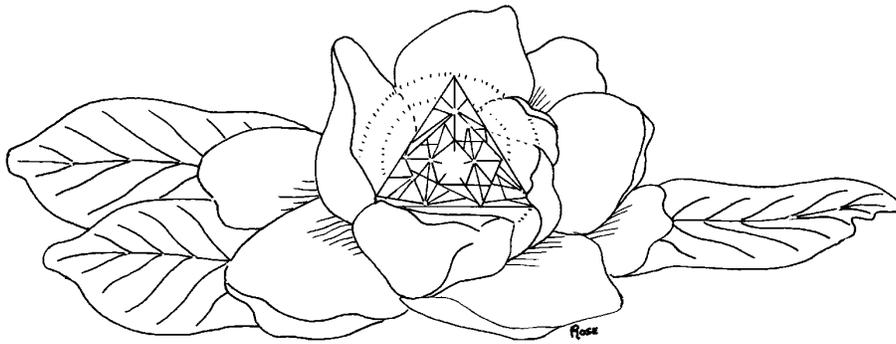


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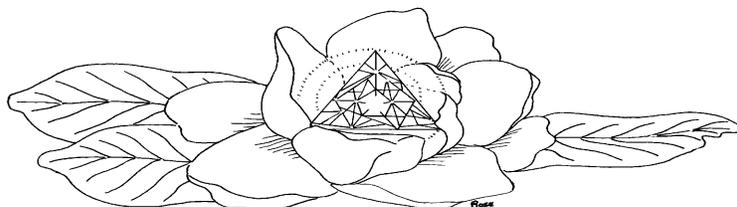
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New Forms For A New Age

*A talk given at Meditation Mount
The GCM Annual Spring Conference
March 25, 2001*

This morning is planned to be a morning of visioning based on the work we did yesterday and a few things that I have to say about the 6th and 3rd Rays in comparison to the 1st and 7th Rays. I want to share a few tentative and somewhat experimental ideas concerning conditions of consciousness and ways of working that I think will have a tremendous impact on the actual formation or formulation or manifestation or embodiment of what the emerging economy might look like. After that we are going to go into meditation. We are going to open to impression and try to capture the evocative inflow that I am sure has been coming in response to the invocative work we have been doing.

I have structured the meditation this morning to allow for a good period of recording and capturing. We will as a group be attempting to bring in visions and senses, ideas and maybe even, at this stage, dreams of how planetary energy and force will flow within the framework of a new economic appearance or at least what we think are the principles that will drive its developing and changing shape over the next few hundred years.

So, what I am going to share with you this morning is based on some conclusions which I think are generally acceptable as relatively reasonable estimations of the comings and goings of various Lives and energies—Beings to whom we have given such undescriptive names as the 6th and 3rd Rays, and the 1st and 7th Rays. It is good to remember that when dealing with Lives of such cosmic magnitude as the

Ray Lords, “relatively reasonable” is about all we can expect from any of our ponderings and pronouncements; and to become involved in detailed discussions of the accuracy or inaccuracy of such things as dates and times and so forth is really not going to produce any sort of clear picture concerning what might be Humanity’s next best or at least workable step. So, with that as a frame, let me make a few relatively reasonable remarks about the current situation.

As everyone knows, according to the lore, for the past couple of hundred or more years, the planet has been moving out of the influence of the 6th and 3rd rays and into the influence of the 1st and 7th rays. One of the very first variations that these Ray shifts have brought in, this one under the increasing influence of the 1st Ray, is a growing recognition on the part of the planetary intelligentsia *of the fact of synthesis*. Indeed, a very small example of this trend toward synthesis is the growing recognition on the part of the more advanced esoteric community of their own interrelatedness, and the recognition that it is not humanity, but the entire planet, *including humanity* that is undergoing these shifts.

Due to its over-riding separative and self-conscious focus we were, that is humanity was, for the past very long time, simply not able to see the synthetic reality within which we live. We literally could not register this interconnectedness, and as a result, humanity developed civilizations and systems, including economic systems, that have, to say the least, been somewhat incompatible with the evolution of the whole. And, although humanity is now beginning to recognize its interdependent relationship with itself and the rest of the planet, this condition of separative

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self-consciousness is still, very much, the genesis for a major part of the planet's current problems.

So, the first point I might make is that the recognition of the planet as an interdependent whole, as a synthetic reality, holding a conscious position in the forefront of the planner's minds—just that one thing all by itself—will cause significant and major changes in the kinds of appearances for civilizations that we develop over the next 25 years or the next two thousand years.

6th Ray Impact

The next point has to do with how the 6th Ray impacts the expression or implementation or embodiment of a civilization. As we all know, the presence of the 6th Ray over the past 2500 years or so did not result in the embodiment or implementation of ideas. It resulted in creating ideals toward which one strives.

