

## Spiritual Principles/Rays

The Embodied Soul in three worlds can be experienced as having three major qualifications corresponding to its embodiments as a (potential) Bodhisattvic Being (living through the Mental/Causal World), Yogic Self (living through the Subtle World) and Incarnating Soul (living through the Gross/Material World). These Soul *Bodies* themselves can be thought of as existing in the Composite Sphere just “above” the indicated world.

<p><b>Upper Composite Sphere</b> (Archangelic Realm) Causal Sphere/World</p>	<p><b>Bodhisattvic Being</b> Mental body</p>
<p><b>Middle Composite Sphere</b> (Atmic Realm) Subtle Sphere/World</p>	<p><b>Yogic Self</b> Subtle body</p>
<p><b>Lower Composite Sphere</b> (Astral Realm) Gross Sphere/World</p>	<p><b>Incarnating Soul</b> Gross body</p>

The Embodied Soul can be qualified by any of three or seven principles of spiritual manifestation, three in the case of the Bodhisattvic Being and seven with respect to the Yogic Self and Incarnating Soul. The Embodied Soul (ego) interacts with its respective *body* in the associated world through three egoic identifications (row in bold in the chart below) and three body divisions (column in center). This chart and the definitions appear in multiple places on this site.

<b>Bodhisattvic Being</b>		
<b>MahaYogi</b>	<b>Saint</b>	<b>Sage</b>
	Installation	
	Illumination	
	Insight	
<b>Yogic Self</b>		
<b>Esotericist</b>	<b>Mystic</b>	<b>Occultist</b>
	Spiritual Will/Intelligence	
	Spiritual Intuition/Feeling	
	Spiritual Creativity/Energy	
<b>Incarnating Soul</b>		
<b>Higher Self</b>	<b>Inner Being</b>	<b>Outer Personality</b>
	Mental	
	Astral	
	Vital	

**Bodhisattvic Being** = the essence of the Embodied Soul, that which houses your unique human nature that one day will be completely surrendered to God, who may give you the choice after your binding sanskaras are all spent to merge with Him or stay in Creation as a true bodhisattva.

**MahaYogi** = great yogi who has surpassed the limits of the Yogic Self and the Subtle Sphere but is working for God (by working for the Avatar or Perfect Masters) on or through the 4<sup>th</sup> plane of divine powers.

**Saint** = conscious and working on the 6<sup>th</sup> plane, the impressive or sympathetic section of the Causal Realm (actual mind), the plane where all feelings are known and mastered, the Heart of God in Creation.

**Sage** = conscious and working on the 5<sup>th</sup> plane, the inquiring or reflecting section of the Causal Realm (actual mind), the plane where all thoughts are known and mastered, the Mind of God in Creation.

**Installation** = the power to move people up to one's own level or anywhere below that is part of being on the Mental planes (Causal Realm) but not part of being on the Subtle planes. Really it's part of functioning from the Bodhisattvic Being and not the Yogic Self.

**Illumination** = the ability to *feel* God as a MahaYogi, *hear* God as a Sage and *see* God as a Saint.

**Insight** = direct and specific knowing without having to think.

**Yogic Self** = the fully flowered false self, the spiritual ego, having access to the divine powers of God but not yet really knowing one's own mind much less the mind of God. There potentially is some access to the 5<sup>th</sup> plane after one has merged with the Yogic Self (being then between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> planes) but no real access when that Yogic Self is functioning through the integrated Esotericist, Mystic and Occultist (4<sup>th</sup> plane). The Yogic Self remains behind the scenes as a powerful draw while one is crossing the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> planes of increasing spiritual experiences and powers and working out Esotericist, Mystic and Occult identities.

**Esotericist** = looks to unify duality by balancing, integrating and then bringing to synthesis above and below, within and without, Mystic and Occultist identities, and head and heart (as understood through its Subtle, predominantly head-centered position); and in so doing it is looking to establish Yogic Self mastery within some larger sense of serving God's Plan.

**Mystic** = attracted to a transcendent love of Self/Soul—God within and God within all.

**Occultist** = wielding and working with spiritual energies and siddhis (powers) via techniques and training, including inner training and mantras.

**Spiritual Will** = active efforts at treading the spiritual path and the desire to become a disciple; the faculty that receives instructions and gives them to/through the Incarnating Soul.

**Spiritual Intuition** = felt knowing of what is needed and what to do as well as a deep inner knowing in response to any question. This Spiritual Intuition is always right but the interpretations we make mentally (intellectually) and the

reactions we have astrally (emotionally) are not perfect and may lead us astray. Therefore the general advice is to stay in the heart and follow the intuitive feeling closely and don't go following your head or body reactions, though of course you need to pay attention to these goings on and work things out.

**Spiritual Creativity** = abstract spiritual thinking and use of energies; the source of scientific and artistic inspiration coming through the Incarnating Soul.

**Incarnating Soul** = the completely individuated self of depth psychologies that has integrated the anima/animus and gives you your path to God (through the spiritual planes).

**Higher Self** = finds and pursues one's greatest humanistic and/or transcendent ideals/desires in the world or, turning inward under the influence of the Incarnating Soul, begins the path of sacrifice in search of God. Can begin as a turbo-ego.

**Inner Being** = the heart of your Incarnating Soul, it let's you know what and how you need to love, and eventually "takes over your yoga" through the longing for/of divine love. Must address the wounded heart and inner child to feel clearly and deeply.

**Outer Personality** = how you (first) engage the world and interact with others in it (the default); what you do or find yourself doing and how you do it: your roles and various personae; your identity vis-à-vis others and the world; the integration of your mental, astral and vital vehicles.

**Mental** = way of thinking, evaluating, creating; activated by being provoked.

**Astral** = way of feeling, relating, emoting; activated when excited.

**Vital** = way of being in the body; abilities and sensitivities; activated is stimulated.

Note: the rays of the mental, astral and vital vehicles/bodies give you certain sensitivities to energies, especially coarseness or impurity in the energies of these rays themselves as your bodies try to be more refined and "enlightened."

Each of these terms can be characterized by one of three or seven principles of spiritual manifestation that we will refer to as Soul Rays. Our purpose is knowing oneself as part of the process of giving oneself over to God. The keywords, phrases and discussion will be from this perspective and not for "manifesting" any desire or ideal in any world, though if/when you give yourself over to God you can become an instrument for His work. I am afraid the very idea of being an instrument of God is so loaded with illusion, delusion and glamour as to be one of Maya's favorite playgrounds. (Glamour is astral allurement casting a spell on the mind.) This exposition of threes and sevens is given with the hope of freeing oneself from these traps. Frankly, the Embodied Soul in any of its three forms is often felt as God until one starts to identify with it (and unfortunately sometimes after this as well). The three divisions of the body above one's conscious world can be contacted through the Soul of one's current world, and then they seem like they give special spiritual instructions (which of course can be true, but it helps to keep all this in perspective).

With regard to the current material available on-line and in print re the rays, the perspective here is different as stated above. Also, the representation of the structure of the Embodied Soul in theosophy and New Age thinking extends only to the Incarnating Soul with

some contact of the Subtle Body above that. The Monad of theosophy feels to me like it is a perspective on the Yogic Self before actually attaining or merging with that self. Quite specifically and frankly, the so-called third initiation would be in the perspective presented here a merging with the Incarnating Soul and the fifth initiation a functioning from the Yogic Self (not as the Yogic Self) through the spiritual Esotericist, corresponding to being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> plane in Meher Baba's exposition, which we will be relying on as our primary revealed source. The fourth plane would be functioning through the 3-in-1 ego identifications of the Yogic Self and then merging with that Self. The 5<sup>th</sup> plane would be functioning as the Bodhisattvic Being through the 3-part mental body and the 6<sup>th</sup> plane through the three ego identifications, leading to identification with that Bodhisattvic Being. See [The Drop Soul as the Embodied Soul](#) for more on this.

Lest we fall deeply into the devilish hands of Maya massaging our spiritual egos, there are no claims here of being on any plane or being put on any plane or having spiritual attainment of any kind. Quite the contrary, Meher Baba's method as I understand it is extended in this work into what would appear to be its antithesis. Instead of initiations and spiritual advancement, we will be moved through renunciations and spiritual effacement by giving up all of our inflated ego identifications and pumped up body abilities to let God do with us individually what He will, which seems much more often than not to keep one neither here nor there, meaning the slow and progressive opening of inner connections to all the Embodied Soul parts in the chart without actually identifying with any of them or even having a functional personality from a worldly (gross) or spiritual (subtle) perspective, much less functioning as a so-called great yogi, sage or saint. And one need not be at all conscious of this process.

With regard to reading one's rays, the material that I have seen and the clairvoyants I have contacted can and do read the rays of one's personality and the divisions of one's astral sheath (calling them the mental body, astral body and etheric body—the vital division directly effects the etheric energy of the gross sphere and can be "seen" there). The soul ray that I have experienced through these sources turned out to be the ray of the Inner Being. And then the idea is there of one's soul ray turning into one of three rather than one of seven rays, which would represent the coming into contact with one's Higher Self here. I have had no experience of anyone reading or even knowing about the ray of the actual Incarnating Soul much less anything beyond that even though the theosophically inspired material does seem to come from the 3<sup>rd</sup> plane with various lower subtle and sub-subtle (astral) distortions. To be clear, the material here is about reading one's own rays intuitively and with inner guidance, which will come in its own time when it is time and if it is one's path to know this way and go this way. I don't see it as a requirement. There are other ways of knowing and other paths of going.

Meher Baba had this to say about spiritual writings in general when talking with Francis Brabazon about his work *Stay With God*, which Baba had asked Francis to write:

The scriptures are like rotten bones rotted and are as food for worms. Theosophy and philosophy are like good bones rotted and are as food for vultures.

