

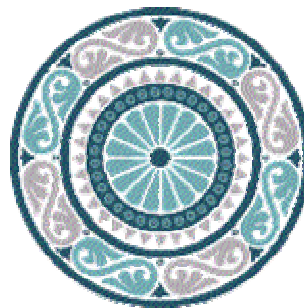


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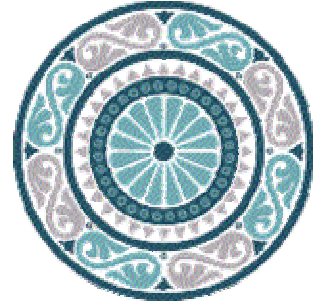
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# Chapter 0.6

## Glossary



## Selected Theosophical Terminology

Words utilized in the Upper Triad material arise primarily from theosophy and the mystical tradition common to all of the principal religions. A glossary is sometimes helpful not only because of the specialized, theosophical context, but because many common words are utilized in sometimes uncommon ways. Words are often the limiting factor in understanding theosophical and mystical concepts. Real meaning is conveyed through context and intuition.

# A

**Absolute Being.** The boundless and unmanifested entity of which the universe is a reflection. The One that induces the manifestation of the universe. Nothing within the domain of manifestation is absolute. Everything within that domain is merely relative. See (Logos) (Relativity).

**Absorption.** In the practical context, the process of being so involved in mundane or personal matters that the awareness is dulled and the personality is unresponsive to higher, spiritual qualities. One of the tasks of the spiritual student is to live and work effectively in the mundane world without being absorbed or distracted, and to do so while maintaining a spiritual consciousness and higher (mental) awareness. In the higher sense, absorption refers to the fusion of the waking-consciousness of the personality with the life, consciousness, quality, and character of the soul.

**Abstract Mental Plane.** The higher sub-planes of the fifth (mental) plane of consciousness. Above the physical and emotional planes and above the concrete mental sub-planes. See (Seven Planes).

**Abstract Mind.** The higher, subjective mind that is the lowest aspect of the soul. Operates in a multiplex or matrix (non-linear) fashion, able to correlate multiple threads of awareness or realization. Bridges between the spiritual intuition of the soul and the concrete mentality of the personality. Qualified by the Third Ray and primarily concerned with relationships, comprehension, contemplation, and realization. See (Concrete Mind).

**Abstraction.** The process of assimilating in matrix or archetypal form that which is worthwhile (e.g., wisdom), so that it may be retained and used in subsequent cycles of manifestation. Before a being commences a cyclic period of rest (pralaya), at the conclusion of a period of manifestation (human, planetary, etc.), the significant progress is abstracted and retained.

**Adept.** An advanced human being who has achieved relative perfection and who has fulfilled the individual karma and is no longer required to reincarnate, i.e., a Master of Wisdom.

**Adi.** The atomic plane. The first or trans-monadic plane of consciousness. The World of God. The highest of the seven planes. See (Seven Planes).

**Ageless Wisdom.** The ancient, eternal, and timeless wisdom. The knowledge and understanding embraced in (1) metaphysical philosophy, (2) theosophical philosophy, and (3) esoteric philosophy. The ageless wisdom is progressively available to all qualified candidates. See (Theosophy).

**Akshara Brahma Yoga.** The eighth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the imperishable Brahman, the nature (mystery) of the eternal omnipresence.

**Alignment.** The condition in which the purified personality is aligned with the soul. The (vertical) process of aligning the purified personality with the soul or the (horizontal) process of aligning the purified personality with humanity and the greater life (via the soul). A condition that spiritual students strive to maintain at all times.

**All of Time.** The subjective whole that the soul (but not the ordinary personality) can embrace and live in, refusing to be absorbed in time and space. In the all of time (timelessness), the events and experience of the subjective whole are viewed in the greater light of life and consciousness.

**Ancient Mysteries.** See (Ageless Wisdom) (Theosophy).

**Ancient Wisdom.** See (Ageless Wisdom) (Theosophy).

**Angel.** See (Deva).

**Antahkarana.** The (non-physical) path or bridge of consciousness between the lower, personal self (the mind) and the higher, impersonal self (the soul).

**Anupadaka.** The monadic plane. The second highest of the seven planes. See (Seven Planes).

**Arcane.** See (Esoteric).

**Archetype.** The model, pattern, or matrix from which a form can be created, derived, or reconstituted.

**Arjuna.** The aspirant or spiritual student, on the threshold of the spiritual path, as symbolized in the dialogue of the Bhagavad Gita. See (Krishna).

**Arjuna Vishada Yoga.** The first chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the grief, despondency, and gloom of Arjuna.

**Artificial Entities.** Forms created by etheric, astral (emotional), or mental activity and vitalized in the corresponding matter by the intensity of the activity that gives them birth. Artificial entities can be persistent. The potent, spiritual student is cautioned to ever be wary of creating such entities.

**Aryan.** Pertaining to the fifth (present) of the seven great root races (of the current round and globe). Aryan consciousness is consciousness which is predominantly mental (i.e., mentally polarized). The goal of the Aryan race is to overcome the Atlantean (emotional) consciousness and achieve mentally polarized consciousness. See (Root Races).

**Ashram.** In the higher sense, the center of an esoteric group. In the lower sense, a center for people who are affiliated for religious or spiritual purposes.

**Aspect, Rays of.** The first three of the seven rays. On their level, the three rays of aspect constitute a totality, embracing the seven rays and all of manifestation. See (Seven Rays).

First Ray	Second Ray	Third Ray
Power	Love	Light
Life	Consciousness	Form
Monad	Soul	Personality
Shiva	Vishnu	Brahma
Life	Quality	Appearance
Purpose	Sentiency	Activity
Will	Love	Intelligence

**Aspirant.** A person who is on the first stage or probationary phase of the spiritual path. A person upon the heart-centered path of approach. See (Probationary Path) (Spiritual Path).

**Astral Body.** The emotional or desire body. That aspect of the human form that is centered or focused within the astral plane. See (Human Constitution).

**Astral Plane.** The sixth of the seven planes of consciousness. The region of consciousness that exists between the physical and mental planes, and interpenetrates both. It is the desire world and region of emotions ranging from coarse, selfish expressions to higher, aspirational feelings. See (Seven Planes).

**Astrology.** The science of the celestial forces, concerned with the effects of extra-planetary energies as they qualify or influence man. Mundane astrology is greatly misinterpreted and misunderstood.

**Atlantean.** Pertaining to the fourth of the seven great root races (of the current round and globe). Atlantean consciousness is consciousness which is predominantly emotional (i.e., emotionally polarized). The goal of the Atlantean race is (was) to overcome the Lemurian (physically polarized)

consciousness and achieve emotionally polarized consciousness. See (Root Races).

**Atma.** The spiritual will or purpose. The seat of identification that provides a link to the monad. The first or highest aspect of the three-fold human soul. See (Soul).

**Atmic Plane.** The third of the seven planes of consciousness. The realm of life spirit and spiritual will. See (Seven Planes).

**Atom.** A spheroidal force field, a center of positive consciousness.

**Atomic.** Pertaining to the first and highest of seven planes or sub-planes of consciousness. A special linking relationship exists between the various atomic planes and sub-planes.

