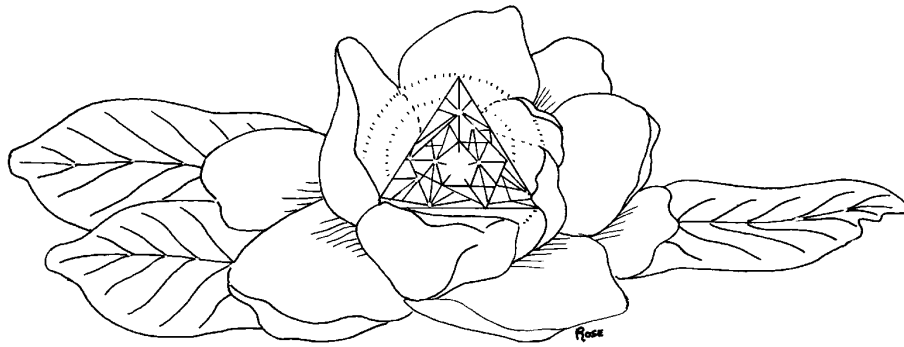


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The disciple is strictly humanitarian in his outlook. He works for the One Humanity and though aware possibly that he is affiliated with the Hierarchy, his loyalties, his service and his life intention are directed entirely to the cause of human betterment. ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 586***

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The disciple in the Hierarchy can give that Plan an abstract form, but its birth in the three worlds depends upon the ability of the disciple in the body of humanity to grasp that abstraction, to embody it and to give it concrete form. **From the R Archives "The Divine Plan" P.3**

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Life Above the Dotted Line

On the chart of the "Cosmic Physical Plane", which appears on page 817 of A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, on the 4th sub-plane of the Mental Plane there appears a dotted line. This dotted line is a frontier between the formless worlds and the world of form, between appearance and reality, between Life and Death.

As we all know, D.K. indicated that "new teaching" of a "revelatory nature" would be given out "via the radio" after 1975. During the years since, the esoteric community has responded to this statement in a variety of ways. Initially, everyone I knew, including myself, expected that some new book would appear through a new amanuenses. I can remember thinking that it would be volume 6 of the *Seven Rays*, and I personally knew one person who was actually preparing to be the amanuenses for this new teaching.

Well, as we now know, this never happened. In the 1950's Lucille Cedercrans did begin to bring through *The Nature Of The Soul* material. However, most of us in the "Bailey Community," blinded by what I think of as the glamour of authoritarian, academic snobbery, were unable to see the value of this work and dismissed it as, at best, "a write down of Alice Bailey." This attitude, by the way, still persists in many areas of the authoritarian/academically oriented esoteric community. However, in the past 12 or so years, many of us have come to realize that the Lucille Cedercrans work is, for the most part, a very valuable result of an authentic Ashramic contact. It is not, however, the promised "new teaching" to be given out after 1975.

There is another of D.K.'s remarks that bears heavily on this "new teaching" issue and, perhaps, lends a bit of clarity to the original statement. Noteworthy, by the way, is that the original statement indicates that the new teaching of a "revelatory nature"

would be given out "after 1975," "After," as we well know, could be what to most of us would amount to a rather significant number of years.

This other, later statement is as follows: "In the next century and early in the century an initiate will appear and will carry on this teaching. It will be under the same "impression," for my task is not yet completed and (my emphasis) ***this series of bridging treatises between the material knowledge of man and the science of the initiates has still another phase to run.***" *The Rays and The Initiations* P.255

What "early in the next century" actually means, is open. However, as I said, many of us were (some still are) expecting this "new teaching" to come through the appearance of an initiate. We were expecting an individual, a person, to separate out from the field of disciples and to deliver this "new teaching."

There have in fact been a number of individuals who have attempted to take on that mantel and have already published varying amounts of material that purports to be the "next phase of the Teaching." While some of this material is interesting and informative, the occasional releases that I have read do not carry, to me, the frequency of the Triad as I have come to recognize it. They also do not carry the frequencies that my experience and study of the Tibetan's work have led me to expect. These various efforts may initially attract a small group of followers, but they

seem to rather rapidly slip off into some sort of oblivion, unfortunately taking some of the followers with them.

Well, over the past several years, it has been dawning on me that the scenario in which an individual would come in and release the “next phase of the Teaching” was not going to happen. I have come to the conclusion that the day for that particular methodology was over. We have not found what we were or, in many cases, still are, looking for because we were and are looking for the wrong thing.