The writings of inspired poets are like fresh bones and are as food for dogs. The writings of spiritually advanced saints are like flesh and are as food for tigers.

The writings by living Perfect Masters are like brain and are as food for men!

Good bones when rotted have some semblance of bone, but rotten bones when rotted are like filth.

So, you may go through the scriptures superficially — only to drive away the barking dogs when necessary; for instance, when you are called upon to answer the queries of the priests and the orthodox.

Put all your heart in the notes of *Stay With God*, which will turn out to be ever-fresh brain.

[Lord Meher, revised online edition, pp. 4487-88]

And Baba had this to say about theosophy and theosophists after a group of them had visited:

For some days, there had been much discussion about the Theosophical Society, headed by Annie Besant, and about Krishnamurti, who was being promoted by her as the "New World Teacher." On 26 June [1926], Baba remarked to some Theosophist visitors, who had come for darshan, "Be always in search of Truth — *real* Truth — wherever it is found without any caste distinction or prejudice. Control your passions, renounce maya and create a longing to see the Almighty."

After they left, Baba commented about Theosophy:

A time will come when the world will bow to those on whom my nazar will fall.

They came here [for darshan] and that is good for them. But Krishnamurti, a New World Teacher? God forbid! Compare Ramakrishna [of Calcutta] with Krishnamurti. Krishnamurti is living in all majesty and splendor, pomp and power, and moving about England in aristocratic, fashionable circles, playing tennis and golf, leading a most comfortable life. He does not have the slightest idea — not even a wisp — of the Real Truth. [In 1926, Krishnamurti was still associated with the Theosophical Society and being promoted as the messiah for the new age.]

So it is also with these fussy, showy Theosophists. Their greatness lies only in editorship — writing and speaking with high-sounding words about planes, powers, colors, society, creed — in a superficial knowledge of the shadow of Truth, and in behaving and making others believe in the greatness of themselves and none other. Truth is far, far beyond this.

(Baba quoted a couplet from Hafiz and explained its meaning:) If you desire to aspire for Realization, you should hold your very life in the palm of your hand, ready to give it up at any moment! Then alone will you be deemed worthy and be able to see the gates of Truth.

[Lord Meher, revised online edition, pp. 679-80.]

The anatomy, if you will, of the Embodied Soul and its ray qualifications is the spiritual anatomy of that life you are holding in the palm of your hand and offering up to Him.

Knowledge of the Soul Rays is meant to help get all of one's life in hand and also meant to aid in a compassionate appreciation for one's fellow human beings and an awe-inspired humility before the wonderment of God.

From the bottom up, the Incarnating Soul can be known through the Outer Personality turning towards the Inner Being and then Higher Self, the Incarnating Soul itself progressively identifying with these three aspects of itself then integrating them and finally knowing itself as itself, becoming itself, through the central aspect of the Inner Being. The play of this "getting to know yourself" grossly and astrally is through the three divisions of the gross body in their astral determinations, namely mental determining thought/intellect, astral determining feeling/emotion, and vital determining energy/sensation. Once the Incarnating Soul starts to know itself, the three divisions of the Subtle Body of Energy can be contacted to some degree, leading to the so-called Upper Triad of Spiritual Will, Intuition and Creativity and Lower Triad of Mental, Astral and Vital (Ethereic) energies (determining our gross thoughts, feelings and body experience). Indeed it is the Subtle energies that impact and make us feel the astral energies behind the strictly gross experiences. The Upper and Lower Triads are mediated by the Incarnating Soul and the Upper Triad can be contacted through that Soul when one's orientation has shifted to the spiritual or earlier through any one of the three part matrix of ego identification for the Incarnating Soul, allowing for all sorts of partial revelations and premature distortions.

The Incarnating Soul can be along any of the seven Rays, though there are times and seasons for different rays, making some ray qualifications quite prevalent and others rare or even very rare though not non-existent. The same tends to be true for the Inner Being but it is less true for the Outer Personality (all seven rays are well represented). The Higher Self comes along only one of three lines, closely resembling the first three rays.

The mental, astral and vital "bodies" of the astral sheath (behind the gross body) can be along any of the seven rays but again some are much more common and others can be very rare.

A similar organization holds for the Yogic Self and its associated identifications and body divisions. The inner, spiritual Esotericist is along one of three rays while all the other soul and associated body qualifications can be along any of seven rays.

The Bodhisattvic Being itself is along one of three rays and this refers to whether you enter the human kingdom like most people through gross evolution (ray 2) or come from the angelic *behind the scenes* evolution (ray 3) or the archangelic line (ray 1). The drop soul descends from the Beyond and if on the way down it wakes up (becomes conscious) of the Mental/Causal Sphere it is/becomes an archangel, if it awakens in the Subtle Sphere it is an angel, and if it (slowly) awakens in the Gross Sphere it's destiny is to be a soul in a materially evolving body and then reincarnating human body. (See Meher Baba's *God Speaks*.) Archangels take one human birth before Liberation and angels, I feel, take three.

The Mahayogi ray is one of three while the Saint and Sage rays can be any of the seven. The rays of the Mental body divisions (Installation, Illumination and Insight) can be any of the seven, but the entire 3-part division of the Mental body is qualified by the Sage ray and represents the 5<sup>th</sup> plane where one would be identified with the Sage role. Similarly, the entire 3-part matrix of Bodhisattvic Being egoic identifications (Mahayogi, Saint and Sage) is

qualified by the Saint Ray and represents the 6<sup>th</sup> plane where one would be identified with the Saint role. Really speaking, the Sage has insight (and some illumination and the ability to install people at levels up to the 5<sup>th</sup> plane), the Saint has full illumination (along with insight and the power of installation up to the 6<sup>th</sup> plane) and the Mahayogi has some illumination and insight as well as some of the power of installation by being able to affect the 4<sup>th</sup> plane powers, but s/he is functioning from the Bodhisattvic Being not the Yogic self, so this is after crossing the 4<sup>th</sup> plane. Merging with one's Bodhisattvic being (technically between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> planes) may have the full power of installation revealed as one could be "installed" as a perfect Yogi (on the 4<sup>th</sup> plane), or perfect Sage (on the 5<sup>th</sup> plane) or perfect Saint (on the 6<sup>th</sup> plane), installed meaning functioning on or through even though one would still really be between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> plane as a conscious Bodhisattvic Being. Perfect means there are no binding sanskaras left but one has stayed on the Creation side of God Realization out of love for God and His Plan as well as love for God in one's fellow humans—a true Bodhisattva.

The seven Soul Rays can be felt through keywords and phrases that resonate at different levels. The rays of the Embodied Soul as Incarnating Soul and Yogic Self are divine qualities sought for in the world (Gross or Subtle) and then found in oneself. They are all equal in divinity: none are higher or better than the others. They are ways of looking for and knowing God on the path to God. All the ego identifications below a Soul Ray should be considered as subrays of that Soul Ray, with the body divisions being subrays of the egoic identifications. Ultimately all Egoic Matrix and body rays should be seen in the light of the soul quality of their ray and then integrated into the actual Soul ray that governs them. This really requires the full development (stage 6 in UID) of the relevant vehicles and the complete integration of the Personality as well as entire Egoic Matrix.

### **Seven Soul Rays for the Incarnating Soul and Yogic Self**

- I Freedom
- II Love Union
- III Knowledge/Understanding
- IV Harmony
- V Truth
- VI Goodness
- VII Beauty

### **General Keywords and Phrases for the Seven Rays**

**RAY I:** WILL; POWER. Intention, purpose, drive, action, synthesis.

**RAY II:** LOVE/WISDOM. Awareness, sensitivity, attraction, inclusion.

**RAY III:** ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE; CREATIVITY. Abstract thinking, order, patterns, permutations, cycles, comprehension, communication, adaptation, manifestation.

**RAY IV:** DRAMATIZATION; FACILITATION. Links, bridges, mediation, integration, rhythm, balance after experiencing excesses, peace after battles, stability after crisis—harmony through conflict.

**RAY V: THINKING/IDEAS.** Objectivity, analysis, inquiry, investigation, experimentation, evaluation, problem solving, practical application, analogies, correspondences.

**RAY VI: DEVOTION/IDEALS.** Reverence, adoration, worship, faith, duty, loyalty, virtues, aspiration, service, self-sacrifice.

**RAY VII: CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY; CEREMONY.** Organization, completion, consecration, blessing, rules/routine, magic/ritual, tradition, opportunity, sensation and materiality.

### **Other Associated Ideas and Qualities**

**RAY I: WILL, POWER.** Authority, leadership, discernment, decisiveness, fearlessness, ambition, endurance, patience.

**RAY II: LOVE/WISDOM.** Teaching, healing, parenting, redeeming, renewing, reforming, forgiving, caring, ready and willing, calmness, helpfulness.

**RAY III: ACTIVE INTELLIGENCE;** Concentration, discrimination, articulation, impartiality, justice.

**RAY IV: DRAMATIZATION; FACILITATION.** redeems and transforms through conflict of opposites, combining the diverse and disparate, highlights common ground for healing conflict, discriminates, integrates what is important after filtering out the unimportant, shows imperfection by revealing ideal and comparing actual to it (includes humor), taste, intuition and intellect at the same time, determined to eliminate the negative, inspires art including the art of living, affection, respect, marriage, cause and effect, temperance, purification, middle path.

**RAY V: THINKING/IDEAS.** Science, engineering, systems, confronts and defines reality, reveals and protects truth, loves truth, organizes into coherent structures, categorizes, psychic exploration, unveils occult, transcends limits, focuses/specializes/applies divine energy/will, effectiveness, precision, criticism, patience, carefulness, tests parallels/analogies/correspondences, “as above, so below” as THE analogy, logic, multidimensional thinking, all related thoughts seen at once, Socratic inquiry and pursuit back to roots, right questioning, right relationships.

