

The Seventh Ray

The etheric body, with which we work in Triangles, demonstrates the reality that every human being is an integral part of the etheric body of the planet itself and consequently of all life forms. Through the etheric body we are all related, to each other, and to the animals, the plants, and mineral worlds -- extending from the highest to the lowest, to the great and to the small, for we all share the same breath, the life that permeates all things. The esoteric sciences extend this idea to include the great Lives that occupy the cosmos. The totality of space itself as H.P. Blavatsky taught, is an Entity, a Great Life, in which we live and move.

The etheric body is closely aligned with the seventh ray. So as this energy comes in we're moving into a culture that is more defined by energy, in all its many forms. Increasingly the focus is moving away from the dense physical manifestations of matter and into its etheric counterpart. As we know, the physical is in reality "not a principle" and as Aquarius and the seventh ray age come in, we'll increasingly shift into alignment with more subtle and fluid forms of energy and we see this happening all around.

This month, when the sun is in Libra, we work with a constellation that takes its shape in the form of a Triangle. And we're told this sign holds a special relationship with the work of Triangles. The whole work of Triangles is related and strengthened subjectively by a group of hierarchical workers who have chosen a particular path, a particular line of service, that relates them to the inpouring energies of pure love from the constellation Libra at this time.

It's said their work involves the visualization before their eyes of a triangle of force in varying shades of rose. They serve by concentrating energy through this triangle, as through an open door, and sending it out through the potency of love that is said to emanate from the cosmic astral plane. And they do this ceaselessly. This rose colored light is concerned with bringing order out of chaos by pouring pure love into the planetary astral plane, untainted by glamour. These hierarchical workers are said to be able to do this work because of the stability they have attained in working within the greater pairs of opposites. The energy released in this way surely has relationship to the World Teacher who is sometimes known as the Prince of Peace and with the overshadowing influence of the Spirit of Peace, also known as the Spirit of Equilibrium. Triangles workers everywhere aid in the work of distributing the pure incoming love energy (expressing itself as light and as goodwill) into Humanity.

From the perspective of the Alice Bailey books, perhaps the most powerful and transformative influence playing upon humanity today--and indirectly upon the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms-- is that of the seventh ray. This ray energy is known as the seventh Ray of Ceremonial Order and Magic. It has a close relationship with the form nature, both in its etheric and physical manifestations and hence has much relationship to the battle underway between the forces of light and the forces of materialism, the light and the dark, the Real and the unreal.

A consideration of the impact of this seventh ray aids us to understand some of the spiritual underpinnings of the outer effects that are unfolding everywhere at this time. It is very apparent that we are passing through a period when civilizations are clashing. These dramatic changes have a lot to do with the incoming of this seventh ray, particularly in its combination with Aquarian energies.

In hoping to come to a deeper understanding of this incoming energy it is helpful to ponder upon some of the names of this great Ray Lord:

The Unveiled Magician
The Creator of the Form
The One Who lifts to Life
The Fiery Unifier
The Key to the Mystery
The Revealer of Beauty

Some of the esoteric work He undertakes is:

Constructing and shaping the living stone.
Seeing all parts entering into a common purpose.
Building towards beauty.
Making all colours bright and clear.
Seeing to the inner glory.
Revealing the beauty of God.
Bringing the dead to life.
Building forms anew. (Esoteric Psychology, Vol. 1, p. 87)

The rays color the flora and fauna of the planet with their essential qualities and bring into incarnation those that resonate to the new qualities and colors, the new notes and tones. At this time the normal shifting of ray energies is exponentially magnified. Only six times in the last million years or so have we passed through a time when an Aquarian age combined with a simultaneous influx of seventh ray energy. Because Aquarius is so aligned with the seventh ray through its ruling planet Uranus, we can understand why this is such a transformative combination. The Tibetan has told us that this combination brings a powerful period of mental illumination and also a time when “the light supernal can be known.”

But this influx of the combined energy of the rays and signs is more powerful still because this shift has been occurring not only in the cycle of the lesser zodiac, a 25,000 year cycle, but simultaneously in the cycle of the greater zodiac, a 250,000 year cycle. This combination has clearly not occurred within all recorded history and we can't really know what to expect. But this combination is surely contributing to the daily 200 or so species' extinction rate which scientists are reporting to be 1,000 times faster than normal rates.

This transition is not easy for human bodies either, hence the many diseases -- physical, emotional and mental which are accelerating at this time, taking their toll as people attempt to deal with the powerful influx of the new and potent energies that are pouring in.

Thankfully, however, as we enter this new cycle no longer do the incoming energies have to be appropriated by isolated individuals here and there throughout the planet, but rather we now have the opportunity to work as groups. In the case of Triangles, we are fortunate to have a worldwide etheric group through which the inpouring energies have a much more powerful ability to make an impact on human consciousness.

The interplay between many minds working together produces a unity of thought that can impact upon the brain--and this impact results in the ability to create those forms which can move humanity forward, fostering thoughtforms of solution to the many problems confronting our world.

Surely this dramatic combination of potent ray, constellational and planetary energies is why this time is recognized within hierarchical circles as the greatest time in planetary history, the time of expectancy for which those who work on the inner sides have been waiting ever since that center was formed within our planetary life some 18.5 million years ago. The timing of the externalization is not accidently determined --it is timed to coincide with this powerful seventh ray/Aquarian influx. All things are ordered by the will of God. Kathy Newburn