

THE SEVEN RAYS ON THE PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

Study Set 6

The Disciple As Meditator

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All that at present exists in the three worlds and in the higher spheres is the result of some form of meditative activity. The occult truism that "God thought, God visualized, God spoke and the world was made and is sustained" remains eternally true.

The creative meditation of the New Group of World Servers has for its objectives the creation of the new civilization and of the new world order.

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READING ASSIGNMENT

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Discipleship in the New Age (DINA), Volumes I & II:

Letters to disciples in training who have seventh ray personalities and souls. Refer to DINA RAY INDEX (in Study Set 1) and READING ASSIGNMENT INDEX (in this Study Set) for listing of pages to be read.

Esoteric Psychology I: 268-307

You should attempt to read at least 10 pages each day.

SEED THOUGHT

The time has come for the emancipation of knowledge, upon personal responsibility for its use. A free mind has the privilege of searching out new designs from unusual combinations. The new must be conceived as an undeferable utility. Each abstraction not applicable has no place. We are weary of air castles.

WRITTEN WORK

1. Referring to the top of page 28 in Destiny of the Nations,
  - a) How do you imagine the future "sybils" will be trained?
  - b) How would you expect the future prophets and seers to be different from ancient "informers of the race"?
  
2. The 7th ray is creative energy and works through two areas of the individual energy body -- the sacral center and the combination of the ajna and throat centers. The sacral center governs the reproductive process and assures the continuing creation of physical bodies for reincarnating souls. The throat center governs creativity on the mental plane; when the ajna center (focussing creative intent) and the throat center (creative effort) are active and interrelated, they produce a creative thinker and server.

Today's emphasis on sexual gratification and "fulfillment" is an early response to the influence of the incoming 7th ray. The 7th ray will be dominant throughout the Aquarian age; and the Aquarian age is expected to see great progress in developing the human mind.

How can today's aspirants and disciples help humanity to lift the creative power of mankind to the mental plane and into urgently needed building efforts?

Dear Companion on the Path,

Occasionally we should pause and formulate the meaning of the meditative way of life. Meditation, and more precisely group meditation, is essential to the peculiar gathering of disciples in whose company we find ourselves today as members of an esoteric training center. We have consciously chosen an endeavor to approach the Angel of Light and to affiliate ourselves with the white magicians who walk among men. Practically, our aim in meditation is dual: 1) to contact the place of higher learning called Hierarchy, designated to be of the invisible world of ageless truths, a center of initiating energies and of synthesizing, unifying vision; and to be impressed by this contact; 2) simultaneously to develop a detached, inclusive perspective of Humanity as the workshop of eternal principles, the completion aspect in the eternal cyclic process of life, and ourselves impress something upon this outer world. This dual activity and approach requires that we participate deliberately and fully at the meeting place where these two worlds can be known at once -- the plane of the soul. This constitutes the place of work for the true esoteric worker -- our group work. This is in keeping with the age-long progressive revelations of divinity -- ever the creative. Today the instrument -- the receptive -- is group. Through our unified effort as a vital group we propose to accomplish a unique task: to usher in the new enlightened vision that will create the new civilization of man, much desired. Meditation is the way of achievement.

Effective daily meditation, then, is our very first obligation and duty to our chosen task. Without meditation there will be no true vision in either of the above directions. Without this developed dual contact there will be no accomplishment, for the true bridging work is one process; the true worker must learn to be a mediator in this interplay, to pass freely between two worlds; there is no half way for this kind of endeavor.

One cannot get far in this kind of discussion without a consideration of sacrifice. The relationship of meditation and sacrifice is an important factor to be accepted and appreciated by every member in the group. The ability to sacrifice (as designed in the foregoing thoughts) is the evidence that the meditative link is made. We dedicate our time and interest to the Teaching because we sense the timely message in these writings. These teachings confirm that accomplishment is possible for those hearty souls who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices of individual self-fulfilling goals for an impersonal creative group experiment that will verify the capacity of men to love inclusively and unselfishly; to love and serve the larger life, the group life, principles, with all of the brilliance and joy this brings. This is a remarkable endeavor. When you pause to consider its meaning, is it not the essential message of our world teacher?