**RAY VI: DEVOTION/IDEALS.** Expression of God’s Will, maturity, self-discipline, conformity, conduit for authority, sincerity, enthusiasm, endurance.

**RAY VII: CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITY; CEREMONY.** Work, noble purpose, gets things done, reconstruction, invention, creates conditions/opportunities, reveals divine in physical form, makes templates, vivifies and sustains that which has been built, coordination, combines opposites w/o integration or synthesis, tolerance for contradiction, co-incidence, style (not meaning), underlying energy structure, memory (genetic and subconscious), protocol, etiquette, vitality, physicality, sex and sex magic (and black magic and white magic), timing, recharging, relaxation.

Here is some material from the [UpperTriad.org](http://UpperTriad.org), a theosophically inspired source, copied from the internet around 2005. The soul in this material is the Incarnating Soul mostly known through the Inner Being (when heart-centered) and Higher Self (when head-centered).

Discussions and lists not related to our focus have been edited out (e.g. theosophical ideas of the planes and planets as well as the hierarchy and “root” races of humanity).

## **The First Ray**

The first ray is called the ray of power and will. On the highest level the first ray is the first aspect of the trinity which is the father (Shiva) (first logos) (first cause) (will of God) (plan of God). ... On human levels it is the ray of leadership, government, action, and adventure. It is also the ray of destruction (for the destruction of form, setting the imprisoned life or essence free). It is also the ray that governs the beginning and ending of cycles of activity.

The first ray is not presently in exoteric manifestation, and therefore there are very few (if any) first ray souls in incarnation; thus, first ray personalities and those on other rays who are able to work effectively with first ray energies are relied upon for leadership. This power ray is a difficult personality ray to tame, for the will and power suggests a strength that discourages alignment with the soul. But where such an alignment has been effected, there results considerable strength (of alignment) and the will and power qualities can be wisely used for constructive work. The first ray type is characterized as the independent, self-reliant leader who strives to excel in whatever field of endeavor is chosen. This ray is a ray of planning and of using whatever means are available to achieve the desired end. Without love and wisdom the first ray type may be forceful, arrogant, demanding, and destructive. With love and wisdom, the first ray type demonstrates mature leadership, as the personal will is aligned with the greater will.

Self-reliance is one of the many lessons to be learned either on the first ray or through the application of first ray energy. The spiritual student must learn to rely on the God within as the only authority. Self-reliance coupled with the alignment of the desire aspect to the will aspect of the soul results in a most potent and useful application of energy. When a soul upon any of the seven rays has mastered the lessons of the first ray energy, then that particular wisdom and talent is available as needed in succeeding incarnations (even on other rays).

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## **The Second Ray**

The second ray is called the ray of love-wisdom. On the primary level (that of the divine triplicity), the second ray functions as the second aspect of the trinity, the son (Vishnu) (second logos) (the cosmic Christ) (the love and wisdom of God). The son (consciousness) is the result or product of the interaction of spirit (the father) and matter (the mother). It is the immediate object of manifestation. The second ray is (as consciousness) the purpose or objective of evolution, experience, and the work of manifestation (as experience and expression contribute to the evolution of consciousness). ...

... On human levels it is the ray of teaching and healing, the ray of love and wisdom, the ray of union, and the ray of compassion, cooperation, and consciousness. The second ray is

also the ray of magnetism, attraction, cohesion, mysticism, discipleship, and brotherhood. Upon the second ray, humanity learns to transmute desire into love, knowledge into wisdom, and personality into soul. The second ray is a ray of duality and the resolution of the various pairs of opposites. ...

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The lower aspects of the ray of love-wisdom are personal love (desire, and selfish, possessive, exclusive love) and knowledge. The higher aspects of the ray of love-wisdom are impersonal love (unselfish and all-inclusive) and consciousness (wisdom). The lower aspects are emotional and intellectual; the higher aspects are intuitive. The lower aspects are somewhat separative; the higher aspects are more inclusive. God is love; love is wisdom; wisdom is consciousness; consciousness is unity; and unity is God.

The second ray is a ray of sensitivity leading to intuition. It is the opening of the lower self (the personality) to the higher self (the soul), and therefore to a loving understanding of humanity and of God. Wisdom and intuition are the results of the assimilation of the spiritual teachings. Love is the result of understanding (aspiration). The teachings must become so much a part of the consciousness that the emotional and intellectual response is superseded by the faculty of buddhi (the spiritual intuition).

### **The Third Ray**

The third ray is called the ray of active intelligence. On the primary level, the third ray is the third aspect of the trinity, the holy spirit (holy ghost) (Brahma) (the third logos) (the manifestation of God). On that level the third ray is intelligence inherent in matter; it is the entire objective universe. ...

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In the human world, the third ray is the ray of economics, money, justice, philosophy, and scholarly pursuits. It is a ray of comprehension and understanding, of intellect and creative ideation, of active intelligence. It is through the third ray (and through the rays of attribute [4-7]) that man learns to create. Through thinking and feeling, man is a creator, sending out energies (consciously or otherwise) that will bear fruit for either constructive or destructive purposes. The evolving man usually creates carelessly and selfishly. The advanced of humanity create consciously, carefully, and constructively. Where the second ray of love and wisdom is also present (to some extent) (in maturity), there is a creativity for the benefit of others. Where the first ray of power and will (purpose) is also present (in some maturity), there is a conscious and potent cooperation with the plan of God.

... Another of the major contributions of the third ray is the energy of goodwill. ...

### **The Fourth Ray**

The fourth ray is called the ray of harmony through conflict. The fourth ray is a ray of

attribute and forms a portion of the third aspect of the trinity. ...

The fourth ray is the mystical ray of balance, between the inwardly directed rays (the first three rays) and the outwardly directed rays (the last three rays), and between each major ray and its reflection [1/7, 2/6, 3/5]. The fourth ray is also a ray of balance and struggle between the objective and subjective worlds, and between all of the various pairs of opposites (such as: male and female, good and evil, positive and negative, soul and personality, reality and illusion). This ray is a major factor in the life of the spiritual student whose task it is to balance the pairs of opposites and tread the middle path.

In the objective world, the fourth ray is the ray of beauty, culture, and art. It is a ray of imagination, perception, dramatization, and expression. The fourth ray of duality is a ray of conflict, struggle, and instability leading to harmony, peace, balance, and stability. It is often a painful ray with many lessons for the human personality; it is a ray of crisis, tension, and challenge. With fourth ray energy the spiritual student gradually learns to control the emotional life and bring it into harmony with the dominant mind. Then the student learns to bring the head (mind) and the heart (buddhi) (and the higher emotions) into balance. The fourth ray energy leads the student from the selfish personal life into the unselfish, relatively impersonal life; from passion, extravagance, self-deception, and alternation of moods, to self-control, serenity, purity, and balance; from duality and separation from God to unity and oneness with God.

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### **The Fifth Ray**

The fifth ray is called the ray of concrete knowledge. The fifth ray is a ray of attribute and forms a portion of the third aspect of the trinity. ... It is also the reflection of the third ray of active intelligence and divine mind.

... The ray of concrete knowledge is the ray of science, exoteric education, research, and objectivity. Through the fifth ray man learns about the objective world, and through the soul ray man gradually masters this worldly experience and frees himself from the limitations of objectivity. The fifth ray domain is often the realm of the educated, evolving, thinking human being (regardless of ray); but for the spiritual student, the fifth ray domain (as a preoccupation) is superseded by the soul energy which can then utilize the fifth ray and the personality as instruments of expression and guided, enlightened experience.

The fifth ray is an occult (intellectual) (head-centered) ray, and without a complementary mystical (devotional) (heart-centered) ray, it may be so intellectual or rational that the result is an unenlightening and illusionary rationalization of events, experiences, and observation. Perfection implies balance between the head and heart. The mind must be developed and the mind must integrate and purify the personality; but the mind must not grow too strong or independent, for if human perfection is to be achieved, the developed mind must willingly submit itself to the higher energies of the soul. The soul must be allowed to purify and discipline the mind. Then the mind becomes a powerful but

controlled and constructive instrument, rather than the ordinary, undisciplined, illusionary, and separative mind. The independent and separative mind is somewhat destructive. A fundamental weakness of the lower mind is its tendency toward criticism (and all criticism is essentially destructive).

...The fifth ray in exoteric education finds its complement [ $5 + 2 = 7$ ] in the second ray of esoteric education (the transmutation of knowledge into love-wisdom). The fifth ray as concrete knowledge finds itself the reflection into matter of the third ray of abstract knowledge and comprehension. The fifth ray as an occult ray [all odd numbered rays] finds encouragement in its supplementary rays: the first ray of power (will) (purpose), the third ray of activity, and the seventh ray of organization.

The fifth ray in the human domain is primarily the ray of the lower concrete (rational) mind, which is the focus of attention in the outer, objective world. The fifth ray is the ray of observation, analysis, and evaluation, and as such contributes considerably to individual and group evolution. The fifth ray dominates the process of discrimination (discernment) (judgment), and remains the primary ray of focus for the waking-consciousness in most of humanity, and the principal instrument of the soul in the lower world.

## **The Sixth Ray**

The sixth ray is considered to be the ray of devotion and idealism. The sixth ray is a ray of attribute and forms one of the dimensions of manifestation of the third aspect of the trinity. ... In one sense, it is the second ray reflected (or objectified) into matter, with the inherent limitations of the world of matter.

