THE SEVENTH RAY

THE ASCENDED MASTER SAINT GERMAIN

The Seventh Ray

by

The Ascended Master SAINT GERMAIN

> Compiled and Edited by THOMAS PRINTZ

> > \mathbf{H}

THE BRIDGE TO FREEDOM 1026 Chestnut Street Philadelphia 7, Pa.

CONTENTS

PAGE

DEDICATION	4
OREWORD	5
GREETING	15
Астічіту, Тне	32
NIMAL KINGDOM, THE	99
BROTHERHOOD OF MAN	85
CEREMONIAL WORSHIP	39
COLOR	60
COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR	89
COSMIC CYCLES	75
COSMIC WHEEL, THE	28
DECREES AS A METHOD OF INVOCATION	53
DIAGRAM OF THE SEVEN SPHERES	71
ENERGY BECOMES POWER THROUGH QUALIFICATION	34
FIERY COSMIC FLAME OF FREEDOM, THE	78
GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD, THE	83
HEALING THROUGH VISUALIZATION	95
HOMES AND RETREATS	81
How a Chohan is Appointed	25
"I AM That I AM"	36
LAW OF FORGIVENESS, THE	92
Law of the Circle, The	72
METHODS OF INVOCATION OF THE SACRED FIRE	48
MUSIC	44
PRIMAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EFFICACIOUS	
SERVICE. THE	43
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE GROUP,	
THE	40
RHYTHM	60
"RING-PASS-NOT," THE	52
SACRED FIRE, THE	47
SACRED FIRE, THE	17
SERVICE OF THE CHOHAN, THE	87
	20
Seventh Ray, The	62
SEVEN SPHERES, THE	02
VISUALIZATION AND CONTEMPLATION AS A FORM OF	50
INVOCATION	50

COPYRIGHT 1953 THE BRIDGE TO FREEDOM

PRINTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEDICATION

This book is humbly dedicated to The Beloved Sanat Kumara and Those Other Blessed Guardian Spirits Whose Love, Patience, Confidence and Faith in the Light within the hearts of men has preserved our planet and its people to this present hour.

Through the words and feelings of The Ascended Masters contained within its pages may The Flame of God within the hearts of the gentle reader expand and help to release The Great Lord of the World and His Spiritual Court from Their self chosen exile, that They may return to Their Planetary Homes.

It is time, now, for the earth and its mankind to arise and assume their responsibility to the Universe, walk in Freedom's Robes, and become the Light of the World. Thus the shadow star will become a sun, its cry of pain become an anthem of praise to the Heart of Creation, and its place in the Solar System be assured for Eternity.

THOMAS PRINTZ.

FOREWORD

To understand the opportunity that lies within the beneficent outpouring of the Seventh Ray at this time, I must ask the reader to kindly turn the attention for a moment to the Three-fold Nature of God which has been referred to in Christian Thought as the Holy Trinity.

The August Presence of God, Creator of the Universe and Director of our System, is known as the First Person of the Holy Trinity. He is the First Cause, Divine Mind, the Parent, the Divine Guardian of the Evolutionary Scheme. He has been represented on earth to mankind time and again by Exquisite Beings who embody His Divinity and form the pattern of His Perfection to the evolving consciousness. These Incarnate "Fathers" are known as the Seven Manus of the Race. They are represented in the Hierarchy by the Chohan of the First Ray.

The Godhead, in taking the responsibility for evolving a race upon the planets of our particular universe drew forth billions of spirit sparks from the Great Central Sun of our System, and gave each one—Individuality—moulding such Divine Archetypes after His Own Image and Likeness, and each such beautiful Presence became "the

only begotten son," representative of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

They are represented in the Hierarchy by the Chohan of the Second Ray.

These Divine Presences, in time, sent out a portion of themselves into the world of form in order to expand their own Divine Nature and widen the borders of The Father's Kingdom. The personalities which form the inhabitants of the earth plane are the projected selves of these Divine Presences, who have, unfortunately, forgotten their God Purpose and God Identity.

When one of these Divine Archetypes was enabled to fulfill Itself through the personality which it had created on earth, a manifest Christ (Son) was revealed to the age in which such an one achieved this God maturity. This manifestation is known as "The Second Coming" and is a state that must be attained sooner or later by every Son of God. The Lord Buddha and The Master Jesus are among those who have stood revealed in "the glory which they had with Him before the world was."

All of the Divine Archetypes created by the God-Parents of our System, who abode for countless centuries of time within the Inner Spheres, were gradually drawn toward some particular phase of expression which interested the intelligence of that particular lifestream.