The ancient ritual of sacrifice has meaning for us today in our work. The depth of loving selfless service inherent in each consecrated sacrificial act demands and consequently evokes a very basic liberation from form identity, the very basis of limitation and ignorance. Every true sacrifice is a sacrifice of form identity, a sacrifice that releases love. Sacrifice is release, not limitation. The practical factor is that involvement in too many forms, and too serious involvement in form activity, produce form identity. Then the beauty of the vision is sacrificed. Priorities must be constantly monitored. Essentials and non-essentials must be scrutinized. Right sacrifice (right measure, rightly timed) empowers service because as the man releases himself from identity in and with form through intelligent willing choice, that act unveils ever more fully the vision and wisdom that lie beyond the prison house of self-interest.

The higher contact proceeds apace. In the expanding silence, the triad -- the world of ideas, intuitions, and spiritual purpose -- which is the soul's area of interest and work, gradually unfolds to the meditator's field of vision as informing synthesizing jewels of perception which, by nature, embody the creative impulse to change and transform things of moment.

Such is the interplay and the resulting challenge to stand steady in the light. The meditator moves through stages of unfolding realization. Initially, in meditation a disciple contacts his soul. He then begins the long road of changing priorities, which is the path of conscious sacrifice first of one thing for another in order to make way for service, later the sacrifice of one good for another more inclusive enlightened good to make for precise vision. Directed by the soul, the meditator moves toward the middle ground, an orientation to the field of consciousness as distinguished from orientation to the world of forms, able there through growing detachment from form identity to see and understand the human complexity with clear unmistakable certainty. Simultaneously, at the middle ground, the meditator is creating a steady dependable place of silence (in the field of consciousness) where impressions of a profound nature can find a pure medium upon which to be inscribed for safe keeping upon their journey into the world of forms. This journey, significantly enough, hinges upon the efforts of men.

The field of consciousness is an expansive field, as you can see, a place of dynamic interplay of forces and energies, a place of sacred meetings, the tower of the observer, the place of magic. It is readily accessible to the trained meditator, who moves freely within this field to locate centers of energy to facilitate his inner work and his outer service wherever the daily life places him. Each sacrifice creates a more clear and certain foundation in this field of awareness.

Soul infused individuals are the lighted beings in our highest visions for human awareness, free to work, to love truly, to know life more abundantly, and accept the divine task joyously. As meditation gives the soul access to the individual to create the soul infused personality, a group of soul infused individuals, meditating in unison, give Hierarchy access to Humanity.

Lovingly,  
Rose Ellis

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FUTURE EFFECTS OF SEVENTH RAY INFLUENCE

We shall take up at greater length than has been possible with the other Rays, the subject of the seventh type of force now coming into power, and which is therefore a vital factor in the immediate evolution of man. This incoming Ray is peculiarly situated at this time, and its influence will be manifested under very favorable conditions. It is pouring its force out upon the seventh plane, the physical, during the fifth rootrace and the fifth subrace, and consequently the opportunity is great.

The fifth Kumara, the Lord of the seventh Ray, has a unique position as the "Ruler of the Building Devas" of the physical plane, the devas of the ethers, in cooperation with their Deva Lord. He guides and directs the production of the form by means of certain occult words. He works, therefore, through the etheric body of all forms and it is through His inflowing force that we may look for that increased stimulation of the matter of the etheric brain which will make the physical brain receptive to the higher revealing truth, and will put into the hands of scientists the secrets of the fourth and third ethers. We may look to see the mind of man assume proportions, and attain achievement, as yet unthought and undreamt.

The type of force, or the nature of the Heavenly Man of the seventh Ray, is fundamentally constructive. The Heavenly Man of the scheme in which the Ray of Ceremonial Magic is embodied is one of the main transmitters of radiation from the Sun to the system and has a close connection with logoc kundalini. Herein lies a hint. The Raja-Lord of the etheric levels of the physical plane works in close alliance with Him. Bear in mind that

The Raja-Lord of a plane is the sum total of the substance of that plane.

The planetary Logos Who is most closely connected with any particular plane is its quality and colouring.