The sixth ray is a ray of personal love, desire, idealism, devotion, aspiration, and religion. Through the sixth ray the unregulated and distorted (personal) emotions (stormy waters) are uplifted into the quiet, purified, and clarified (disciplined) emotions (the calm sea) of aspiration and impersonal devotion (to God rather than to personalities or individuals). That struggle itself is qualified by the fourth ray of balance (contrast), through its mystical relationship [mystical rays are the even numbered rays] with the second ray and the sixth ray.

The sixth ray is the primary ray of glamour, and is therefore the ray of liberation from glamour (through transmutation). The sixth ray is a very mystical ray, in which the heart (love) that is centered on the astral plane is transformed into the heart that is centered on the intuitional plane. It is a most difficult ray to conquer, having many weaknesses and many stumbling blocks compounded by glamour; yet within the ray are the energies of overcoming that provide for liberation from the darkness of personal glammers and distractions. The sensitivity of the sixth ray is primarily astral (emotional), and is therefore subject to the vast intensity and diversity of glamour that make astral psychism rather undependable and misleading. The relationship of the emotional (astral) (desire) body to glamour and other astral phenomena makes the sixth ray experience a major challenge to the spiritual student. Relief occurs only when the mind has dominated and purified the emotions. Being the ray of religion and a ray of attribute (objectivity), the sixth ray is the means through which religious teachings are revealed. It is clearly a ray of idealism, that is the objectification of (divine)

ideas, but an idealism that is necessarily clouded by personal energies. Nevertheless, through religion and through the various ideals (limitations of ideas) man is given guidelines for seeking and (relative) goals to seek.

The probationary path is governed primarily by the sixth ray. The probationary path is the path in which the life of the aspirant undergoes the transformations that are prerequisites for discipleship and subsequent service. The domain of service, from the highly selfish (personal) to the highly unselfish (impersonal), is the domain of the sixth ray. The lessons of reverence, self-sacrifice, and service are all within the domain of sixth ray energy. After completing the sixth ray experience, the spiritual student can then make decisions based upon higher (impersonal) values and for the good of all concerned, rather than based upon that which is appealing (the lower, personal values). Personalities become less and less distracting and values are uplifted through soul contact, as the student masters the sixth ray dilemma.

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### **The Seventh Ray**

The seventh ray is called the ray of ceremonial order. The seventh ray is one of the four minor rays of attribute ... The seventh ray is the reflection into matter of the first ray of power, and is linked also to the third ray and the fifth ray (the odd-numbered rays are the occult rays). As the ray of objectivity for the ray of power, the seventh ray is power inherent in physical matter (crystallized energy).

Where the third ray is a ray of law and justice, the seventh ray is a ray of law and order. Where the first ray is a ray of government and leadership, the seventh ray is a ray of bureaucracy and politics. Where the fifth ray is a ray of analytical order, the seventh ray is a ray of ceremonial order. Where the fourth ray is a ray of art (life), the seventh ray is a ray of art (form). Where the sixth ray is a ray of religion, the seventh ray is a ray of ritual. The seventh ray is also a ray of rhythm, magic, and organization. The seventh ray type includes the priest, the ceremonialist or ritualist, the occult magician, the politician, the producer, and the businessman. As a ray of extreme (physical) objectivity, the seventh ray is somewhat absorbed (distorted) by materialism. The lessons of the seventh ray eventually lead to a liberation from the lower life based upon material things and phenomena, from the lower chaos (the unorganized) to ordered objectivity, and from ordered objectivity to the higher chaos (synthesized order or abstraction).

One of the problems of the seventh ray is that through ceremony, ritual, pageantry, and bureaucracy, the individual or the group can easily lose sight of purpose, meaning (significance) and reality. Another problem is that of magic based on material powers and guided by emotional or concrete mental force rather than the force of the soul. As a ray of magic, the ray of ceremonial order is a ray of phenomena (psychism and spiritualism) that must be uplifted into a ray of mature spirituality and reverence. Magic based on selfish motives and ignorance (black magic) must be transmuted and transformed into magic based on unselfish motives and wisdom (white magic). The sensitivities of the seventh ray lend themselves to elementals and the lower psychic forces. These talents must ultimately be

ordered to a higher purpose, that the forces of nature be used constructively and harmlessly. Through the ray of ceremonial order will come the etheric (higher physical) vision and a greater exoteric realization of the realm of natural (physical) forces.

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### **FIRST RAY KEYWORDS**

**Domain.** Power, Force, Energy, Spirit, Life, Will, Leadership, Government, Freedom, Racial Development, Destruction, Synthesis.

**Type.** Soldier, Explorer, Ruler, Statesman, Leader, Occultist.

**Qualities.** Strength, Courage, Steadfastness, Power, Will, Leadership, Self-Reliance, Truthfulness Arising from Absolute Fearlessness, Power of Ruling, Capacity to Grasp Great Questions, Capacity to Handle Men and Measures.

**Weaknesses.** Pride, Ambition, Willfulness, Hardness, Arrogance, Desire to Control Others, Obstinacy, Anger, Love of Power, Self-Pity, Tyranny, Self-Will, Domination, Contempt, Contempt, Selfishness, Extravagance, Individualism, Rigidity, Surrender.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Tenderness, Humility, Sympathy, Tolerance, Patience.

**Sources of Suffering.** Defeat, Degradation, Displacement, Humiliation, Exile, Subordination.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Conquer, To Attain, To Find Ultimate Reality.

**Method of Achievement.** Concentration of Will Force, Overpower, Destroy, Discipline of Subordinates, Pronouncement of Own Will as Highest Authority.

**Teaching Method.** Drive Truth Home, Exile, Leave Pupil to Stand Alone.

**Highest Attainments.** Victory, Omnipotence, Exhilaration of Power, Kingship, Dominion over Nature and Lower Self, Selfless Effortless Will.

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### **SECOND RAY KEYWORDS**

**Domain.** Love, Truth (Wisdom), Philosophy (Esoteric), Teaching, Consciousness, Attraction, Magnetism, Democracy, Expansion, Discipleship.

**Type.** Sage, Healer, Teacher, Reformer, the True Psychic.

**Qualities.** Calm, Strength, Patience, Love of Truth, Faithfulness, Endurance, Intuition, Clear Intelligence, Serene Temper, Universal Love, Wisdom, Insight, Sense of Oneness, Spiritual Sympathy, Cooperativeness, Inclusiveness, Peace.

**Weaknesses.** Coldness, Over-Absorption in Studies, Indifference to Others, Sentimentality, Sensuality, Impracticability, Contempt of Mental Limitation in Others, Unwise Self-Sacrifice, Accentuation of Life and Neglect of Form.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Love, Compassion, Unselfishness, Energy.

**Sources of Suffering.** Heartbreak, Loneliness, Isolation, Exclusion, Coldness, Neglect and Broken Faith and Trust, Misjudgment, Disloyalty.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Save, Illumine, Teach, Share, Heal, Serve.

**Method of Achievement.** Intuitive Insight and Perception, Self-Illumination, To Win Over, Negotiate, Non-resistance.

**Teaching Method.** Share Knowledge, Illumine from Within, Bestow Happiness.

**Highest Attainments.** Full and Unbroken Realization of Unity, Successfully Impart Wisdom, Omniscience, Continual Expansion of the Experience of Unity.

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### THIRD RAY KEYWORDS

**Domain.** Active Intelligence, Abstract Mind, Exoteric Philosophy, Activity, Abstract Truth, Money, Manifestation, Economy, Appearance, Adaptation, Matter, Development, Evolution, Socialism, Form, Personality, Effect.

**Type.** Philosopher, Scholar, Diplomat, Strategist, Astrologer, Chess Player, Economist, Banker, Judge.

**Qualities.** Patience, Caution, Clear Intellect, Sincerity of Purpose, Capacity for Philosophical Studies, Absence of Worry, Wide Views on Abstract Questions, Creative Ideation, Dignity, Adaptability, Tact, Impartiality, Discrimination, Comprehension, Understanding, Penetrative and Interpretative Mental Power.

**Weaknesses.** Intellectual Pride, Coldness, Isolation, Inaccuracy in Details, Absentmindedness, Obstinacy, Selfishness, Criticism, Cunning, Cruelty, Deceit, Indecision, Seeing too many Sides, Failure to Support in a Crisis, Aloofness.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Sympathy, Tolerance, Devotion, Accuracy, Common Sense.

**Sources of Suffering.** Indignity, Proven Incompetent, Darkness.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** Creative Activity, To Understand.

**Method of Achievement.** Sequential Thinking, Right Understanding, Expediency.

**Teaching Method.** Explain Principle, Impersonality, Adaptation, Communication.

**Highest Attainments.** Truth, Genius as a Result of Overflow of Contemplation, Omnipresence, Comprehension of Truth.

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### FOURTH RAY KEYWORDS

**Domain.** Harmony through Conflict, Contrast, Beauty, Culture, Duality, Balance, Masonry, Response, Expression, Art (life and color).

**Type.** Artist, Mediator, Interpreter.

**Qualities.** Strong Affections, Sympathy, Physical Courage, Generosity, Balance, Devotion, Quickness of Intellect and Perception, Stability, Harmony, Rhythm.

**Weaknesses.** Self-Centeredness, Worrying, Inaccuracy, Lack of Moral Courage, Strong Passions, Indolence, Extravagance, Self-Dramatization, Self-Deception, Alternation, Moods of Exaltation and Despair, Sensuality, Self-Conceit, Self-Indulgence, Improvidence, Glamour.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Serenity, Confidence, Self-Control, Purity, Accuracy, Unselfishness, Mental and Moral Balance.

**Sources of Suffering.** Frustration, Failure to Express Perfectly.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Beautify.