6th Ray energy, which we call devotional, can be characterized as an invocative force. As desire, it works from and through the material form upwards. The direction of 6th Ray energy is out of this world. It is toward heaven or toward the Kingdom of God, or toward some as yet to be achieved goal. No matter where one is by virtue of present achievement, there is always an even greater possible achievement.

This mind-set gave rise to all sorts of wonderful and useful notions about duty and industry and striving and perseverance. It helped create a mental focus that was clear and one pointed enough to penetrate the world of ideas. However, it also generated a mind-set that caused humanity to see itself as forever unworthy, as doomed to be forever striving toward the longed for yet *un-embraceable*

ideal. Thus a great dualism between the material world and the spiritual world was created. A great—basically unbridgeable, except by death—gulf was opened.

Humanity, by and large, identified with the material side of this gulf. We became lost to our true selves. Achievement in the material world could be seen. It could be measured in “real” or material terms. Thus was generated powerful thoughtforms like competition and winning and climbing the ladder of success, of getting and saving and improving one's position, relative to the position of others, and measuring how good or bad one is by comparing how much stuff of one sort or another one has amassed.

This sort of valuation by comparison, badly warping the true meaning of hierarchy, created a false hierarchy of “better than or holier than” rather than “synthetic of.” Today, this pervasive and false notion of a hierarchy—which is based on the superiority of the higher and the inferiority of the lower—remains one of our major problems in the effort to bring the fact of the Spiritual Hierarchy, the 5th Kingdom, into the range of the thought life of the intelligentsia.

Spiritual Alignment

An additional, intended and very successful effect of the 6th Ray was to pull humanity into an alignment with Spirit. Many thousands of disciples have been trained and so aligned. These disciples, you and me and thousands of others just like us, are today poised to work under the influence of the 7th Ray. The difference of course is that whereas under the 6th Ray, the disciple's eyes were set on striving for union with the ideal, whatever that was, they are now set on *embodying the idea*—with bringing it into the three worlds of human

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endeavor and making it accessible to all men, now. That is a basic difference between the 6th and 7th Rays. It is a major difference. It is a 180-degree shift in focus. “We are,” as Master Morya has said, “tired of castles built in air.”

This explains, in perhaps too simple terms, the general posture of our present 6th Ray civilizations and what the basic shift to the 7th Ray expression will be. But to understand the present “organized life of the form” of our civilizations and how that will change we need to look at the rays that are responsible for organizing the forms and those are the outgoing 3rd Ray and the incoming 7th Ray.

***“We are tired of castles
built in air.”***

Morya

The 3rd Ray Expression

First the 3rd Ray: Briefly, as the Master R. points out in the pamphlet entitled *The Synthetic Ashram*, “The third ray deals with what I will refer to as numerical magic, or numerical creativity. It deals with facts and figures, with the organization of the energy, force and substance of a system ... into an activity which will result in a specific, detailed goal within a given period of time. [The third ray] does not deal ... with purpose. It does not deal with a goal which goes beyond a particular incarnation or the interest of the few who are concerned with it. The third ray expression, insofar as organization is concerned, deals with the actualities as they are presently manifest for the purpose of producing another actuality which is the logical conclusion of this particular organization of energy, force and substance. ***In other words the end is obvious from the beginning. The beginning is not actually dictated by the end....***

The third ray expression deals in a very real sense with the materialistic form, the

materialistic value of the form rather than with any spiritual value which the form may have.” (*The Synthetic Ashram*, p. 27)

I think it is relatively easy to see that we are habituated to thinking with 3rd Ray patterns regardless of the make up of our mental equipment. We approach the solution to a problem, any problem, from the problem. We try to extrapolate an organization of form, details and events that will lead to a solution. We start with the facts of the form existence and simply carry that forward on a time line. We look for a new way to restructure or modify the present form so that it will be able to encompass the problem and go forward.

Excellent examples of this abound, and one of the most interesting and pressing is the effort of our government to do something about the Social Security and Medicare systems. In all cases of which I am aware, solutions have to do with restructuring the forms of this system. No one that I have heard has suggested that we take the principle upon which Social Security or Medicare is based and create a brand new “appearance”—a temporary form that will serve that principle for as long as it will. Under the impact of the 7th Ray, *revelation of the principle*, rather than the extrapolation of the old form, will be the essence of appearances across the board of what we call civilization and culture.