The drawing forth, the moulding into expression and general use of the life energy belong to

the Activity of the Holy Spirit and it is by His intervention that the God Ideas of the Father are made manifest through the Sons in every realm. Thus, the work and activity of the Father through His Sons, by whom life energy is poured into moulds and sent forth to externalize the Beauty and Perfection of The Kingdom, come under the direction of the Third Person of The Holy Trinity the Holy Spirit of Life in action. The Representative of this Cosmic Creative Endeavor, by which each Son of God externalizes some of the Divine Patterns and Perfection of the Inner Spheres, is known as Our Lord The Maha Chohan.

The purpose of the creation as well as the sustenance of any system of worlds is to allow each lifestream called forth from the Universal Heart of God to unfold a Spiritual Nature and become Master of energy and vibration through the conscious control and use of his own Creative Faculties (Thought and Feeling). In order to become such a Master Presence, the three-fold Nature of the God-Parents has to be nurtured and developed within every man. Each one must become a God-Director of his Life Plan-(the Father), an Externalized Son of Right-use-ness (The Son), and a Dispenser of the Holy Comfort and Spirit of Life to the world (The Holy Spirit). To assist in this development, certain Cosmic Rays have been created and are sent earthward in rhythmic pulsations which give the same nourishment to the Spiritual Nature as the seasons of the year

THE SEVENTH RAY

provide for the kingdom of nature. These Cosmic Currents are as orderly in their outpouring upon the earth as is the beneficent radiation of the Spring, Summer and Autumn Seasons. Also, the nature of each man-determined by whichever one of the Seven Inner Spheres forms the Home of his God-Presence-will be greatly influenced by the cycle which corresponds to His Ray of Development. For instance, the early crocus and violet bloom in the brisk atmosphere of March, while the chrysanthemum lies dormant until the August Sun brings the impetus to mature into its life plan. Thus, the Seventh Ray men will, for the most part, slumber more or less during the period when the preceding Six Rays are active and are only stimulated into action by the presence and activity of their Ray in the atmosphere.

The Cosmic Wheel, which allows the play of certain Spiritual Stimuli upon the earth and the inner bodies of her people, has one complete revolution in every fourteen thousand years.

During the first two thousand years of each cycle, the predominant activity is the Power of Divine Mind through the First Ray, in the course of which cycle one of the Great Manus incarnates and forms the pattern in the mind of men for the Religious, Governmental and Individual Endeavors for that Day of Brahm.

During the second two thousand years of each cycle, the predominant activity is in the development from among the evolving mankind of one or more lifestreams who, moulding their individual unfoldment after the example laid down by the Manu, becomes a perfect Divine Son, who "takes the government of the Father upon His Shoulders." He, then, becomes the World Teacher for the remainder of the cycle, relieving the Manu of further responsibility. He, in time, secures the assistance and cooperation of those lifestreams who can represent Him in their Age, teaching the Word of God by example as well as precept. This is the Second Ray Activity.

By the time the cycle has turned to the Third Ray, sufficient Spiritual preparation has been made for countless thousands of Divine Presences to attempt to externalize their God Design through personalities in incarnate form. The action of the Holy Spirit is very evident at this point as His Office is to vitalize, sustain and expand the Gift of Life through these Divine Sons, each one functioning according to His particular part in the God Plan.

As you will see from above, the Divine Presence of each one has already made Its choice of Divine Service at Inner Levels, and because the nature of God is so diversified and His Love so magnanimous and because there are so many facets by which His Perfection can manifest, the Activity of the Holy Spirit (or Third Person of the Trinity) must, of necessity, be divided into "sub-Rays" by which each particular type of God-Man may be given an opportunity to draw, mould and expand

THE SEVENTH RAY

the creative energies in the World of Form.

To give such individuals the proper supervision, guardianship and radiation, the Holy Spirit—unlike His Cosmic Brothers, (the Manu and the World Teacher), chose to divide His Ray into Five Distinct Facets of Cosmic Force, and, through these Five Rays, which represent the Cosmic Hand of God, He superintends the work of translating the Ideas from the Mind and Heart of God into externalized form.

At the head of each of these five Sub-Rays He placed a Perfected Being, who represents the Holy Spirit so far as that particular Ray's Gifts to earth are concerned. These Great Intelligences are called "The Chohans of The Rays." The Maha Chohan (or Holy Spirit), through each of these lesser Rays, pours forth the vitalizing Fire of Life Eternal through each successive two thousand year cycle and the Chohan at the head of each of these Rays becomes the predominant Power and Pattern for the evolution of the race during the time His particular Ray is emphasized by the Holy Spirit.