**Method of Achievement.** Dramatization, by Beauty's Appeal, Physical Perfection, Charm.

**Teaching Method.** Dramatization, Illustration, Elevation by Beauty.

**Highest Attainments.** Harmony, Balance, Perfect Portrayal, Perception of Beauty.

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#### **FIFTH RAY KEYWORDS**

**Domain.** Concrete Knowledge, Science, Education, Psychology, Research, Truth, Objectivity, Concrete Mind.

**Type.** Mathematician, Scientist, Lawyer, Alchemist.

**Qualities.** Accuracy, Justice (without Mercy), Perseverance, Common Sense, Keen Intellect, Uprightness, Independence, Analytical and Logical Mentality, Patience.

**Weaknesses.** Harsh Criticism, Narrowness, Arrogance, Unforgiving Temper, Lack of Sympathy, Lack of Reverence, Prejudice, Self-Centeredness, Quibbling, Coldness, Curiosity, Accentuation of Form and Neglect of Life, Separativeness, Pride, Miserliness, Pedantic Mind and Manner, Demanding, Materialism, Smallness of Vision.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Reverence, Devotion, Sympathy, Love, Open-Mindedness.

**Sources of Suffering.** Scorn, Fully Proven Wrong, Mental Defeat.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Discover, Thirst for Knowledge.

**Method of Achievement.** Think, Seek, Search, Experiment, the Scientific Method, Observation.

**Teaching Method.** Elucidation, Charts, Diagrams, Details, Develop Accuracy.

**Highest Attainments.** Knowledge, Exhilaration of Mental Mastery.

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#### **SIXTH RAY KEYWORDS**

**Domain.** Idealism, Devotion, Aspiration, Religion, the Probationary Path.

**Type.** Saint, Mystic, Devotee, Martyr, Evangelist, Server, Loyal Friend.

**Qualities.** Devotion, Single-Mindedness, Love, Tenderness, Intuition, Loyalty, Reverence, Ardor, Enthusiasm.

**Weaknesses.** Selfish and Jealous Love, Over-Leaning on Others, Partiality, Self-Deception, Sectarianism, Superstition, Prejudice, Over-Rapid Conclusions, Fiery Anger, Excessive Emotion, Narrow-mindedness, Glamour, Impulsiveness, Intolerance, Fanaticism, Blind Devotion to Personalities, Ignore or Despise Intellect, Sensuality, Values Based on Appeal rather than Merit.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Strength, Self-Sacrifice, Purity, Truth, Tolerance, Serenity, Balance, Common Sense.

**Sources of Suffering.** Crashed Heaven, Disloyalty of those Loved and Trusted, To be Misunderstood, To be Misjudged, Melancholy.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Serve, To Adore, To Worship, the Cause.

**Method of Achievement.** One-pointedness.

**Teaching Method.** Evoke Hero Worship, Inspire, Enfire, Emotional Appeal.

**Highest Attainments.** Self-Sacrifice, Service, Friendship.

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#### SEVENTH RAY KEYWORDS

**Domain.** Ceremonial Order, Ritual, Rhythm, Masonry, Law and Order, Magic, Art (form), Organization.

**Type.** Priest, Ceremonialist, Ritualist, Magician, Pageant-Master, Knight, Politician, Producer, Businessman.

**Qualities.** Strength, Perseverance, Courage, Courtesy, Extreme Care in Details, Self-Reliance, Grace, Precision, Ordered Beauty and Activity, Chivalry, Skill, Dignity, Noble Bearing, Military Method, Splendor.

**Weaknesses.** Formalism, Bigotry, Pride, Narrowness, Superficial Judgments, Self-Opinion Over-Indulged, Self-Dramatization, Playing Politics, Using People as Tools, Bureaucracy, Extravagance, Regimentation, Meticulous and Mechanical, Ceremonial, Plausibility, Love of Power and Office, Spiritualism.

**Virtues to be Acquired.** Realization of Unity, Wide-mindedness, Tolerance, Love, Humility, Gentleness.

**Sources of Suffering.** Humiliation, Loss of Outer Power, Frustration, Adverse Criticism by One of Lesser Degree, Discourtesy, Rudeness.

**Quest and Driving Impulse.** To Harness, To Synthesize, To Make Manifest.

**Method of Achievement.** Ordered Synthesis.

**Teaching Method.** Dramatization, Sacred Language, Symbolism.

**Highest Attainments.** Ordered Splendor, Exhilaration of Perfect Focus.

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For another run through the rays from another theosophical source, here is a list from Alan Oken's *Soul-Centered Astrology*. Keep in mind the Soul level is referring to what we are calling the Inner Being and for the first three rays also the Higher Self, and these are but

partial representations. The mental, emotional and physical below can be taken as the mental, astral and vital.

## **Ray 1**

*Concept:* Will, power, destroyer of form, the urge to rule, creative initiation on all levels.

*Soul Level:* the use of spiritual will for the well-being of the group or benefit of the collective; power for the purpose of enhancing unity and beauty.

*Personality Level:* soldier, statesman, ruler, explorer, leader; government, politics, administration.

*Positive Traits:* courage, diligence, quick discernment, leadership, inspirational, adventurous, not dismayed by initial failures, persistent until goal achieved.

*Character Difficulties:* limitless ambition, selfish use of will, easy to anger, impatience, arrogance, cannot take criticism, strong sense of personal pride.

*Need to Cultivate:* compassion, humility, tolerance, caring, sympathy.

*Mental:* strong, one-pointed with individual point of view; leading and dominating in thinking; purposeful.

*Emotional:* reserved, can be cold and detached; can have deep-seated emotions (often involving a noble cause) that may explode.

*Physical:* ectomorphic.

## **Ray 2**

*Concept:* universal love and truth, philanthropy, brotherhood; inclusiveness, nurturing; soul expression.

*Soul Level:* urge to bring a sustaining, loving wholeness to any group or situation; magnetic attraction and healing; love-wisdom as the focus; seeing beyond differences to unifying principles.

*Personality Level:* teachers; healing and service professions.

*Positive Traits:* sympathetic, compassionate, generous, eager to assist; calm, strong, patient, faithful, reliable; intuitive, lovers of truth.

*Character Difficulties:* coldness/indifference if wisdom overemphasized; misplaced affections and inappropriate sacrifice; not satisfied with self.

*Need to Cultivate:* faith in love.

*Mental:* love of knowledge, impractical absorption in specialized pursuits; profoundly universal vs. dilettante.

*Emotional:* calm, serene; sustained feelings rather than shows of passion; supportive, never separatist; peacemaker; can become overly attached, oversensitive, overburdened.

*Physical:* delicate and gentle.

### Ray 3

*Concept:* mental illumination; blending Ray 1 will/power and Ray 2 love/wisdom to produce the forms of life.

*Soul Level:* birthing of beneficial ideas; structuring time and activity for a purpose; inherent intelligence.

*Personality Level:* abstract thinker, theoretical mathematician, scholar, judge, banker, chess master.

*Positive Traits:* clear intellect, adaptability, articulate; logical planning and business skills; doesn't worry self or others over insignificant details.

*Character Difficulties:* nervous, intellectual pride, isolated, selfish, materialistic, manipulative, plays mind games.

*Need to Cultivate:* tolerance, sympathy, devotion, open-mindedness, accuracy in details.

*Mental:* pure abstract thinking, can sustain long periods of intellectual and philosophic concentration; wide view on abstract questions; clear, powerful communication; can be a propagandist and manipulator.

*Emotional:* objectification and analysis of feelings; thinks more than feels; love of nature and animals (protectionism, conservation) greater than interpersonal "affairs of the heart".

*Physical:* mesomorphic, well-coordinated, active, resilient.

### Ray 4

*Concept:* balance opposing tendencies to achieve a greater harmony; beauty in all things; urge to refine and achieve perfection; the art of living.

*Soul Level:* realize and reveal beauty and harmony in all of nature and the world of forms; mediator between heaven and earth.

*Personality Level:* mediator, interpreter, artist, healers who harmonize/balance energies.

*Positive Traits:* poetic sensibility, strong sense of equilibrium and symmetry; imaginative and creative; can sustain struggle and conflict until aim achieved.

*Character Difficulties:* indolence, self-indulgence; overly passionate, may initiate unnecessary conflicts; restlessness and a tendency to depression when goals can't be achieved.

*Need to Cultivate:* serenity, confidence, emotional balance, self-control, truth, clarity of purpose.

*Mental:* urge to understand the underlying meaning that can resolve dualities; need to construct new forms and ideas out of existing ones; may sustain opposing ideas indefinitely, leading to inner conflict and perpetual tension; ideas are visualized as forms in the mind.

*Emotional:* balanced feelings if self-disciplined, otherwise strong passions and intense mood swings; can be compulsive and exaggerate; strong, loyal affections; sympathy for others' struggles; generous and courageous.

*Physical:* balanced body; need to express physical beauty; often adorn themselves.

## Ray 5

*Concept:* vehicle for expression of the Ideas in the Mind of God; reveal Law through intellect; express Divinity through deep penetration into matter.

*Soul Level:* seek connecting links between the abstract world of pure ideation and the concrete world of practical application; precision in creating forms.

*Personality Level:* scientist, technician, lawyer, engineer, researcher, computer expert, logician.

*Positive Traits:* power to master a chosen field; detached observer in quest for truth; precise perception and accurate speech; love of scientific inquiry.

*Character Difficulties:* lacking compassion and sympathy; narrow; splitting hairs; pedantic; overemphasis on the form aspect, materialism; harsh criticism, mental pride, prejudice.

*Need to Cultivate:* tolerance, devotion, sympathy, active love and nurturing, reverence.

*Mental:* logical, detailed, precise, and structured; needs specialization of interest; seek, search, experiment; determines cause and effect through verifiable proof.

*Emotional:* rarely if ever the vehicle for the astral body but a Ray 5 personality or mind may overshadow the astral vehicle leaving feelings always subordinate to thoughts and leading to a certain sense of isolation and emotional defensiveness. There would be an emotional love of knowledge.