The Coming of Group Avatars

I know that realizations are supposed to come as a blinding flash. However, it has slowly dawned on me that what we did not and, actually could not see, because we lacked the necessary conscious polarization, some 50 plus years ago, was that this looked for initiate would be, not an individual, but a group, a group of individuals. And the “new teaching” would encompass, not only actual new information which would be “brought through” by the meditation work of this group of individual disciples/initiates but also the ability of this group of initiates to cross the bridge between “the material knowledge of man and the science of the initiates...” and to understand on an entirely new level, a group conscious level, what D.K. through Alice Bailey and Master R, through Lucille Cedercrans, to say nothing of the wonderful work of Helena Roerich, the Agni Yoga series, had already sent into the world.

Speaking specifically about the material in *The Rays and The Initiations*, but also in general, D.K. has indicated over and over again, “I would here point out again (as I have so frequently in the past) that the obvious meaning—no matter how

elevated—is not that with which we shall deal. It is the significance behind the meaning which is ever the concern of the initiate mind. Students would do well to remember the following sequence of words, embodying ideas: Symbol, Meaning, Significance, Light, regarding light as the emanating creative energy—the organizer of the symbol, the revealer of the meaning, the potency of the significance.” *The Rays and The Initiations* P. 285

The long looked for “new teaching” is, for the most part, what can be revealed through a new consciousness evaluation of the Teachings which lie in the already existing works of these Masters. The approach to the Teachings we call the Agni Yoga series, the Bailey work, and the Cedercrans work has been mainly from an intellectual, self conscious and form focused point of view, from an academic, authoritarian and “material knowledge” point of view. Thus, the vast majority of the revelations and truths concerning the higher realms of our world went undiscovered.

Efforts to elucidate and explain the “Teachings” have been marvelous in terms of correlating, codifying and organizing the information that has been given. All disciples owe a debt of gratitude to those who have labored over these efforts to bring forth the Wisdom Teachings. These efforts have been and will continue to be very valuable to the development and organization of the intellect. In addition, these compendiums and organizational collections will in some cases, depending on the willingness of the disciple to let go of the lower mind, provide a springboard into the Triadal Light.

However, like all forms and idols, these efforts have a tendency to seduce and bog

down many disciples in the endless caverns of “re-search” or “re-collection” and further compilation of the knowledge and information level of the Teachings. The revelations and truths concerning the Super Physical or subjective realms of our world are and will continue to remain undiscoverable from the bias of material knowledge or a lower mental intellectual point of view.

The Undiscovered Country

So, we come, finally, to this startling realization. The Undiscovered Country, friends, the “new teaching” is already in our hands. It lies at our feet, or better, at our hearts. We simply need to approach the Teaching and indeed our meditation work from a new perspective. The old, self conscious, intellectual, authoritarian methodology and system of compiling, categorizing and promulgating knowledge has served us well for eons. This system, however, needs to give way, to be sort of set aside, so that we can use a new method of exploring the Super Physical realms of our world.

A great deal of the Teaching in D.K.’s work from *Initiation Human And Solar* on, but especially those titles published toward the end of Alice Bailey’s life, (to say nothing of *The Nature of the Soul* and the Agni Yoga Teachings) concern the nature of these Super Physical realms, the Home of the Luminaries. These areas of the One Life are simply not accessible by the old methods of intellectual processing and self conscious directed efforts.

The intellect processes data. It uses induction. It starts and ends with forms. It is

only when the intellect comes to rest, when it stops processing that the consciousness is momentarily freed to make a leap into the unformed world of ideas, into Life above the dotted line.

We can train ourselves; we must train ourselves to make this leap. In the Teaching this is called building the antahkarana. It is the bridge into the Triad, the world of ideas and significance. These worlds simply cannot be entered through any kind of inductive or data processing system or technique.

It does not matter how smart or rich with intelligence one is. It truly is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to get into heaven. If one expects to cross the bridge into the Silence, all of this wealth and power must be left behind, below the dotted line. As we are born into the lower world naked and dependent upon the love of others, so must we be born into the higher world.

The door to the treasure house of the Gods is opened only to those who have learned

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the secrets of silence and realize that Truth really flows from the top down. As D.K. has pointed out, “I would remind you that the esotericist always argues from universals to

particulars. This I shall always do, and thus offset the detailed point of view, the distorted foreground and the myopic vision of the student.” *Education in the New Age* P.113

We have spent many, many years, lives actually, building the lower span of this bridge, the span that connects the personality to the Soul. To continue the

process of evolution, we must build the bridge between the Soul infused personality and the Spiritual Triad. Once built, this bridge will reveal an entire new world of Teaching. The good thing, I suppose, is that we will not even have to buy new books. We will simply read the books we have with a new form of illumination.