**Atomic Development.** The development of an atomic life. Those who are self-conscious are not necessarily conscious of the true self or soul. True self-consciousness comes only upon the Path. Atomic lives are those which have a positive center of consciousness (e.g. human lives). See (Spiritual Path).

Stage	Human Being	Consciousness
1	Active, Not on the Path	Mass or Unevolved Consciousness
2	Interactive, On the Path	Self-Consciousness, Spiritual Student
3	Radioactive, Perfected	Group Consciousness, Adept

**Atomic Sphere.** A unit of life having a spheroidal force field or a sphere of consciousness. See (Atomic Development).

**Attachment.** The process of being attached to personal or mundane energy or things. The spiritual student learns to be free from attachments in order that the character of the higher self (soul) may be manifested.



Attribute, Rays of. The last four of the seven rays, being more concerned with manifestation rather than life and consciousness. The Fourth Ray, the Fifth Ray, the Sixth Ray, and the Seventh Ray. See (Seven Rays).

AUM. The triple sacred word. See (OM).

Aura. The energy field associated with the mind and personality.

## B

Bhagavad Gita. One of the three volumes of the Hindu scriptural trinity, in which Krishna, a World Teacher, discusses spiritual philosophy with Arjuna, an aspirant seeking the path. See each chapter title for definition.

Chapter	Title
1	Arjuna Vishada Yoga
2	Samkhya Yoga
3	Karma Yoga
4	Jnana Karma Sanyasa Yoga
5	Sanyasa Yoga
6	Dhyana Yoga
7	Jnana Vijnana Yoga
8	Akshara Brahma Yoga
9	Rajavidya Rajaguhya Yoga
10	Vibhuti Yoga
11	Visvarupa Darsana Yoga
12	Bhakti Yoga

Chapter	Title
13	Kshetra Kshetrajna Vibhaga Yoga
14	Gunatraya Vibhaga Yoga
15	Purushottama Yoga
16	Daivasura Sampad Vibhaga Yoga
17	Sraddhatraya Vibhaga Yoga
18	Moksha Sanyasa Yoga

**Bhakti Yoga.** The twelfth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of devotion, love, and divine responsibility.

**Birth.** From a mundane point of view, the emergence of a new life from its parents. However, esoterically this is the same as death, for a higher consciousness goes into a denser, grosser state and normally loses awareness of consciousness in the soul. Esoterically, birth refers to the realization of the soul by the personality. See (Death).

**Bodhisattva.** The title and office of the World Teacher (The Christ). The spiritual leader of the Hierarchy of our planet, responsible for guiding the development and expansion of consciousness. One of the three Hierarchical offices. The Bodhisattva works primarily with the Second Ray. See (Manu) (Mahachohan).

**Body.** Coordinated form. A form inhabited by some higher consciousness. The human being as a whole has a number of distinct but related vehicles or bodies. See (Human Constitution).

**Brahma Sutras.** One of the three volumes of the Hindu scriptural trinity, which elucidates the Vedanta philosophy through maxims.

**Brain.** The physical instrument that is concerned with processing information. The brain is the seat of intellect, and is used by the mind.

**Branch Race.** One of seven divisions of a sub-race. See (Root Races).

**Buddha.** The enlightened. One who has reached a (particular) high state of spiritual enlightenment. Gautama the Buddha was one such person.

**Buddha Dharma.** The Buddhist moral philosophy. The ethical doctrine of Buddhism as set forth in "The Noble Eightfold Path".

**Buddhi.** The central element or second aspect of soul consciousness, which is love (inclusiveness) (spiritual intuition) in its higher (impersonal) sense. See (Soul).

**Buddhi Yoga.** The practice of intuitive and contemplative consciousness.

**Buddhic Plane.** See (Intuitional Plane).

## C

**Caballistic Reduction.** A symbolic, mathematical operation in which the values of letters are summed in a word and the resulting digits are summed and reduced progressively to the simplest integer.

**Call, the.** The sending forth of a characteristic note of evolution with respect to a particular lifewave of souls, in order to hasten the course of evolution. Also refers to the call of the soul to the personality.

**Cardinal Virtues.** Divine traits which lead to God and liberation, that include wisdom, generosity, self-control, austerity, directness, sacrifice, harmlessness, serenity, truthfulness, compassion, gentleness, humility, and freedom from pride.

**Causal Body.** The vehicle of the soul (in contrast to the vehicles of the personality). It consists of relatively permanent higher mental matter that lasts

throughout the cycle of incarnations of the soul. Not really a body in the normal sense of the word.

**Chain.** An evolutionary sequence composed of seven rounds of seven globes through which a lifewave passes during one day of manifestation. See (Planetary Scheme).

**Chakra.** An energy center within the human form (or any life) that transmits life force from one level to another.

**Christ.** See (Bodhisattva).

**Christ-Consciousness.** A consciousness so perfected that incarnation is no longer necessary. Achieved by the adept or master of wisdom.

**Christ-Self.** See (Soul).

**Concentration.** A stage of meditation in which the concrete mind is focused on a point of tension.

**Concrete Mental Plane.** The lower sub-planes of the fifth (mental) plane of consciousness. Above the physical and emotional planes and below the abstract mental sub-planes. See (Seven Planes).

**Concrete Mind.** The lower, objective mind that is the highest aspect of the human personality. Operates in a linear fashion (vice matrix). See (Abstract Mind).

**Consciousness.** The interaction or relatedness of spirit and matter. The intermediate essence that is the reflection of spirit in the same sense that matter is the reflection of consciousness. The Second Ray aspect. All of manifested life, including matter, is imbued with consciousness. The purpose of evolution is the evolution of life through the evolution of consciousness. Consciousness is inherent in the sense that a single, unifying consciousness pervades all of life. The illusion of self-consciousness allows awareness of personal or individual distinction. Mass consciousness is the lower, group consciousness. The higher group consciousness is an expansion and elevation of self-consciousness into the humble consciousness and awareness of the soul. Much of consciousness is

below the threshold of the waking-consciousness and therefore programmable by habit or deliberation. The waking-consciousness is simply the focus of individual consciousness. The sub-human lifewaves have internal consciousness and some, limited awareness beyond that internal consciousness.

**Contemplation.** A meditative state of quiescence in which the soul is active but detached from the mind, and where knowledge is gained by identification with the object contemplated or participation in its higher essence.

**Convolution.** A process concerned with the underlying forces of evolution by way of differentiation and integration as a circulation. See (Devolution) (Evolution) (Involution).

**Cosmic.** Pertaining to the stage or level above and beyond solar manifestation. Cosmic purpose underlies all of manifestation. See (Logos).

**Cosmic Christ.** The second logos of the trinity, Vishnu. The Second Ray aspect that presently qualifies the solar manifestation.

**Cosmic Days and Nights.** Manvantaras and pralayas on cosmic levels.

**Cosmic Law.** The manifestation of cosmic purpose. The qualification of all of manifestation in the form of purposive guidelines and limitations.

**Cosmic Plane.** One of the seven planes of cosmic consciousness of which the seven planes of human consciousness are merely the seven sub-planes of the cosmic physical plane.

**Cosmogogenesis.** The coming into being of the universe. The ordered, progressive manifestation of a cosmic logos.

**Cycle of Manifestation.** A period of evolutionary activity on some level (e.g., universal, cosmic, solar, planetary, human), involving a day of activity (manvantara) followed by a night of rest and assimilation (pralaya). Each cycle (day) consists of four segments. See (Planetary Scheme).