*Physical:* rarely if ever the ray of the physical body.

## Ray 6

*Concept:* intense devotion to ideals; purifier of the emotions; mystical vision.

*Soul Level:* urge to transform selfish and personal motivations into selfless and impersonal devotion for the good of all; reorient exclusiveness to inclusiveness.

*Personality Level:* saint, martyr, evangelist, preacher, religious workers of all kinds, psychics and sensitives (some artists), mediums.

*Positive Traits:* reverence, devotion, single-mindedness to cause; loyalty, courage, sincerity, self-sacrifice.

*Character Difficulties:* fanaticism, blindness, bigotry, exclusivity, hero worship, dependent on others for emotional support.

*Need to Cultivate:* tolerance, truth, common sense, flexibility, balance, practicality.

*Mental:* devoted to beliefs and opinions, can be narrow minded; more sensitive/intuitive than logical/precise; can shape thoughts and feelings to suit personal ideals and creeds.

*Emotional:* very devotional and idealistic; can be selfish and blind or have the vision and faith of a mystic and selfless altruism of a server of humanity.

*Physical:* endomorphic, water retention, sensitive to alcohol and drugs.

## Ray 7

*Concept:* coordination and unification of inner life's expression in outer form; Will through order; fusing, blending.

*Soul Level:* urge to gather, formulate and order; urge to make heaven on earth.

*Personality Level:* master of ceremonies, producer, organizer, ritualist, magician, shaman (ritual healing).

*Positive Traits:* perseverance, strength, care in detail; self-reliant; brings forth order out of chaos; merge will and cohesiveness to produce material results.

*Character Difficulties:* rigid adherence to rules/regulations; pretentious, formal; superstitious.

*Need to Cultivate:* humility, gentleness, tolerance, open-mindedness, realization of world unity.

*Mental:* orderly mind, neat categories; innovative, looks for opportunities; may get bogged down in old ways.

*Emotional:* loves pomp and circumstance; tends to have and manifest the socially appropriate feelings.

*Physical:* middle stature, often well coordinated; organizes surroundings in neat and adept ways to function at optimum.

From another theosophical source that I never recorded, there are *vocational* rays that refer to the ray of the personality (similar to the lists above) or more rarely the ray overshadowing and essentially taking over the personality (Higher Self, Inner Being or Incarnating Soul). As in all typologies, these vocational *types* are resonances and can even be caricatures. It can be useful to think of working with the ray energy as if one is in an associated vocational role no matter where one is or what one is doing. For example, with the first ray one is working as a leader no matter what position one is in and with the second ray one is teaching and healing wherever one finds oneself.

### Vocations of the Seven Rays

<b>Ray 1 - Will or Power.</b> Politician, occultist, leader, explorer, executive, manager, dictator.
<b>Ray 2 - Love Wisdom.</b> Teacher, healer, sage, server, scholar, humanist, philanthropist.
<b>Ray 3 - Active Intelligence.</b> Philosopher, organizer, astrologer, economist, historian, business.
<b>Ray 4 - Harmony through Conflict.</b> Artist, mediator, architect, poet, psychologist, musician.
<b>Ray 5 - Concrete Science.</b> Scientist, researcher, alchemist, engineer, analyst, inventor, technician.
<b>Ray 6 - Devotion.</b> Ministers, mystics, missionaries, devotees, orators, crusaders, zealots.
<b>Ray 7 - Ceremonial Order.</b> Builder, administrator, designer, revolutionary, magician, esotericist.

The following notes and charts were created and reworked from lectures and/or some of the original Alice Bailey material. Some are strictly from my own contemplations and contacts. This all relates to the Incarnating Soul (and below) and the ego identifications of the Yogic Self. These energies can be (re)activated (keynotes sounded), however, whenever a higher ray makes itself felt. So every time the Yogic Self is contacted (or radiates its power) or the Bodhisattvic Being stirs (through its ego identifications and body divisions), their rays sweep through the rest of the anatomy of the Embodied Soul and all the parts can have accustomed (but amped up) issues or new ray issues of their own (ray) as well as experience ray issues from the incoming (even overriding) ray.

### KEY RAY ACTIONS

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Impels	Grows	Manifests	Harmonizes	Knows	Sets Quality and Tone	Builds
Destroys	Animates	Adapts	Integrates	Enlightens	Serves	Consecrates
Creates	Responds	Plans	Filters	Clarifies	Worships	Preserves
Unifies/ Synthesizes	Seeks to Know	Organizes	Juxtaposes/ Bridges	Discovers	Aspires	Glorifies
Radiates	Redeems	Purifies	Intuits	Envisions	Seeks Growth	Reveals
Strengthens	Sacrifices (Generosity)	Manipulates	Suffers	Concentrates the Will	Ripens	Designs
Dominates	Includes	Endows	Beautifies	Precipitates	Reacts	Rests

### METHODS OF LEARNING for EACH RAY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
Experience – test it, see what it can do.	Learn by helping/teaching others.	Infer principles and laws.	Imitate examples.	Study correspondences and analogues.	Aspire to the best.	Build and tinker.
Penetrate to the core. (Reject what isn't part of the picture.)	Identify with meaning. (Always look deeper.)	Project. (Track movement and predict course.)	Dramatize, instigate conflict between opposing forces.	Analyze. (Collect data and details.)	Idealize.	Memorize.

**7 X 7 RAY RELATIONS** (read each row independently for 7 interrelated principles within the ray theme of that row)

<b>RAY</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>VI</b>	<b>VII</b>
I	Priorities	Habits	Values	Duties	Attitudes, esp. to conflict	Opportunities	Relationships
II	Philanthropy. Money as power to build/reinvest.	Citizenship. Education + reform.	Civilization. Redeem + transform by example.	Conflict. Solve for good of all.	Optimism. Expansiveness + growth.	Work. Opportunity to nurture.	Personal growth. Share what we do well.
III	Government	Education	Commerce	Fine Arts	Science	Religion	Healing
IV	Tenderness	Respect	Intelligence (not triviality)	Beauty	Nobility (not doubt)	Wisdom to control emotions	Exaltation
V	Express + respond to authority	Educate self	Respond to opportunity	Discover w intuition	Observation w objectivity + clarity	Enrich w ideals	Build in life
VI	Authority	Benevolence	Justice	Beauty	Truth	Wholeness	Grace
VII	Express authority	Nurture loving relationships	Honor highest values	Add Heaven to Earth	Develop mind	Expand sphere of influence	Invest in life

## RAY CRISES

RAY	CRISIS	RESPONSE	TECHNIQUE	POWER
<b>I</b>	POWERLESSNESS.	RUTHLESS DISPLAY vs. SUBMISSION to GOD	Humble cooperation w Soul	SYNTHESIS via leadership.
<b>II</b>	BURNOUT. Not making a difference, lack of meaning. (essentially a selfish savior complex)	ABANDON MISSION (w self pity) vs. IMPERSONAL LOVE (for ideal)	DETACHMENT. Love the growth that does occur. Join other goodwill workers.	REDEMPTION
<b>III</b>	REJECTION (by/of Soul). NONACCEPTANCE.	ATTACK core of meaning to shore up selfish beliefs vs. PARTICIPATE w the core of meaning.	MATURE ACCEPTANCE. Everything is growing and animated by meaning. Civilization is a force of Brotherhood.	CIVILIZATION Constant refinement.
<b>IV</b>	SUFFERING. Debasement of ideals.	SHAME/REGRET vs. LEARN not to react.	SACRIFICE. Suffer to perceive imperfection. Concentrate on work to be done. Be group oriented. Can enjoy or suffer problems.	INTUITION Liberate mind and deal directly w ideals.
<b>V</b>	DENIAL. Doubts and keeps to own insights only.	ADAMANT POLARIZATION vs. BREAKTHROUGH to archetypes.	DISCOVERY of light within each idea.	ILLUMINATION Recognize the divine.
<b>VI</b>	REBELLION. Personalized causes, glamour of individuality.	INCREASED REBELLION or POUTING W/D vs. SEE self-defeating nature of rebellion against God.	SERVICE. See larger context and Plan.	REVERENCE Loving service to God.
<b>VII</b>	TEMPTATION. Materialism.	GLORIFY SEDUCTION (HEDONISM) vs. DETACH, true identity in Soul.	CONSECRATION.	BLESSING Glory of new from inner levels built on existing foundations.

## SEVEN RAY WAYS of CHANGING and HEALING

RAY	PROBLEM (approach to)	SOLUTION (implementation of)
1	Destroy; Withdraw all energy	Impress, Impel, Impose
2	Ameliorate, Soothe, Lessen	Nurture
3	Dismantle	Rearrange, Implement
4	Oppose; Feed the fires of conflict; Bring it to a head	Harmonize/Facilitate a resolution with proper timing
5	Analyze; Get rid of what's wrong (incorrect)	Search for the Truth; Make and follow a plan
6	Take up as a Cause; Get rid of what's bad (hating is an immature response)	Aspire for the Ideal/Good; Devote to it (and focus on only it); Imitate ideal examples
7	Clean up the mess; Get rid of what's ugly; Ignore the negative and don't fret	Organize (the chaos), Synthesize the solution; Refine and make Beautiful; Push on, taking one step at a time (no need for all the details)

### RAY NEEDS

**I** = Learn to love and think as much as will. Bring freedom to others by coaxing the will in them to greater prominence (not by imposing). Power in service.

**II** = Brotherhood as a fact, not just cooperation. Evolution as expression of love – move from incoherent homogeneity to coherent heterogeneity. Avoid needless self-crucifixion.

**III** = One comprehensive thought to organize all so love and purpose are effective. Govern material forces. Secret to all accomplishments = concentration, meditation, contemplation, creation. Use reason, discrimination, tact. Clear thinking – the whole should be as sharp as the details.

