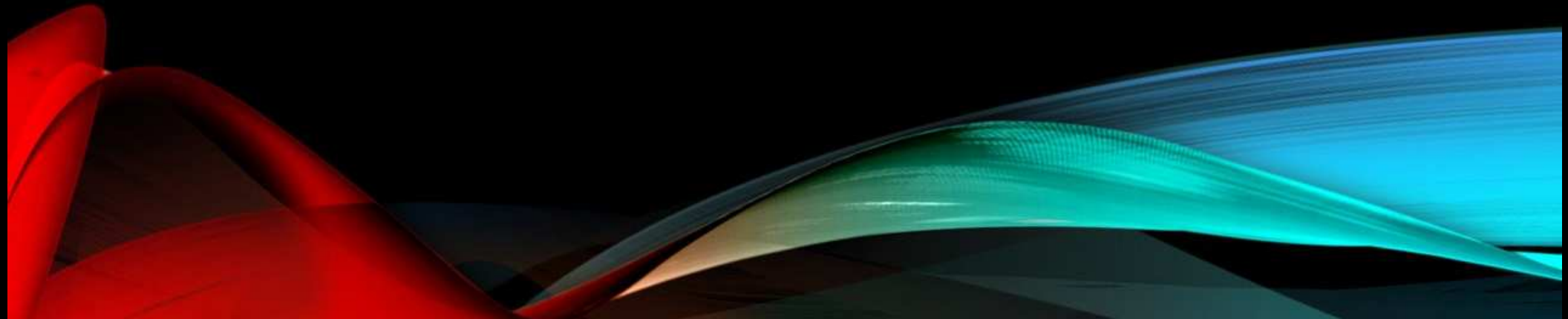
The Ray of Will or Power:

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| 1. Destruction of forms through group interplay. | 1. |
| 2. Stimulation of the self, the egoic principle. | 2. |
| 3. Spiritual impulse or energy. | 3. |

II.

The Ray of Love-Wisdom:

1. Construction of forms through group intercourse. 4.
2. Stimulation of desire, the love principle. 5.
3. Soul impulse or energy. 6.





III.

The Ray of Activity or Adaptability.

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|---|----|
| 1. Vitalising of forms through group work. | 7. |
| 2. Stimulation of forms, the etheric or pranic principle. | 8. |
| 3. Material impulse or energy. | 9. |

IV.

The Ray of Harmony or Union.

1. Perfecting of forms through group interplay. 10.
2. Stimulation of the solar Angels, or the manasic principle. 11.
3. Intuitional or buddhic energy. 12.





V.

Ray of Concrete Knowledge.

1. Correspondence of forms to type, through group influence. 13.
2. Stimulation of the Logoic dense physical body, the three worlds. 14.
3. Mental energy or impulse, Universal manas. 15.

VI.

Ray of Abstract Idealism or Devotion

1. Reflection of reality through group work. 16.
2. Stimulation of man through desire. 17.
3. Desire energy, instinct or aspiration. 18.





VII.

Ray of Ceremonial Order

1. Union of energy and substance through group activity. 19.
2. Stimulation of etheric forms. 20.
3. Vital energy. 21.

A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1222.

References to the Secret Doctrine

Ray 1 - Will or Power



Planet	Sun, substituting for the veiled planet Vulcan.
Day	Sunday.
Exoteric Colour	Orange. S.D.III. p. 478.
Esoteric Colour	Red.
Human Principle	Prana or life-vitality.
Divine Principle	The One Life. Spirit. This is regarded as a principle only when our seven planes are seen as the seven sub-planes of the cosmic physical plane.
Element	The Akasha. "It is written."
Instrument of Sensation	The Light of Kundalini.
Bodily location	Vital airs in the skull.
Plane governed	The logoic plane. Divine Purpose or Will.
Metal	Gold.
Sense	A synthetic sense, embracing all.

Esoterically, this power is viewed as the life principle seated in the heart.

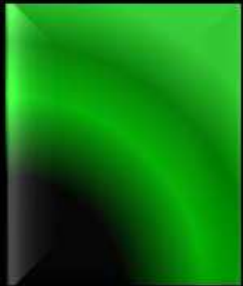
Ray II - Love-Wisdom

Planet	Jupiter.
Day	Thursday.
Exoteric Colour	Indigo with a tinge of purple.
Esoteric Colour	Light blue. S.D.III. p. 461.
Human Principle	The auric envelope.
Divine Principle	Love.
Element	Ether. "It is spoken." The Word.
Instrument of Sensation	Ears. Speech. The Word.
Bodily location	The heart.
Plane	The Monadic.
Sense	Hearing.



Esoterically, this power is the consciousness or soul principle, seated in the head.

Ray III - Active Intelligence or Adaptability



Planet	Saturn.
Day	Saturday.
Exoteric Colour	Black.
Esoteric Colour	Green.
Human Principle	Lower mind.
Divine Principle	Universal mind.
Element	Fire. "Fire by friction."
Sensation	"It is known."
Nervous system.	Centres up spine.
Bodily location	The atmic, or plane of spiritual will.
Plane	
Sense	Touch.

Esoterically, this principle of creative mind is seen
as seated in the throat.

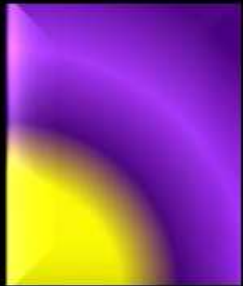
Ray IV - Intuition, Harmony, Beauty, Art

Planet	Mercury.
Day	Wednesday.
Exoteric Colour	Cream.
Esoteric Colour	Yellow.
Divine Principle	Buddhi. Intuition. Pure reason.
Human Principle	Understanding. Vision. Spiritual perception.
Element	Air. "Thus is Unity produced."
Instrument of Sensation	Eyes. Right eye particularly.
Plane	The Buddhic or Intuitional plane.
Sense	Sight.



Esoterically, this is the pure reason, seated in the ajna centre, between the eyes. Functioning when the personality reaches a high stage of co-ordination.

Ray V - Concrete Knowledge of Science



Planet	Venus. The Lords of mind came from Venus.
Day	Friday.
Esoteric Colour	Yellow.
Esoteric Colour	Indigo.
Human Principle	Higher mind.
Divine Principle	Higher knowledge. "God saw that it was good."
Element	Flame.
Instrument of Sensation	Astral body.
Plane	Lower mental plane.
Sense	Consciousness as response to knowledge.
Bodily location	Brain.

Esoterically, this principle of sentiency is seated in the solar plexus.

Ray VI - Abstract Idealism, Devotion

Planet	Mars.
Day	Tuesday.
Exoteric Colour	Red.
Esoteric Colour	Silvery Rose.
Human Principle	Kama-manas. Desire.
Divine Principle	Desire for form.
Element	Water. "I long for habitation."
Instrument of Sensation	Tongue. Organs of speech.
Plane	Astral or emotional Plane. Desire plane.
Sense	Taste.



Esoterically, this principle of desire is seated in the sacral centre,
with a higher reflection in the throat.

Ray VII - Ceremonial Order or Magic



Planet	The Moon. She is the mother of form.
Day	Monday.
Exoteric Colour	White.
Esoteric Colour	Violet.
Human Principle	Etheric force or prana.
Divine Principle	Energy.
Element	Earth. "I manifest."
Instrument of Sensation	Nose.
Plane	Physical plane, etheric levels.
Sense	Smell.

Esoterically, this principle of vitality or prana is seated in the
centre at the base of the spine.

Note

Esoterically speaking, the planets which are the expression of the three major rays are:

Ray I..... Uranus.

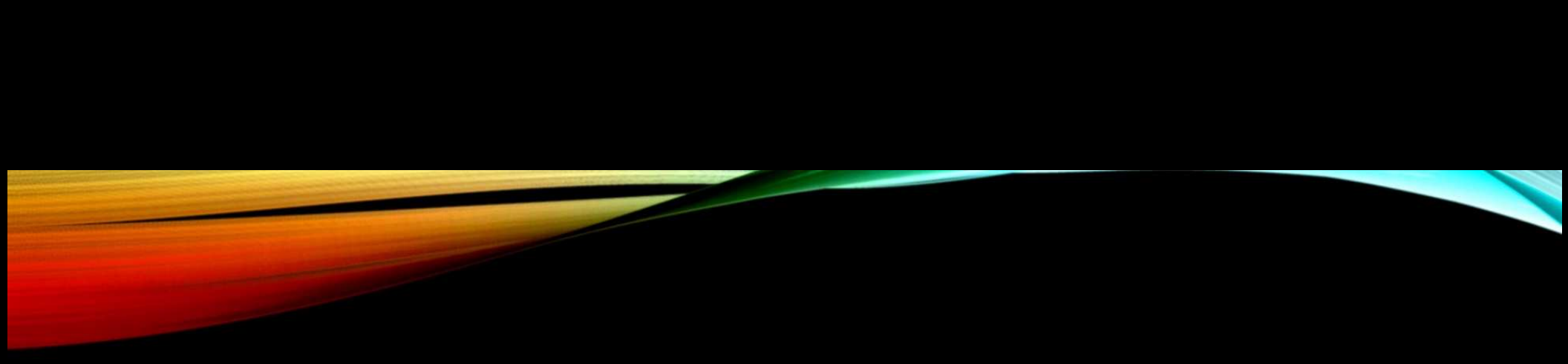
Ray II..... Neptune.

Ray III..... Saturn.

A study of this will make it apparent why Saturn is ever the stabiliser. In this present cycle, the two rays of Power and Love are directing their energies to Vulcan and Jupiter, whilst Saturn's attention is turned towards our planet, the Earth.

Thus we have the ten rays of perfection, the vehicles of manifestation of what H.P.B. calls, "the imperfect Gods," the planetary Logoi. See *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, where this is elaborated. Use the index.

The Rays of Aspect and of Attribute



The four rays of attribute, which find their synthesis in the third ray of aspect, produce the varying qualities in greater detail than do the rays of aspect. It might generally be stated that the three rays of aspect find their main expression in relation to mankind through the medium of the three periodical vehicles:

Ray I	Power	Life	Ideas	The Monad.
Ray II	Love-Wisdom	Consciousness	Ideals	The Soul.
Ray III	Active Intelligence	Appearance	Idols	The Personality

They find their secondary expression in the three bodies which form the personality of man:

Ray I	Power	Ideas	Mental Body	Purpose. Life.
Ray II	Love	Ideals	Astral Body	Quality.
Ray III	Intelligence	Idols	Physical Body	Form

The rays of attribute, though expressing themselves equally on all the planes, and through the periodical vehicles and the three aspects of the personality, find their main expression through one or other of the four kingdoms in nature.

Ray IV	Harmony through Conflict	4th kingdom	Human. The Balance.
Ray V	Concrete Knowledge	3rd kingdom	Animal.
Ray VI	Devotion	2nd kingdom	Vegetable.
Ray VII	Ceremonial Ritual	1st kingdom	Mineral.

These are their main fields of influence in the three worlds.

In relation to mankind, these four rays of attribute find a wide expression in connection with the four aspects of the personality, or with the quaternary. The relationship is as follows:

Ray IV	Harmony through Conflict	the physical body
Ray V	Concrete Knowledge	the etheric body
Ray VI	Devotion	the astral body
Ray VII	Organisation	the mental body

Kingdoms



No.	Kingdom	Ray	Expression
1.	Mineral	7 – Ceremonial Organisation 1 – Will or Power	Radiation-Activity The basic reservoir of Power
2.	Vegetable	2. Love-Wisdom 4. Beauty or Harmony 6. Idealistic Devotion	Magnetism Harmony of Colour Upward tendency.
3.	Animal	3. Adaptability 6. Devotion	Instinct Domesticity
4.	Human	4. Harmony through Conflict 5. Concrete Knowledge	Experience. Growth. Intellect
5.	Egoic or Soul	5. Concrete Knowledge 2. Love-wisdom	Personality Intuition
6.	Planetary Lives	6. Devotion to ideas 3. Active Intelligence	The Plan Creative Work
7.	Solar Lives	1. Will or Power 7. Ceremonial Magic	Universal Mind Synthetic Ritual



The Mineral Kingdom

Influence	The seventh Ray of Organisation and the first Ray of Power are the dominant factors.
Results	The evolutionary results are radiation and potency, a static potency, underlying the rest of the natural scheme.
Process	Condensation.
Secret	Transmutation. <i>A Treatise on Cosmic Fire</i> defines this as follows: "Transmutation is the passage across from one state of being to another through the agency of fire."
Purpose	To demonstrate the radio-activity of life.
Divisions	Base metals, standard metals, precious stones.
Objective Agency	Fire. Fire is the initiating factor in this kingdom.
Subjective Agency	Sound.
Quality	Extreme density. Inertia. Brilliance.

THE VEGETABLE KINGDOM

Influences The second Ray of Love-Wisdom, working out in a vastly increased sensibility.

The fourth Ray of Harmony and Beauty, working out in the general harmonisation of this kingdom throughout the entire planet.

The sixth Ray of Devotion or (as it has been expressed symbolically in *The Ancient Wisdom*) the “urge to consecrate the life to the Sun, the giver of that life,” or again, the “urge to turn the eye of the heart to the heart of the sun.”

Results These work out in the second kingdom as magnetism, perfume, colour and growth towards the light. These words I commend to you for your earnest study, for it is in this kingdom that one first sees clearly the glory which lies ahead of humanity.

