**The SEVEN RAYS**

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The energies of the Lord of our Solar System are expressing through seven Planetary Ray Deities. The expression of these seven Gods, are the sum total of the divine Consciousness, of the universal Mind for our solar system. They create the forms and ARE the forms through which the divine idea can be carried forward to completion. Each of these seven Rays is transmitted into our solar system through three constellations and their ruling orthodox and esoteric planets, as set forth in Tabulation VIII on Pg. 86 of Alice A. Bailey's *Esoteric Astrology:*

**TABULATION VIII**

***Ray Constellations Planets Planets***

*(Orthodox) (Esoteric)*

**Aries,** the Ram.............Mars......................Mercury

I. Will or Power.........Leo, the Lion...............Sun........................Sun

Capricorn the Goat......Saturn....................Saturn

Gemini, the Twins.......Mercury................Venus

II. Love-Wisdom.........**Virgo,** the Virgin.........Mercury................Moon

(veiling a planet)

Pisces, the Fishes.........Jupiter...................Pluto

**Cancer,** the Crab...........Moon....................Neptune

III Active-Intelligence Libra, the Scales.......... Venus...................Uranus

Capricorn, the Goat.......Saturn..................Saturn

Taurus, the Bull.............Venus..................Vulcan

IV. Harmony through.. **Scorpio**, the Scorpion....Mars....................Mars

Conflict Sagittarius, the Archer...Jupiter.................Earth

**Leo,** the Lion..................Sun......................Sun

V. Concrete Science....Sagittarius, the Archer...Jupiter.................Earth

Aquarius, the Water- Uranus.................Jupiter

Carrier

Virgo, the Virgin............Mercury.............. Moon

VI Idealism, Devotion **Sagittarius**, the Archer....Jupiter.................Earth

Pisces, the Fishes...........Jupiter.................Pluto

Aries, the Ram................Mars....................Mercury

VII Ceremonial Order..Cancer, the Crab.............Moon................. Neptune

**Capricorn**, the Goat.........Saturn................ Saturn

Vulcan is a planet that is always close to the Sun. The Sun and Moon veil hidden planets. The signs in bold letters are predominantly active at present in transmitting the Ray energies.

The One Life pours its energy through its vast Organism through cosmic, solar and planetary centers and Rays. Every constellation and/or planet is a force center called a ‘chakra’ in some vehicle or sheath of a Deity. The energies from the above-mentioned constellations transform or step down the united energies from The Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades, so that they can be absorbed into our solar system. In the same way, the personality steps down the energies from the soul and the soul transforms the energies of Spirit individualized, called the Monad in *Esoteric Astrology* by Alice A. Bailey.

The seven Ray energies correlate with the seven qualities, elements or principles which are the expression of Deity. Every cell or atom whether human, planetary or solar is the expression of these seven principles or elements. Three of these divine elements are, Will or Power, Love-Wisdom, and Intelligence.

Pg. 426 of *Esoteric Astrology* states: "Man, it might be stated, is the expression of seven principles and of the life expression or activity of five planes. In this 7 + 5 is to be found the clue to the mystery of the seven and the five zodiacal constellations." (The planes are planes of consciousness and manifestation) The five signs of the zodiac, Cancer, Leo, Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces are the major conditioning influence for the unfoldment of humanity. The seven constellations, Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius, and Aquarius are more related to the unfoldment of the consciousness of disciples and advanced humanity. The five kingdoms, (mineral, vegetable, animal, human and that of Soul), correlate to the five planes of consciousness and when combined with the 7 Ray qualities and the 12 Creative Hierarchies, which are the essence as well as the creative Builders of man and all entities in our solar system, we have an understanding of the resonance of man's vehicles to the constellations of the zodiac. Resonance (for man or a Deity) depends upon the quality of the mechanism of reception and the activity or non-activity of the 7 major centers or chakras. The 12 constellations of the zodiac transmit their energies to the 12 Creative Hierarchies listed on Pgs 34-35 of *Esoteric Astrology.*

Pg. 3 of *Esoteric Psychology I posits*: "These rays are in constant movement and circulation, and demonstrate an activity which is progressive and cyclic, and evidences increasing momentum. They are dominant at one time and quiescent at another, and according to the particular ray which is making its presence felt at any particular time, so will be the quality of the civilisation, the type of forms which will make their appearance in the kingdoms of nature and the consequent stage of awareness (the state of consciousness) of the human beings..."