### Segment

- 1          Differentiation  
                Involution with Many Forms
- 2          Gathering of Experience  
                Directed by Karma and Balance
- 3          Synthesis  
                Evolution and Unification
- 4          Obscuration  
                Abstraction and Liberation into Pralaya

## D

**Daivasura Sampad Vibhaga Yoga.** The sixteenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the division between the good and evil natures.

**Day of Manifestation.** See (Planetary Scheme).

**Death.** From a mundane point of view, the passing of a life from an active, outer manifestation to an inner, superphysical existence (for assimilation and preparation for rebirth). However, esoterically, death refers to physical birth and the absence of conscious, higher awareness. See (Birth).

**Death of Self.** The elimination of separateness (self-centeredness) and the beginning of the enlightened life of the soul (selflessness). Not death in the normal sense of the word, but rather a transition to beyond the ego.

**Deepening.** The activity in which one on the path seeks to expand and sustain momentum upon the path by improving the understanding and improving the alignment of the personality with the soul.

**Delusion of Self.** The illusion that the soul is a separate entity. It occurs when a person is personality (selfishly) infused, rather than soul (selflessly) infused. See (Ten Fetters).

**Destiny.** For average humanity, a relatively predetermined course of events that limit the extent of freedom. With progress upon the path (further qualification), the student learns to cooperate with the forces of the path and thereby improve the extent of freedom and become less constrained or influenced by external forces. See (Free Will).

**Detachment.** Freedom from bias, prejudice, limitation, or attachment to life in the mundane, personal world.

**Deva.** A member of a lifewave parallel to that of humanity, characterized as angelic or relatively passive, concerned more with the substance of form and the sustaining forces of nature rather than manipulation of those forces and substance. The deva kingdom covers a broad range of consciousness and many distinctive orders. See (Kingdom).

**Devolution.** The dissolution of forms that have served their purpose. Forms can devolve; lives cannot. See (Convolution) (Evolution) (Involution).

**Dharma.** Duty and responsibility. More specifically, the duty of a person to the spiritual path and to humanity.

**Dhyana Yoga.** The sixth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of meditation and self-mastery.

**Differentiation.** The process of diversification in order to broaden and deepen the manifestation of life into material existence. From the one to the

many. Not fragmentation, but the illusion of individual lives and manifestation.

**Disciple.** A person who is on the second stage of the spiritual path, following that of aspiration or probation. Discipleship is characterized by service to the path and to humanity.

**Divine Wisdom.** See (Ageless Wisdom) (Theosophy).

**Duality.** The appearance (condition) in which a distinction between two poles or opposites can be made (e.g., abstract-concrete, good-evil, greater-lesser, higher-lower, inner-outer, positive-negative). In fact, each of the pairs of opposites represents a range or continuum between the extremes (i.e., everything is relative, not absolute).

## E

**Easter Festival.** The first of three major festivals beginning the solar year, which occurs at the full moon of Aries. Also known as the festival of the Living Christ. It is an expression of the love aspect of the Second Ray. See (Festival).

**Ego.** In the lower sense (not capitalized, long 'E') the personality. In the higher sense (capitalized, short 'E') the soul.

**Elder Brother.** One who is farther along the path. See (Adept).

**Emotional Body.** See (Astral Body).

**Emotional Polarization.** Consciousness characterized as predominantly emotional or astral (Atlantean) in nature. Emotionally polarized people do not have integrated personalities.



**Energy.** All that is. The essence of the universe, life, spirit.

**Energy Body.** See (Ethereic Body).

**Enlightenment.** A process and stage upon the spiritual path. Self-realization, the realization of the soul as the true source of light and love and power.

**Enneads, the.** The philosophical commentaries of Plotinus. The work is organized into six enneads (chapters) each containing nine tractates. Each tractate contains one or more commentaries.

**Epigenesis.** Development in new or original ways that which is not obviously latent within the human being, but included in man's contribution to the developing God of which he is a part.

**Epistemology.** The branch of philosophy which considers the nature and grounds of knowledge.

**Epoch.** The duration and period of a root race. See (Root Races) (Planetary Scheme).

**Esoteric.** That which is hidden, secret, or not generally revealed. That which is beyond the comprehension or ability of understanding. That which can only be embraced by or with the higher (soul) consciousness and therefore that which cannot be adequately discussed or considered in concrete terms. That which is esoteric gradually becomes exoteric as human progress is achieved and individuals become fitted or qualified to embrace the higher truths.

**Esoteric Philosophy.** The frontier of human (soul) understanding which requires highly developed intuitional and abstract mental abilities for proper understanding. The esoteric philosophy may be commented upon but cannot be properly or adequately revealed.

**Esoteric Psychology.** The synthesis and development of the latent characteristics and contributions of each of the seven rays through successive incarnations into realized potential by an individual or group.

**Etheric Body.** The vehicle of consciousness that interpenetrates the dense physical body and is the vital or energy body that sustains it. It is a body of causes for and a double to the dense physical body.

**Etheric Plane.** The higher four sub-planes of the physical plane of consciousness. The four levels are (1) the reflecting ether, (2) the light ether, (3) the life ether, and (4) the chemical ether. See (Seven Planes).

**Ethics.** The branch or aspect of philosophy that considers the ideal of conduct, the nature of morality, character, and the good (goodness).

**Evil.** The basis of ignorance. That which is evil is an application or existence (condition) based upon identification with maya (matter), glamour, and illusion, rather than truth and reality. As such, ignorance is a driving force (condition) for evolution, as humanity progresses from ignorance (evil) to enlightenment (good).

**Evocation.** A response or manifestation derived from an invocation or call. Under cosmic law (karma), that which is needed is evoked.

**Evolution.** The unfolding of latent powers and faculties native to and inherent in an entity. The ascent of life and consciousness out of the complexity of matter into the simplicity of higher existence. It governs the utilization of form by the indwelling consciousness through the expansion of that consciousness and the ultimate withdrawal of life from the world of matter. See (Convolution) (Devolution) (Involution).

**Exoteric.** That which is revealed or that which appears to be (rather than that which truly exists). The exoteric domain is the realm of human incarnation, experience, and expression. The esoteric domain is the realm beyond ordinary (or psychic) human abilities.

**Extroverted Personality.** The self-centered personality existence that is quite easily absorbed in the outer (mundane) world. See (Introverted Personality).

# F

**Festival.** A period of time at the full moon when the Hierarchy is aligned with particular forces and therefore in special approach to humanity. Of the twelve festivals (corresponding to the twelve full moon periods of each year), the first three are somewhat more potent. Each festival is a period of qualified, group meditation on a planetary scale. See (Full Moon Meditation) (Easter Festival) (Goodwill Festival) (Wesak Festival).

**Fifth Kingdom.** The kingdom just above and beyond the human kingdom. Also called the kingdom of heaven, the world of souls, and the superhuman kingdom. See (Kingdom).

**Fifth Ray.** The Ray of Concrete Knowledge, one of the seven rays. The Fifth Ray is a ray of attribute formed as a portion of the third aspect of the Trinity. Demonstrates on the mental plane and is a reflection of the Third Ray of Active Intelligence. See (Seven Rays).

