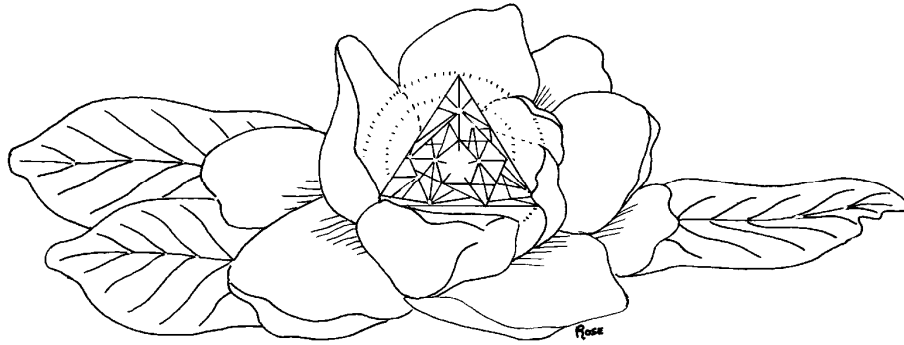


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The evidence of forgetfulness of one's own "I" indicates the adherence to evolution. The closed circle of the heart produces an oppressive formation. The Silvery Lotus that is unfolded on all sides indicates the containment of all cosmic fires. Thus is an open heart affirmed in Cosmos. Infinity II #109

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Hence, each consummation, each union, each great cosmic unification is achieved through the flame of the heart. Heart #1

Editors Note:

Most of the readers of *Thoughtline* are men and women on the Path of Light. They are individuals, more or less soul infused, who are attempting to penetrate into the subjective dimensions of Life. They are in this effort, esotericists.

However, as the rapidly unfolding consciousness of humanity expands from the self centered, separative form focused view of reality into the realization of our common oneness and our true heritage as a Divine Center in the Great Creation, we are attracting new readers from the planetary intelligentsia every day. When the esotericists among us began to relate the unfolding events on the planet to the evolution of consciousness and the appearances or the results of the age old Esoteric Law, "Energy follows Thought," many of these very intelligent and self confident people have not a clue about what we are talking.

No wonder of that. One would not expect a person with no proper training to understand quantum mechanics. In the pure sense of the term, esotericism is a science. As does any science, esotericism has a vocabulary of terms that embody concepts, ideas, Cosmic Principles and Laws that esotericists have been exploring for many, many thousands of years. These words constitute the body of language that attempts to express in form the discoveries and understandings that these scientists have made over these thousands of years of exploration in realms and dimensions far removed from the physical realms which modern materialism and the physical sciences explore.

So, in our continuing effort to reveal the facts of the higher Kingdoms, including the 5th Kingdom which we call the Hierarchy,

and to bring esoteric science out of the closet and into the mainstream of modern intelligent exploration and science, in this issue of *Thoughtline*, we are presenting an excerpt from Alice A. Bailey's book, *Education In The New Age*, in which the Tibetan Master known by several millions of students and practitioners of the esoteric sciences as Djwhal Khul, defines esotericism for a training group, circa 1948.

Before we begin with D.K.'s paper we need to point out that there is a certain futility in trying to gain a concept of the Oneness of Life or of Synthesis or, for that matter, Universe which is actually the Synthetic Whole without acknowledging, or at least accepting as a possibility the reality of the non-material spheres or dimensions of the One Life. Although esotericism is an intensely practical science, ("The new must be conceived as an undefeatable utility. Each abstraction not applicable has no place. We are weary of air castles." MM) it is the non-dense material or metaphysical dimensions of reality with which esotericism is particularly concerned. Part of this concern stems from the knowledge that these dimensions are causal to the dense physical planes of appearances. For many, the adoption of such a position may require what the great esoteric poet, Coleridge called, "That willing suspension of disbelief ... which constitutes poetic faith." S.T. Coleridge, *Biographia Literaria*. However, until one is able to adopt or, I should say, dare to adopt, such a "willing suspension of disbelief" for a few moments, the non material dimensions of reality, the other side of something, or nothing will remain non-existent.

