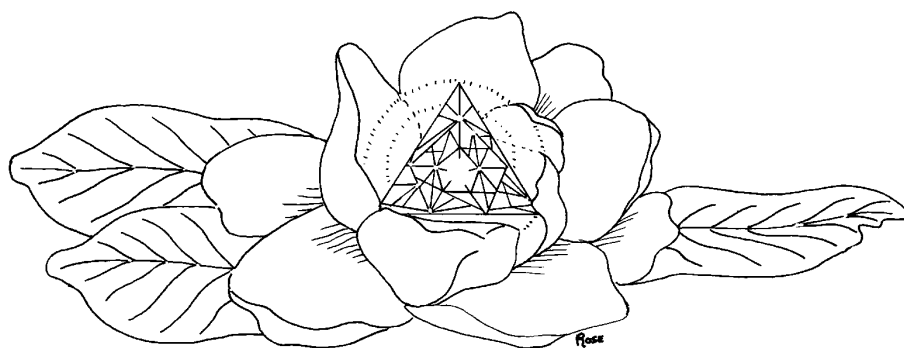


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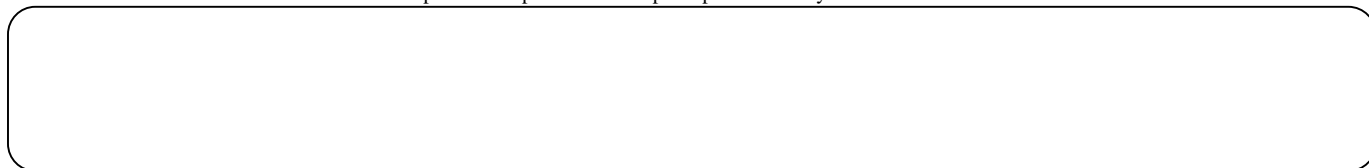
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The Grand Science of Impression

One of the Hierarchy's many objectives for the New Age is to help humanity evolve its mystical and separative approach to spiritual life into the more scientific approach of occultism. This new occult and scientific approach has been called by some *spiritual livingness*. This term suggests that our approach to spiritual life gradually will shift away from occasional church/temple devotions and worship to become a full time "way of life."

The Way of the Mystic

The way of the mystic relates to the emotional body, the emotional or astral plane and the use of faith. The way of the mystic corresponds to the path of probation, where the aspirant interprets life in terms of feelings, desire, and aspiration. The way of the occultist relates to the mental body, the mental plane and the use of knowledge. The way of the occultist corresponds to the path of discipleship, where the disciple interprets life in terms of energy, forces and the focused will.

This new scientific approach to the spiritual life, this *spiritual livingness*, includes two lines of training that are of vital concern to all groups of full moon workers—the Science of Occult Meditation and the Science of Invocation and Evocation. Meditation has to do with the reception and subsequent revelation of reality—the One Life. The Science of Invocation and Evocation has to do with alignment at various levels with this Life. For humans, the training begins with alignment of the various bodies within an individual until they are brought under the stabilized control of an integrated personality. Then comes the gradual alignment of the personality to the Life of the Soul. Further steps include alignments between individuals, followed by alignment within and between groups. This aligning process of right horizontal relationships expands outward to larger and larger groups such as cities and nations until, finally, we can align on a planetary scale with the whole of humanity. Whatever our stage of development, we begin by invoking a higher vertical alignment. We then meditate to pull in light and love to stabilize a higher and more inclusive connection. With steady practice, we evoke the desired response of a better, more far-reaching alignment and move on to the next stage.

One can see that these two sciences of Invocation/Evocation and Meditation are closely intertwined. They are actually two sub-branches of the greater Science of Impression. Both of these sciences are central to the purpose of Arcana Workshops and figure prominently in our full moon meetings.

Djwhal Khul tells us, "The outstanding characteristic of humanity is intelligent sensitivity to impression." (*Telepathy*, p.128.) In fact, all the graded series of lives that we know of—the mineral, the elemental, the vegetable, animal, human, the deva, the spiritual and on up—are all entwined in a complex weave of impression and contact. Each life or center receives impressions from the life or center above it and, in turn, becomes an impressing agent to the life or lives below it. "The whole planetary system is in reality a vast interlocking, interdependent and inter-related complexity of vehicles communicating or responsive to communication." (*Telepathy*, p.83.)