The bridge is a two way street. We have strived mightily over the years to do the work and make the connections which alone can build the bridge, but once built, the purpose of the bridge becomes clear to the disciple. Of course, we build the bridge to enable entrance to the Triad, but the Truth we learn is that we enter the Triad only so that we can return over the bridge in service to the world of men.

This has been the Teaching of the Ages. "Lost am I in the Light Supernal, but on the Light I turn my back." My first encounter with this requirement was when, as a very young college student, I read the allegory of the cave from Plato's *Republic*. When we return to the Cave, the world of darkness, ignorance, form, glamour and illusion, we bring with us the Light of the Jewels of the Lotus, the understandings, and insights concerning the nature of the One Life which lie in the Atmic Vaults of the Great Ones and which are accessible only by passing through the realm of Buddhi or the intuition. It is not the treasure of knowledge that we have accumulated in the Three Worlds that matters, but the treasure above the dotted line that we can gather and bring back to humanity. It is easier for a camel than a "rich man" to enter the kingdom of God, and it is also mandatory, that having entered, one must

return and work for the salvage of those who remain.

We go in to go out. The point of meditation work at this stage of the Path is service to humanity. We are workers in the World. We are actually the bridge between the higher and lower worlds. At the moment our major effort in support of the Hierarchy is to reveal the fact of the Hierarchy. Our work is to anchor the reality of the 5th Kingdom within the 4th Kingdom, the minds of men. This is the externalization of the Hierarchy and it will lead inexorably toward the reappearance of the Christ

Once we have established and are beginning to use the bridge, the purpose of the lower vehicles, the soul infused personality and the mental, emotional and etheric bodies, becomes clear. These wonderful instruments which we have been building and stocking with faculty, sensitivity and knowledge for untold millennia provide the tools and the stuff which the initiate creator can use to create and embody the new forms that will meet present need.

The lower mind, once the initiate creator is able to hold it steady, focused and obedient in the

streaming Light of the Triad, becomes the primary creative tool. The lower mind, once impressed by the higher mind, is the actual energy director and builder of the lower three worlds of form. Used in conjunction with the imagination and the heightened sensitivity of the purified astral vehicle that brings the new embodiments into dense physical existence, the lower mind directs energy and thus creates the new forms. Aligned with the purpose and under the control of the initiate builder the lower mind

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becomes a formidable instrument for the Good. "The effect of one of you within and upon the human family is far greater than you can see, grasp or sense from your particular perspective. Consider that effect multiplied by many groups of you." ***From The R Archives "The Divine Plan" P. 9***

In this creative process, the role of the much maligned emotional body is two fold. First, it provides the quality control for the planning and embodiment process. We have spent eons equipping the emotional vehicle with the ability to synchronize with and register the frequencies of the Buddhic plane. We refer to this very long evolutionary training period, as the Mystical Age. A purified and controlled emotional vehicle, with its ability to accurately register and hold Buddhic frequencies, even though it has no conception of what these frequencies mean or signify, lets us know that we got it right. We can sense that as it is above, so it is below. This highly trained and super sensitive vehicle is our early warning system for error. It can and does detect hidden selfish agendas (our own or others) wrong, evil, insincerity, hypocrisy, devious intentions, lying, cheating and so on. Secondly, the astral vehicle provides the power needed for the launch or birthing of the effort, whatever that may be.

Although much maligned, the value of a one pointed 6th Ray emotional vehicle should be obvious from this perspective. Such a vehicle is very difficult to bring under the control of the Triadal creator. True. However, once done, the 6th Ray emotional vehicle is a very powerful ally in the creative process. This fact is well worth

considering when one begins to try to eliminate blockages from one's creative efforts.

The potential for error in the building process springs, as we might expect, from even the slightest thread of self concern or focus. Self concern and or focus, originating within the lower mind, and the corresponding identification of the self with its forms, will tend to prevent our penetration of the Triad. Self concern also interferes with our ability to register exactly the frequency of Truth that always accompanies Buddhic impression. It is in this area that we can see the essence of glamour and illusion: the mistaking of impressions originating within the lower three worlds for those which originate within the Triad. And so, we have the deeply profound ancient statement of truth, "With self forgetfulness we gather what we need for the helping of our fellow men."

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So, friends, in closing, we can see that Life, true Life, exists above the dotted line. The movement into the realm which we call the Triad

is, as many of us have come to realize, a gradual and demanding process. The gifts of the higher worlds are very closely guarded and are released only as the initiate demonstrates through his or her daily life the ability to stand in the Light of Truth and take his or her place within the halls of the Ashram. As the Teacher has expressed, "Life is a loving synthesis in action." ***The Rays and The Initiations P.300***

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