**First Kingdom.** The mineral kingdom. See (Kingdom).

**First Ray.** The Ray of Purpose, one of the seven rays. The first aspect or person of the Trinity, also called the First Logos, the Father, or Shiva. This ray is characterized as the Will of God or the Plan of God, on the highest level. The ray of will, power, energy, and life. See (Seven Rays).

**Four Forces of Evolution.** Involution, evolution, devolution, and convolution.

**Four Points of Conduct.** Guidelines of conduct for a spiritual student: (1) Personal sacrifice to the cause of good, (2) Absolute integrity in all situations, (3) Impeccable wisdom in relationships with others, (4) Dedicated times of search for truth and the study of self.

**Fourth Kingdom.** The human kingdom. See (Kingdom).

**Fourth Ray.** The Ray of Harmony through Conflict, one of the seven rays. A ray of attribute which forms a portion of the third aspect of the Trinity. Demonstrates as the plane of intuition. Since the human life wave presently inhabits the fourth kingdom, this ray is especially potent. See (Seven Rays).

**Free Will.** The ability to choose between alternatives, such that the choice is creatively and consciously self-determined. This is a relative concept, for with further evolution comes greater freedom (and greater adherence to truth and reality). The relatively unevolved have virtually no freedom or free will, for they are almost entirely dominated by external and instinctive forces.

**Full Moon Meditation.** Group meditation at the period of the full moon, at the time of unimpeded alignment between the planet and the source (the sun) which is the primary instrument of God's physical and spiritual power.

## G

**Glamour.** Illusion on emotional (astral) levels, illusion or deception intensified by desire or aspiration. The realm of glamour (and illusion) is the external (personal) (mundane) world in which the personality is so easily absorbed. See (Absorption) (Illusion).

**Globe.** The center of consciousness (planet) through which a lifewave (e.g., humanity) passes to gain evolutionary experience. At present we exist on the fourth globe (Earth) which is the lowest (in the chemical region of the dense physical plane) in terms of consciousness.

**God.** Absolute Being or Logos. The God-within is the soul. God transcendent depends on the level of consciousness and the level to which a person can conceive of God (e.g., the illusion of an anthropomorphic God, the reality of the Planetary Logos, Solar Logos, Cosmic Logos, or Universe). See (Logos).

**Goodwill Festival.** The last of three major festivals that begins the solar year. It occurs at the full moon of Gemini. Also called World Invocation Day and the Festival of Humanity. See (Festival).

**Greater.** See (Duality).

**Group Consciousness.** In the lower sense, the consciousness of a group soul during some involutory period. In the higher sense, the consciousness of an esoteric group and the next evolutionary step for mankind from the present self-conscious (selfish) stage, in which a sincere concern beyond oneself, i.e., the group or more, will be in effect and true sharing of energy and consciousness will dominate the awareness.

**Group Meditation.** Meditation while physically with other people or identifying with other people at-large, as a selfless service to humanity. In a higher sense, a group telepathic rapport for the purpose of service.

**Group Soul.** The overshadowing soul of a group or species. During the involutory period, evolutionary work is done on a group level where the individual lives do not have individual consciousness. Thus the group soul is quite prominent. As self-consciousness is achieved, individual souls may be conceived to exist within the group soul, but that is largely the illusion born of apparent separation in consciousness. Later, group consciousness emerges as a practical reality (without undermining the individuality). Lifewaves incarnate in groups through a multitude of forms in a particular kingdom.

**Guna.** A quality or characteristic in nature of which there are basically three. See (Rajas) (Sattva) (Tamas).

**Gunatraya Vibhanga Yoga.** The fourteenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of distinction of the three conditions of nature or gunas.

# H

**Head-Centered.** Characterized by the odd-numbered rays and their planes of consciousness (e.g., atma, manas). Characterized by light and understanding. Occult and mental rather than mystical or devotional. Utilizing the head center rather than the heart center. Eventually the head-centered nature and the heart-centered nature must be synthesized and balanced. The esoteric student is one who is so balanced. See (Heart-Centered).

**Heart-Centered.** Characterized by the even-numbered rays and their planes of consciousness (e.g., buddhi, kama). Characterized by love and wisdom. Mystical or devotional rather than occult and mental. Utilizing the heart center rather than the head center. See (Head-Centered).

**Hidden Wisdom.** Wisdom that is hidden from premature revelation and misuse. Within each human being are the keys to the mysteries of life and the mysteries of the universe (the hidden wisdom). It can only be found through proper alignment of the personality (mind) with the soul. See (Ageless Wisdom).

**Hierarchy.** A group of spiritual beings on the inner planes, who are intelligent forces of nature, and who control the evolutionary processes through guidance and qualification, not force. The Spiritual Hierarchy of the planet consists of all masters and initiates beyond a certain degree. It is organized into three departments and according to the seven rays.

**Higher.** See (Duality).

**Higher Consciousness.** See (Soul).

**Higher Mind.** See (Abstract Mind).

**Higher Self.** See (Soul).

**Human Constitution.** The human form and consciousness, in three aspects and various interrelated bodies. The three aspects are (1) the monad, (2) the soul or higher self, and (3) the personality or lower self. The various bodies or principles are (1) the dense physical body, (2) the etheric or vital body, (3) the astral or emotional body, (4) the lower or concrete mind, (5) the higher or abstract mind, (6) buddhi, the spiritual intuition, and (7) atma, the spiritual will.

**Hyperborean.** The second root race (of the current round and globe), long extinct. See (Root Races).

# I

**I Am That I Am.** A progressive triple mantra to aid in integration and alignment: (1) I Am - personality integration, (2) I Am That - the alignment of the personality with the soul, and (3) I Am That I Am - the uplifting of the soul into the monad.

**Illumination.** Spiritual enlightenment or intuition that results from concentration, meditation, and contemplation in bringing information from the higher consciousness to the lower.

**Illusion.** Glamour on mental levels. The misunderstanding, misrepresentation, and misinterpretation of ideas, thought-forms, and mental impressions and perceptions. The grand illusion is that of separate or objective existence.

**Immortality.** The condition of self-realized (conscious) soul consciousness. It arises from the process of passing beyond earthly and personal attachments, of purification and upliftment of the transient personality into the relative stability and permanence of the soul. The personality lives beyond physical death in the form of a personality matrix of forces, while the actual vehicles of

the personality are progressively dissolved. The soul persists for many cycles of incarnation in personality form and is therefore considered immortal.

**Impersonality.** The condition and character of the soul, being a center of impersonal love and wisdom. The impersonality of the soul (and of the spiritual student who is responsive to the soul) is not cold or indifferent, but simply gentle, poised, and considerate. Impersonal love is considered the highest form or aspect of love. Personality-centeredness (pursuing mundane and personal goals) is inherently separative, while impersonality in this higher, positive, spiritual sense, is inherently inclusive and God-centered.

**Inaction.** The absence of apparent action. Inaction is itself a deliberate condition, but one that in the higher sense implies 'being' rather than 'becoming' and is rather less complicated and more spiritually meaningful than immersion (absorption) in the world of mundane and personal (petty) activity.

**Incarnation.** The process of reflecting the soul into the form of a personality and manifesting that compound form on levels of activity (e.g., the objective and physical worlds). The period of activity of such a reflection.