- a. Magnetic radiation. The blending of the mineral and vegetable goals.
- b. The perfume of perfection.
- c. The glory of the human aura. The radiant augoeides.
- d. Aspiration which leads to final inspiration.

Process Conformation, or the power to “conform” to the pattern set in the heavens, and to produce below that which is found above. This is done in this kingdom with greater pliability than in the mineral kingdom, where the process of condensation goes blindly forward.

Secret Transformation, those hidden alchemical processes which enable the vegetable growths in this kingdom to draw their sustenance from the sun and soil and “transform” it into form and colour.

Purpose Magnetism. That inner source of beauty, loveliness, and attractive power which lures to it the higher forms to consume it for food, and the thinking entities to draw from it inspiration, comfort and satisfaction of a mental kind.

Divisions Trees and shrubs.
The flowering plants.

Note – The most advanced vegetation in the UNIVERSE is found on planet Earth!

The grasses and lesser green things which do not come under the other two categories. A group of vegetable growths which are found under the general heading of “sea growths”.

Objective
Agency Water.
Subjective
Agency Touch.
Quality Rajas or activity.

Meditation and The Kingdoms

“One-pointed meditation upon the five forms which every element takes produces mastery over every element. These five forms are the gross nature, the elemental form, the quality, the pervasiveness and the basic purpose.”

You have, therefore, an analogy for consideration:

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The gross nature | the mineral kingdom. |
| 2. The elemental form | the vegetable kingdom. |
| 3. The quality | the animal kingdom. |
| 4. The pervasiveness | the human kingdom. |
| 5. The basic purpose | the kingdom of souls. |

All of this is from the standpoint of consciousness.

Another Relationship

1. The body	mineral kingdom	the dense prison of life
2. The akasha	vegetable kingdom	the fluid conscious life
3. Ascension out of matter	animal kingdom	the evolutionary goal of the relation between body and akasha
4. Power to travel in space	human kingdom	the goal of the human consciousness through the realisation of the above three

The Animal KINGDOM

Influences The third Ray of Active Intelligence or of Adaptability is potent in this kingdom and will express itself increasingly as time goes on, until it has produced in the animal world that reaction to life and to environment which can best be described as “animal one-pointedness”. Then, at this point and cyclically, the sixth Ray of Devotion or Idealism can make its pressure felt as the urge towards a goal, and thus produce a relation to man which makes of him the desired goal. This is to be seen through the medium of the tamed, the trained and the domestic animals.

Results In the one case we find the third ray producing the emergence of instinct, which in its turn creates and uses that marvellous response apparatus we call the nervous system, the brain, and the five senses, which lie behind and which are responsible for them as a whole. It should be noted that, wide as we may regard the

difference between man and the animals, there is really a much closer relation than that existing between the animal and the vegetable. In the case of the sixth ray, we have the appearance of the power to be domesticated and trained which is, in the last analysis, the power to love, to serve and to emerge from the herd into the group. Ponder on the words of this last paradoxical statement.

- Process** This is called concretisation. In this kingdom we have for the first time a true organisation of the etheric body into what are called “the true nerves and the sensory centres” by the esotericists. Plants also have nerves, but they have in them nothing of the same intricacy of relation and of plexus as we find in the human being and in the animal. Both kingdoms share the same general grouping of nerves of force centres and channels, with a spinal column and a brain. This organisation of a sensitive response apparatus constitutes, in reality, the densification of the subtle etheric body.
- Secret** This is called transfusion, which is a very inadequate word to express the early blending in the animal of the psychological factors which lead to the process of individualisation. It is a

process of lifegiving, of intelligent integration and of psychological unfoldment to meet emergency.

Purpose This is called experimentation. Here we come to a great mystery and one that is peculiar to our planet. In many esoteric books it has been stated and hinted that there has been a mistake, or serious error, on the part of God Himself, of our planetary Logos, and that this mistake has involved our planet, and all that it contains, in the visible misery, chaos and suffering. Shall we say that there has been no mistake, but simply a great experiment, of the success or failure of which it is not yet possible to judge? The objective of the experiment might be stated as follows: It is the intent of the planetary Logos to bring about a psychological condition which can best be described as one of “divine lucidity”. The work of the psyche, and the goal of the true psychology is to see life clearly, as it is, and with all that is involved. This does not mean conditions and environment, but Life. This process was begun in the animal kingdom and will be consummated in the human. These are described in the Old Commentary as “the two eyes of Deity, both blind at first, but which later see, though the right eye sees more clearly than the left”. The first dim indication of this tendency towards lucidity is seen in the faculty of the

plant to turn towards the sun. It is practically non-existent in the mineral kingdom.

Divisions	<p>First, the higher animals and the domestic animals, such as the dog, the cat, the horse and the elephant.</p> <p>Secondly, the so-called wild animals, such as the lion, the tiger and other carnivorous and dangerous wild beasts.</p> <p>Thirdly, the mass of lesser animals that seem to meet no particular need nor to fill any special purpose, such as the harmless yet multitudinous lives found in our forests, our jungles and the fields of our planet. Instances of these in the West are the rabbits and other rodents. This is a wide and general specification of no scientific import at all; but it covers adequately the karmic divisions and the general conformation into which these groupings of lives fall in this kingdom.</p>
Objective Agency	<p>Fire and water,— fierce desire and incipient mind. These are symbolised in the animal power to eat and drink.</p>

Subjective

Agency Smell or scent,—the instinctual discovery of that which is needed, from the activity of ranging forth for food, and the use of the power to scent that food, to the identification of the smell of a beloved master or friend.

Quality Tamas or inertia,— but in this case it is the tamasic nature of mind and not that of matter, as usually understood. The chitta or mind-stuff can be equally tamasic.



The Incoming Seventh Ray and The Animal Kingdom

1. The animal kingdom is to the human body what the dense physical body is to the seven principles.
2. The animal kingdom is the mother aspect, prior to the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost.
3. The animal kingdom is the field of individualisation.
4. Since Atlantean days the animal kingdom has been occupied with the development of karma.
5. Domestic animals constitute the heart centre in the life of the Entity Who ensouls the animal kingdom.
6. The animal kingdom does not react strongly to the 7th ray.
7. The human kingdom does, but the 7th ray will have three effects in relation to the two kingdoms and their interplay:
 - a. It will refine the animal bodies.
 - b. It will bring about a closer relation between men and animals.
 - c. It will cause a great destruction of the present animal forms.

The Rays - Part 3

This advanced level presentation applies the principles and knowledge from above to the understanding of the Destiny of Nations.

The Destiny of the Nations



Please note that the following content comes mostly from Bailey, The Destiny of the Nations, and was written during and shortly after World War II. Some of the content may appear dated, but it is important to study where the nations were, to understand where they are now, and how the energies are pointing to their futures.

The Nations and The Rays

and in the transfer of the human consciousness from the world of material things to that of the more purely psychic. This will lead in time and inevitably to the world of spiritual realities. It should be remembered that (for advanced humanity) the sequence of the recognition of these expansions of consciousness is as follows:

1. The world of psychical living. This requires the recognition, by the brain consciousness, of the need for mental and spiritual control, as the first step.
2. The world of mental unfoldment.
3. The world of the soul or ego, the individualised man. When these recognitions are established in the aspirant, then there comes the recognition by the disciple of the Master Who should guide him.
4. The control of the physical plane life by the soul.
5. The functioning and the utilisation of the psychic powers and their place and part in the field of intelligent service.
6. The interpretative faculty of the illumined mind.
7. An inspired creative life upon the physical plane.

In that development of the racial consciousness, the process does not necessarily follow the above seven stages and sequence. This is owing to the stimulation and consequent sensitising of the form aspect through the increased radiation and potency of the dynamic New Group of World Servers; their ranks are filled by those who have passed, or are passing, through the stages of aspirant and disciple, thus learning to serve. Psychic unfoldment in the masses parallels the spiritual unfoldment of advanced humanity. This can be seen going on today on a large scale everywhere and it accounts for the tremendous growth of the spiritualistic movement and for the enormous increase in the lower psychic powers. Old Atlantean magic and the lower psychism are upon us again in the great turning of the wheel of life, but this time good may eventuate, if the world disciples and the spiritually-minded people measure up to their opportunity.

Today there are many thousands coming under the influence of this Law of Loving Understanding. Many in every nation are responding to the broader synthetic brotherly note, but the masses as yet understand nothing of this. They must be led in right ways gradually by the steady development in right understanding of their own nationals. Bear this in mind, all of you who work for world peace and right human relations, for harmony and for synthesis.

All of the great nations are controlled by two rays, just as is the human being. With the smaller nations we need not concern ourselves. All the nations are controlled by a

personality ray, which is the dominant potent and main controlling factor at this time, and by a soul ray which is sensed only by the disciples and the aspirants of any nation.

This soul ray must be evoked into an increased functioning activity by the New Group of World Servers, for this is one of their main objectives and tasks. This must never be lost to sight. Much could be written about the historical influence of the rays during the past two thousand years and of the way in which great events have been influenced or brought about by the periodic ray influence. Interesting as it is and indicative of the present national trends and problems, all that I can now do is point out the energies governing each nation, and leave you to study and note their effect and to comprehend their relation to the present condition of the world. One thing I would point out and that is that those rays which govern a particular nation and which are at this time actively working are very potent, either materially or egoically; some of the problems may be due to the fact that certain rays, governing certain nations, are not at this time active.

The Rays and The Nations

Nation	Personality Ray	Egoic Ray	Motto
India	4th ray of Art	1st ray of Government	"I hide the Light."
China	3rd ray of Intellect	1st ray of Government	"I indicate the Way."
Germany	1st ray of Power	4th ray of Art	"I preserve."
France	3rd ray of Intellect	5th ray of Knowledge	"I release the Light."
Great Britain	1st ray of Government	2nd ray of Love	"I serve."
Italy	4th ray of Art	6th ray of Idealism	"I carve the Paths"
U. S. A.	6th ray of Idealism	2nd ray of Love	"I light the Way."
Russia	6th ray of Idealism	7th ray of Magic and Order	"I link two Ways."
Austria	5th ray of Knowledge	4th ray of Art	"I serve the Lighted Way."
Spain	7th ray of Magic and Order	6th ray of Idealism	"I disperse the Clouds."
Brazil	2nd ray of Love	4th ray of Art	"I hide the seed."

A close analysis of the above will reveal certain lines of racial understanding. There is a natural rapport indicated between the present personality rays of Germany and Great Britain, yet a relationship can be seen also between France and Great Britain through their esoteric national mottoes and also between the two symbols which are also theirs. The symbol for France is the fleur de lys, which she adopted centuries ago under divine guidance, which symbol stands for the three divine aspects in manifestation. The symbol for Great Britain, under the same divine apportioning, is the three feathers, carried as the arms of the Prince of Wales. The scintillating and brilliant French intellect with its scientific bent is accounted for by the interplay of the third Ray of Active Intelligence with the fifth Ray of Scientific Understanding. Hence their amazing contribution to the knowledge and the thought of the world and their brilliant and colourful history. Be it remembered also that the glory of the empire which was France is but the guarantee of a glory of divine revelation which lies ahead in the future; it will never be theirs until they cease living in the wonder of their past and go forth into the future to demonstrate the fact of illumination which is the goal of all mental effort. When the intellect of the French is turned towards the discovery and the elucidation of the things of the spirit, then they will carry revelation to the world. When their egoic ray dominates the third ray and when the



separative action of the fifth ray is transmuted into the revealing function of this ray, then France will enter into a period of new glory. Her empire will then be of the mind and her glory of the soul.



It is obvious that the governing faculty of the Ray of Will or Power is the outstanding characteristic of Great Britain. England is an exponent of the art of control and her function has been to produce the first tentative grouping of federated nations the world has seen and to demonstrate the possibility of such a grouping. The United States is doing a somewhat similar thing and is fusing the nationals of many nations into one federated state with many subsidiary

states, instead of subsidiary nations. These two powers function in this way and with this wide objective in order eventually to give to the planet a system of groupings within one national border or empire, and yet with an international implication which will be symbolic of the coming new age technique of government. The second Ray of Love or of Attraction governs—from the soul angle—the British Empire and there is a relation between this fact and the fact that the astrological sign Gemini governs both the United States and London. The fluid, mercurial, intuitional mind is closely allied with the divine aspect of love and understanding, producing attraction and interpretation.

It is interesting to note that the fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict which before long will come into power again, is to be prominent in the destinies of India, Germany, Italy, Austria and Brazil. It is for this that there is so much preparatory turmoil in four of these countries. The sixth Ray of Idealism is potent in Russia, the United States, Italy and Spain. It is the fanatical adherence to an ideal which is responsible for the potent changes in these four countries. In Germany and Italy the harmonising of the fourth ray, working through conflict, is also to be seen. Hence we have in all these countries a process of "breaking-down" and of destruction of old forms prior to an adequate responsiveness to the influence of the incoming ray. It should be remembered that as with individuals, so with nations — the reaction to an increasing influence of the soul ray is ever accompanied by a breaking down period; this demonstration of destruction is, however, only temporary and preparatory.