By the united action and work of these two Entities all is accomplished -- the Lord of the Builders constructing the forms which the Lord of Life utilizes to develop consciousness within.

This seventh Ray ever manifests in a period of transition from one kingdom to another, and this holds hid the mystery of the particular form of service of its planetary Logos. He governs the processes of:

Transmutation  
Incarnation  
Transference.

In these three words His life-work is summed up; in these three words is embodied the nature of this great Entity, Who presides over the processes of blending and merging and adaptation; Who,

through His knowledge of cosmic Sound, guides the life forces of certain solar and lunar entities from form to form, and is the link between the soul awaiting incarnation, and its body of manifestation. This is equally true whether we are considering the incarnation of a man, of a group, of an idea, or of all entities of lesser grade to the solar Being Who manifests through a globe, or the regent of the globe under the planetary Logos. All entities of higher rank than this great evolutionary Being come into incarnation through the linking work of an extra-systemic Being. In all periods of the transference of the life from

System to system,  
Scheme to scheme,  
Chain to chain,

this cosmic Deity pours forth His power and influence. In all periods of lesser transition of the life from

Globe to globe,  
Plane to plane,  
Kingdom of nature to another kingdom,

the Lord of the seventh Ray plays a similar part.

Herein lies the reason for His inflowing force at this time, for a profound movement is in order of accomplishment, and a transference is in progress which calls for His particular type of energy. A transference is being effected of certain groups of human and deva Monads out of the human kingdom into the fifth or spiritual kingdom. During His cycle of close on two thousand five hundred years, a specific number of men will pass on to the Path of Initiation, and take at least the first Initiation, thus transferring their centres of consciousness out of the purely human into the early stages of the spiritual.

During this same cycle, a transference of units from out of the animal kingdom into the human will proceed in the fifth chain and from thence on to another chain, thus producing a period of even greater activity than on our own globe. Similarly I may point out (even though it is not possible to give more than a hint) that the force of the cosmic Transferrer is being called into activity by the transference during this cycle of a special group of highly advanced units of the human and deva kingdoms (members of the occult Hierarchy) to another scheme altogether. Certain units also -- from among the Lipika Lords -- are taking advantage of this cosmic influence to transfer their activity to another system, giving place to others Who will work out the karma of the new age. The power of these agencies permeates the entire globe and extends throughout the chains and schemes which lie in the line of its path. It will fundamentally affect the vegetable

kingdom, obscuring old types and bringing in new; it will work in the mineral kingdom and give a new impetus to the chemical processes, causing incidentally a setting loose of radioactive units, and a consequent accretion of knowledge by the scientist. In the elemental kingdoms and the group souls found therein, it produces facility in the transference of atoms.

So far-reaching are the effects of this Ray, both on the deva and human units in their different kingdoms that entirely new environments will evolve for the utilisation of the new types and entirely new characteristics will be found emerging in the race of men.

In broad outline, the coming developments and results to be expected are:

Development of etheric vision universally. This will be due to two causes.

First, the scientific recognition of the existence of the etheric levels, thereby freeing people from the onus of adverse public opinion, and enabling them to reveal what they have individually long realised. Etheric vision is comparatively common even now. But comment concerning it is rare, owing to the fear of criticism.

Secondly, the increased activity of the devas of the ethers, which throws the matter of the etheric levels into more active vibration, with consequent reflex action on the eye of man.

Increased mental activity and the spread of education (of the concrete mental kind) everywhere. This will result in:

Increased competition between units and between groups.

The organization of business on lines hitherto undreamt of.

The foundation of groups and aggregations of groups whose sole purpose will be to synthesize all lines of human endeavor, and thus bring about unification of effort, and economy of force in the scientific, business, philosophic, educational, and religious worlds.

The foundation of schools of medicine along new lines, whose purpose will be to study the etheric body, its relation to the dense physical body, and its function as the receiver, storer, and transmitter of the vital fluids of the system.