While a ray, may predominantly have a certain quality and coloring, it contains within itself the six other ray qualities or elements. This is true for ALL Lives, atoms, energies, and forces. Every life and/or entity has ray energies that give it its quality, coloring and appearance, including the stupendous Deities informing the planets, solar systems and galaxies.

Esoteric astrology is entirely concerned with the energies that affect the consciousness aspect of life. Exoteric astrology deals with the life of the personality in the houses, which limit. It is important to understand these Ray energies as they condition nations, cycles, events, Life, the soul and the personality. The importance of the Ray energies will especially be demonstrated in charts of astrological twins where the planetary esoteric rulers are used. While there are many similarities, the temperament, character and destiny will differ.

A human being has six rays: For the real Self, the soul, the personality, the mind, the emotional body and the physical body. There is also the Planetary Ray of the Earth, which makes 7 rays, but only the two major rays: soul and personality and the three minor rays: mental, emotional and physical are used at our stage of development

The personality ray can change with each incarnation and it usually does. The ray for the real Self is either the 1st, 2nd or 3rd. The effects of this ray are completely dormant until after the 3rd initiation. (An initiation is a ritual taken on the psychic plane wherein there is an expansion of consciousness.) The rays for the soul are all sub-rays of Ray 2. They can range from one to seven, however they remain constant for many thousands of incarnations until the individual is ready for discipleship. The rays for the subtle bodies and the physical body can change with each incarnation. For most everyone, the personality ray is more potent than the soul ray, however the rays of the mental, the emotional and the physical bodies add their influence.

It is important for one to know his rays so that he can more truly gauge his capacities, opportunities and limitations, his vocation and service. The soul has certain goals in life. When one knows his rays, he can express the intention of the soul more adequately. For instance:

The first ray ruled by Pluto and Vulcan, expresses as **Will** or **Power.** It is not in activity at this time. In our solar system the 2nd Ray is in operation. The seven rays are actually sub-rays of the 2nd Ray and they apply to all seven kingdoms and not just to the human kingdom. A first ray soul or personality should be in a career where he can direct others, work independently, develop and use courage, self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence, be dynamic, use his willpower and authority. While they are ambitious, they are loners and don't mix easily in society. First ray types are warriors, leaders, interested in politics. They need to be admired and before the public. Many politicians, military, security and police officers, lawyers, actors, directors, producers, and CEO's are first ray types. When the energy is used destructively, these people are self-willed, controlling, selfish, proud, aggressive, cruel, egotistical, domineering, quick tempered, tactless, competitive, overly excitable, combative, intolerant, obstinate and may even wind up in prison. Germany and Great Britain have a 1st ray personality. This is what gave them the urge to power and control. The soul and personality rays are in esoteric conflict in planets as well as in individuals. The personality expression is always stronger than the soul's for the present development of humanity. China and India have their soul on the 1st ray. The forces flowing through the city of Tokyo is that of the 1st ray. The divine *Will or Power* expression of this ray is to *initiate*. As regards humanity, its highest realization is initiation. Initiation infers a certain amount of expansion of consciousness and an integration and fusion. First there is the integration of man's three personality vehicles (mental, emotional and etheric), then a fusion of soul and personality and later, a fusion of soul and the Real Self.

Second ray expresses as **Love-Wisdom**. This ray is ruled by Jupiter and the Sun. It is the major ray through which the Lord of our solar system is expressing. For this reason, countries with a 2nd ray personality or soul will be prominent in the evolutionary development of humanity, because they are not basically selfish, although they may be grasping while their personality is in control of soul expression. Great Britain and the USA have their soul on the 2nd ray and BRAZIL has its personality on the 2nd ray. This ray has been in manifestation since 1575 AD. This is the soul ray for the Occident. A second ray soul or personality should be in a career where they can teach, help, counsel, heal and serve in some capacity. Many astrologers, psychologists, doctors, judges, nurses, social workers, health nutritionists, ministers, spiritual leaders, psychics are 2nd ray souls or personalities. They have clear intelligence, are serene in temper, loyal, intuitive, and tactful. They can see everyone's point of view. They may also be afraid to take needed action. They could be too studious, too compromising, too concerned with trivia, too ambivalent, too rationalizing, too suspicious, too inconsistent. They may have a loss of perspective, and a contempt of mental limitations in others. They may even tend not to have a point of view of their own. The divine *Will* expression of this ray is to *unify*. Its highest expression as regards humanity today, is the mystical vision.