A Brief Note on "Disbelief"

Suspending disbelief, or lowering one's shields, by the way, does not require anyone to "believe" anything. Belief, as a

substitute for knowing, plays no part in esoteric science. Belief is after all the mother of disbelief, and disbelief, along with its brother's skepticism and doubt, is a mind stopper. Disbelief, doubt, skepticism stops the energy of ideas from coming into the tub... or the consciousness if you like... and simultaneously stops the water of misconceptions, half truths, beliefs and outright lies from going down the drain.

One's beliefs are founded on a structure of assumptions which create a kind of compound or citadel that makes one feel comfortable within one's environment, even if one's environment is awful. The very familiar, even if unconsciously held, belief system, acting very much like a second but invisible skin, a bubble of comfort enclosure, is a collection of non-dense, however, very present and powerful, thoughtforms or notions concerning the nature of reality. These usually unexamined and unconsciously held notions sustain the comfort levels of the enclosed one, or, one might say, the prisoner. When the individual's second skin "feels" uncomfortable, threatened, challenged, by a thought or suggestion or feeling that does not instantly synchronize with the belief structure, the defensive, disbelief system is instantly and usually unconsciously activated.

The activated system signals to the prisoner that the compound is being threatened by unknown intruders of a strange frequency, "aliens". As in Star Trek, instantly the "shields" go up. Disbelief is triggered. All armament systems ready to emit deadly Rays of power on all levels designed to protect the compound from any incoming

light are charged and ready to fire. Unlike Star Trek, the shields of disbelief and the protective defenses allow nothing to penetrate the inner courtyard.

More sophisticated or intellectual persons will seldom use the term disbelief. They employ more sophistic terms such as skeptical and doubtful. Usually they will say something that indicates that they doubt what they are hearing, feeling, seeing and so forth. Thus a very great deal of reality, which their senses are actually able to register, goes by unrealized and even unnoticed.

So, please, believe nothing that we are presenting. Simply let the ides in and see what the inner guide, your intuitive heart tells you. Those surrounded in thick defensive walls of fact, walls of certainty, doubt and so called "healthy skepticism" will not be able to walk in this garden, for they will "believe" that it does not exist. However, if you are still with me, and if you are willing to suspend disbelief along with doubt and skepticism for a few moments, we can venture together into nothing.

As you can imagine, trying to convey the reality of Nothing is a rather difficult task. It has been the challenge facing the artist forever. And it is, in my view, not the material scientists, but the Teachers of the Wisdom, the artists, the poets, playwrights, the musicians, painters, sculptors and the very infrequent artist/philosopher/scientists who, over countless millennia, have been the primary agents for the force of evolution, for the Great Unfolding of the Grand Design.

Tom Carney
Sagittarius 2007

ESOTERICISM

As defined by the Tibetan, for a training group in 1948.
Excerpted from Alice A. Bailey's *Education And The New Age* P.59-68

It might be of service to you if I attempted to define esotericism in terms of the general average intelligence of students and their point in evolution. I would remind you that true esotericism is a far deeper thing (from the angle of the Hierarchy) than you can appreciate.

One of the most inadequate of the definitions is that it concerns that which is concealed and hidden and which, even though suspected, still remains unknown. The inference is that to be an esotericist is to be among those who seek to penetrate into a certain secret realm to which the ordinary student is not permitted to penetrate. If this were all it is, then every scientist and every mystic would represent the approach to the world of esotericism and the hidden realities. This would not, however, be accurate. **The mystic is never a true esotericist for he is not dealing in his consciousness with energies and forces but with that vague "Something other," called God, the Christ, the Beloved, and, therefore, in reality with that which satisfies the hunger of his soul. The scientist who is now so rapidly dealing with and entering into the world of forces and energies, is in reality a true esotericist - even if, in his effort to control the sought-for energies, he denies their Source.** That is of relatively small moment; later, he will recognize their emanating Source.

The basic approach for all who endeavor to grasp esotericism is to lay the emphasis upon the world of energies and to recognize that behind all happenings in the world of phenomena (and by that, I mean the three worlds of human evolution) exists the world

of energies; these are of the greater diversity and complexity, but all of them move and work under the Law of Cause and Effect. It is hardly necessary for me, therefore, to indicate to you the very practical nature of this definition and its applicability to the life of the individual aspirant, to community life and world affairs or to the immediate conditioning levels of spiritual experimental energies which are constantly seeking impact upon, or contact with, the world of phenomena. This they do in order, under spiritual direction, to implement the Plan. The above statement is foundational in its importance; all other definitions are implicit in it and it is the first important truth anent esotericism which must be learnt and applied by each aspirant to the mystery and the universality of that which moves the worlds and underlies the evolutionary process.