**Individualization.** The process by which an individual soul appears to be created within the context of a group soul within humanity. Actually, the process by which an aspect of that soul of humanity becomes localized and able to function self-consciously. It marks the transition between involution and evolution, between unconscious manifestation and conscious experience and expression, the end of the path of descent and the beginning of the path of ascent.

**Inner.** Pertaining to the soul or higher (deeper) consciousness. See (Duality).

**Integration.** The process of consolidating the various vehicles (bodies) and aspects of the personality into a coherent and unified instrument of service. Until this occurs, each aspect of the personality has a degree of independence that is spiritually counterproductive (albeit necessary at the stages of relatively unevolved human consciousness). Only an integrated and purified personality can be aligned with the soul or be responsive to the soul's character and quality.



**Introverted Personality.** Either a relatively underdeveloped (pre-extroverted) personality, or a relatively advanced one (post-extroverted) that is oriented more to the inner consciousness and able to interact properly with the external world (i.e., on the terms of the soul not the terms of the world). See (Extroverted Personality).

**Intuition.** In the lower sense, the receipt and interpretation of astral or emotional impressions (having little or no significance). In the higher sense, the true, spiritual intuition is the ability to apprehend truth and reality directly (on the levels of buddhi), within the soul consciousness.

**Intuition Plane.** The plane of buddhi, one of the seven planes of consciousness, that lies between atma (the plane of spiritual will) and manas (the mental plane). See (Seven Planes).

**Involution.** Unconscious evolution. The descent into matter from spirit until life becomes indwelling and self-conscious or individualized. See (Convolution) (Devolution) (Evolution).

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**Jnana Karma Sanyasa Yoga.** The fourth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of renunciation of action in knowledge.

**Jnana Vijnana Yoga.** The seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of wisdom (knowledge) and experience (realization).

# K

**Kama.** The emotional principle and substance of the sixth or emotional plane of consciousness. The desire principle in man.

**Kama-Manas.** The desire-mind, or the concrete mind enchanted by desire.

**Karma.** The law of cause and effect and its associated forces. The divine (purposive) force that teaches and leads the evolving consciousness into knowledge, wisdom, and relative perfection. The force which sustains the activity of manifestation, allowing divine purpose to be served. The driving force behind incarnation (and reincarnation).

**Karma Yoga.** The third chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of right action, virtue in works, or the secret of activity.

**Kingdom.** A division of existence through which a lifewave passes to gain necessary experience and increase consciousness on the involutory and evolutionary stages of life. The human lifewave is that lifewave that happens to presently inhabit the human or fourth kingdom. The five kingdoms presently revealed to humanity are (1) the mineral, (2) the plant, (3) the animal, (4) the human, and (5) the superhuman. On a parallel path of evolution is the deva kingdom which in effect corresponds to or parallels all of the five kingdoms associated with the human evolutionary path (i.e., that humanity has already passed through the mineral, plant, and animal stages, while the deva lifewave is much broader and extends simultaneously through levels corresponding to all five stages).

**Krishna.** An incarnation of God as symbolized in the Bhagavad Gita. In the dialogue between Arjuna and Krishna, Krishna represents the soul or God-within.

**Kshetra Kshetrajna Vibhaga Yoga.** The thirteenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the discrimination of matter and spirit, the knower and known, the field and its knower.

## L

**Left-Hand Path.** The path of selfishness and ignorance. Refers to living in conflict with the self (soul) and in opposition to natural law, and thus, to continue in darkness and bondage. The path of black magic, the appropriation of material forces for personal use. See (Right-Hand Path).

**Lemurian.** Pertaining to the third of the seven great root races (of the current round and globe). Lemurian consciousness is consciousness which is predominantly physical (i.e., physically polarized and relatively unresponsive to emotional or mental forces). The goal of the Lemurian race was to overcome the unconsciousness of the animal form and to achieve the physical self-consciousness of the human form. See (Root Races).

**Lesser.** See (Duality).

**Liberation.** The process through which a soul eventually passes, passing beyond the need to incarnate for further experience. See (Perfection).

**Lifeform.** Matter that has been endowed with life. The form (matter) utilized by the soul as a vehicle for the personality during incarnation.

**Lifewave.** A thread of consciousness which evolves progressively through the various kingdoms of nature. A large group of lives that evolve together and are bound in some form of karma (within the context of some higher life).

**Light Cone.** A four-dimensional mathematical concept and diagram (three-dimensional space plus time) which shows past, present, and future events and

their relationship to light. In essence, showing the unification of all time and space and illustrating the concept of causation.

**Logos.** A relative source and entity (life) of manifestation. The unmanifested life is the Absolute Being. Manifested life proceeds progressively through a descending hierarchy of logoi (e.g., universal, cosmic, solar, planetary). Each logos lives through further differentiation and manifestation.

**Lower.** See (Duality).

**Lower Consciousness.** Awareness that is centered in the personality or in one of the three aspects of the personality.

**Lower Life.** Life in the personality.

**Lower Mind.** See (Concrete Mind).

**Lower Quaternary.** The concrete mind, emotional body, etheric (energy) body, and dense physical body. See (Human Constitution) (Personality).

**Lower Self.** See (Personality).

**Lower Triad.** The human personality in three aspects: (1) the physical (etheric), (2) the emotional (astral), and (3) the lower mental. Symbolized by a downward-pointing equilateral triangle. See (Upper Triad).



**Magic.** Occult science. Utilizing natural forces to accomplish some work or object. Black magic is the appropriation of forces and energies in unnatural ways and guided by self-centered or personality motives. White magic is the utilization of natural forces in natural ways, but qualified by spiritual motive

and according to the rules of the spiritual path (implies considerable training and qualification).

**Mahachohan.** The title and office of the Lord of Civilization. One of the three Hierarchical offices. The Mahachohan works primarily with the Third Ray. See (Bodhisattva) (Manu).

**Mahamanvantara.** A great period of universal activity or solar incarnation.

**Mahatma.** A great soul or adept of high order.

**Manas.** The mental principle and substance of the fifth plane of consciousness. See (Seven Planes) (Abstract Mind) (Concrete Mind).

**Mantra.** Or mantram. A word or phrase of power and potency. A prayer with occult and/or spiritual significance, i.e., to invoke or qualify purposively.

**Manvantara.** A period of life, activity, and manifestation, of which there are many types. It is the opposite of pralaya. A day (incarnation).

**Manu.** The title and office of the head of a root race. One of the three Hierarchical offices. The Manu works primarily with the First Ray and guides the evolution and manifestation of a particular root race. See (Bodhisattva) (Mahachohan) (Root Races).

**Master.** See (Adept).

**Matter.** The lowest form of energy. Crystallized energy that is constrained and limited to form.

**Maya.** The lowest form of illusion, illusion on material levels, which qualifies substance and sustains the world illusion. Illusion intensified and embraced on the lowest levels.

**Meditation.** A technique of the mind which eventually creates alignment between the higher (soul) and lower (personality), so that the soul-infused personality can be a meaningful and effective instrument of spiritual service on

an individual and group basis. As an exercise, meditation may include prayer (invocation), visualization, concentration, and/or contemplation.

**Meditation, Applied.** The application of meditation along constructive, appropriate lines for self-improvement or service, when properly motivated.