The foundation of the new Church, which will be no longer along devotional and idealistic lines but which will be an outgrowth of the old idealism, demonstrating through mental forms. It will have for its basis the scientific recognition of the unseen world and its due appreciation and apprehension by means of accurate scientific ceremonial. This ceremonial of the universal church -- being founded on the mental unity of all peoples -- will not be ceremonial as it is now understood, as it will be the guarded, guided, scientific utilisation of sound and color to bring about certain desired ends, such as

The aligning of the Ego,  
The influencing of groups,  
The making of contact with the Occult Hierarchy,  
The co-operation with the devas in order to further the  
constructive ends of evolution,

and many other objects which will grow out of the scientific comprehension of the constitution of man, the nature of vibration or radioactivity, and the demonstrated reality of the hitherto metaphysical hypothesis and religious dogma of the unseen world of thought and of spiritual existence.

Increased facility in approaching the Path. This will be based on the fact that so many of the then existent humanity will have personal knowledge of the ruling powers and forces, will perhaps be on the Probationary Path, or will be initiates of the first degree. Thus the present scepticism will become non-existent. The dangers then will be along other lines, -- those incident to the very influence of this ray itself: the dangers of crystallisation into form so that the true spiritual devotee may become rare, and the scientific aspirant will take his place.

The true occultist is a scientist and a devotee, and where these two are not merged, we have the mystic and the man in danger of black magic, being governed by the intellect and not be selflessness; there are dangers incident also upon contact with the deva evolution and the knowledge of the powers and forces made available through their agency.

The coming into incarnation of numbers of old magicians and occultists, and the rapid growth therefore of recognized psychic powers among the people. This psychism, being tinged with mentality and not being of a purely astral quality, will be even more dangerous than in Atlantean days, for back of it will be some degree of will, conscious purpose, and intellectual apprehension, and unless this is paralleled by the growth of spiritual realisation, and by the steady grip of the Ego upon the lower personality, a period of real danger may ensue. Hence the need of pointing out and of realising the menace, so that the truth of the inner life and the need of serving the race as an essential to advancement may be proclaimed far and wide.

Paralleling the incoming of this large band of seventh Ray magicians (some linked to the Brotherhood and some to the purely manasic groups) is the proposed advent of certain members of the Hierarchy (initiates below the fourth Initiation) and of certain disciples and probationers, all on this Ray and all true psychics, who hope through their endeavours to offset the vibrations, and ward off the menace incident to the advent of the other group. The arranging of this and the preparing of the way for them in the different countries, specially in Europe and North America, is occupying the attention at this time of the Master R-- and the Master H--.

A group of scientists will come into incarnation on the physical plane during the next seventy-five years who will be the medium for the revelation of the next three truths concerning electrical phenomena. A formula of truth concerning this aspect of manifestation was prepared by initiates on the fifth Ray at the close of the last century, being part of the usual attempt of the Hierarchy to promote evolutionary development at the close of every cycle of one hundred years. Certain parts (two fifths) of that formula have worked out through the achievements of such men as Edison and those who participate in his type of endeavour, and through the work of those who have dealt with the subject of radium and radioactivity. Three more parts of the same formula have still to come, and will embody all that it is possible or safe for man to know on the physical plane manifestation of electricity during the fifth subrace.

All that we have here considered covers the time till the coming in of the new subrace. This race will summarise and carry to a temporary conclusion the manasic effort of the fifth rootrace of mental growth, and will cause results of stupendous import. During the sixth subrace, the emphasis will not be so much on the development of mind, as it will be on the utilisation of the concrete mind, and its acquired faculty, for the development of the powers of abstract thought. Perhaps too much importance has been attached to the statement of some occult writers that the sixth subrace will be intuitive. The intuition will be awakening, and will be more prominent than now, but the outstanding characteristic will be the ability of the units of the sixth subrace to think in abstract terms, and to use the abstract mind. Their function will be to perfect (as far as may be in this round) the group antaskarana, or the link between the mental and the buddhic. This bridge will be of a usable nature during the sixth rootrace in which the intuition will show real and general signs of existing. In this rootrace, units only show signs here and there of real intuition, having built the necessary bridge in their individual selves. In the sixth rootrace small groups will be intuitive.