The Science of Meditation

The Science of Meditation and the Science of Invocation and Evocation are the communication modes by which we become aware of what is trying to impress us from above, and how we then pass our understanding of these energies on to those within our circle of influence. The wholehearted pursuit of these sciences results in an increasingly intelligent understanding of the energies impacting our threefold vehicles. It also leads to an ever-increasing sensitivity to impressions from the Hierarchy and Shamballa. Eventually, knowledge of these sciences will make it possible for humanity to fulfill what D.K. calls our "primary responsibility"—"to act as the major impressing agent in relation to the three subhuman kingdoms in nature...." (*Telepathy*, p.128.)

Through the Grand Science of Impression, humanity has been guided down the ages. We are now at the point where Humanity is somewhat aligned with the Hierarchy. Most are at least dimly aware of something greater than they are. Many are somewhat aware of a Plan. Our awareness is growing (sometimes painfully) of the interdependence of all life on this planet. Some are even sounding the note of brotherhood.

The Science of Meditation could be described as the method of progressively perceiving and subsequently revealing the higher Reality. It is an occultly scientific method of learning how to make our minds more sensitive and better receivers of the higher energies. More advanced stages of meditation allow one to move into the realm of Being. The Science of Meditation allows us to take our own evolution in hand and to speed up the process of impression and revelation.

The Science of Meditation and the Science of Invocation and Evocation have both individual and group service applications.

An example of a future group application of the Science of Invocation and Evocation will occur when it takes the place of public prayer and worship as now practiced. The new method will blend and synchronize all the various independent and isolated approaches to divinity into a more mental, rhythmic and unified approach. This is the "new religious science (for which prayer, meditation and ritual have laid the foundation)." (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p.418.)

D.K. tells us that in the future, the science of building "the antahkarana and its lower group correspondence, the Science of Social Evolution (which is the joint or united antahkarana of humanity as a whole), will be known as the Science of Invocation and Evocation. It is in reality the Science of Magnetic Rapport, in which right relationship is brought about by mutual invocation, producing a responsive process which is one of evocation. It is this science which lies behind all conscious awakening of the centres and their interrelation; it lies behind the rapport between man and man, group and group, and eventually between nation and nation. It is this invocation, and the consequent evocation, which eventually relate soul and personality and soul and monad. It is the outstanding objective of humanity's appeal to God, to the Hierarchy and to the Spiritual Powers of the cosmos, no matter by what name you call them." (*The Rays and The Initiations*, p.470.) All of these sciences (invocation/evocation, meditation, and impression) are linked in the progressively upward spiral of consciousness and identification.

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One of our jobs as esotericists, and as members of the New Group of World Servers (NGWS), is to learn and regularly practice the Science of Occult Meditation and the Science of Invocation and Evocation. These sciences are the tools that unlock the "doors of perception." They allow us to become intelligently aware of, and sensitive to, higher impression. These full moon meditations are our group training ground in the use of these tools, as well as a service opportunity to help anchor the impressions received here in our day-to-day lives and contacts.

We know that the relationship among Humanity, the Hierarchy and Shamballa recently has been shifted up a notch, thus greatly intensifying the level of service energy with which we can now be impressed.

Humanity is now capable of receiving direct impression from Shamballa without the energy having to be first filtered and stepped down via the Hierarchy. For the first time, the three major planetary centers are in a true triangular relationship. Since triangles of energy are the quintessential structure for all creative work in the universe, this new development on our planet bodes well for our soon being able to co-create conditions conducive to Christ's return to earth. How quickly we succeed depends on how well we handle the interplay of energies at our corner of the triangle. To do our part, we must steadily, lovingly and unitedly invoke the higher realms, while continually deepening our meditation on the Plan. We must then contain and radiate the higher energies evoked.