India hides the light and that light, when released upon the world and revealed to humanity, will bring about harmony in the form aspect; things will then be clearly seen as they are and will be freed from glamour and illusion; this harmonising light is sorely needed in India itself and when it has been manifested it will bring about the right functioning of the first Ray of Power or Government. The will of the people will then be seen in the light. It is in this connection that Great Britain will emerge into

renewed activity for her personality ray and India's soul ray are the same. Many British people are subjectively linked with India, by past incarnations and association; the quarrel between Great Britain and India is largely a family affair in the deepest sense of the term and hence its bitterness. As you know, there is a close link between the fourth and second rays and this again emerges in the relationship between England and India; a destiny is there which must be jointly worked out.

The static stabilising tendency of Germany showed for instance in her futile effort to preserve a racial purity impossible. This static quality is due to her first ray personality; her fourth ray energy was responsible for her effort to standardise and harmonise all the elements within her borders to the point of regimentation. This has been the line of

least resistance for Germany, for though the first ray is not in manifestation at this time, yet the bulk of the people in power in Germany during the past world war (1914-1945) were all on the first subray of the seven rays and hence they were inevitably the transmitters of first ray energy. It is for this reason that Great Britain can contact the German race and handle the people in that sad country more understandingly than can the other nations or Great Powers. They share similar qualities and one of the services which Great Britain can render at this time is to come to the aid of world peace and live up to her motto, "I serve," by acting as an interpreter.



A careful analysis of the idealism of Russia and of the United States may reveal no resemblances in the goal of their idealism; the Russian is driven by his seventh ray soul towards the imposition of an enforced ceremonial of ordered rhythms, leading to an idealised order and a community of interests. Because of this and because of the enforced work, some forces are present and active in Russia which need most careful handling by the spiritual Hierarchy of our planet. These forces working in Russia are concerned with the magic of form whereas pure white magic is concerned only with the soul or with the subjective aspect, as it conditions the objective. The "black forces," so called, are nowhere rampant in Russia any more than in other parts of the world, but the Russian reaction and attitude to enforced rule and order has in it more of the

magical seventh ray influence than is the case in other countries; Germany also enforced a standardised order and way of living but this was definitely submitted to the control of the black forces.





eventually — many thousands of years hence — supersede both of them. These three races embody the attractive cohesive aspect of the second ray and will demonstrate it through wisdom and right government, based on true idealism and love.

Great Britain represents that aspect of the mind which expresses itself in intelligent government, based on just and loving understanding. That is, of course, the ideal before her, but not as yet the exactly fulfilled achievement. The United States represents the intuitive faculty, expressing itself as illumination, plus the power to fuse and blend. Brazil will — at some distant date — represent a linking interpreting civilisation, based on the unfoldment of the abstract consciousness which is a blend of the intellect and the intuition and which serves to reveal the wisdom aspect of love in its beauty.

It is too dangerous in these days of difficulty and world turmoil to express myself more definitely as to the future lines of unfoldment. The destiny and the future functioning of the nations lie hid in their present activities. The majority of my readers are far too nationalistic in their thinking, and too deeply engrossed with the prime importance of their own nation and its supreme significance, for me to be able to do more than generalise and indicate the major lines of progress. The role of the prophet is a dangerous one, for destiny lies in the hands of the people and no one knows exactly what the people will do — once aroused and educated. The time has not yet come when the bulk of the people of any nation can see the picture whole or be permitted to know the exact part their nation must play in the history of nations. Every nation — without exception — has its peculiar virtues and vices which are dependent upon the point in evolution, the measure of control of the personality ray, the emerging control of the soul ray, and the general focus of the nation.





It is useful to bear in mind that some nations are negative and feminine and others are masculine and positive. India, France, the United States of America, Russia and Brazil are all feminine and constitute the nurturing mother aspect. They are feminine in their psychology — intuitive, mystical, alluring, beautiful, fond of display and colour, and with the faults also of the feminine aspect, such as over emphasis upon the material aspects of life, upon pageantry, upon possession and upon money or its equivalent as a symbol of the form side of existence. They mother and nurture civilisation and ideas.

China, Germany, Great Britain and Italy are masculine and positive; they are mental, political, governing,

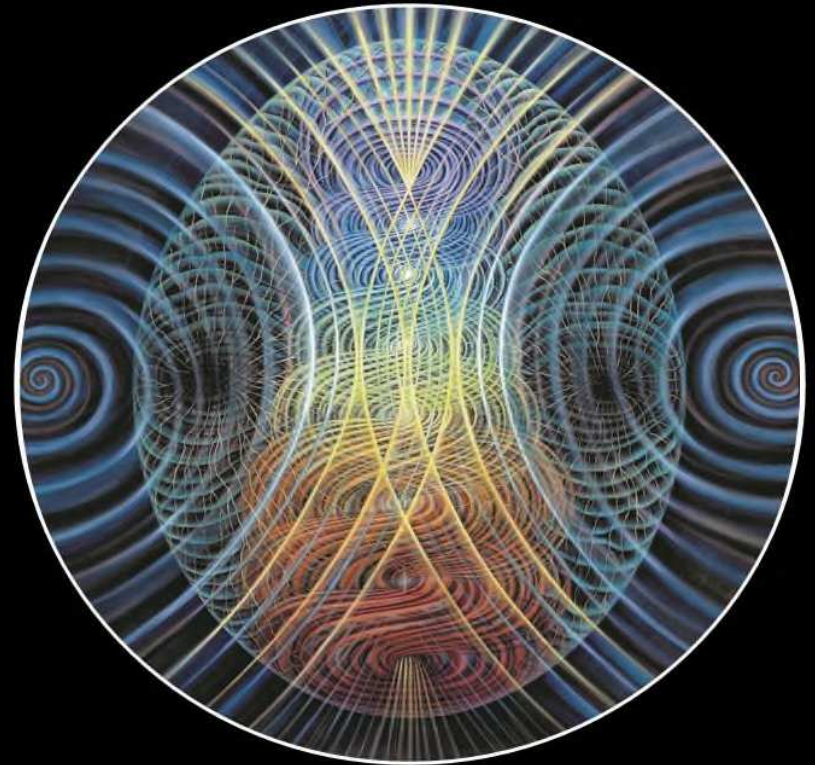
standardising, group-conscious, occult by inclination, aggressive, full of grandeur, interest in law and in laying the emphasis upon race and empire. But they are more inclusive and think in wider terms than the feminine aspects of divine manifestation.

National relationships and the major intellectual cleavages are based also upon the governing ray influences. Spain, Austria and France, being governed by the seventh, fifth and third rays, have a close inter-relation. This worked out in a most interesting manner in the Middle Ages, and the destinies of these three nations were closely

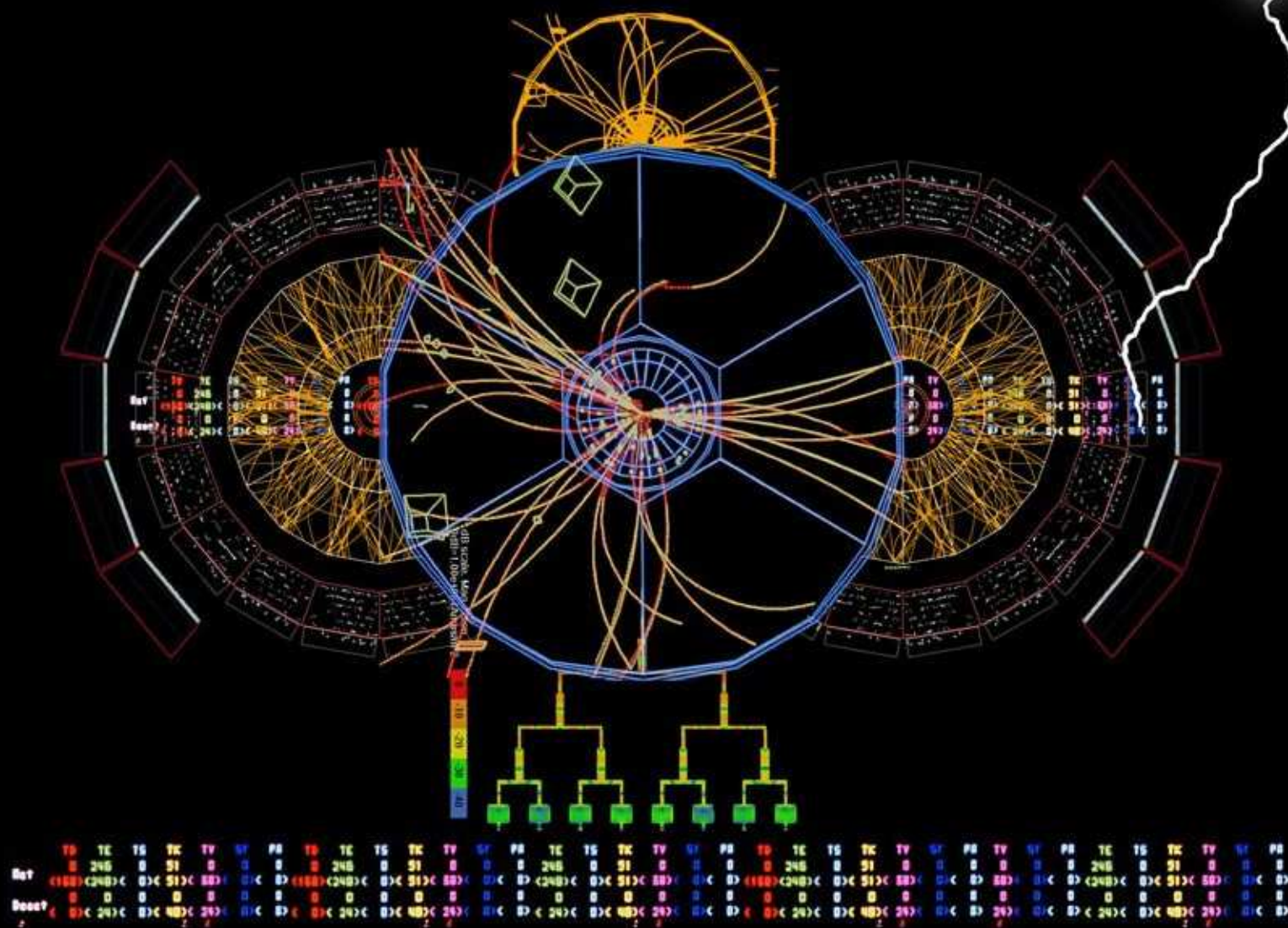
related. The newly forming country of the United States is likewise spiritually and intimately associated — in its form aspect — with Brazil, Russia and Italy; hence the early influx of certain types of emigrants into the country and hence also the pull of the South American countries upon the American consciousness, and the growth (rightly or wrongly) of the ideal of Pan-America. These relations are all on the form side and emerge out of the personality rays or energy of the nations concerned. The Ray of Love or Inclusiveness, the Ray of Active Intelligence showing itself so predominantly in the electrical civilisation of modern times, and the fifth Ray of Exact Science are all potently active at this time, for they are all pouring their energies onto our planetary life. The incoming seventh Ray of Order is surely, even if slowly, imposing order and a new rhythm of life upon mankind. The effect of these incoming energies and of the rays which are active at any one time is felt in the following sequential order:



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1. The sensing of an ideal.
 2. The formulation of a theory.
 3. The growth of public opinion.
 4. The imposition of the new and developing pattern upon the evolving life.
 5. The production of a form, based upon that pattern.
 6. The stabilised functioning of the life within the new form.
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It should be remembered that each ray embodies an idea which can be sensed as an ideal. The rays in time produce the world pattern which moulds all planetary forms and thus bears witness to the inner potency of the evolutionary processes. This pattern-forming tendency is being recognised today by modern psychology in connection with the human being and his emotional or thought patterns are being charted and studied. ***So it is with the nations and races also.*** Every ray produces three major patterns which are imposed upon the form nature, whether it be that of a man, a nation or a planet. These three patterns are: ***the emotional pattern***, embodying the aspiration of a man, a nation or a race; it is the sum total of the desire tendency at any one time; ***the mental pattern***, emerging later in time and governing the thought processes of a man, a nation or a race. The emotional and mental patterns are the negative and positive aspects of the personality of a man, a nation or a race. ***The soul pattern*** is the predisposing and spiritual goal, the ring-pass-not or destiny which the spiritual principle succeeds eventually in imposing upon the personality of a man, a nation or a race. This soul pattern eventually supersedes and obliterates the two earlier pattern-producing processes.

If, for instance, the energy of the fifth ray, which is the soul ray of the French nation, can make its potency felt in the stress and misery of the present world condition, then to ***France may be given the ultimate glory of proving to the world the fact of the soul and of giving a demonstration of soul control.*** The soul pattern may be translated by the genius of the French intellect into terms which humanity can

understand and a true psychology of the soul may come into being. The genius of Germany has often in the past been expressed along the line of its fourth ray soul, and through its power Germany has given much of music and philosophy to mankind. That soul is not at present expressing itself; a rampant personality has expressed the greatest evil but as time goes on and Germany learns the lessons which she must learn, the soul pattern will again be impressed upon the German consciousness; Germany must be helped to get again the vision of this ideal. If England's ideal of justice (which is the pattern of its personality ray) can be transformed by her soul ray of love into just and intelligent world service, then she will give to the world the pattern of that true government which is the genius of the soul quality of the British. If the idealism of the United States of America can be illumined by the law of love and not by personality self-expression, then the pattern which underlies the structure of the States may be seen in lines of light and we shall look for future racial light instead of the many separative national lines. At present it is the personality ray of the United States which controls.