#### Seventh Ray and its effect upon the animal kingdom

The effect upon the animal kingdom of the force of this ray will be far less than upon the human. Owing to the increased activity of the deva evolution, and specially of the devas of the ethers, the lesser builders will be stimulated to build, with greater facility, bodies of a more responsive nature, and the etheric bodies of both men and animals and also their responsiveness to force or prana will be more adequate. During the sixth subrace, disease as we know it in both kingdoms will be materially lessened owing to the pranic response of the etheric bodies. This will likewise bring about changes in the dense physical body and the bodies of both men and animals will be smaller, more refined, more finely attuned to vibration, and consequently more fitted to express essential purpose.

Owing to the recognition by man of the value of mantrams, and his gradual comprehension of the true ceremonial of evolution, coupled with the use of sound and colour, the animal kingdom will be better understood, and better trained, considered and utilised. Indications of this already can be seen; for instance, in all our current magazines at this time, stories which deal with the psychology of animals, and with their mental attitude to man, are constantly appearing, and by the means of these and through the force of the incoming Ray, man may (if he cares to do so) come to a much wider sympathy with his brothers of less degree. Thus by the turning by man of his thought force upon the animals, stimulation of their latent mentality will ensue, leading in due course of time to the crisis in the next round. More attention should be paid by occult students to the effect of the consciousness of one group upon another group, and the advancement of the lesser, by the means of the stimulating power of the greater, should be studied

The consciousness of the Heavenly Men stimulates all the units in Their bodies, but causes specialised response from those who are actively and intelligently working at the development of group consciousness.

The consciousness of man is stimulated and developed when -- at a certain stage -- he can respond to the vibration of members of the Occult Hierarchy.

In like manner, the less evolved units of the race, who are scarcely more than animals, are brought to the necessary stage of vibration by the play upon their mental bodies of the combined vibrations of [humanity].

The fourth Creative Hierarchy [humanity], viewed as a unit functioning on this planet works in a magnetic manner, and in a stimulative capacity upon the animal kingdom, the force of its vibration pouring on to the astral bodies of the animals, and producing response. This awakens to a more effective apprehension all the units of the animal kingdom.

During the next few hundred years many of the old animal forms will die out and become extinct. To supply the wants of man, through disease, and through causes latent in the animal kingdom itself, much destruction will be brought about. It must ever be borne in mind that a building force is likewise a destroying one, and new forms for the animal evolution are, at this time, one of the recognized needs. The immense slaughter in America is part of the working out of the plan. The inner life or fire which animates the animal groups, and which is the life expression of an Entity, will, under this seventh influence, blaze up and burn out the old, and permit the escape of the life, to newer and better forms.

I do not refer to the wanton cruelties practiced under the name of science, nor to certain practices which take place under religious guise in different lands. The source of these enormities must be sought for elsewhere.

The animal kingdom has been primarily occupied with the stimulation and development of karma. This is the basis of the endeavor being made by the Brotherhood by the aid of man to fan the emotional instinct (or the embryo love aspect) through the segregating of the domestic animals, and the consequent play made upon the animal atoms by human magnetism or radiatory energy. The sumtotal of the domestic animals -- the animal units brought into closest connection with man -- form the heart centre in the body of that great Entity Who is the life of the animal kingdom. From the heart flow all the influences which will eventually permeate the entire body. These units are those which will be finally separated from the group soul at the reopening of the door into the human kingdom in the next round.

As the ray influence passes away from a race or a planet, a scheme or a solar system, it must not be supposed that it is completely abrogated; it has simply passed beyond the periphery of whatever ring-pass-not it was energizing, and the force of its influence is being focussed elsewhere. The original recipient becomes a channel, or transmitting agent, and not so much an absorber or container. What the student should recognize is that during a cycle of ray influence, the object of its immediate attention receives and absorbs it, and transmutes it according to its need, and not so much therefore is available for transmission. When the cycle is drawing to a close more and more of the ray influence or magnetism will be felt elsewhere, until practically all of it will be passed on unabsorbed.

This is what is beginning to happen in relation to this sixth Ray of Devotion. Egos who are on that particular Ray will take form elsewhere on other globes, and in other chains, and not so much on our planet. The vibrations of that Ray will quiet down as far as we are concerned, and find increased activity elsewhere. To phrase it otherwise, our planet and all thereon will become positive and non-receptive, and will temporarily repulse this particular type of force. A psychical manifestation of this can be seen in the dying down of what is called Christian enthusiasm. This Ray, on which the Chohan Jesus may be found, will no longer pour its force to the same extent into the form He built, and it will necessarily slowly but surely disintegrate, having served its purpose for close to two thousand years. Later again the same force will be felt returning, and a new form will be found slowly coming into being, but along more adequate lines.