Important Questions

In doing our part, important questions to ponder include the following: Where has the Science of Impression, as applied by the Hierarchy down through the ages, brought the consciousness of humanity? Where does humanity stand today in understanding the Plan as Hierarchy has outlined it for us? How sensitive and responsive are we to the impressions of the Plan? What are the next impressions of which we need to become aware? Some encouragement regarding these questions is given by D.K. in *Telepathy*, when he states:

"Humanity has now reached a point of development where there is a definite grasp of the Plan of the Hierarchy— call it brotherhood, sharing, internationalism, unity or what you will. This is a growing and factual apprehension and is a general recognition by the thinkers and esotericists of the world, by the religious people of enlightenment, by broad minded statesmen ... and even today by the man in the street." (*Telepathy* p.196.)

The next step for humanity is to invoke the spiritual will to implement this newly sensed plan of global brotherhood and right human relationships. We need to act upon that which we already know. Humanity has yet to live up to the teachings given by the Buddha and the Christ. Humanity has not yet fully expressed and made practical their teachings. We have, to a degree, short-circuited the light and the love that flows from Shamballa and the Hierarchy via these two divine teachers. Through greed, ignorance, selfishness and separateness, we have hoarded these inflowing energies and, thus, are acting as a major blockage in the divine circulative flow. To change this situation will take courage and determination, but the energy of Will from Shamballa is available for us to appropriate with the loving aid of the Hierarchy. The Science of Invocation and Evocation is our appropriation method.

The Urge to Serve

If the feeling of responsibility and the urge to serve are the first signs of Soul contact, then fixed determination (to go on in spite of any daily obstacles, to persist against all personality reaction) might be a first, faint indication that the Shamballa, or Will energy, is penetrating into one's consciousness. In several passages in the teaching, D.K. discusses some of humanity's initial reactions to contact with the Will energy. Where strong, selfish personalities are involved, ruthless destruction can result, as in some of the totalitarian governments of this past century. Where sufficient love is present, the Will of Shamballa becomes the Will-to-Good in the Hierarchy, and eventually becomes Goodwill in Humanity. D.K. also uses such phrases as, "will becomes loving determination, fixed determination, and fixed intention to bring about right human relations." (*Discipleship In The New Age* Vol. II, p.173.) The Tibetan asks us to

reflect upon the distinctions among Purpose, Will and Intention to enhance our capacity to register various levels of this energy.

D.K. tells us that the energy emanating from Shamballa has been recently divided into two distinct streams. One stream embodies "the dynamic of purpose" and is pouring into the Hierarchy. The other stream embodies "the dynamic of determination or of enlightened enthusiastic will" and is pouring directly into humanity via the New Group of World Servers. (*The Rays and The Initiations*, p.240.) The timing is uncanny, is it not? Just as we reach the point in consciousness where we can perceive the upcoming phase of the Plan (brotherhood or group consciousness) and we need enlightened will and determination to implement that knowledge, that very energy is flowing into humanity. This Will energy is coming in now because the Hierarchy and we have managed to invoke it. Further, our collective invocative powers have grown to the extent that we are now starting to evoke the higher synthetic aspects of The Will. D.K. encourages us that "when there is a synthesis of purpose and vision on the mental plane, of fixed and unalterable desire upon the emotional plane, and of dedication to practical effort upon the physical plane, then there will be hope that the embodiment of 'the desire of all nations' will appear." (*The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, p. 258-9.)

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Disciples of the world need to impress the intelligentsia with a sense of life's underlying purpose and unity, and with the vision of our capacity and destiny to create heaven on earth. Aspirants and disciples need to help the mass of humanity detach from the material desires and emotions that never satisfy, and help them to discover the satisfying accessibility of the higher realms via invocation, meditation and service. With the added light these group activities evoke, glimmers on the astral plane can be tackled, and astral aspiration can then be transmuted into fixed determination and goodwill.

One can read more about transmutation of desire into aspiration and then into fixed determination, as well as the relationships between Desire, Will, Plan and Purpose, in *The Rays and The Initiations*, p.245-246. In pondering Will and Purpose, it is important to remember that, though these energies are often associated with the head center and the mental body, they actually are meant to infuse all of our lower vehicles—physical, astral and mental. The three aspects of God (Will, Love, and Active Intelligence) must all work out on each of the three lower planes for our planetary purpose to be fulfilled.