The Third Ray is that of **Activity, Adaptability or Intelligence**. This ray, ruled by Saturn and the Earth, has been in manifestation since 1425 AD. Third ray souls or personalities should be in a career relating to money, business, organizations, communication, advertising, PR representatives, tourist agencies, accounting, and/or building contractors. These people have the ability to focus, to concentrate and to build their own companies. They are interested in finance and material benefits. In fact money is concretized third ray energy. These people don't worry over trifles. They are cautious. When they are not highly developed, they can be selfishly ambitious, obstinate, unsympathetic, inaccurate, overemphasize their own worth, be materialistic, unrealistic, careless, lazy, and have too much intellectual pride. Instead of speaking the truth, they give an answer to further their self-interest. They don't even perceive this as a lie. They instinctively look out for themselves. They have to develop compassion, tolerance and idealism. The Orient and also France have their personality on the 3rd ray. The divine *Will* expression of this ray is *evolution*. As regards humanity today, its highest expression is education.

The Fourth Ray is that of **Harmony through Conflict**. It is ruled by Mercury and the Moon veiling a planet. The planet that it veils depends on the point in evolution of the entity. Since humanity is the fourth kingdom, this ray is potent. This ray creates beauty as an expression of truth. It is slowly beginning to come into manifestation especially after 2025. It will be fully expressing creative art about 550 years from now. Austria, Brazil and Germany have a 4th ray soul and Italy has a 4th ray personality. The Occident has its personality on this ray, while the Orient has its soul on this ray. Countries on this ray have greater influence. This ray gives us an image of the beauty of the universe and God. Conflict makes for fast progress on the path of evolution. We learn the art of self-control through mistakes and suffering. A sense of balance is achieved when we consciously reconcile the conflict between the personality and the soul. We grow through resolving the conflicts in personal and group relationships. This ray can express as the conflicts between an indolent Venus and an impatient Mars. Individuals on this ray seek love and beauty and should be in a career that expresses art, beauty, creativity and a philosophic understanding. Many architects, artists, writers, poets, sculptors, astrologers, playwrights, musicians, and actors are on this ray, although artists can be on any ray. These people like to play on words. They have a sense of humor more than many people; perhaps because humor produces harmony. Their minds work through intuitive imagination, while 3rd ray people work more through a thinking process. When fourth ray souls or personalities are not highly developed, they may express indolence, moodiness and extravagance. They may be overly accommodating and compromising, docile, compliant, indecisive, so self-centered, materialistic and acquisitive that intuition is blocked. They may worry needlessly and lack moral courage to take action. The Deity who ensouls the vegetable kingdom is on this ray. The divine *Will* expression of this ray is *harmonization*. Its highest expression as regards humanity is the intuition as it works out through group activity.

The Fifth Ray, ruled by Venus, which is Higher Mind (or the soul) is that of **Concrete Knowledge and Science**. This ray is very active on our planet in the development of the lower concrete mind of humanity. It has been active since 1775 AD. In those less developed Venus expresses as instinctual mind. Venus is the energy of mentation and logic. Through widespread education in the last 100 years, humanity has developed and is rapidly developing the intellect. The energies of this ray are reflected in the scientific and technological advances, in the profusion of material products, and in the studies relating to the mind: psychology, psychoanalysis and philosophy. The study of mathematics, and computer technology strengthens the concrete lower mind, as well as computer games and chess. Individuals born with a 5th ray soul or personality would do well as scientists, researchers, mathematicians, investigators, computer experts, accountants and inventors of new technologies. The problem is that a developed mind may sometimes be the slayer of the real. Intuition can be blocked. These people have a tendency to be over-discriminating, always analyzing people or situations around them. They want their philosophy to be checked by scientific facts. Over twenty years ago 186 scientists publicly rejected astrology. This suggests a tendency to make up the mind too quickly; to be prejudiced and to have tunnel vision. These people tend to be reserved, self-sufficient. They will not tolerate being bullied although a 2nd ray personality may sometimes be bullied. These people don't necessarily follow orders. They tend toward isolation, independence and accuracy in their statements. They are so analytical that there may be some initial difficulty in relating to people empathetically. They may be harsh in their criticism and arrogant, because of their keen intellect. Austria has its personality on this ray and France has its soul on this ray. The Deity who ensouls the human kingdom is on this ray. The divine *Will* expression of this ray is the *Will to Action*. Its highest expression as it works out through humanity, is liberation – through death or initiation. Death can be of worn out ideas and beliefs. It is that which enslaves the soul. Death can also be the destruction of forms that obstruct the free play of divine spirit.