**Meditation Triangle.** A three-member sub-group that meets mentally and spiritually in coordinated meditation for some constructive and spiritual purpose. The activity involves the unified invocation and focused release of spiritual energies into the mental atmosphere of the planet, on a daily basis.

**Mental Body.** The sheath of the two-fold mind (abstract mind and concrete mind). Not really a form or body as is the case of the emotional, etheric, or physical bodies.

**Mental Plane.** The region of consciousness between the astral (emotional) and buddhic (intuitional) planes. See (Seven Planes).

**Mental Polarization.** Consciousness characterized as predominantly mental or Aryan in nature. Mentally polarized people are not subject to the separative energies of the emotional nature, for the physical and emotional natures are properly integrated by the mind.

**Mind.** An instrument used on the mental plane of consciousness. It is the instrument of reasoning, thinking, and understanding that exists more as an aura than as a detailed form. See (Abstract Mind) (Concrete Mind) (Mental Body).

**Moksha Sanyasa Yoga.** The eighteenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of liberation (freedom) through renunciation.

**Monad.** The highest spiritual aspect of the human being. It is one of the three major levels of existence through which that life manifests, along with the soul and personality. Until steadfast soul-consciousness is achieved, it is not possible to even begin to know anything of this level of existence.

**Mystical.** Pertaining to the heart-centered approach characterized by spiritual love, devotion, and aspiration. The mystical path is the path of

compassion, harmlessness, and humility. The mystical rays are the even-numbered or heart-centered rays. See (Occult) (Spiritual Path).

## N

**Namaskara.** The sacred word of greeting or salutation, which acknowledges the divinity within the human form.

**Negative Energy.** Energy that appears to move counterclockwise. An energy circulation that is passive or involuntary (i.e., unqualified and not properly tempered) or an energy of coarse or unfortunate quality (vibration).

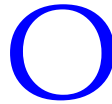
**Night of Rest.** See (Pralaya).

**Night of Time.** The period of incarnation from the soul's perspective, where the consciousness is darkened or limited by its manifestation in the lower, objective, mundane world (i.e., limited to the relative illusion of time and space and unconscious of the soul that lives free from temporal and spatial illusions).

Noble Eight-fold Path. Buddhist discipline which provides a framework for right spiritual living:

1	Right Belief
2	Right Thought
3	Right Speech
4	Right Action
5	Right Livelihood
6	Right Exertion
7	Right Mindfulness
8	Right Concentration

Numerology. Properly, the study of the symbolic value of numbers. Arbitrary numbers are not significant. Only the energy of a number concept is actually significant.



Occult. Pertaining to the head-centered approach characterized by spiritual and mental discipline. The occult rays are the odd-numbered or head-centered rays. See (Mystical).

OM. The sacred word. An aspect of the triple sacred word AUM.

Ontology. The study of reality and the nature of being.

Open Mind. An active, receptive, and alert mental vehicle free from limiting attachments and preconceived fixations, that is responsive to some extent to the inclusiveness of truth.

Outer. See (Duality).



# P

**Path.** See (Spiritual Path).

**Path of Ascent.** See (Evolution).

**Path of Descent.** See (Involution).

**Path of Discipleship.** The stage of conscious activity on the spiritual path in service to humanity, which follows the probationary stage.

**Paths of Approach.** Approaches to the inner, greater self (soul) that a student can take, i.e., (1) mystical, heart-centered, and (2) occult, head-centered. Eventually, the two paths merge and become a single, inclusive, and balanced approach.

**Paths of Evolution.** The two evolutionary paths: (1) a normal, gradual evolutionary development bound only by the basic evolutionary qualifications, and (2) an expeditious evolutionary development in which the soul qualifies the progress of the personality, in which case the karmic forces are much more severe (timely).

**Perfection.** The state of relative perfection or completeness. Each stage of evolution for each lifewave has its general and specific goals. Relative perfection implies the achievement of those goals.

**Personality.** The lower self or vehicle of the incarnated soul. The three-fold form: the concrete mind, the astral or emotional body, and the etheric body (including the dense physical body). When the three aspects of the personality are properly integrated, then the personality is (potentially) a responsive instrument of the soul. Until that point, the soul is relatively detached from the personality experience.

**Personality Ray.** The ray that qualifies the integrated personality. The soul normally incarnates successively through each of the seven rays, a number of times, in order to develop and incorporate the character and quality of each of the rays. Until the personality is integrated, however, the personality is dominated by the prevailing ray(s) of the mind, the emotional body, and/or the physical body.

**Philosophy.** The branch of learning given to the pursuit of wisdom, the search for truth, and the understanding of knowledge. In the lower sense, it embraces art, science, and religion, while in the higher sense, it includes the art and science of perfection and the path of self-realization.

**Physical Plane.** The seventh or lowest plane of the seven planes of consciousness. It is composed of two regions and seven-sub-planes: the etheric region and the dense physical region.

**Physical Polarization.** Consciousness characterized as predominantly physical or Lemurian in nature (rather primitive). Physically and emotionally polarized people are not integrated personalities.

**Planes of Consciousness.** See (Seven Planes).

**Planetary Hierarchy.** See (Hierarchy).

**Planetary Logos.** The supreme being of a planet, of which the planet itself is its body and the various lifewaves are its lower consciousness. One of the logoi who together compose the instrument of manifestation of a Solar Logos. See (Logos).

**Planetary Network.** Within the aura of this planet, a vast network of lines of force through which spiritual energies can be distributed to all parts of the world.

**Planetary Scheme.** An intricate yet conceptually simple pattern of planetary evolutionary experience and expression, composed of seven chains or days of manifestation, each chain being seven rounds or circulations of seven globes or planets. Each correlation of round and globe (e.g., the third round and the sixth globe) may be further differentiated into seven great root races. Each

planetary scheme is the evolutionary pattern of a Planetary Logos. See (Root Races).

**Plotinus.** An Egyptian-born Roman philosopher and spiritual student who lived in the third century A.D. Author of The Enneads.

**Polarian.** Pertaining to the first of the seven great root races (of the current round and globe), long extinct. See (Root Races).

**Positive Energy.** Energy that appears to move clockwise. An energy circulation that is active or voluntary (i.e., qualified and deliberate) or an energy of relatively more refined quality (purity) (vibration).

**Postlude.** The period of silence or quiet time following a meditation in order to better incorporate the quality and character (atmosphere) (presence) evoked by the soul and facilitate its extension into the daily life.

**Pralaya.** A time of rest and assimilation (night). Interval between cosmic or solar or planetary incarnations. The opposite of manvantara.

**Prelude.** The period of silence or quiet time before formally beginning a meditation in order to condition or qualify the atmosphere, fully integrate or prepare the personality, and align that personality with the soul.

**Probationary Path.** The initial stage on the spiritual path in which the preliminary purification and preparation of the personality is undertaken. The stage preceding discipleship. The first stage of conscious spiritual activity within the formal context of the path, in which the probationer (probationary student) (candidate) must prove himself or herself worthy of (qualified for) further training.

**Purushottama Yoga.** The fifteenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the attainment of the supreme self.

**Psychic.** Pertaining to the lesser occult powers (i.e., etheric, astral, and concrete mental). The greater occult powers are spiritual ones, not psychic ones. Psychic powers and forces are greatly misunderstood by the masses. Most psychics are involuntary, untrained, and not spiritually qualified.

Psychic Center. See (Chakra).