The first task of the esotericist is to comprehend the nature of the energies which are seeking to condition him and which work out into expression on the physical plane through the medium of his equipment or his vehicles of manifestation. The esoteric student has, therefore, to grasp [the following concepts]:

1. He is an aggregate of forces, inherited and conditioned by what he has been, plus a great antagonistic force which is not a principle and which we call the physical body.
2. He is sensitive to and should be increasingly aware of certain energies, at present unknown and of no use to him; of these, he must eventually become aware, if he is to move deeper into the world of

hidden forces. They may be energies which, for him, would be evil were he to work with them and these must be distinguished and discarded; there are others which he must learn to use, for they would prove beneficial and would increase his knowledge and should, therefore, be regarded as good. Bear in mind, however, that energies per se are neither bad nor good. The Great White Lodge, our spiritual Hierarchy, and the Black Lodge employ the same universal energies but with different motives and objectives; both groups are groups of trained esotericists.

The esotericist in training has, therefore:

1. To become aware of the nature of the forces which constitute his personality equipment and which he himself magnetically brought into expression in the three worlds. They form a combination of active forces; he must learn to differentiate between strictly physical energy which is automatic in its response to other and inner energies, and those which come from emotional and mental levels of consciousness, focusing through the etheric body which, in turn, motivates and galvanizes his dense physical vehicle into certain activities.

2. To become sensitive to the impelling energies of the soul, emanating from the higher mental levels. These seek to control the forces of the threefold man when a certain definite point in evolution is reached.

3. To recognize the conditioning energies in his environment, seeing them not as events or circumstances but as *energy in action*; by this means, he learns to find his way behind the scene of outer happenings into the world of energies, seeking contact and qualifying for the bringing about of certain

activities. He thus acquires entrance into the world of meaning. Events, circumstances, happenings and physical phenomena of every kind are simply symbols of what is occurring in the inner worlds and it is into these worlds that the esotericist must enter as far as his perception permits; he will sequentially discover worlds which will call for his scientific penetration.

4. For the majority of aspirants, the Hierarchy itself remains an esoteric realm which demands discovery and which will accept penetration. I am choosing my words with care in an effort to evoke your esoteric response.

Beyond this point of humanity's destined goal, I seek not to go; to initiates and disciples who have not yet taken the Initiation of Transfiguration, the higher realms of awareness and the "secret Place of the Most High" (the Council Chamber of Sanat Kumara) remain deeply esoteric. That is a higher realm of energies - planetary, extra-planetary and inter-planetary; with them you have no concern. The task is to train students in the recognition of energy and force; to discriminate between the various types of energy, both in relation to themselves and to world affairs, and to begin to relate that which is seen and experienced to that which is unseen, conditioning and determining. This is your esoteric task.

The newer esotericism which the most modern groups and the more mental types will sponsor sees all events and world movements and national governments plus all political circumstances as expressions of the energies to be found in the inner world of esoteric research; therefore, they see no sound reason for excluding such an

important aspect of human affairs from their reasoning and thinking and from the discovery of those new truths and techniques which may bring about the new era of right human relations. They ask: Why omit political research from the spiritual curriculum? They deem it to be of equal if not of greater importance than the activity of the churches. Governments condition people and aid in the production of any current civilization, forcing the masses of men into certain needed lines of thought. The churches and men everywhere need to learn that there is nothing in the entire world of phenomena, of forces and of energies which cannot be brought under the control of that which is spiritual. **All that exists is, in reality, spirit in manifestation.** The masses today are becoming politically minded and this is viewed by the Masters as a great step forward. When spiritually minded people of the world include this relatively new area of human thought and its international activity within the field of their esoteric research, very great progress will be made.

Let me give you one simple illustration: War is, factually, a great explosion of energies and forces, generated on the inner planes and finding its dire and catastrophic expression upon the physical plane. This is indicated today by the constant use of the terms "Forces of Light and Forces of Evil." When the inner, esoteric and predisposing causes of war are discovered through esoteric research, then war and wars will come to an end.