The Sixth Ray is that of **Idealism and Devotion**. It is a major cycle, which will be in manifestation for the next 21,000 years. Its two rulers are Mars and Neptune. The sixth sub-ray of this ray has been in manifestation during the Piscean age. It is passing out of manifestation, but its effects are still strong. This Mars-ruled ray, has led to fanaticism resulting in wars involving religious belief systems. Christianity and Islam are governed by this ray. The 7th ray is becoming very potent now so we are seeing a clash of these two different energies, creating turmoil and conflict in the world. These two rays control everyone today. The 6th ray energies are inclined to retain the status-quo through force if necessary, while 7th ray energies ruled by Uranus are concerned with progressive and humanitarian changes right now. The sixth ray represents the principle of desire for average humanity. It flows through the solar plexus and is activated on the astral or emotional plane. Religion has been very strong during the Piscean Age. For advanced humanity these energies flow through Neptune rather than Mars, expressing spiritual aspiration.

Devotion to an ideal may be that of making a lot of money. The energies of great world wars have been transferred to the evils of COMMERCIALISM, which is today creating global havoc. Commercialism is the mania of GREED for PROFIT at the expense of the many. Many students in the New Age movement have sixth ray souls or personalities. It is their idealism that spurs them on to spiritual endeavors. Careers for these people are those of service, helping, healing, social work, ministers, teachers, astrologers. It is sometimes difficult for these people to work in groups as they are highly individualistic. Sometimes fanaticism is the impulse behind any practical idea. The sixth ray qualities of love, devotion, single-mindedness, loyalty, tenderness, intuition and reverence, tend to manifest on the personality level as jealous love, over leaning on others, partiality, self-deception, sectarianism, prejudice, hasty conclusion and a fiery temper. The USA, Japan and Russia have their personality on this ray. Spain and Italy have their soul on this ray. The Deity who ensouls the animal kingdom is on this ray. The divine *Will* expression of this ray is *Will to Causation*. As regards humanity, its highest expression is idealism, the incentive and cause of human activity.

The Seventh Ray is that of **Ceremonial Order or Magic or Ritual**. This ray came into manifestation around 1860. It brought great influence in psychic activity and 'psychism' on all levels. Every ray has a higher and a lower expression. The higher expression works out in white magic, as used by the Masters and disciples. In the future, ritualistic magic will be taught in the Mystery Schools. The lower form expresses as spiritualism. In Russia, which has a 7th ray soul, the people are mesmerized by TV programs demonstrating psychic abilities. In Spain also the people are open to psychism. Spain has a 7th ray personality. Uranus ruling this ray expresses as the humanitarian, progressive, freedom and independence movements. The true work of this ray is to unify the soul and the tangible form (personality). This work goes on primarily on etheric (the real physical) levels. This ray gives form and structure to the inner ideal. If the ideal is elimination of starvation, it will organize groups and corporations for this purpose. If the ideal is a unity of nations, it will create a United Nations organization. Once the structure is established, it is difficult to change it when it no longer works. Organizations can become inflexible and rigid. This ray, as well as the 1st ray is a very preservative, conservative type of ray in its social traditions. The tendency is to governmental DICTATORSHIPS, and control of public opinion through propaganda. This ray will eventually inaugurate the new world order, which will be based on spiritual aspiration, freedom and creative expression.

For those whose soul or personality is on this ray, there is a tendency to impose control, system and order. While these people have great strength, perseverance self-reliance, creativity and courage, there tends to be crystallization and rigidity in the life. Once they have gotten into a rhythm it is difficult to change their habits. Too much order and stressing of routine can hinder the expression of the soul. The wrong expression of their positive virtues may result in bigotry, narrow-mindedness, intolerance, poor judgment, pride, formalism and arrogance. The Deity who ensouls the mineral kingdom is on this ray. For this ray the expression of divine *Will* is towards *Expression.* As regards humanity, its highest expression is organization, group activity and cooperation.

Love-Wisdom, the second aspect of Deity, works out through the soul as an expansion of consciousness, inspiration, intuition, clear vision and harmony in the life. Its goal is eventual liberation. It is achieved through the control and domination of the personality. For eons the soul has identified with the form nature (the personality). It has experienced all sorts of ancient fears, hatreds, abuses, wrong mental attitudes, instinctual tendencies, negative personality characteristics, all of which form a barrier to soul control and must be consciously transmuted and conquered. Humanity has now reached a point in its evolution where it can become the World Disciple and take its first initiation, provided it will work for justice and a right relationship with cultures and races, expressing the nature of the loving soul. There can be no peace without it. The Masters can guide, but we have to consciously and willingly to make the changes needed.

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