Excerpted from A Treatise on Cosmic Fire: 440-465

COMPARISON OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE  
SIXTH AND SEVENTH RAYS TODAY

We have now considered the three major energies which are pouring into our planetary life at this time through the three major centres. It remains for us now to consider the energy of the two minor rays, the sixth and the seventh, which are in many ways of more immediate moment to the masses and of a tremendous effectiveness. One is of moment because of its pronounced hold and because of the crystallisation it has produced particularly in the world of thought, and the other because its hold and its power, its influence and its effects will be of an increasing momentum. One is potent in producing the necessity for the present chaos; the other is potential and holds in its activity the seeds of the future.

This is a fact of great interest and of really practical import. It takes us, moreover, into the realm of prevision. I would have you remember, at this point, that no prevision is divorced entirely from the past but that there must always be the seed of truth. The Law of Cause and Effect holds good eternally and particularly so in the realm of spiritual insight (so rapidly developing at this time) which enables the seer to see the future as it may be and to forecast coming eventualities. There are several ways in which such prevision can -- during the next three centuries -- be developed in the race of men:

1. Through the development of soul contact among the advanced members of the race. This contact will relate soul knowledge with brain impression and, if the meditating factor of the mind is duly trained and controlled, there will be a correct foreknowledge of individual destiny and of coming events.
2. Through the development of the science of astrology -- a science which is, as yet, in its infancy and which is based on so many uncertain factors that it is difficult for a student to arrive at those true indications which will truly present the future. Character indications and small personality happenings can frequently and correctly be deduced but the general subject remains until today much too nebulous for certitude. I will later deal with this matter and will indicate the lines along which future investigation should proceed.
3. Through the recurrence of "soothsaying" and the reappearance of those ancient "informers of the race" who, in Roman times, were called "sibyls." These mediums (for such they were) will be trained by the workers upon the seventh ray to speak under inspiration from the Hierarchy Whose foreknowledge extends far ahead into the future, but does not extend



beyond two thousand years. These mediums will, however, only be used under direction, after careful training and only twice a year at the May and June Full Moon rituals.

As to the prevision with which I shall deal, unorthodox as it may appear to be to some of you, it will be based upon two factors: First of all, the logical indications to be gathered from past and present events which condition the immediate future and which must inevitably lead to definite and tangible happenings. Any deep student of human affairs could follow the same line of reasoning and come to approximately the same conclusions, provided he loved his fellowmen enough to see them truly as they were and allow, consequently, for the appearance of the unexpected. And, secondly, what I may say to you is based on a knowledge of the ray influences which are at this time so powerfully and effectively affecting humanity and its coming civilisation and culture.

I would ask you, therefore, to read what I have to say with an open mind; I would beg you to relate my words to present world conditions and to see, emerging from the realms of subjectivity, those forces and potencies which are directly changing the current of men's thoughts, which are moulding their ideas, and incidentally altering the face of the earth and the policies of nations.

As you know, there are at this time, two minor rays (which are rays of attribute) affecting powerfully the destiny of mankind. These are the sixth Ray of Abstract Devotion or Idealism and the seventh Ray of Ceremonial Magic or Organisation. The sixth ray began to pass out of manifestation in 1625 after a long period of influence, whilst the seventh Ray of Ceremonial Order began to come into manifestation in 1675. There are three points to be remembered in connection with these two rays and their effects upon the race of men. (I am not here dealing with their effects upon the other kingdoms in nature.)

1. The sixth ray is, as you know, the most powerful in manifestation in this time and a very large number of people are responsive to its influence. It is still the line of least resistance for the majority, particularly in the Aryan race, for the reason that when in process of time and through evolution the influence of a ray has become potent, it is groups that are primarily affected and not just individuals. A rhythm and a momentum is then set up which lasts a long time and which gains power through the very force of organised numbers. This truth will emerge more clearly as we proceed with our studies. Suffice it to say that the sixth ray people are the reactionaries, the conservatives, the die-hards and the fanatics, who hold on to all that is of the past and whose influence is potent to hinder the progress of humanity into the new age. Their name is legion. They provide, however,

a needed balance and are responsible for a steadying process which is much needed in the world at this time.