One point should here be stated: Esotericism is not in any way of a mystical and vague nature. It is a science - essentially the science of the soul of all things, and has its own terminology, experiments, deductions and laws. When I say "soul," I refer to the

animating consciousness found throughout nature and on those levels which lie outside the territory usually called nature. Students are apt to forget that every level of awareness, from the highest to the lowest, is an aspect of the cosmic physical plane and is, therefore, material in nature. The esotericist is dealing with substance all the time; he is concerned with that living, vibrant substance of which the worlds are made and which - inherited as it is from a previous solar system - is colored by past events, and (as has been said) is "already tinged with karma." It should also be noted that just as the physical plane, so familiar to us, is not regarded as a principle by the esoteric student, so the cosmic physical plane (from the standpoint of the Cosmic Lives) is likewise "not a principle." I give you here much food for thought.

The task of the esotericist is to shift the focus of his attention away from the form-side of existence and become aware of the source of form production on any specified level. It is his task to develop within himself the needed sensitivity to the quality of the life animating any form until he arrives eventually at the quality of the ONE LIFE which animates the planet and within Whose activity we live and move and have our being.

By means of all that I have said, you will realize that I am endeavoring to take the vagueness out of the word "esotericism," and indicate to you the extremely scientific and practical nature of the enterprise upon which all esotericists are embarked.

The Reason Why

Esoteric study, when coupled with esoteric living, reveals in time the world of meaning and leads eventually to the world of significances. The esotericist starts by endeavoring to discover the reason WHY;

he wrestles with the problem of happenings, events, crises and circumstances in order to arrive at the meaning they should hold for him; when he has ascertained the meaning of any specific problem, he uses it as an invitation to penetrate more deeply into the newly revealed world of meaning; he then learns to incorporate his little personal problems into the problem of the larger Whole thus losing sight of the little self and discovering the larger Self. The true esoteric viewpoint is always that of the larger Whole. He finds the world of meaning spread like an intricate network over all activity and every aspect of the phenomenal world. Of this network, the etheric web is the symbol and design, while the etheric web to be found between each of the centers up the individual spinal column is the microcosmic correspondence.

Esotericism is not, however, concerned with the centers and esotericism is not an effort scientifically to awaken the centers, as many students think. **Esotericism really is training in the ability to function freely in the world of meaning; it is NOT occupied with any aspect of the mechanical form; it is occupied with the soul aspect - the mediating principle between life and form.** This mediating principle is the soul of the individual aspirant or disciple; it is also the anima mundi (world soul) in the world as a whole.

Esotericism, therefore, involves a life lived in tune with the inner subjective realities; it is only possible when the student is intelligently polarized and mentally focused; it is only useful when the student can move among these inner realities with skill and understanding. Esotericism involves also comprehension of the relation between forces and energies and the power to use energy for the strengthening and then the

creative direction of the forces contacted.

Esotericism is the art of "bringing down to Earth" those energies which emanate from the highest sources and there "grounding" them or anchoring them.

All true esoteric activity produces illumination; it results in the inherited light of substance being intensified and qualified by the higher light of the soul. It is, therefore, possible to define esotericism and its activity in terms of light but I refrain from doing so because of the vagueness and the mystical application hitherto developed by esotericists in past decades. The esotericist DOES deal with light in its three aspects, but it is preferable today to attempt a different approach until, through development, trial and experiment, the esotericist knows these triple differentiations in a practical sense and not just theoretically and mystically. We have to live down some of the mistakes of the past.

I would challenge all esotericists to attempt the practical approach which I have here outlined. I would ask them to live redemptive lives, to unfold their innate mental sensitivity and to work continuously with the meaning which is to be found behind all individual, community, national and world affairs. If this is done, then the light will suddenly and increasingly shine upon your way. You can become light-bearers, knowing then that "in that Light you will see LIGHT" - and so will your fellowmen.