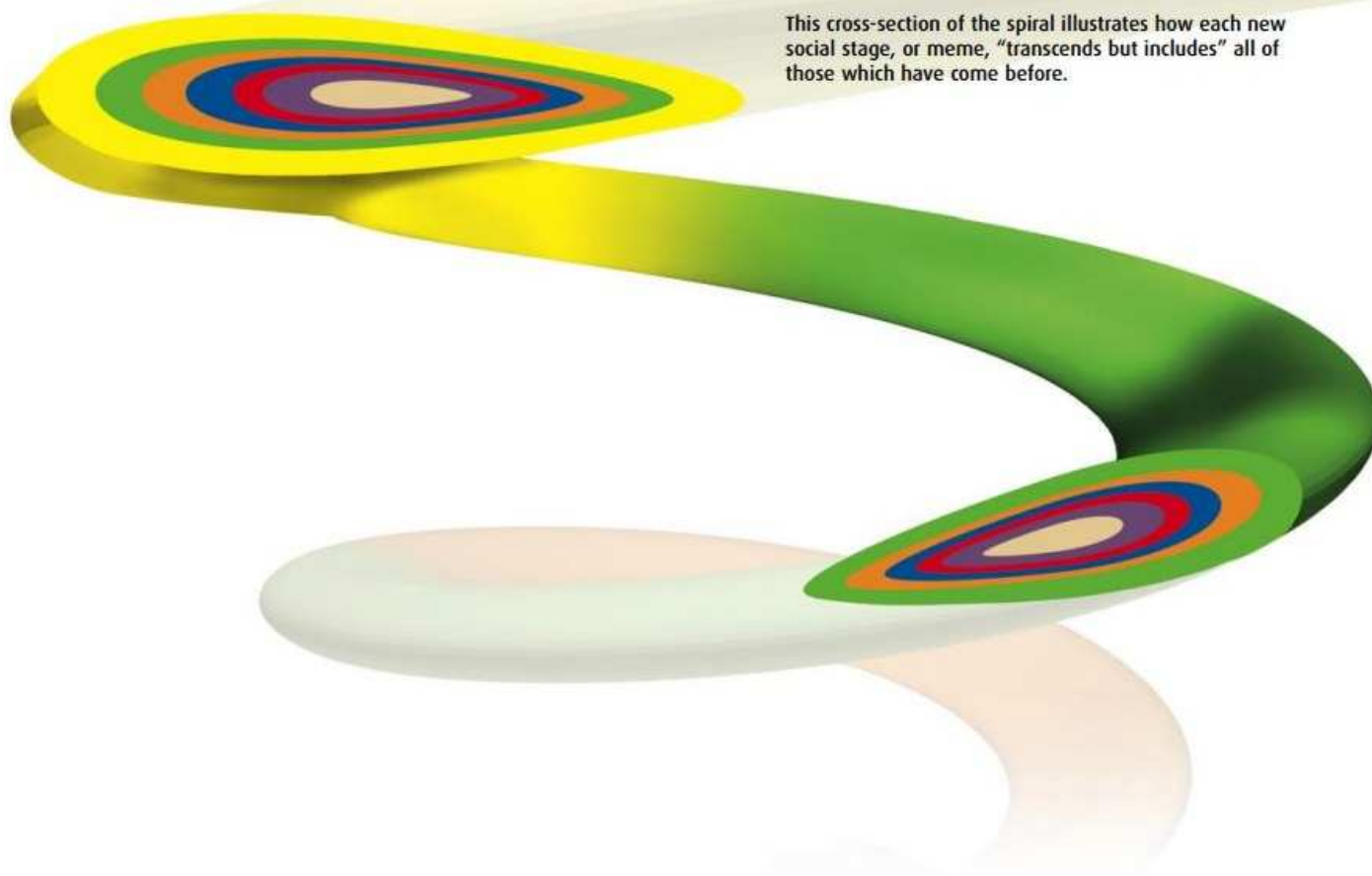
A close study of that for which each nation stands will be most revealing and their pattern will emerge — a pattern of personality selfishness or a pattern of soul goals.

transcend & include

"When a new worldview emerges, the [previously awakened memes] do not disappear. Rather, they remain subsumed in the total flow and not only add texture to the more complex ways of living, but remain 'on call' in case the problems that [first] awakened them to service reappear. So, there are systems within us, miniature worldviews, each of which is calibrated for different problems of existence. Like the Russian dolls, there are systems within systems within systems within systems."

Don Beck

This cross-section of the spiral illustrates how each new social stage, or meme, "transcends but includes" all of those which have come before.



Italy

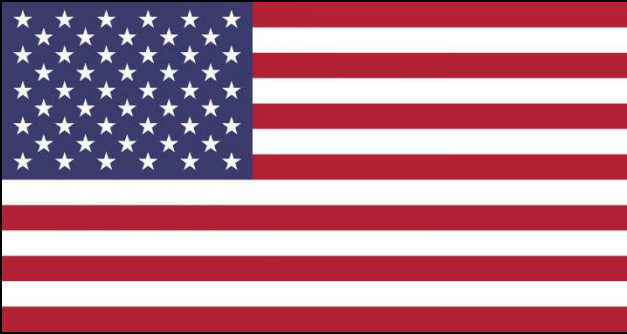


Italy has a sixth ray soul and hence her devotion to her past and to the ancient "glory which was Rome" (for this is closely tied up with the memory aspect of the soul) and to the concept of the restoration of the Roman Empire. But as it is the soul ray which is upon this stream of ray influence, it is interesting to note that Italy carries forward her plans with very little hate and with the minimum of

persecution and of resentment; she stands steadily for peace, no matter what the people may believe under the influence of national propaganda and the theories of the newspapers. Her motto, esoterically stated, is, as you know: "I carve the Paths." This will be true eventually in the spiritual as well as in the literal sense. Rome was the great road builder and road maker of Europe in the far distant past; today the British race (who are largely re-incarnated Romans and hence the friendly feeling which basically exists between the two countries in spite of outward appearance) are the original railroad makers. This is all upon the material side. Upon the spiritual side, as I told you in an earlier book, the whole field of religion will be re-inspired and re-orientated from Rome because the Master Jesus will again take hold of the Christian Church in an effort to re-spiritualise it and to re-organise it. From the chair of the Pope of Rome, the

Master Jesus will attempt to swing that great branch of the religious beliefs of the world again into a position of spiritual power and away from its present authoritative and temporary political potency.

The United States of America



The United States of America has for its personality ray the sixth ray and hence much of its personality difficulties. Hence also its strong desire life, impelling it to sex expression and to materiality but to a materiality which is very different from that of the French, for the citizen of the

United States values money only for the effects on his life which it can bring and for what it makes possible. Hence also the rapid response of the American continent to every form of idealism, to the need of others, even of its enemies, to compassion for all suffering and to a pronounced progress towards a well defined humanitarianism. This they may call the democratic ideal but it is in truth something which grows out of and eventually supersedes democracy—the ideal of spiritual government—a government by the highest and the most spiritual to be found in the land. Hence also their unrealised esoteric motto: "I light the Way." All the various forms of government, prevalent in the world today, will—after making their great experiment and its resultant

contribution—proceed upon the way of enlightened rule by the illumined minds of the age. This development is certain and inevitable and the indications of this happening can be seen today by those who have eyes to see and a developed inner vision.

Like all young people, symbolically speaking, the people of the United States show all the characteristics of adolescence. Again, symbolically speaking, the people of the United States are of the ages seventeen to twenty four. They shout freedom and still are not free; they refuse to be told what to do because it infringes upon their rights, nevertheless they allow themselves to be guided frequently by the inept, the partisan politician and by the inadequate; they are broadly tolerant and yet most intolerant of other nations; they are ready to tell other nations how to handle their problems but as yet evidence no ability to handle their own, as witness the treatment of the American Negroes and the withholding of equal freedom and opportunity from them. They are restlessly experimenting with all phases of life, with every kind of idea and all kinds of relationships. The creative power of the race shows itself as yet in a wonderful control of nature and in great construction projects which bring water under control, or which relate all parts of this vast country through roads and waterways. America is a great battleground for experiment along creative lines; it is profoundly interested in trying out every kind of ideology. The fight between capital and labour will reach its climax in the United States, but will also be fought out in Great Britain and France. Russia already has her own solution but the lesser nations of the world will be guided and conditioned

by the result of this battle in the British Commonwealth of Nations and in the United States.

The conflict in the United States is between a love of freedom which amounts almost to irresponsibility and license, and a growing humanitarian ideology which will result in world service and non-separateness. The rays of energy governing the United States are the 6th Ray of Idealism, which is the energy of the country's personality, and the 2nd Ray of Love-Wisdom, which governs the soul of the country. I would here point out to you that it is the soul ray of the United States which relates it to Great Britain. The sixth ray personality energy (at the present stage of unfoldment) produces an idealism which requires transmuting and changing from an idealism intensely preoccupied with the preservation of a high standard of living and physical comfort to an idealistic appreciation of the real spiritual values; these are at present veiled and hidden in the material philosophy of the country. The youthful interpretation of this idealism can be seen in the complete conviction of the American people that everything in the United States is better than anything anywhere else, in its willingness to tell all the world what should or should not be done, in its revolt from all controls, in its unthinking acceptance of any information which falls in with its preconceived ideas and prejudices; the mature aspect of American idealism leads its people to a prompt response to the good, the beautiful and the true, to the expression of an active humanitarianism and an invocative spiritual approach to reality.

Russia



Russia is peculiarly interesting at this time from the angle of humanity because she comes under the influence of both rays. Her egoic ray is the seventh and her personality ray is the sixth. Hence the tremendous conflict which is going on between the fanatical sixth ray cruelty of her sixth ray regime and the spiritual harmlessness which is the basic principle of the national ideology.

Hence also the materiality of several important sections of her populace and the essential brotherliness which is imposed by the idealism and the mystical aspiration of the Russian genius, expressed through its people as a whole. Hence also the correctness of their spiritual motto which is as yet unrealised by them but which is working itself out noticeably to those of us who can see upon the inner side of life. That motto is: "I link two ways." Their task, which will develop as they come to truer understanding, is the linking of the East and of the West, and also of the worlds of desire and of spiritual aspiration, of the fanaticism which produces cruelty and the understanding which produces love, of a developed materialism and a perfected holiness, of the selfishness of a materialistic regime and the unselfishness of a mystically and spiritually minded people, and all this in a most pronounced and peculiar

manner. Behind the closed borders of that mysterious and magnificent country, a great and spiritual conflict is proceeding and the rare mystical spirit and the truly religious orientation of the people is the eternal guarantee that a true and living religion and culture will finally emerge. Out of Russia—a symbol of the world Arjuna in a very special sense—will emerge that new and magical religion about which I have so often told you. It will be the product of the great and imminent Approach which will take place between humanity and the Hierarchy. From these two centres of spiritual force, in which the light which ever shineth in and from the East will irradiate the West, the whole world will be flooded with the radiance of the Sun of Righteousness. I am not here referring (in connection with Russia) to the imposition of any political ideology, but to the appearance of a great and spiritual religion which will justify the crucifixion of a great nation and which will demonstrate itself and be focussed in a great and spiritual Light which will be held aloft by a vital Russian exponent of true religion — that man for whom many Russians have been looking and who will be the justification of a most ancient prophecy.

Russia remains a great enigma for the rest of the world today. Her potentiality for human service and her ability to impose her will on a large scale upon the entire world outstrips that of any other nation. This in itself breeds distrust. Her territory covers a large part of Europe and the whole of North Asia. She has passed through a great and cruel revolution and a subsequent period of readjustment. She is preparing for world collaboration and is evidencing a wish for this to be accomplished on her own terms—

the terms of a general control of other lands, beginning with the smaller nations upon her western frontier. She is lifting the peoples of her own land from a condition of ignorance and poverty into one of knowledge and sufficiency. Russia is deeply distrusted by the rest of the world, particularly by its conservative elements, and this for two reasons: first, the cruelty with which the earliest stages of her revolution started—the period which we glibly call "Bolshevism"—and, by a subsequent period of a deliberately chosen and determined isolationism behind her closed frontiers. It was, nevertheless, a creative silence. The war then forced Russia to quit her silence for world collaboration. She was forced into participation in the World War. Russia is the home of a germinating revelation of great spiritual value and group significance—a revelation for all mankind. It is the dimly sensed and somewhat inaccurate realization of this which has led to her insidious propaganda.