**IV** = Blend outer growth (karma) and inner growth (dharma). Living symbolism. When dramatizing/acting, the outer and inner need to reflect each other. Gracefulness in blending will, love, and thought (not staying on one of these lines too long).

**V** = God within seeking God without. Faith in method of science, mind as an instrument of discovery. Individual mind and divine mind as represented in laws of nature are the same. Check tendency to overdo rules, order, and form.

**VI** = Develop feeling skill to penetrate to goodness and surrender to it. Pure, simple worship has great capacity to destroy pain and suffering.

**VII** = Find beauty in some aspect of nature and copy it (as an artist of living). Physical sensitivities – teach others to see, feel, hear, taste, smell... See beauty others can't, then reproduce it apart from the confusion of other things and bring it to the attention of others. Sustained concentration on the God in things and devotion to detail. Production of beauty through skilled action makes the doer beautiful in his/her form and movement. Beauty is stable, it is what survives in the world.

## **MAJOR PROBLEMS for EACH RAY**

- I** Forceful, arrogant, demanding, destructive (w/o R II to balance), incomplete. Domination of others, try to impose own will over God's will (override karma). Despotism and Egomania.
- II** Personal love (emotional + mental) over love for God. Subjectivity. Impatience, tend to reform others rather than self, too much R IV and R VI in the mix. Martyrdom and Savior complex.
- III** Lost in abstraction. Tendency to manipulate others and information. Opportunism and Instigator, Troublemaker, String-puller and Ray I Wannabe.
- IV** Confusion of intuition with astral sensitivity, selfishness, mood swings. Unenlightened imagination leads to self-deception. Self-pity. Theatricality, beyond-the-pale Histrionics from an over-the-top Drama Queen.
- V** Illusion, intellectualization. Coldness and Cruelty. Rationalism, positivism.
- VI** Glamour, emotionalism, sentimentality. Fanaticism.
- VII** Maya, materialism. Lower psychism, sex magic and black magic. Lost purpose and meaning. Mysterious secrets. Hedonism.

## **LEADERSHIP and the RAYS**

**I (VII)** Directive, decisive, self-confident, persuasive, persistent, well-organized, properly focused, responsive (purposeful), enterprising, and (sensibly) brave, at best, and will tend to be demanding, dominating, impulsive, arrogant, meddling, coercive, contentious, impatient, reactive, insistent, hasty, unprincipled, authoritarian, competitive, unfocused, over-organized, opportunistic, foolishly fearless, and ego-centered at worst. Inductive power: potent presence with honest strength of humility. Embody purpose and radiate compelling inspiration.

**II (VI)** Thoughtful, reasonably idealistic, modest, trusting, loyal, cooperative, generous, and helpful, at best, and will tend to be impractical, utopian, naive, passive, gullible, blindly devoted (allegiant), moralistic, paternalistic, and insistent at worst. Inductive power: magnetic presence with inclusiveness, encouragement, and the quality of love-wisdom.

**III (V)** Potentially practical, factual, thorough, analytical, detail-oriented, cautious, methodological, economical, unemotional, objective, fair, consistent, and conservative, at best, and not particularly flexible or creative, vulnerable to stubbornness, elaboration, bureaucratic inefficiency and argumentativeness, and critical separativeness at worst. The result is the offering of information and practical advice or recommendations, appropriately or inappropriately. Inductive power: lucid presence with a clarity of understanding and comprehension, a recognition of appropriateness, and an effective means of impersonal leadership (guidance). Inherently conservative with an appeal to structure, methods, procedure. Ideation and conservation of momentum in manifestation.

**IV** Potentially stable, consistent, flexible, adaptable, tactful, (honestly) diplomatic, socially skillful, inspiring, sincere, and reassuring, at best, and inconsistent, impressionable, placating, manipulative, vacillating, (passively) acquiescent, aimless, flighty, solicitous, over-compromising, melodramatic, deluding, artificial, ambivalent, and/or fervent at worst. Inductive power: harmonious presence – inclusive, empathetic, diplomatic, balancing and moderating R I impulsive, R II magnetic, and R III conservative forces. Consensus without compromise of core values. Synthetic, balancing and moderating.

## **RAY METHODS (of service, growth, and Soul/God contact)**

- I** Concentration, will, self-determination, (proper) imposition, overpowering presence, penetration.  
Key = selfless, effortless, work from within, humility, rapport with God.
- II** Consciousness (alignment and meditation), sacrifice, service, sharing.  
Inner: mystical aspiration and conscious identification with soul/intuition and soul energies (drawing into own mind or as a link with other souls). Wisdom and sharing through Heart (encouragement).  
Outer: service through sharing (teaching, healing, magnetic rapport). Radiation.  
Keys = mature Heart: impersonal, selfless (self forgetting), non-resistance (identification).
- III** Contemplation, pursuit of understanding (abstract, universal).  
Hold lower mind in the responsive tension of quiet allegiance, then use reasoning, correlation, creative ideation. Active evolutionary force seeking progress in communication/civilization.  
Keys = patience, caution, impartiality, discrimination, goodwill, right action.
- IV** Turn conflict to contrast (otherwise will precipitate a crisis), and then bring to a harmonious resolution. Recognize duality, understand motives/purposes, reconciliation and balance. Hold mind steady. Artistic expression (communication via medium/mediation/interpretation and relative contrast/duality leading to harmony/beauty/balance), cultural expression with purposeful experience and progress. Visualization, intuition. Rhythm, application.  
Keys = balance/blend head + heart, confidence, stability, serenity, poise, rapport. Discretion/adjustment of self with respect to others. Balance/stability *before* evocation.
- V** Focused observation, specialization, discretion, structured reason, analysis.  
Seek/search, study, think, experiment. Correlation, alternatives, implications. Organize, clarify, differentiate, elaborate details, accuracy. Discover/develop and use formulae.  
Keys = balance with R III, blend with R II ( $5 + 2 = 7$ ). Need impersonal intuition. Details within the whole.
- VI** Motivation, aspiration, reverence, dedication.  
Controlled opening of Heart center and release of energies. Magnetic lines of force.  
Keys = Impersonal. Balance with R II (higher), R IV (balance), and blend with head-centered (odd) rays for control/moderation, esp. R I ( $6 + 1 = 7$ ).
- VII** Invocation/evocation, ritual forms, magic, ceremony, build bridges (associational + constructive). Practical structures to support the activities of all other rays.  
Keys = know natural order of manifestation and natural place of all things. Maintain order and contribute to development. Involve/cooperate with divine intent.

## Head and Heart Ray Affirmations

I am that [center term] that knows [head term] and shows [heart term].

I am that [center term] that shows [heart term] and knows [head term].

Can substitute *has* for *knows*, *demonstrates* for *shows*.

	<b>Heart</b>	<b>Central Soul</b>	<b>Head</b>
I	Mercy	Life	Authority
II	Compassion	Love	Wisdom
III	Kindness	Light	Intelligence
IV	Understanding	Harmony	Integration
V	Honesty	Truth	Knowledge
VI	Devotion	Goodness	Discipline
VII	Sacredness	Beauty	Order

## Returning it to Baba

Let's get back to the soulful meaning of each Ray: the Soul Ray chart again, this time with an associated major Maya issue for each ray. Really all seven rays are aspects of Love for God and all seven Maya issues are aspects of separateness from God, triggered deep down by a fear of loss of that separateness, which feels like loss of self (death of ego), which of course it is though it's the death of the false self (separative ego) so the divine self (Divine Ego, Real Ego) can be known (by becoming it). The fear reaction and the Maya influence are due to Ignorance (the not-knowing), which you cannot help because overcoming this Ignorance is the purpose of Creation (one way of stating it). So there's no way around it.

## Seven Soul Rays for the Incarnating Soul and Yogic Self

I	Freedom	Pride
II	Love Union	Selfishness (self-centeredness)
III	Knowledge/Understanding	Greed
IV	Harmony	Hatred
V	Truth	Anger
VI	Goodness	Jealousy
VII	Beauty	Lust

The first three rays when taken as qualifying the Higher Self and Esotericist (both qualified by three and not seven) and as integrated into the Bodhisattvic Being as the 3-in-1 expressed through whatever one of three rays qualifies the Bodhisattvic Being itself take us all the way to the triplicity of God in aspects and attributes. Note also that when an archangel or angel takes a human birth, they are no longer archangels or angels but humans like everyone else, just with a different way of getting there. As such, really the Bodhisattvic Being for (arch)angels is relinquishing its ray 1 or 3 to the ray 2 of God as the Avatar for all of humanity, which is to say that the (arch)angelic 1s and 3s that have qualified their respective Bodhisattvic Beings for ages are being given to God, sacrificed for God, and so may better be viewed as a 1 or 3 overshadowed by 2 and then as a 2 with a long history of functioning as a 1 or 3, which means a 2 characterizing the unification of 1 and 3, which it does for the 2 as well (the 2 of the Bodhisattvic Being of a evolutionary human being eventually is overshadowed by and then merged into the unifying 2 of the Avatar/God).

	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>
<b>Male Aspect</b>	Destroyer	Preserver	Creator
<b>Female Aspect</b>	The Path/Power Spiritual fulfillment	Wealth/Pleasure Material fulfillment	Knowledge/Learning Cultural fulfillment
<b>A Synthesis</b>	Transforming through love by dying to falseness and being Cs Love Truth	Sustaining the means of God Realization via Infinite Bliss	Artistic creating from Perfect Knowledge
<b>3 x 3 Aspects (Male)*</b>	Create/Protect/Destroy	Develop/Strengthen/Ignore	Build/Reinforce/Dismantle
	Supply/Support/Cut off	Nurture/Sustain/Withdraw	Preserve/Maintain/Abandon
	Reclaim/Remake/Dispose	Assist/Facilitate/Remove	Recycle/Remodel/Replace
<b>3 x 3 Attributes</b>	Existence	Bliss	Consciousness
	Power	Bliss	Knowledge
	Truth	Bliss	Experience

\*The order within each column is 3, 2, 1; e.g., within I, Create is 3, Protect is 2 and Destroy is 1. See [Gnosis and the Bodhisattvic Being](#) for more.