When I Heard the Learn'd Astronomer

When I heard the learn'd astronomer,
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns
before me,
When I was shown the charts, the diagrams, to add,
divide, and measure them,
When I sitting heard the learned astronomer where he
lectured with much applause in the lecture room,
How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,
Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

by: Walt Whitman

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2008 New Moon Meditation Cycle Seed Thoughts

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Invoking The Group Conscious Will

New Moon	Seed Thought	Full Moon
<i>Inbreathing Cycle Capricorn through Gemini</i>		
December 9, 2007 9:41 AM	Hence, each consummation, each union, each great cosmic unification is achieved through the flame of the heart. <i>Heart 1</i>	♊ Dec 23, 2007 5:17 PM
January 8, 2008 3:38 AM	Aquarius is the coming expression of the group consciousness which is the first and immediate revelation of the ever present Christ consciousness on a large scale in humanity. <i>Esoteric Healing P155</i>	♋ Jan 22, 2008 5:36 AM
February 6 # 7:46 PM	In fulfilling My Will, thou givest Me the possibility to fulfill thy will. Where is the boundary line between the wills that strive toward Light? One should remember that We lead those who have entrusted themselves to Us along the ways of tested Magnets. One may trust the helmsman who has crossed oceans. Let fear not touch the tested heart! <i>Hierarchy, 40.</i>	♌ February 20 # 7:32 PM
March 7 9:15 AM	The exclamation of the Christ, "Father, not my will, but Thine be done," indicated His monadic and realized "destiny." The meaning of these words...is an exclamation evoked by the realization of monadic awareness and the focusing of the life aspect within the Whole. <i>The Rays And The Initiations P. 314</i>	♍ March 21 10:41 AM
April 5 7:56 PM	The unity of aim, the desire to serve, the recognition of the present focused intention of the Hierarchy (under the guidance of the Christ), become an invocative, magnetic state of group consciousness; this evokes from the Christ and His informed Masters an identification of Their united thought with the group aspiration. <i>Esoteric Healing P 680</i>	♎ April 20 2:26 AM
May 5 4:19 AM	The will-to-good of the world knowers is the magnetic seed of the future....The will-to-good is the Father aspect, whilst goodwill is the Mother aspect, and from the relation of these two the new civilization, based on sound spiritual (but utterly different) lines, can be founded. <i>The Rays And The Initiations P. 109-110</i>	♏ May 19 6:12 PM
June 3 11:24 AM	[The manifestation of intuitional telepathy] indicates soul contact and the consequent awakening of group consciousness, for sensitivity to intuitional impressions has to do <i>only</i> with group concerns. <i>Telepathy And The Etheric Vehicle P68</i>	♐ June 18 9:32 AM

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New Moon	Seed Thought	Full Moon
<i>Out-breathing Cycle Cancer through Sagittarius</i>		
July 2 6:20 PM	To stand really free is to stand in the clear unimpeded light of the soul, which is basically and intrinsically group consciousness. <i>Glamour P. 48</i>	♋ July 18 12:00 AM
August 1# 2:14 AM	When the blazing light of the Monad is focused directly upon the personality, via the antahkarana and not specifically through the soul, it produces a blazing fire which burns up all hindrances in a steady, sequential process. Wording it otherwise, when the will aspect streams from the Monad and focuses through the personal will (as the mind can grasp and realize it) it destroys as by fire all elements of self-will. <i>The Rays And The Initiations P. 30</i>	♌ August 16# 1:18 PM
August 30 11:59 AM	Virgo is esoterically the mother of the Christ child and is, therefore, the emanator of energies which nourish and aid the growth of the Christ consciousness. <i>Esoteric Healing P155</i>	♍ September 15 1:14 AM
September 29 12:13 AM	The initiate, on his tiny scale, must learn to function also as a savior, and thus express the Law of Sacrifice through the medium of the developed, pure, reasoning will, and not simply from that of impulsive love and its activity. Here lies a basic distinction. Sacrifice must not be regarded as a "giving-up," but rather as a "taking-over." <i>DINA 2 P.286</i>	♎ October 14 12:04 PM
October 28 3:15 PM	The will of all of Us is merged into one powerful current. The dynamo of unity increases all energies. Not magic, but purified will sends into the world the command, "Let there be Light!" <i>Supermundane 1 30</i>	♏ November 12 10:18 PM
November 27 8:56 AM	But one should remember that cultivation of the will is the best aid for the attainment of illumination which, bursting into flame, shines like a torch and reveals the path. <i>Supermundane III, 456.</i>	♐ December 12 8:38 AM
December 27 4:33 AM	We affirm that the spiral of the will carries the spirit on the wings of cooperation. We affirm the sacred bond of the heart and rejoice when the wings of cooperation radiate in the tension of joy. Yes, yes, yes! <i>Infinity II 108</i>	♑ Jan 10, 2009 7:28 PM

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