2. The seventh ray is steadily gaining momentum and has for a long time been stimulating and enhancing the activity of all fifth ray nations. If you bear in mind that one of the major objectives of seventh ray energy is to bring together and to relate spirit and matter and also substance and form (note this distinction) you can see for yourself that the work of science is closely connected with this endeavour and that the creation of the new forms will definitely be the result of a working interaction between the rulers of the fifth, the second and the seventh rays, aided by the help -- on demand -- of the ruler of the first ray. A large number of seventh ray egos or souls and also of men and women with seventh ray personalities are coming into incarnation now, and to them is committed the task of organising the activities of the new era and of ending the old methods of life and the old crystallised attitudes to life, to death, to leisure and to the population.
3. The result of the increasing flow of seventh ray energy plus the decreasing influence of the sixth ray -- which shows itself as a pronounced crystallisation of the standardised and accepted forms of belief, religious, social and philosophic -- is to throw the millions of people who do not respond to either of the above influences through egoic or personality relation, into a state of bewilderment. They feel entirely lost, are gripped by the idea that life holds for them no desirable future all that they have learnt to cherish and to hold dear is rapidly failing.

These three groups of people, influenced by the sixth and seventh rays or who are bewildered by the impact of forces generated by those rays, are those who must together, with understanding and clear vision, bring order out of the present chaos. They must materialise those new and desirable conditions which will conform to the subjective pattern in the minds of the illumined people of the world and to the spiritual plan as it exists in the consciousness of the members of the Hierarchy. The new age with its peculiar civilisation and culture will be brought into manifestation through the collaboration of the well-intentioned many, responsive increasingly to the good of the whole and not of the individual; they are the idealistic but practical thinkers, influenced by the pattern of things to come and the world disciples, impressed by the plans and under the instruction of the Hierarchy which is directing and controlling all.

It is with these three groups of people and with the work upon which they are engaged that any prevision I may evidence will consistently deal. All changes in connection with the human family,

the fourth kingdom in nature, are always dependent upon three factors:

1. Those outer physical events which are definitely "acts of God" and over which no human being has the slightest authority.
2. The activity of human beings themselves, working on all the different rays but in any given time and in any particular period conditioned by:
  - a. The preponderance of egos to be found on any particular ray. There are a very large number of second ray egos in incarnation today and their work and their lives will facilitate the coming Great Approach.
  - b. The nature and the quality of the predominating personality rays of the majority. At this time there are a vast number of souls in incarnation whose personality rays are either the sixth or the third. They condition the coming civilisation outstandingly including all educational and financial enterprises, just as the influence of those who have soul contact and can express soul quality condition and determine the current culture.
  - c. The activity of the fifth principle, that of the mind. This mind principle is peculiarly active today in a broad and general sense. If I might put it symbolically the vertical activity of the mind which has affected individuals everywhere down the ages has always produced the mental guides, the directors and the leaders of humanity. Today, the horizontal activity of the mind, embracing huge masses of the populace and sometimes entire nations and races, can everywhere be seen and this must lead inevitably to events and effects hitherto unvisioned and impossible.
3. The influence of the outgoing and the incoming rays at any time. You have often been told that these events -- for the emergence or disappearance of a ray influence is an event in time -- are a matter of slow development, are psychic in nature, and are governed by law. The length of time in which a ray appears, manifests and does its work and finally disappears is one of the secrets of initiation, but -- as time elapses and the nature of time itself is better understood -- the period and the time equation of the minor rays of attribute will be established but that time is not yet, although the intense interest taken today in the phenomena of time indicates a growing awareness of the problem itself and of the need for understanding the relation of time, both to space and to event. It will be realised before long that time is entirely a brain event; a study of the sense of speed as registered by the brain, plus the capacity or incapacity of a human being to express this speed, will, when properly approached, reveal much that today remains a mystery.

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