The second ray qualification of the Bodhisattvic Being is strongly supported by Divine Bliss sustaining the means of going to God, allowing one to be there (meaning here) for the “guidance and benefit of others”, allowing one to serve God or be His slave while sacrificing the desire to become one with God, waiting until the time of His choosing even when He offers you the choice.

Returning to soul rays qualifying one’s experience and path through seven spiritual principles, we can take Meher Baba’s Seven Realities as speaking to and from these seven Soul Rays directly and in order. I am saying these Seven Realities are Meher Baba’s qualification of the qualifying spiritual principles for our times (until He comes again).

## The Seven Realities

1. The only **Real Existence** is that of the One and only God Who is the Self in every (finite) self.
2. The only **Real Love** is the Love for this Infinity (God), which arouses an intense longing to see, know and become one with its Truth (God).
3. The only **Real Sacrifice** is that in which, in pursuance of this Love, all things—body, mind, position, welfare and even life itself—are sacrificed.
4. The only **Real Renunciation** is that which abandons, even in the midst of worldly duties, all selfish thoughts and desires.
5. The only **Real Knowledge** is the Knowledge that God is the inner dweller in good people and in so-called bad, in saint and in so-called sinner. This Knowledge requires you to help all equally as circumstances demand without expectation of reward, and when compelled to take part in a dispute, to act without the slightest trace of enmity or hatred; to try to make others happy with brotherly or sisterly feeling for each one; and to harm no one in thought, word or deed, not even those who harm you.
6. The only **Real Control** is the discipline of the senses to abstain from indulgence in low desires, which alone ensures absolute purity of character.
7. The only **Real Surrender** is that in which poise is undisturbed by any adverse circumstance, and the individual, amidst every kind of hardship, is resigned with perfect calm to the will of God.

[Discourses, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, pp. 15-16; 7<sup>th</sup> revised edition, pp. 1-2.]

These Seven Realities are associated with the planets in Avataric Astrology. This should not be construed as the planets being the rays or carrying the rays into our solar system. The organization of 12 can't be reduced to one of 7. There is, however, a relationship between the astrological order of 12 and the spiritual principle order of 7 such that the planets (more correctly the energetic influences associated with the planets) are qualified by the "rays" and represent particular interpretations and uses of these rays, much like the individual components of the tripartite Embodied Soul are so qualified. And there is a mystery behind all this because souls with the same rays at a given level "interpret" them differently and the same rays for a given planet alter their expression when a new Avatar arrives and adjusts the workings of the universe. Real Esoteric Knowledge opens one up to the mystery of God and draws you to Him; it does not put God in the cage of the human mind, however spiritualized and exalted that mind imagines itself to be.

For further associations and definitions of not just the seven rays but all twelve spiritual principles (the seven plus the three above them and the two of duality above that), see [Heavens on Earth](#), especially *Summation of Aspects in Charts as Related to Soul Parts*.

## An Overview of Vehicles, Levels and Rays

From the bottom up, the mental, astral and vital rays condition your incarnated experience including your connections with other people's bodies and energies. Generally, the vital ray begins the show, leading the bodymind development, then the astral ray really kicks in around seven years old (when karma also comes in, the sowing and reaping) and the mental ray at fourteen years old (when abstract thinking becomes more available). The personality ray should be taking over and integrating mental, astral and vital vehicles (really three aspects of the astral sheath determining the physical body) around twenty-one years old but there may be such strong karmic issues or required experiences that the personality is for a great deal of the life more or less polarized physically (vitality), emotionally (astrally) or intellectually (mentally). But sooner or later, in some lifetime, the Inner Being and Higher Self make themselves felt and then begin to take charge of the life. If you want to continue the march of seven year increments, the Inner Being is ready at twenty-eight years old and the Higher Self at thirty-five years old. These are just ages that lend themselves to these inner contacts and egoic unfoldings. By this scheme, the Incarnating Soul itself would tend to make itself known and take over the life around forty-two years old. After that, it depends on the path followed—intoxicated (mast), sober (salik), effortful (yogi) or veiled. We are talking about a more *or less* veiled path with the Avatar, with resonances to all other paths.

The path from the Outer Personality to the Incarnating Soul begins after the integration of the mental, astral and vital vehicles (including denial and repression and even projection of contradictory and discordant sanskaras to allow a quasi-integration) and goes through the Inner Being and Higher Self. Generally, the Inner Being speaks first and with the heartfelt grounding this provides, the more head-centered Higher Self can be contacted. But this isn't necessarily the order and lifetimes can be spent working it out with the Inner Being and more lifetimes with the Higher Self. Moreover, while the Incarnating Soul Ray remains the same and is part of the spiritual signature of your nature (Divine Nature with a human nature over it), the Higher Self, Inner Being and Outer Personality rays as well as the rays of the mental, astral and vital vehicles change to cover all possibilities over the Soul's sojourn through reincarnational experience (for evolutionary human beings).

The veiled path of inner unfoldings proceeds through resonances with all the levels and parts of the Embodied Soul. Though one can be resonating with the Bodhisattvic Being one minute and thrust into vital lust the next for God's humbling purposes, the full flowering of giving one's all to Him does make use of the hierarchical and ordered structure of the soul embodiments, egoic identifications and body divisions. When one repeatedly and progressively surrenders oneself to God through the Avatar, all the Soul parts and pieces become but instruments in His hands. The ego then is a provisional ego, providing service to Him and holding a space that will one day give way to the Divine Ego. See [The Provisional Ego](#).

Lastly, one's individual ray makeup can and needs to be considered within the categorical, collective and Avataric ray qualifications of the spheres. These of course are my reads. Here, the Archangelic and Mental/Causal are considered together as are the Atmic and Subtle and the Astral and Gross. Categorically means by main resonance with the triplicity of divinity. The Archangelic/Causal is categorically a 2 (Love and Bliss), the Atmic/Subtle a 1 (Power) and the

Astral/Gross a 3 ([need for] Knowledge). Collectively, the Archangelic/Causal is a 2 (love of God as the final and only way to merge with God), the Atmic/Subtle is a 6 changing into a 5 (Devotion and exclusive paths turning to the Truth of the one path and “beads on one string”) and the Astral/Gross is a 5 changing into a 4 (Intellect giving way to Intuition).

<b>RAYS</b>	<b>Categorical</b>	<b>Collective</b>
Mental	2	2
Subtle	1	6 → 5
Gross	3	5 → 4

For the categorical rays, the following detailed resonances seem applicable.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Aspect/Ray</b>
<b>Archangelic/Bodhisattvic Being</b>	II
Mahayogi   Saint   Sage	2 <b>6</b> 4
Installation	1
Illumination	3;5
Insight	<b>7</b>
<b>Atmic/Yogic Self</b>	I
Esotericist   Mystic   Occultist	1 2 3
Spiritual Will	3
Spiritual Intuition	4
Spiritual Creativity	5
<b>Astral/Incarnating Soul</b>	III
Higher Self   Inner Being   Outer Personality	3 4 5
Mental/Intellectual	5
Astral/Emotional	6
Vital/Physical	7

\*The bolded 6 in the Archangelic/Bodhisattvic Egoic Identifications refers to the ray of the integrated Mahayogi, Saint and Sage (the 6<sup>th</sup> plane) while the bolded 7 in the Body Divisions at this level refers to the first integration of Installation, Illumination and Insight abilities (the 5<sup>th</sup> plane).

The less one takes charge of one’s own life, the more one’s experience, expression and very bodily being are characterized by the collective within the categorical, and the rays are no exception. The greatest charge you can take of your life is claiming it and offering it to God. Really, you should make God take it. Surrenderance is not purely passive (or non-active). From Lord Meher:

The downtrodden and poor people must be made to understand that, from the spiritual point of view, their misfortunes and miseries could be made the weapons for the struggle for Truth. They should feel that miseries can be counted upon as gifts of God, and if faced bravely and cheerfully, they could become the gateway to eternal happiness.

[Meher Baba in *Lord Meher*, page 4001]

More important than one's relationship with the categorical and collective rays is one's relationship with the Avataric rays. Each Avatar comes qualifying the spheres in a unique way. My feel is that there are no repeats within a cycle of seven avatars, meaning the seven rays occur once each for the Atmic/Subtle and once each for the Astral/Gross, which does not cover all (7 x 7) possibilities (in one cycle of seven but may very well in seven cycles). The Archangelic/Causal is of course always a 2 for the Avatar of Vishnu (second aspect of God). The current Avatar revivifies the past Avatars for all those whose path is to stay connected primarily with these Avatars. The old Avataric rays then are within the current ones.

A/C = Archangelic/Causal; A/S = Atmic/Subtle; A/G = Astral/Gross.

	<i>Abraham*</i>	Zoroaster	Rama	Krishna	Buddha	Jesus	Mohammed	<b>Meher Baba</b>
A/C	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	<b>2</b>
A/S	3	5	3	6	2	4	7	<b>1</b>
A/G	4	3	7	2	5	6	1	<b>4</b>

\*Previous cycle of 7 Avatars.

The point of all this is to know yourself and then know God—the getting to know each other of a divine love relationship. Given time and be it destiny, your own soul and God can speak to you in the language of threes and sevens. And that is how you know—the only way you know.

Jai Ho!