The 7th Ray Expression

So, among the many things that are significant about how the 7th Ray differs from the 3rd Ray, there are two that I want to sort of underline. One is that the 7th Ray starts with principle and generates an “appearance” that will embody that principle. The other is that the appearance

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is not an idol. In no way is it considered to be god-like, or sacred or untouchable. It is seen as a temporary vehicle for the manifesting of the principle as best as it can be registered by the planers or artist or inventor at that particular point in time. This introduces great fluidity and motion, great circulation of energy and forces into the three worlds. It actually unleashes the 2nd Ray. And it will result in what I think will be a breathtaking acceleration in the process we call evolution. If the Forces of Light are successful, none of us right here, right now, could possibly imagine what the world will look like in even 50 years. It is good to remember that we are talking about evolution here, and that what evolves is consciousness, not form.

The 7th Ray works solely from principle. It does not start with the present form. It starts with principle and generates an appearance that will embody the principle within the framework of the present dense physical reality. This happens because, "The seventh ray invokes the first ray via a ceremony of sacrifice; the old form is sacrificed to the new form. Thus ... a place is made; energy is displaced, a place is made in the world of appearances for that new form which has been created and is waiting for its birth. This active sacrifice is the birthing process of the newly created form." (*The Synthetic Ashram*, p. 31)

The impulse, the power behind the 7th Ray embodying process, is the 1st Ray. The 1st Ray is undeniable, unstoppable, unequivocal. It is here, now, in our face. It remains for us to consciously and deliberately commence the 7th Ray embodying process, which is, as has been said, a ceremony of sacrifice. Old concepts of sacrifice, overlays from the 6th Ray presence in which we felt all unworthy and awful, need to be set aside; and the ritual of sacrifice needs to

be entered into with joy and love, with a clear and certain sense of our destined and proper role as agents of Hierarchy, sharers in the implementing of the Divine Plan. Entering into meditation, into the ceremony of sacrifice in this way "...invokes the will into matter, the intent into appearance." (*The Synthetic Ashram*, p. 32)

I am hoping that we will carry this sense into the meditation work we are going to undertake this morning. Our approach will be one of entering into a ceremony of sacrifice, lovingly and willingly letting go of all forms, all which might hinder or cloud the inflowing impression. With a clean slate, we can then approach the overlighting Brotherhood, the custodians of the Plan, in a state of true *unconditional love*. (*See Page 5 for the Ceremony of Sacrifice Visualization Exercise.*)

Tom Carney
March 2001

***Sitting still,
Still on the shore of stillness--
A sudden sun - star like, light -
Breaks
Over the pitch black horizon of silence,
Illuminating..... nothing.***

Tom Carney

Visualization Exercise
Cleaning House: A Ceremony of Sacrifice

Alignment of the 3 Devis Lords of the lower world.

Dedicating the physical/etheric vehicle to the service of humanity...sound the OM

Dedicating the emotional vehicle to the service of humanity...sound the OM

Dedicating the mental vehicle to the service of humanity...sound the OM

We acknowledge and accept our place in the Body Receptive

We acknowledge and accept ourselves as products of the passing age.

We are humanity. Each of us is a microcosm of that macrocosm.

Visualization Exercise

Using the creative imagination, visualize a house sitting in the middle of a large lovely clearing. It is a large house of several stories and many rooms.

Realize that this is your house. It is where you live and where you keep your stuff. This house is your storage place. It holds in its many rooms all of your favorite beliefs, all of your certain assumptions, all of the forms of the truths that you have encountered, all of the ideals and idols of which we are so sure and so fond, that are so near and dear to us that we actually think we are them. Many of these forms are so close to us that we do not even know we own them. Look for some of these. The forms are widely varied. They are forms that we as individuals have created not only during this life, but forms that we as humanity have created over the past couple of thousand years—forms for all things. Many are beautiful and extraordinary, some are ugly and spotted with decay.

But all are just forms, just old bottles holding the wine of our ancient desires and dreams. Yet it is a new age now. A new door is opening for us. We need to dream the dream anew. We need to recapture the perfect Light that broke over the void in the first Beginning, and revision the promise of the Splendor of what we can become.

But before we can dream and start to build anew, we need to clean house. We need to make space for the birth of the new vision. So, let us lovingly and joyfully, with our focus on the coming birth, pass from room to room and, bidding a fond farewell to our old forms and bottles, move them into the recycling bins. Some will be easy and we let them go with relief. Others are more dear to us, yet we let them go too, with joy in the realization that they are being redeemed by rejoining the float of matter, and that the spark of spirit that they have impounded will be freed and rise like the phoenix into the new and formless light.

Visualize the big recycling trucks leaving now loaded down with the old forms, the old idols and detritus of our past.

We step back and behold an empty house, a clean well lighted place. We linger a moment. We register the frequency of unformed Spirit, a space open and clean and Oh so Still, a place ready, a place inviting impression.