## Q

Quaternary. See (Lower Quaternary) (Personality).

## R

Rajas. The quality of activity, passion, or desire. See (Guna).

Rajavidya Rajaguhya Yoga. The ninth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of sovereign science and mystery or the yoga of mysticism.

Ray. See (Seven Rays).

Rays of Mind. The Third Ray and the Fifth Ray. The Third Ray qualifies the abstract mind and abstract mental activity (e.g., contemplation) while the Fifth Ray qualifies the concrete mind and concrete mental activity (e.g., concentration, reasoning).

Reality. The true existence and its perception. The manifested universe embraces successive differentiation and increasing layers and levels of deception, the greatest (most deceptive) of which is the physical world of mundane existence. Consciousness is a greater reality than form. Energy (spirit) (life) is a greater reality than consciousness. Freedom comes from self-realization, the gradual emergence of the consciousness from the web of the

great illusion. Considerable evolutionary development and contribution to the greater life is achieved through the process of immersion and overcoming.

**Reflection.** The process of incarnation or the process of evoking a correspondence at some lower level of manifestation (e.g., the reflection of the monad as the soul, the reflection of the soul as a personality).

**Reincarnation.** The doctrine of rebirth. The evolving Ego (soul) incarnates time and time again in the lower (objective) worlds for necessary experience, until relative perfection is achieved. The soul can only progress forward (along the ascending evolutionary spiral), never backwards.

**Relativity.** The relatedness of all things. All things (energies) (lives) (existence) within the manifested universe are relative (not absolute) and depend upon perspective. Numerous correlations, analogies, and correspondences exist within manifestation, relating all things to the seven rays and the various aspects of manifested life.

**Retrospection.** The reviewing of daily events in reverse order at the end of a day to strengthen right activity and discourage (learn from) inappropriate actions.

**Right-Hand Path.** The path of truth and wisdom, the spiritual path. Refers to living in harmony with self, others, and God, in accordance with natural (evolutionary) law (selflessness). The path of white magic. See (Left-Hand Path).

**Ring-Pass-Not.** The outer extent of some manifested life. Constituent lives cannot pass beyond that outer extent. The limit of a force field or periphery of local manifestation.

**Root Races.** The seven great racial manifestations of a given correlation of round and globe. Each of the seven root races is manifested as an epoch of activity, experience, and development of particular characteristics or accomplishment of particular objectives. The seven root races are a succession of racial forms through which souls can incarnate. Each may be divided into seven sub-races. Each sub-race may be further divided into seven branch races. The five root races manifested in the current round and chain are (1) Polarian, (2)

Hyperborean, (3) Lemurian, (4) Atlantean, and (5) Aryan. Each is qualified by the corresponding ray and relates to the plane(s) of consciousness correlated to that ray. Each of the great root races is led by a Manu.

Round. The passage of a lifewave through seven globes.

## S

Sacred Word. See (Om).

Samkhya Yoga. The second chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the inner self, the yoga of knowledge.

Sanyasa Yoga. The fifth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the path of renunciation.

Sattva. The quality of purity, truth, goodness, or substantial reality. See (Guna).

Second Kingdom. The plant kingdom. See (Kingdom).

Second Ray. The second aspect or person of the Trinity, also known as the Second Logos, the Son (Cosmic Christ), or Vishnu. The second of the seven rays. This ray is characterized as love-wisdom on the highest level. It is the immediate object of manifestation, and is the ray of the Solar Logos.

Self-Consciousness. Consciousness of oneself as an individual existence (or more properly, the illusion of such existence). True self-consciousness is an awareness of that illusion and the awareness of the soul as an aspect of a unified life.

Self-Realization. See (Enlightenment).

**Service.** Work performed that is a contribution to the welfare and progress of humanity or the greater life, that is a consequence of participation in the spiritual path.

**Seven Planes.** The seven planes of consciousness that provide the domain or field of evolution for humanity and many other lives within the cosmic physical plane (of which the seven planes are sub-planes). The seven planes are qualified by the seven rays and form part of the manifestation of the seven ray lives.

Plane	Name	Principle
1	The Atomic Plane	Adi
2	The Monadic Plane	Anupadaka
3	The Spiritual Plane	Atma
4	The Intuitional Plane	Buddhi
5	The Mental Plane	Manas
6	The Emotional or Astral Plane	Kama
7	The Physical Plane	Sthula

**Seven Rays.** The seven basic streams of energy (life) that constitute all of the manifested universe. Everything within the field of manifestation is qualified by one or another (or several or all) of the seven rays. Every class is likewise qualified. Each of the great rays is a cosmic life. From the One proceed the three (the trinity) (the three rays of aspect) (the first three of the seven rays). From the three proceed the seven rays. The final four rays are the rays of attribute. The even rays are heart-centered or mystical rays. The odd rays are head-centered or occult rays. The human being is a subtle blend of all seven rays; the monad, the soul, the personality, and each of the vehicles and principles therein are each qualified by one or another of the seven rays. Particulars, groups, and classes are all qualified by one or another of the seven rays. For example, the soul as a class or category is qualified by the Second Ray (the ray of consciousness); a particular soul may be qualified by any one of the seven rays. The group of souls (lifewave) that is humanity is qualified by the Fourth Ray because the lifewave presently inhabits the fourth kingdom. Most

of those souls are also qualified by the Fifth Ray because they inhabit Aryan bodies or are developing Aryan consciousness which correlates to the fifth root race. Each of the rays has its own set of characteristics and qualities, to be developed or manifested under its auspices. All of the seven are equal, but distinctly different. All are necessary. Human (relative) perfection comes when all of the weaknesses of all of the rays have been transformed into the appropriate strengths.

Ray	Name
1	The Ray of Power
2	The Ray of Love-Wisdom
3	The Ray of Active Intelligence
4	The Ray of Harmony Through Conflict
5	The Ray of Concrete Knowledge
6	The Ray of Idealism and Devotion
7	The Ray of Ceremonial Order

Ray	Some Keywords
1	Power, Will, Life, Spirit, Monad, Energy
2	Love, Wisdom, Consciousness, Soul, Interaction
3	Intelligence, Activity, Abstract Mind
4	Harmony, Conflict, Balance, Karma
5	Knowledge, Science, Concrete Mind
6	Devotion, Idealism, Aspiration, Religion
7	Law, Order, Ritual, Organization, Manifestation



**Seven Supreme Virtues.** The positive contribution of each ray to human development, which implies the achievement of the entire character and maturity of the ray.

Ray	Virtue to Acquire
1	Humility
2	Compassion
3	Goodwill
4	Moderation leading to Synthesis
5	Honesty leading to Truth
6	Impersonality leading to Higher Realization
7	Purpose which brings Understanding and leads to Unity

**Seventh Ray.** The Ray of Ceremonial Order, one of the four rays of attribute, demonstrating as the physical plane of consciousness. This ray is the reflection of the First Ray of power, and is also linked to the Third Ray and the Fifth Ray.

**Sixth Ray.** The Ray of Devotion, one of the rays of attribute, demonstrating as the astral plane of consciousness. This ray is the reflection of the Second Ray of love-wisdom, and is also linked to the Fourth Ray.

**Solar Logos.** The life and soul of the solar manifestation. The logos of which the solar system is but a dim reflection. One of seven logoi differentiated within the consciousness of a Cosmic Logos. See (Logos).