Full Moon Meditation

The core purpose of this and other full moon meditation groups that meet monthly around the world is to align with this planetary purpose and invoke enlightened understanding of the next phase of the Plan. The work we do tonight is both a service and a training ground for the members of the NGWS. The work is that of becoming lovingly still, focused and receptive to the energies of the Hierarchy and Shamballa, and then invoking the will to precipitate any insights gained into the needed forms for the New Age.

In summary, we offer the following partial outline of the new age method of spiritual work:

- Shamballa uses The Science of Impression to reach the Hierarchy and us, while they themselves receive impressions from various sources outside the planetary life.
- The Hierarchy is becoming more adept in the Science of Impression and is thus greatly enhancing its relationship to Shamballa.
- Humanity's immediate task is to learn the conscious use of the Science of Invocation and Evocation (a sub-branch of the Science of Impression). Invocation/evocation is one of the main methods of relationship between the Hierarchy and Humanity. This science will be responsible for the building of the planetary antahkarana.
- The Science of Invocation and Evocation includes cyclic group endeavor at times

when supportive astrological energies are most available, such as the full moons of the year. The Hierarchy also has its cycles of approach to Shamballa.

- Disciples as a group are learning how to become intelligently sensitive to impression via the Science of Occult Meditation. This science includes invocative and evocative stages, and its power automatically increases from advances made by the Hierarchy and Shamballa.
- The Science of Impression is the multileveled process that eventually will manifest a fully conscious and co-creative relationship among our three planetary centers.
- The Science of Invocation and Evocation is the name given to the modes whereby this process of desired relationship is realized. These modes include alignment, study, meditation and service.

The Science of Invocation and Evocation (also known as the Science of Magnetic Rapport) leads to the conscious awakening and interplay of various energy triads on multiple levels. This interplay can include the major centers of an individual, the major centers of the "entity" humanity, as well as the major centers of our planet. (*Telepathy*, p.50; *The Rays and Initiations*, p.470.)

When Hierarchy (the planetary Heart Center) and Humanity (the planetary Throat Center) are in alignment via mutual Invocation and Evocation, then, and only then, can Humanity be safely impressed by Shamballa, the planetary Head Center.

As above, so below. The human throat center is influenced by the Lower Mind. A danger comes in if the Lower Mind is under the sway and control of a separative personality. In such a case, any inflow of Will energy from the Head Center could be used selfishly and against the good of the whole. It is only as the Lower Mind is controlled by the Soul and held steady in the Light of the Soul (thus aligning it with the Heart Center) that the Throat Center, as the agent of the Lower Mind, can become safely aligned with the Head Center.

When Humanity, the planetary Throat Center, has aligned itself completely with the Hierarchy, the planetary Heart Center and Shamballa, the planetary Head Center, then it will be our turn to pass on the Science of Impression to the three subhuman kingdoms.

This progressive alignment of the Head, Heart and Throat Centers, and the holding of the mind steady in the light of the soul, sums up what a disciple does in his own personal life. It is also what we, as a group, are helping the planet to do here tonight.

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Dan Underwood



Reflection

*To meditate is to journey into the profundities
of our Being in search of Light.*

*To meditate is to see our actions and omissions
and their results within our personalities.*

*To meditate is to allow a ray of Light to penetrate our hearts
and to reveal to us what has become obscured.*

*To meditate is to orient anew our minds
so that we can filter and transmute,
receive and share.*

*To meditate is to believe
that we are Light
and that as Light,
We can radiate and express Peace.*

Socorro Maia,

A Natural Selection

Beady black, the eyes
Of the baby,
Soft gray, downy dove,
Down on the red brick,
Winter brown, leaf strewn patio,
Looked, I humanly presume –
Not being Dove conscious –
Apprehensively about.

I knew, if it did not,
That life tenure for downed doves
On this red brick patio –
Given the juggernaut of Darwinian Natural Selection,
And the furry five (neighborhood house cats)
Frequenting it –
Was, at best, short.

Brain driven Darwinian natural selection,
However, never took human heart or love
Into its dead life expectancy calculations.
Like saving grace
I scooped the downy downed dove
From the jaws of natural selection,
And nested it out of harms way,
At least for that day.

Tom Carney February, 2000