Russia has created fermentation in other countries before she herself really knows what is the revelation of which she is custodian. Her activity is therefore premature. The true secret of brotherhood (one hitherto unknown and unrealized) is hers to give the world, but as yet she knows not what it is. This fact, that Russia is the spiritual custodian of a revelation, is sensed by the other nations in the world; and the first reaction has been fear, based on certain initial mistakes and her premature activity upon the physical plane. Nevertheless, all peoples view Russia with expectation; they dimly realize that from her will come some new thing, for Russia is rapidly maturing and integrating and will demonstrate that she has much to give. The world is witnessing the

uprising and the surging forward of a nation which has accomplished in a quarter of a century what other nations have taken many generations to work out. Russia is a giant, getting into his stride—a young giant, aware of great possibility, animated by a deeply religious, though unorthodox spirit, handicapped by a combination of oriental traits and occidental purposes, and distrusted by the world, owing to earlier moves falsely taken. These moves were an attempt to infiltrate into other nations, in order to upset their stability and so weaken them that they could be easily swept into the house of humanity which Russia is attempting to build. Russia is inwardly (but as yet unconsciously) motivated by a desire to bring brotherhood into being. Can you accept this diagnosis of that great unknown quantity which is Russia? Time alone can prove the accuracy of this statement, plus wise activity and sound propaganda on the part of Russia. The psychological problem of the Russia is, in the last analysis, to mind her own business, to stabilize and integrate a vast population, and to lead her peoples still further into the light. Russia must also learn to cooperate with other powers on an equal basis. Russia must not, with ambition and design, seek to sweep the small powers into her arena of activity against their wishes or through undue pressure and force. Russia has still much to do for the immense territories and their inhabitants which are already within her sphere of influence; the other nations must also work out their own destiny and must not be ruled perforce by Russia. Above everything else, the problem before Russia is to give to the other nations of the world such an example of wise rule, free expression of individual purpose, and the use of an inclusive and sound education, that other nations will pattern themselves upon what Russia has

demonstrated, yet will at the same time, preserve their own cultural approach, their own self-chosen form of government, and their own mode of expressing brotherhood. Russia inherently stands for a new world consciousness, and through her means, a new planetary expression will gradually be wrought out in the fire of experiment and experience. That great nation (a synthesis of East and West) must learn to rule without cruelty, without infringing the free will of the individual and because she has complete confidence in the beneficence of the ideals which she is developing but which are not yet expressed.

Spain

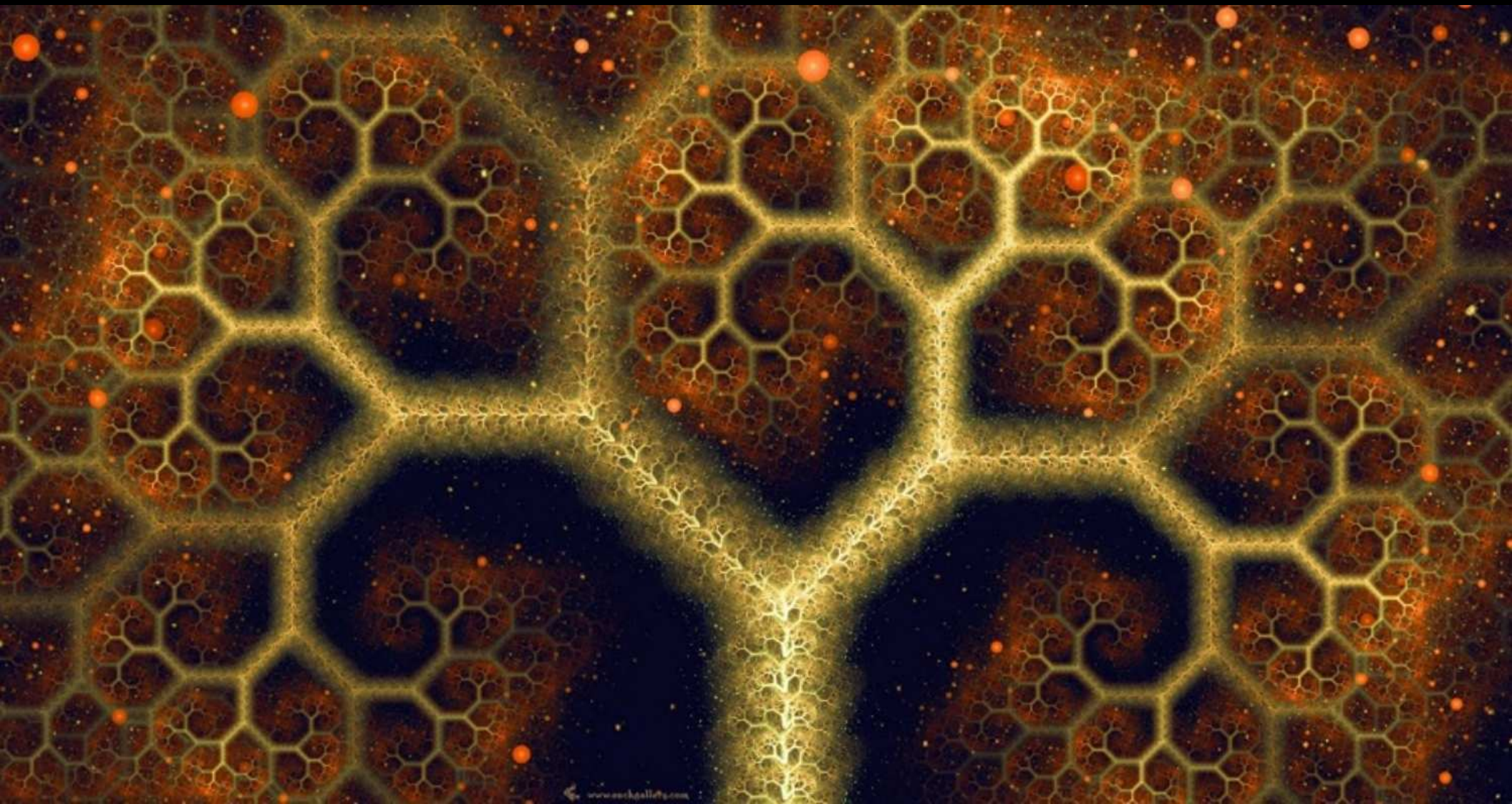


Spain has a sixth ray ego and a seventh ray personality — thus reversing the forces which are expressing themselves through the Russian spirit. Spain, too, acts as a link in world adjustment but this time the link is between Europe and Africa, and in this capacity Spain has earlier served. It will be apparent to you also how inevitable has been the relationship between Spain and Russia and how the ideology of the latter country has influenced the national government. It will also be apparent why the battleground of the two great ideologies — the Fascist and the

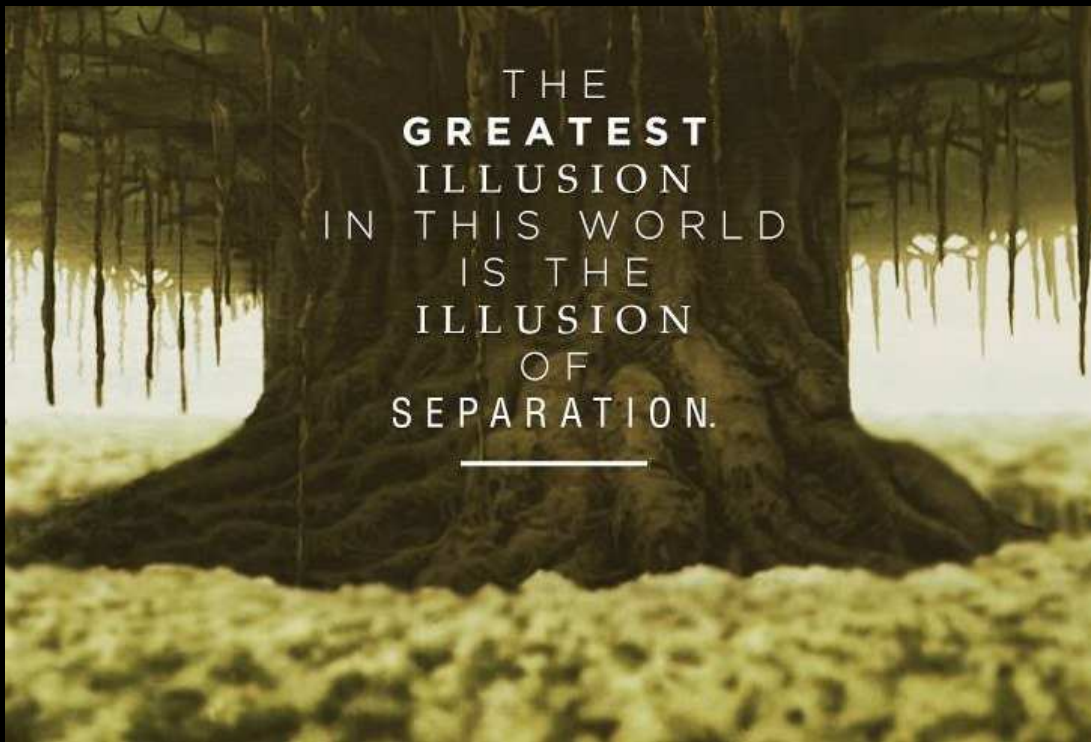
Communitistic — has been found inevitably in Spain. The triumph of the Fascist part has been equally inevitable from the start because of the egoic relation existing between Spain and Italy and also to the proximity of the two countries which has enabled the telepathic impress of Fascist idealism to be easily impressed upon the prepared and sensitive Spanish consciousness. As to the fanaticism, the natural cruelty, the fervent idealism, the arrogant pride and the religious and mystical quality of the Spanish character, they are obviously of sixth ray origin and are highly crystallised. The intense individualism of the people can be noted also as a definite part of their seventh ray personality equipment. Their spiritual motto: "I disperse the clouds," is indicative of the magical work for which Spain will eventually be responsible and sooner than is perhaps anticipated, thus balancing in that highly intelligent and individualistic country the field of scientific magic and the magical work of the Church of the future. This is a prophecy which lies at present too far ahead to be capable of verification, either in this generation or the next, but it is rooted in national characteristics and the law of probability.

We have been considering the rays of the Great Powers and the two Axis Powers, Germany and Italy. But the same methods can be applied to any nation and race and should prove of deep interest to every student of history.

The Nations and Their Governing Signs



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There are many other angles from which we could approach this subject of what predisposes people, nations and races to certain lines of action, making them anti-social or cooperative, and determining their relations with each other. The trend of events at any particular time may not truly reflect these deeper destinies.

It might be of interest here if we continued our study by a consideration of some of the countries and their governing signs. This would be a practical though necessarily a most debatable point. It is not related in any way to the geographical position of these countries but to the destiny (future) and karma (past) of humanity itself as it differentiates itself into nationalities, living at one period of time upon certain territories and so constituting that amalgamation of forms which we call nations or races. Basically and fundamentally the souls, informing these nations or races, remain detached from identification with them until such time as such souls can function on earth. Until, therefore, astrologers know more about group astrology and know also how to determine past influences as well as forecasts, it will not be possible for them to assign the correct ruling signs to the

various countries and nations or to check the accuracy or the inaccuracy of the statements which I may make in the following tabulations. That type of astrology which concerns itself with the past, we call essential astrology esoterically, in contradistinction to predictive astrology. Past conditioning factors are basic and essential to the expression of the present and to what happens in the human family at any given moment, and from a proper understanding of the rules which should (but as yet do not) govern the processes of what is sometimes called the rectifying of a horoscope when the exact moment of birth is not known will come the future science of ascertaining those past facts which produce present occurrences.



You will note that I would differentiate most carefully between countries and nations, owing to the fact that today and increasingly in the future, they will not be synonymous. The British nation is, for instance, a great synthesis of people, as is the United States of America, and also, in a lesser extent, both Brazil and the Argentine. Under the present situation, incident to the war and starting around the year 1900, there is a constant and ceaseless migration of peoples from one place to another and from one country to another, taking place today not only individually but also in group formation.

This tends to produce an inevitable fusion, blending and producing inter-racial life, thus constantly offsetting and negating what has been called "racial purity."

This attempt at an impossible racial segregation and purity is a misnomer, for the past renders it impossible; mixed blood runs in all veins, but the effort to produce this is the keynote of certain of the more modern cultures. These fortunately are in a minority, for they are anti-evolutionary and their objective is quite impossible of achievement, for they do not start with any pure strain. This tendency towards racial segregation (so noticeable in the Jew and the German) is a form of isolationism and necessarily an aspect of materialism, and is related to the personality of humanity and not to the soul aspect; it is separative in effect and normally feeds pride in the individual and the nation; it runs counter to the true progress of humanity which must lead increasingly to closer human relations, to human wholeness in the truest sense of the term; it will produce the inevitable recognition of vital human unity, placing no emphasis upon individual nations and races. This isolationist spirit was one of the dangers to which the neutral powers were at one time prone, particularly the United States, and the physical warning as to this danger was given to them in the magnetic storms which severed contact between them and Europe and dislocated their relationship between states within America itself.



The lamps are different,
but the light is
the same.

-Rumi

The world is one world and its sufferings are one; humanity is in truth a unity, but many are still unaware of this and the whole trend of the present teaching is directed to the awakening of humanity to this while there is yet time to avert still more serious conditions. The sins of humanity are also one. Its goal is one and it is as one great human family that we must emerge into the future. I would emphasise this thought: ***it is as one humanity, chastened, disciplined but illumined and fused, that we must emerge into the future.*** Those who do not grasp this important fact, whether they are what is called

belligerents or neutrals, will suffer deeply as a result of their non-participation in the fate of the whole. The isolationist or the super-racial attitudes of the bewildered German people are the attitudes of the separative tendencies of the form nature with its wrong emphasis; but so also is the attitude, veiled under beautiful words and misty idealism, of any neutral power who stands aloof from the happenings of the present.

The Hierarchy is not neutral. It is one with the right element in every nation and set against all separative, isolationist and materialistic attitudes. Such attitudes prevent the apprehension of the true spiritual values and hinder human development. Identification with all and participation in world conditions — voluntarily and not from force — is the way out today for all peoples. Ponder on this.