**Soul.** The immortal essence of which the human personality is an evoked (gross) manifestation and instrument of experience. The higher consciousness (true self) that inhabits the personality, albeit with considerable disinterest in the particular activities of the personality. The soul is concerned with character, quality, and wisdom, not with the events and particulars of mundane or worldly life. The soul has three aspects: (1) atma, (2) buddhi, and (3) manas, and is referred to as the Upper Triad of atma-buddhi-manas. The soul is the reflection

of the monad but does not resemble the monad, while the personality is the reflection of the soul but does not resemble the soul, but is qualified by the soul to the extent that the personality is responsive.

**Soul Ray.** The ray that qualifies a particular soul.

**Spirit.** The polar opposite of matter. Energy in the most refined or subtle state.

**Spiritual Hierarchy.** See (Hierarchy).

**Spiritual Master.** See (Adept).

**Spiritual Path.** The path of conscious evolution. The right-hand path. The path of spiritual discipline and service to humanity leading to accelerated evolution and expansion of consciousness and contribution to the greater life. The spiritual path embraces an integration of the occult and mystical paths. It is the soul that makes the commitment to the spiritual path, while it is the personality that must (eventually) cooperate with the soul's intention by becoming more and more responsive to the soul and to the demands of the path.

**Spiritual Student.** One who is on the spiritual path. An aspirant is one who consciously seeks to make a commitment to the spiritual path. A probationer is one who has made a conscious commitment and who is undergoing the preliminary disciplines. A disciple is one who has passed beyond the probationary or preliminary work, has entered a formal commitment, and has undertaken a path of service to humanity (or planetary life) in the context of some esoteric group. All who are upon the path regardless of stage or level are considered spiritual students. All are students in one way or another. Progress in life and on the path comes more properly as the individual becomes a conscious student.

**Sraddhatraya Vibhaga Yoga.** The seventeenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the threefold faith.

**Sub-human.** Pertaining to the involutory or pre-human stages of evolution (e.g., the mineral, plant, and animal lifewaves (kingdoms)).

**Sub-plane.** The first differentiation of a plane of consciousness. There are seven levels or sub-planes within each plane. See (Seven Planes).

**Sub-race.** The first differentiation of a root race. There may be seven sub-races within each race. See (Root Races).

**Symbolism.** The mechanism for transmitting abstract, complex, multiple truths in a convenient and compact form, necessary because of the inherent limitations of language, the mind, and objective experience.

**Synthesis.** The integration of some level or species, fully abstracting the experience obtained on the broadest level, fully assimilating the wisdom born of experience. The occult blending and merging of elements.

**Synthetic Triangles.** Equilateral triangles about which are placed various numbers, symbols and/or keywords. The purpose is to provide an instrument for the study and clarification of the seven rays, to provide a synthetic point of focus for the study and correlation of meaningful keywords, and to present esoteric formulas, the realization and understanding of which depends on the spiritual intuition. The method of study includes meditation and contemplation.

## T

**Tamas.** The quality of quiescence, darkness, ignorance, inertia, or immobility. See (Guna).

**Ten Fetters.** In the Buddhist tradition, ten obstacles to overcome for advancement on the spiritual path: self, doubt, superstition, sensuality, hatred, love of an Earth-bound life, desire for life in heaven, pride, self-righteousness, and ignorance.

**Theosophy.** Divine wisdom. The body of accumulated exoteric wisdom teachings, revealed throughout the ages to any who are sufficiently qualified,

more recently available on a broader scale. Theosophical philosophy includes all of the basic occult and mystical teachings. The frontier of revealed insight and understanding of truth and reality, the spiritual path, etc.

**Theurgy.** The philosophy of the absolute that deals with the ultimate synthetic reality or the living of wisdom.

**Third Kingdom.** The animal kingdom. See (Kingdom).

**Third Ray.** The third aspect or person of the Trinity, also called the Third Logos, the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit) or Brahma. This ray is characterized as intelligent activity, consciousness, or manifestation itself. It is the ray that reflects itself into matter and is also the ray of the Planetary Logos.

**Thought-Forms.** The actual form of composite matter evoked by thinking along concrete lines. Every thought (feeling) is imposed on the substance or matter of the mental (astral) plane. Thought-forms can be constructive or destructive depending on the character, quality, and intention of the thinker.

**Time and Space.** The illusion of temporal and spatial existence. Reality is an integrated state in which time and space do not exist as differentiated domains of experience (i.e., reality embraces quality and wisdom).

**Trinity.** The three-fold logos or triplicity corresponding to the three rays of aspect.

Christian	Hindu	Rays	Quality
Father	Shiva	First Logos	Power-Will
Son --- Christ	Vishnu	Second Logos	Love-Wisdom
Holy Ghost	Brahma	Third Logos	Intelligence

# U

**Unity.** Oneness. All of life is one spiritual essence, differentiated as it may be into many kinds and many levels, yet never losing that essential essence that binds all of life together. Horizontal unity refers to the unity of all life on a particular level, and to the effort (spiritual discipline) to recognize and realize that unity consciously. Vertical unity refers to the unity of a life through many levels (e.g., the unity of the human being (monad-soul-personality) or the vertical unity of the Universal Logos through all the planes).

**Upper Triad.** The Trinity (Shiva-Vishnu-Brahma). God. The human soul in three aspects: (1) atma (spiritual will), (2) buddhi (spiritual intuition), and (3) manas (abstract mind). Symbolized by an upward-pointing equilateral triangle. See (Lower Triad).

**Upanishads.** The Hindu esoteric doctrine. One of the three volumes of the Hindu scriptural trinity, which elucidates the theosophical philosophy.

# V

**Vedanta.** The philosophy that presents an illuminated interpretation of the Vedic writings. Instruction in the Vedic tenets. See (Vedas).

**Vedas.** The most ancient and sacred literary and religious works of the Hindus, i.e., divine knowledge. See (Vedanta).

**Vibhuti Yoga.** The tenth chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the glory of God, the yoga of divine manifestation, the yoga of heavenly perfection.

**Vibration.** The inherent internal motion of all that lives (including consciousness and matter). All that exists is vibration (energy) (life). Vibration provides the basis and continuity of all life, consciousness, and form. A vibration may be relatively pure (refined) or coarse. A vibration is naturally qualified by one or another of the seven rays, to some degree and extent and magnitude.

**Visvarupa Darsana Yoga.** The eleventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The yoga of the vision of God, the vision of the cosmic form (universal manifestation).

**Vital Body.** See (Etheric Body).

**Voice of the Silence.** The spiritual intuition (God within), and the realization of the contemplative self (soul).

## W

**Waking-Consciousness.** See (Consciousness).

**Wesak Festival.** The second of the three major festivals that begins the solar year, which occurs at the full moon of Taurus. It is an expression of the wisdom aspect of the Second Ray. See (Festival).

**Wheel of Life.** A representation of the doctrine of rebirth and karma.

**World Ray.** The particular ray of the seven rays that happens to be qualifying the planetary scheme for the present (minor) cycle. Presently, the

Sixth Ray is passing out of manifestation as the world ray and the Seventh Ray is coming into manifestation as the world ray.

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Yoga. The practice of principles (discipline) in seeking oneness or unification (e.g., personality purification, integration, and alignment with the soul).