The Nations and Their Ruling Signs

It is, however, obvious that nations react like human beings under the influence of their rays — personality and soul rays — and this is a fact of vital import to the esotericist and something as yet little known or intelligently realised. What I give you, therefore, under this point is new exoterically; attention will have to be paid to the information — either as it comes from me or from other sources — if there is to be real understanding of the situation and therefore useful cooperation with the Forces of Light.

I will give you here the present personality influences of the nations, indicated by their governing signs of the zodiac, trusting that you will give due thought to what I impart and assuring you that they are of vital significance at this time, particularly if you compare them with what I gave you anent the rays of the nations in the first volume of *A Treatise on the Seven Rays*. I would remind you that — over the lapse of centuries — nations are reborn several times or come into incarnation in a new form which we may call a period, if unimportant, or a civilisation if significant and dramatic enough. Therefore, the personality ray and the governing influences change with frequency. This is oft forgotten, because the cycles are so much vaster than those of human incarnation. I would also point out that the tabulations which follow agree in part with the ordinary accepted assignment of zodiacal signs to the various countries, but not always. I will give you two signs for each country. One will be the emerging influence which will govern the ego or the soul of the country or nation, and the other that which governs at the present moment the personality ray of the individual country, and so conditions the masses. Forget not that the soul of the people is represented by those

who react to the influence of the soul ray and of the sign which is affecting it (its ascendant, one might say), whilst the masses are conditioned by the personality ray and therefore by the sun sign of the specified nation.

Note: This tabulation is arranged alphabetically and not in the rate of importance and influence of a country and nation.

The Nations and the Ruling Signs

Country	Ruling Sign	House	Egoic Ray	Ruling Sign	House	Personality Ray
Argentina	Cancer	4 th	Not Given	Libra	7 th	Not Given
Austria	Libra	7 th	Fourth	Capricorn	10 th	Fifth
Belgium	Sagittarius	9 th	Not Given	Gemini	3 rd	Not Given
Brazil	Leo	5 th	Fourth	Virgo	6 th	Second
China	Taurus	2 nd	First	Libra	7 th	Third
Finland	Capricorn	10 th	Not Given	Aries	1 st	Not Given
France	Pisces	12 th	Fifth	Leo	5 th	Third
Germany	Aries	1 st	Fourth	Pisces	12 th	First
Great Britain	Gemini	3 rd	Second	Taurus	2 nd	First
Greece	Virgo	6 th	Not Given	Capricorn	10 th	Not Given
Holland	Aquarius	11 th	Not Given	Cancer	4 th	Not Given

India	Aries	1 st	First	Capricorn	10 th	Fourth
Ireland	Virgo	6 th	Not Given	Pisces	12 th	Not Given
Italy	Leo	5 th	Sixth	Sagittarius	9 th	Fourth
Japan	Scorpio	8 th	Not Given	Capricorn	10 th	Not Given
Poland	Taurus	2 nd	Not Given	Gemini	3 rd	Not Given
Roumania	Leo	5 th	Not Given	Aries	1 st	Not Given
Russia	Aquarius	11 th	Seventh	Leo	5 th	Sixth
Scandinavia (4 Nations)	Libra	7 th	Not Given	Cancer	4 th	Not Given
Spain	Sagittarius	9 th	Sixth	Capricorn	10 th	Seventh
Switzerland	Aries	1 st	Not Given	Aquarius	11 th	Not Given
Turkey	Cancer	4 th	Not Given	Scorpio	8 th	Not Given
U. S. A.	Aquarius	11 th	Second	Gemini	3 rd	Sixth

It would, I feel, also be of value if I indicated the ruling sign of some of the capital cities of the countries dealt with in the above table. The focus of the immediate response of the peoples of the nations is frequently to be distinguished in the quality (if I may so call it) of their capital city and by the decisions there made. I would like to point out that in the British Empire there are several major and distinctive sections which are themselves definitely governed by certain ruling signs; therefore, before giving the rulers of the capitals, I would like to indicate the influences which control the British Empire through the medium of its component parts; they are an important factor in present events, owing to the major and powerful nature of the part Great Britain is playing in the present situation. As you will have noted Great Britain is ruled by Gemini and Taurus, and consequently the principles of multiplicity and integration are simultaneously present. Duality, triplicity (England, Scotland and Wales) and also differentiation are the conditioning aspects of the empire. Under the major control of Gemini and Taurus you have the following potencies active:



Country	Egoic Ruler		Personality Ruler	
Australia	Virgo	6 th	Capricorn	10 th
Canada	Taurus	2 nd	Libra	7 th
India	Aries	1 st	Capricorn	10 th
New Zealand	Gemini	3 rd	Virgo	6 th
South Africa	Aries	1 st	Sagittarius	9 th

These are the major divisions. There are lesser divisions but with these I am not here concerned. These countries are related to the mother-country through their planetary rulers, and in this statement you have a definite hint conveyed. The zodiacal signs relate, but the planets are more influential at this stage of evolution.

It is not my intention to give you the ruling signs of the capitals of all the countries; I have dealt with but only the more important:



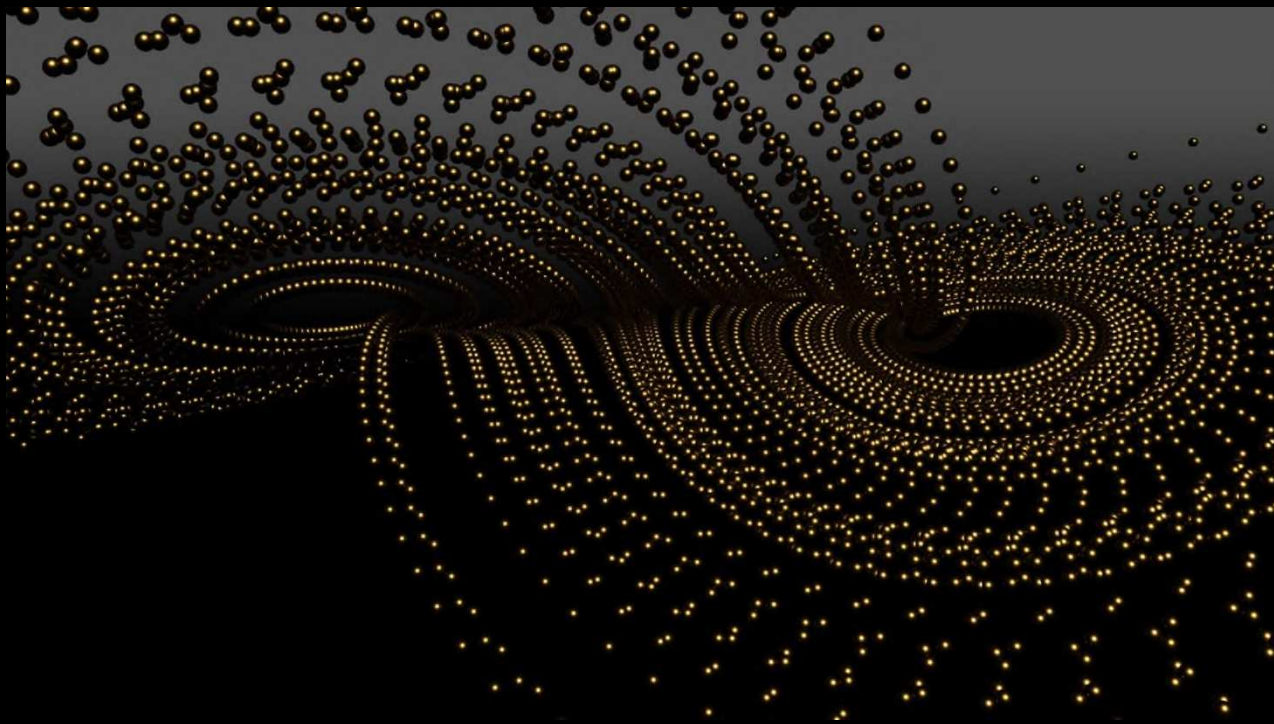
Country	Capital	Soul Ruler		Personality Ruler	
Belgium	Brussels	Gemini	3 rd	Capricorn	10 th
France	Paris	Virgo	6 th	Capricorn	10 th
Germany	Berlin	Scorpio	8 th	Leo	5 th
Great Britain	London	Leo	5 th	Libra	7 th
Italy	Rome	Taurus	2 nd	Leo	5 th
Poland	Warsaw	Capricorn	10 th	Pisces	12 th
Russia	Moscow	Taurus	2 nd	Aquarius	11 th
United States	Washington	Cancer	4 th	Sagittarius	9 th



An analysis of the signs ruling the different countries will make certain outstanding conditions apparent and even with the small knowledge of esoteric astrology now available will make certain definite information emerge in your minds as vitally explanatory. Capricorn, for instance, seldom appears as a sign governing the egoic expression of any nation but quite often as governing the personality manifestation, or the exoteric country. Austria, Greece, India, Japan and Spain have Capricorn as their

personality rulers, indicating age, crystallisation and materialism; a little study of conditions and the present point in evolution will make this apparent. In the next great and succeeding race to this, Capricorn will appear as ruling the egoic expression, for the soul will then be in greater control and certain great groups of human beings (those who now compose the present nations) will be ready for initiation upon the mountain top of Capricorn.

I cannot spend much time analysing this but would like to indicate one or two points which would serve to guide your thoughts and to clarify the issue. In this manner I can point the



way for the future guidance of astrologers who have an esoteric bias. The subject is, however, sufficiently abstruse to deter most people. The relations to be established cannot be based upon some definite starting point, as is sometimes possible in casting the individual horoscope, but upon energy effects, coming

direct from the signs themselves, or via certain planetary rulers (again either exoteric, esoteric or hierarchical); these effects are again conditioned by the interplay between the energy of the rays which govern the soul or the personality of the nation or country under consideration. The problem is likewise complicated because there will be the need to distinguish between the horoscope of the territory, housing the nation, and the people themselves who compose that unit which we call a nation. Some nations are fluid and not properly integrated as are the masses of people everywhere; others are integrated entities, or fully expressing personalities; others are crystallised and have nearly run their course as personalities; others again are coming under the influence of their soul ray, leading to another cycle of fluidity, before the definiteness of the initiate-entity becomes

apparent; a few again are purely embryonic. Thus the extreme difficulty of the science becomes increasingly apparent. There is, however, no need for discouragement, for this is a science, subject to moments of intense illumination when the intuition will suddenly reveal determining laws and when the capacity to think abstractly and synthetically will pour floods of light upon the most difficult and complex of problems. When the world again settles down to a cycle of peace and with opportunity for further conscious unfoldment, it will be found that that embryonic factor which we call the intuition will flower forth into as recognisable an expression of human consciousness as the present intellectual grasp and mental perception of the race. Until this time comes, the searching astrologer must proceed hopefully but cannot yet expect full understanding of what I here impart.

An Analysis of Certain Countries

The horoscope of a country can, therefore, be either that of the soul of the nation or of the personality of the nation, based on the form aspect; there are no means, as yet, of determining the date, for instance, of the birth of a nation or of a race. Boundaries are not determining factors nor is history itself, as now given, an adequate guide. As said above, some nations are entities and demonstrably so, as, for instance, France or Japan; others have been great and powerful nations but are so no longer, but the strain is there, and of these, India and the Jewish race are illustrations. Other nations are, relatively speaking, very modern, as for instance the German nation, yet the strain is very ancient. Strains, types, races, nations, branches and sub-branches produce a bewildering kaleidoscope before which astrology necessarily stands confused. But to the eye of the enlightened esotericist, certain entities emerge clearly and form the nations of the world; the important factor always to remember is that it is humanity as a whole which is the factor to be considered. The simile of the human body with its definitely recognised areas of expression, and the organisms which, in their turn, control and condition these areas will be helpful here. The important and non-important appear; the developing and the vestigial also emerge and under the Law of Correspondences aid in elucidating. In the great body of humanity there are certain areas which vibrate in unison and which attract to themselves souls of a certain quality and keynote; there is a magnetic interplay between countries (territories) and the nations which occupy them. This is not an arbitrary matter but due to magnetic interplay. It is also vibratory interplay, under the great Law of Attraction and Repulsion

which has much to do with the intercourse and relationships between nations. Let us now look at a few of them.

FRANCE



France is a Pisces-Leo country, and is expressive egoically of the fifth Ray of Concrete Knowledge or Science and the personality Ray of Active Intelligence. The soul of France, subjectively ruled Europe for the most important and influential part of the Piscean Age, now passing out; she coloured and dominated, by her Leo personality, a large part of the happenings in Europe during the Middle Ages and for centuries; she mediated the Piscean quality to the civilisation of the then known world and her

definitely Leo personality — self-conscious, self-centred, brilliantly intelligent and individual — conditioned Europe. It is this Leo personality which is responsible for the intensely nationalistic spirit of the modern French and which negates in them the more Aquarian tendency to universal consciousness or to the expression of the advanced Piscean soul to save the world; France comes before the world. The lesson France has to learn today is that the salvation of others is the goal of her Piscean soul and in this the self-interest of Leo precipitates conflict — one to which France is slowly awakening.

The egoic ray of France is that of Concrete Science and this, working in conjunction with the energy of the fifth zodiacal sign, Leo, has given the French people their intellectual brilliance and their scientific bias. The forces of crystallisation pour through Paris which is ruled by Capricorn in its personality and yet the soul of the French nation is nurtured in that great capital through the soul of the city, energised by Virgo and, forget not, that Virgo is the polar opposite of Pisces and the infant Christ in Virgo comes to full flower in Pisces. Here lies the hope of France.

You will remember perhaps that some years ago I indicated that from France will come a great psychological or soul revelation which will bring illumination to world thought.

If the true Piscean element can be drawn forth and the selfishness and the self-protective interests of the French nation can be offset, France then stands free some

day to lead the world spiritually as she has effectively in past history from the more political and cultural aspects, but this can only happen when the personality ray is subordinated to the soul ray and Leo can respond to the Aquarian influence in the coming new era when Aquarius is dominant. The Sun, as the ruler of Leo, made France what she was, irradiating Europe for centuries; but it was the personality and not the spiritual aspect, and her influence at no time was spiritual, as that word should be understood. Esoterically, Pluto, one of the rulers of Pisces, must work, bringing in the death of the personality influence, fostered by Leo; this can be done without any great outer dissolution of the form of the nation through the beneficent influence of Jupiter, the exoteric Ruler of Pisces. What is needed in the national life of France is the more spiritual expression of the second Ray of Love-Wisdom, which has in the past led to material success but which can flood the world, via France, once she dies to self. Capricorn, ruling Paris, signifies both death and initiation into the spiritual life, and here lies the choice for France. With the cooperation which Pluto can give in bringing about those conditions which will lead to the revelation of Virgo (ruling the soul of Paris) there is possible — in connection with this powerful and influential country — a contribution to the life of humanity which will be effective in bringing about the new desired conditions in Europe, but France's demand for her personal security must give place to the security of the whole from aggression and evil and fear, and all thought of revenge upon or the dismemberment of other countries in the interests of France will have to end, if the true soul of France is to find expression.

Therefore, the following signs (cosmic energy) and planets transmitting solar and cosmic energies, are the conditioning factors of France in incarnation at the present time:

France

- 1. Pisces — with its rulers: Jupiter and Pluto. }
- 2. Leo — with its ruler: the Sun. } the nation
- 3. Virgo — with its rulers: Mercury, Moon, Jupiter. }
- 4. Capricorn — with its rulers: Saturn and Venus. } Paris
- 5. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming via the planetary rulers:
 - a. Ray 2. — Love-Wisdom, via Jupiter and the Sun. These are the most powerful.
 - b. Ray 1. — Power or Will, via Pluto. This is also the Destroyer Ray and can bring the death of the Leo influence.
 - c. Ray 3. — Active Intelligence, via Saturn. This cooperates with the third ray personality of France, and at this time Saturn offers most definite opportunity through the focus of power now to be found in Paris.
 - d. Ray 4. — Harmony through Conflict, via Mercury. Can France work for world harmony in the post-war period?
 - e. Ray 5. — Concrete Science or knowledge, via Venus. In this a realised cooperation with the soul ray, which is also the fifth ray, can bring about, through the French nation, a consummation of the Piscean influence or genius.
 - f. Ray 4. — This time through the Moon, thus aiding the work of Mercury and producing that needed internal conflict which will release France from Leo and from the control of her self-centred personality.

I would here call your attention to the fact that the astrology which I am emphasising is that which is concerned with the effective energies — what they are and from whence they come. I would repeat here as I have often done before that I am not concerned with predictive astrology. The coming emphasis in astrology will be upon the available energies and the use the subject makes of them and the opportunity which they present at any given time.

I have given you France somewhat in detail so that you can appreciate the extent of the influences which determine any nation and make it for the first time what it is. The combination of Piscean power in the Piscean Age, plus a potent Leo nature, enabled France at one time to express quite phenomenally its innate subjective tendency to save the world (for France is essentially on the Path of a world Saviour); this was aided by the brilliant clear vision of the fifth and third rays with their intellectual bias, plus the opportunity offered by Saturn, ruling Paris. This enabled France to stage the great French Revolution and strike one of the major blows for the release of humanity from bondage. This has twice occurred during the Piscean Ages: once at the signing of the Magna Charta at Runnymede and again at the French Revolution. The recognition of the importance of the rights of humanity, as a whole, came to the world via France. It marked a climax and high point in the evolution of the nation. Since then Capricorn and Pluto have produced crystallisation and the death or obscurity temporarily of the then emerging soul aspect (speaking symbolically) and the note of France has not been a selfless one. The forces of the soul are working, but France is as yet

predominantly governed by personality and by the selfish aspects of the Leo influences. France, as yet, matters to herself more than humanity matters and the question is: Can she achieve the terrific task of decentralising herself, of sacrificing herself for the common good and of relinquishing her dreams for France in the vision of the whole and so tread again more fully the Path of a World Saviour? There are as yet no signs of this; when the time to make peace treaties arrives, it will become clearer which way France will go and whether she will work for peace and security of the whole in love and with wisdom, or for France with intellectual brilliance and selfishness.







Deutsches Kaiserreich



Germany is ruled by Aries, bringing in the powerful influences of this first sign in combination with its fourth ray soul (the Ray of Harmony through Conflict). The simple interpretation of this is that we are watching the beginning of a new phase and cycle in the history of the country which emerges into prominence through conflict but which is essentially a process of releasing the soul to fuller expression. It is ruled also by Pisces, cooperating with the influences of its first ray personality, which is the Ray of Power and the Ray of the Destroyer. The whole problem of French-German relation is tied up in this fact for the Piscean soul of France and the Piscean personality of Germany must eventually come to terms and it is obvious, is it not, that the real solution lies in the hands of France, which must let its soul control? It is because of this that, at the close of the



Piscean Age, this whole relationship has come to a focus. France has an integrated personality whilst Germany has not; France is mental whilst Germany is predominantly astral; France is, therefore, essentially more potent, and its Leo personality can control with force to the detriment of future world understanding, or its soul can control to the furthering of the ends of the Hierarchy. As you know, Berlin is controlled by Leo from the personality angle, and there again comes out the relationship between the countries. They are both powerfully influenced by this sign of self-interest and of individuality as well as by Pisces. They cannot escape this relation. Hence the constant clash of

these two countries through the dominating self-interest of Leo (ruling both personalities). Engrossment with present attitudes should not lead to forgetfulness of the past. France should not forget the Napoleonic wars, nor Great Britain the Boer war. All nations have much in the past which is apt to be forgotten, particularly if the lessons of greater spiritual growth have been learnt. The United States must not forget either that she is a section of the entire European continent transplanted across the ocean and that European history, successes, mistakes and sins are here also — a thing that many people are very apt to do, thus shifting responsibility. What is happening in the world today is a world happening, not a continental and local occurrence.

Germany is therefore controlled by the following energies and forces, and a study of the consequent inter-relations should prove interesting.

Germany

1. Aries — with its rulers, Mars, Mercury and Uranus.
2. Pisces — with its rulers, Jupiter and Pluto.
3. Scorpio — with its rulers, Mars and Pluto.
4. Leo — with its ruler, the Sun.
5. The soul ray. Harmony through Conflict. 4th.
6. Personality ray. Will or Power. 1st.
7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming via the planetary rulers:
 - a. Ray 6. — Idealism or Devotion, via Mars which rules Aries and is the double ruler of Scorpio. This produces the fanaticism and unreasoning devotion and blind acceptance of conditions, so distinctive of the country at this time. It is virtue misdirected.
 - b. Ray 4. — Harmony through Conflict, via Mercury, thus cooperating with the soul ray intensifying the conflicting conditions and leading to a pull between idealism and facts, between France and Germany, and between the groups within Germany itself.
 - c. Ray 7. — Ceremonial Order or Ritual, via Uranus. This affects the masses as a whole, as it is the hierarchical ruler and (because of their point of evolution) leads to their facile standardising and regimenting. The 7th ray also focusses or "grounds the first ray" and leads to the power direction which is given them.
 - d. Ray 2. — Love-wisdom, via Jupiter and the Sun as the ruler of Leo. Thus the personality ray of the nation and the personality ray of Berlin tend at this stage to express self-love.
 - e. Ray 1. — Will or Power, via Pluto as the ruler of Pisces, governing the personality of the nation in cooperation with the death giving power of Scorpio which it rules and which governs Berlin. This tremendous activity of the destroying agent as far as Germany is concerned is offset by the influence of Jupiter. It is not nevertheless very potent.

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Everything tends to show that the German people, not being an integrated race, are very largely victims and should be just as easily guided into right ways as they have been, at present, guided into their present activities. They did, however, provide a good medium through which the ancient Atlantean conflict could be precipitated and brought to the surface, and the ancient feud between materialism and the Forces of Light be finally resolved for this particular world cycle. Germany is mediumistic, as was its dictator, as I have earlier indicated; it is the Aries-Leo influences which produced the dictator. The Piscean personality of Germany (which is the sign governing mediumship) accounts for the apparently fluid grasp of essentials and the inability of its people and ruling government to

stand by pledges. The influence of the sixth ray, coming via Mars, martially applied, and the lack of true spiritual love as it is diverted into sentimental personality devotions, account temporarily for the mass negligence to assert itself on behalf of the oppressed and in the interests of the higher principles. The need for this assertion is realised by

many in Germany but the negative Piscean personality attitude provides a great obstacle and accounts for what has puzzled all who know and love the German people. At present, the influence of Mars, of Leo and of Pisces in their lower octave or connotations, are dominant. That which can offset this unhappy situation is the influence of Scorpio, the sign of discipleship and one of the death signs in the Zodiac.

The struggle for the soul of the people and its emergence into control is really taking place today in Berlin and upon the decision of this conflict much depends. France whose soul is governed by Pisces, the world Saviour, can do much to release the Piscean personality of Germany. Here lies the crux of the world problem. Great Britain, with her soul ray ruled by Gemini (which understands both the soul nature and the personality nature), can do much to help.

I cannot elaborate on this further beyond pointing out that both for nations and individuals the first great crisis in Scorpio upon the path of discipleship is determining in its effect upon the future.

Great Britain



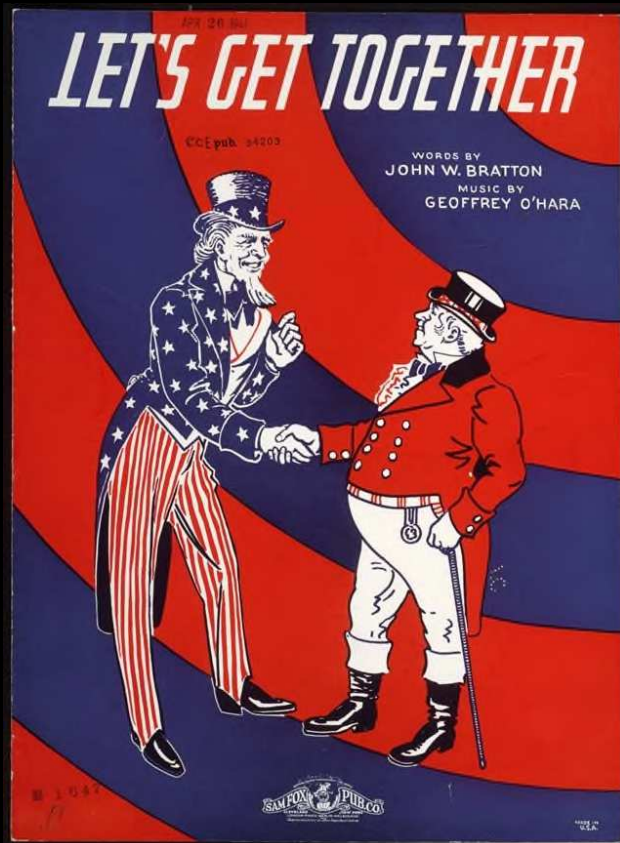
In considering Great Britain, we note first that the ruling sign is Gemini from the standpoint of the soul of the people, and that Taurus governs the material outer form of the nation; it is this factor that has led her people to appear before the world under the symbol of John Bull, expressive of the British personality. It has been thought by certain astrologers that Britain is ruled by Aries, and this is true of it, as far as that small part which is called England is concerned; but I am dealing with the empire as a whole and not with a fraction of it. It is the Gemini influence that has led to the constant movement and restlessness of the British people; which has led them to cross and recross the ocean and to stage a constant going out to the very ends of the earth, to



return ever again to the centre from which they came. This is characteristic of the race. It is the Gemini influence which has produced — viewing the work of the nation from the personality or lower angle — the secret and oft devious diplomacy and subtlety which has in the past distinguished Great Britain's political activity. Gemini people are often distrusted, and the Gemini effect along this line makes of Great Britain no exception. Such distrust has been warranted in the past but is not as justifiable now, for the nation is old and experienced and is fast learning the lessons which she has had to master. As yet, from the higher angle, Gemini does not entirely control, for the soul of Britain is only now struggling for expression. For long ages Taurus has led the way with his

material aims, his acquisitive desires, his arrogant will and his blind moving forward towards the possession of that which has been desired. Pervasiveness and movement are two qualities with which Gemini and Taurus have dowered the race. London, the heart centre of the empire is ruled spiritually by Leo and materially by Libra and it is, therefore, the soul factor which links Great Britain to France and which should assist spiritually the Leo nature of the French Personality. It is not, however, the spiritual quality of this sign which dominates British policy, but primarily the Libra aspect. Great Britain regards herself as the preserver of the balance of power among the nations and

as the one to mete out justice and indicate the right methods of law and order; yet her Gemini nature at times offsets this, whilst Taurus frequently blinds her to the real issues. It is the Leo aspect also which links London to Berlin, but it is Leo in its more self-assertive aspect and hence some of the difficulty and hence also the close and not to be evaded relationship between London-Paris-Berlin, a triangle of force which conditions Europe most potently. It is between these three that the destiny of the race of men in the immediate future lies, and again the question arises: Will the coming decisions be based upon the good of the whole or upon the good of a part of the whole?



It was the Leo force in Great Britain which attracted originally the Leo force in France and led to the Norman conquest in the 11th century. I mention this because it indicates relationship and the demonstrated results of such relationships, but not because that past event has any true repercussions at this time.

There is a much closer relation between the United States of America and Great Britain than between any continental power, for Gemini is the ruling sign of both countries, and they have, in many ways, a synchronous vibration. There is however little of the Taurian influence in the States and consequently you have the attitude of

frequent misunderstanding which exists between the two powers. They are very close to each other and the welfare of each means much to each of them, so much so that the tendency to misinterpretation of each other's actions and motives is not aided by the fluidity of Gemini. Nevertheless, the arrogance and self-will of the Bull must give way to the fluid understanding of the inclusive Gemini consciousness, and this is a hard thing for the British temperament at this time to grasp. They are so sure of their rectitude and so convinced of their wisdom that they are apt to forget that good intentions are oft offset by bad methods. The British are just and wise, but their self-sufficient technique and their blindness to other peoples' point of view has not aided world peace and is indicative of the control of Taurus. I would add here that the belief of the German race that they constitute the super-race, the intense nationalism of the French which leads them to feel that they have a superior culture to any other race, the sure pride of the British which leads them to regard themselves as eternally in the right, and the noisy self assertion of the United States which leads them to regard their country as the hope of the world have in reality little to choose between them and are all equally indicative of personality control. This is, as you know, a thing to be overcome in all nations and individuals.

Governing Great Britain, therefore, are the following energies, working through the zodiacal signs and the ruling planets:

Great Britain

1. Gemini — with its rulers, Mercury, Venus and the Earth.
2. Taurus — with its rulers, Venus and Vulcan.
3. Leo — with its ruler, the Sun.
4. Libra — with its rulers, Venus, Uranus and Saturn.
5. The soul ray — Love-wisdom. 2nd.
6. The personality ray — Will or Power. 1st.
7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming via the planetary rulers:
 - a. Ray 4. — Harmony through conflict, via Mercury, leading to a definite link with Germany (as a study of the earlier tabulation will show). It accounts for the warlike history of Great Britain, but works out at the present time in the harmony of the Empire.
 - b. Ray 5. — Concrete Knowledge or Science, via Venus. It is interesting to note that it is this ray which links Great Britain so closely with France and appears nowhere among the influences which affect the German nation. Venus rules Taurus and Libra as well as Gemini and hence the well developed lower concrete mind of the British nation. The intuitive mind however needs development.
 - c. Ray 3. — Active Intelligence or Adaptability, via the Earth and also via the planet Saturn as it appears among the rulers of Libra. Here you have a clue as to why the British Empire covers the Earth, for there is a close connection between the Earth, as a whole, and Great Britain. It links Great Britain also with the third ray personality of France.
 - d. Ray 1. — Will or Power, via the planet Vulcan. There is in the first ray — as it expresses itself through Vulcan — very little of the Destroyer aspect as there is in the planetary influence of Pluto, another agent of the first ray. Again you find in this ruler of Great Britain's Taurian personality, a link with the first ray German personality. It accounts also for the forging of the chains which tie the Empire together, making it a unity through the will of the people.
 - e. Ray 2. — Love-wisdom, via the Sun, ruler of Leo which governs the soul of London, and which is also a channel for the soul force of the British Empire which is essentially that of love-wisdom when given real expression and not controlled and dominated by the Libra influence.
 - f. Ray 7. — Ceremonial Order or Organised Ritual, reaching our planet via Uranus and giving to the Empire its grounded physical plane control over place and circumstance, its legal fundamentals, in cooperation with Libra, and its love of order and of rule, thus providing full expression for the first ray energies of the British Empire.

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A study of the interplay of these energies and forces will account adequately for Great Britain and her activities; they indicate also certain definite lines of affinity and also point the way to imminent possibilities of adjustment, if the love which is the basic motivating power of the British soul is permitted expression. Hitherto it has been primarily Taurus and Leo as well as Libra which have coloured British attitudes, decisions and activities. Can Britain change and — preserving the will-to-order and balanced judgment which Libra confers upon her — eliminate the Taurian aspects which have led her blindly to seek that which she desires and because of her powerful personality to gain those ends? There is an ironic fate which determines that this great nation, having in past centuries been one of the major aggressors of the world, should now bring to an end, with the aid of France (which has a very similar aggressive tendency), the period of aggression, and so be used to inaugurate an age of cooperation, of understanding and of mutually shared responsibility. The future of the world lies at present largely in the hands of France and Great Britain, and the happiness of the world is assured if the soul energy of both these countries controls, and personality aims and ambitions are negated.



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Russia is as yet embryonic and her part lies more in the East than in the West, provided she follows the indicated lines. Her two ruling signs are Aquarius and Leo and her real function in the comity of nations lies far ahead when the Aquarian age is flourishing and the Leo control of the Russian personality has been offset. The planets which primarily influence Russia are the Sun (2nd ray), Uranus

(7th ray), Jupiter (2nd ray) and the Moon (4th ray). This makes a most interesting, a most humanitarian and — in the long run — a non-destructive combination. At present,

the intensely individualistic Leo force in its worst aspects is dominating, but this will not last as history will eventually prove.

The noisy, cruel child can turn into a controlled humanitarian in adult life and the influences potent in the Russian horoscope indicate this.

Italy



I can only most briefly touch upon the energies which motivate and condition the Italian empire and the United States, leaving you to make your deductions and applications.

Again, in Italy, you find Leo appearing, thus relating Italy to France, to Great Britain and to Berlin — all of which have Leo as a ruling sign, either of the nations themselves or of their chief city. There is, consequently, no possibility of any of these four powers being able to evade relationships. Italy is more closely related to Great Britain than she is to France, because Rome is ruled by Taurus and by Leo which ties her to Great Britain

through identity of vibration. This France will have to recognise as well as Italy and Great Britain.

The personality of Italy is ruled by Sagittarius, the sign of the one-pointed disciple, and it is owing to this that we have the undeviating aim of the Italian state and its refusal to be moved from certain attitudes and determinations. Italy sees more clearly than Germany the principles involved at this time, and though Rome is blinded at times by the Taurian influence which leads to a blind rushing forward towards a goal, irrespective of consequences and implications, yet essentially the inner straight line of foreseen and planned activity will hold Italy true to the objective.

The following conditioning forces make the story of Italy sufficiently clear:

Italy

1. Leo — with its ruler, the Sun.
2. Sagittarius — with its rulers, Jupiter, the Earth and Mars. } the nation
3. Taurus- with its rulers, Venus and Vulcan. } Rome
4. Leo — with its ruler, the Sun.
5. Soul ray — Ideals, Devotion. 6th.
6. Personality — Harmony through conflict. 4th.
7. Ray influences of an indirect nature, coming through the planetary rulers:
 - a. Ray 2. — Love-wisdom, via the Sun and Jupiter. This again relates Italy to the second ray soul of Great Britain and tends to a basic understanding. I would here point out that in this second ray influence it is the wisdom aspect more than the love aspect which is dominant. Love is in reality, understanding wisdom in active expression.
 - b. Ray 3. — Active Intelligence, via the Earth. It was this Earth influence which, in the past, gave Italy her world dominion and which swayed the Italian personality towards the thought of another worldwide empire.
 - c. Ray 6. — Devotion and Idealism, via Mars. I would remind you that the soul ray of Italy is also the sixth ray. You have, therefore, the influence of Mars dominating Italian and Roman history, and it is this martian tendency which lay at the base of the German Italian axis. It, however, is not today the controlling factor.
 - d. Ray 5. — Concrete Knowledge or Science, via Venus. This influence is also dominant in Great Britain and again closely relates the two countries. Of this there is one curious little instance, which demonstrates an almost uniform working of this scientific bent for the good of the entire world (Venus in relation with Jupiter). That is the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell and the development of the radio by Marconi.
 - e. Ray 1. — Will or Power, via Vulcan, the forger and the worker in metals whose influence in this case closely associates itself with the undeveloped aspect of the Leonian influence.

United States



We will just look at the controlling factors in one other country, the United States of America, and indicate the influences working at this time which are in process of bringing to an end the adolescent stage in that country and enabling it to come forth in full maturity.

This vast land is ruled by Gemini, linking it therefore closely with Great Britain and also by Aquarius as the ruler of its soul ray. This combination of a sixth ray personality, ruled by Gemini, and a second ray soul (as has Great Britain), ruled by Aquarius, is

potent for future power and usefulness. The capital city, Washington, is ruled by Cancer and Sagittarius, and it is this fact which leads the United States to act like the Crab (Cancer) and be preoccupied with its own house which it carries on its back and to vanish into hiding at the first signs of trouble. Because also the Sagittarian influence is strong, there is a potent determination to stick one-pointedly to any decision made. This its sixth ray personality enforces at times almost to the point of a fanatical blindness and to the detriment of the long range vision which is needed at such times as these.



Like Russia, this country is in the making and — as I have told you elsewhere — as the nation's power shifts, as it will and as it now really is shifting from Washington to New York, the Cancerian influence will steadily lessen and the country will take its place as an adult among the nations. Its Gemini nature and its Aquarian soul should (when developed and balanced) provide a most remarkable channel for human expression. You will note that none of its zodiacal rulers link it with France, except indirectly through Cancer, which is the polar opposite of Capricorn, one of the rulers of Paris. It is for this reason that such a small percentage, relatively speaking, of French people migrate to the States; there is a closer link with Italy than with France, and hence the large Italian population, for Sagittarius rules both Italy and Washington. The influences are, therefore, as follows:

United States

1. Aquarius — with its rulers, Uranus, Jupiter and the Moon.
2. Gemini — with its rulers, Mercury, Venus and the Earth.
3. Cancer — with its rulers, the Moon and Neptune.
4. Sagittarius — with its rulers, Jupiter, the Earth and Mars.
5. The soul ray — Love-wisdom. 2nd.
6. Personality ray — Idealism Devotion. 6th.
7. Indirect influences via the planetary rulers are many, and the rays conditioning this country are consequently many, owing to the mixture of races found there. Of these influences there are eleven in all, for the Earth presents two aspects and the Moon veils both Vulcan and Uranus.
 - a. Ray 7. — Order and Magic, via Uranus. This influence is inherited from the Atlantean world, which still rules the territorial aspect of the States, which is a remnant of old Atlantis. It is this that produces the many magical, spiritualistic and occult groups which flourish today in the States.
 - b. Ray 2. — Love-wisdom, via Jupiter, thus linking the States closely with Great Britain and indirectly with France.
 - c. Ray 4. — Harmony through Conflict, via the Moon, veiling in this case the planet Vulcan. Vulcan here "forges on his anvil, through fire and blows, that linking network which covers all the nation and makes it hold together." This ray produces the condition which brings together Germany and the States, for the fourth ray is the German soul ray and the first ray, which Vulcan transmits via the Moon, links the German soul and personality to the United States. Hence the vast numbers of Germans who come to the States in order to escape from the personality activity of Germany as it expresses itself through its first ray destroyer aspect.

} the nation

} Washington

- d. Ray 4. — I enumerate this ray for the second time because it expresses itself here through Mercury, the Messenger, and emphasises the harmony aspect in contradistinction to the conflict angle which the Moon and Vulcan together have precipitated. It is the Moon-Vulcan relation which produces the political conflict which always rages in the States.
- e. Ray 5. — Concrete Knowledge and Science, via Venus. This confers the intelligence which is so marked in the American people and will eventually determine the lines along which their education will run and their religious organisations.
- f. Ray 3. — Active Intelligence or Adaptability, via the Earth, thus 'grounding' the American people and basically making the soil their problem. Hence the prominence of agriculture in the public consciousness and the pre-occupation of the government with the cotton problems, the corn problem and many other issues of moment.
- g. Ray 6. — Idealism or Devotion, via Mars. This greatly augments the sixth ray personality of the States, thus presenting very real problems in a young people who are apt always to be fanatical and exclusive. Exclusiveness is one of the major weaknesses of the sixth ray type.
- h. Ray 4. — This influence appears, as you see, frequently, but this time it is through the Moon as it veils Uranus. This produces a conflict of a different nature than that which takes place when the Moon veils Vulcan or transmits the energy of the fourth ray direct. Uranus is the medium for the 7th ray and the function of its blending with the fourth, via the Moon, is to bring about a magical relationship between the many diverse nationalities found in the States and so fuse and blend them into an homogeneous whole — which is not the case at this time.

Thus the influences pouring into the United States today are very many; they relate the country practically to every country in Europe; this leads at times to chaotic conditions and to much confusion of thought. Yet it produces a richness in the national life which is a good augury for the future. A study of what I have said and a consideration of the various tabulations will prove how utterly impossible it is for the American people to dissociate themselves from Europe and the rest of the world.















The End!!



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