The Cosmic Wheel has now turned to a point where the last of the Five Sub-Rays of the Maha Chohan is about to be emphasized in its Outporing to the earth, and the particular spiritual gifts, stimuli, powers, and activities of this Ray are to become the predominant activity in the individual, Religious, Governmental and Planetary progress of all people. It, therefore, becomes the responsibility of the Chohan of the Seventh Ray to set into motion, through those life-streams who can respond to His Vibration, the spiritual currents which will form the foundation of the New Age which will embody all the perfection, the culture, the love and freedom of Its Glorious Representative, whom we know and love as Our Brother, Saint Germain.

Let us emphasize that the progress of the evolutionary cycle is as inevitable as the succession of the seasons of nature, and that it is no more possible to hold back the blessings and benefits of each Ray and Its Great Lord than it would be for a man to stop the outpouring of the physical sun. He may run into the cellar and hide, refusing to allow its life giving essence to vitalize his being, but the Cosmic gift of creation goes on—with or without—the acknowledgment and acceptance of the individual.

You will see that the activity of the Seventh Ray gives not only the outpouring of the Master Saint Germain, but it is also the final facet of expression of Our Lord, the Maha Chohan, whose Cosmic Pressure upon the final finger of the Hand of God completes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for this Cycle of Time. This is why the work of Saint Germain and the Maha Chohan are so closely intertwined and why the present hour is of particular significance to all who choose to engage in the

building of the Foundation of the Age of Freedom, when all who work on the Seventh Ray are imbued with the Gifts and Powers of the Holy Spirit.

THOMAS PRINTZ.

EXCERPTS FROM THE HITHERTO UNPUBLISHED LETTERS AND INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MASTER SAINT GERMAIN, CHOHAN OF THE SEVENTH RAY.

TO OUR READERS

Dear Friends of the Sacred Cause of Freedom, I Greet You in the Name of the ASCENDED JESUS CHRIST.

Through His Electronic Light Body do I extend My Hand in Holy Friendship, realizing for you that no activity can connect with your world of experience through That Consciousness unless it be of God.

For how many centuries has this Great Brother protected the earnest, seeking soul of man from the seen and unseen powers of evil through His Name and by His Presence!

In those Dark Ages when the Power of Light was all but lost to the outer consciousness of man, it was good indeed that the Sign of the Cross and The Name of Jesus remained a Force that could not be denied, and many thousands of good men and women owe the continuance of their spiritual lives to that Watchful, Kindly Presence.

Today, we are again in a New Era of Light. It is also a Day when the inner perceptions of the individual soul are tested against the Full Measure of Truth and through this Spiritual Discernment they will find that "the fruit falls not far from the parent tree" nor "the Master's Word and Work from the Father's Throne." The two thousand year cycle of the Piscean Age governed by the Sixth Ray and known as The Christian Dispensation, is drawing to a close, and as all cycles overlap, the sensitive "inner ear" and "inner eye" of The Watchers have glimpsed the Dawn of the New Day through the vibrations of The Seventh Ray which are making themselves felt in the hopeful hearts of the Forerunners of The New Age.

THE SERVICE OF THE CHOHAN

My service to the life of this planet as Chohan of the Seventh Ray is connected with its transmutation, from a Star of Darkness and Shadow into one of Light and Freedom. I have seen the vision of this Free Planet in the Heart of the Eternal Father and I have seen the glory of each lifestream incarnated upon it in its natural Christ Estate, achieved through the same power of transmutation.

Having looked upon the pattern, you will understand my eagerness to mould the substance and energy of the physical appearance world into that Glorious God Design, and my desire to help each free-will acting being to become the Perfect Presence which the Father intended him to be.

In order to accomplish this, I "called forth" my friends of the centuries and imparted to them as much of this vision as I was enabled to pour through their human consciousness, assisted as much as possible by the sensitivity of the incarnated Representative of My Ray.

However, no man can work with bound hands and feet nor with sealed lips and blindfolded eyes —I must have My Friends walking in Freedom's Robes if they are to assist me in the attainment

16

of this glorious destiny for our planet and its people.

With this end in view, the Master Morya (Chohan of the First Ray) offered to present a petition to the Great Cosmic Law for a Dispensation whereby (we) the Seven Chohans (working together) might draw into close association a group of lifestreams belonging to the different Rays and through them go forward with the establishment of the Seventh Ray Activities for the planet. He went forward with the idea and we were given this Grant in the Summer of 1951.

Encouraged by our success, the Master Morya again asked The Cosmic Law for permission to write to a few trusted chelas and friends, outlining a little of our Plan. It was with considerable reluctance that this Grant was given; in fact it was only conferred with the proviso that upon the response would depend any further Dispensations.

You will understand then with what trepidation My Great Friend and I awaited the reply from the human consciousness. Out of seven letters written we had five responses, three of which were of minor significance, these persons having had previous contact with the Masters in this embodiment and of whose cooperation we were more or less assured. However, the result was sufficient for the Maha Chohan to sanction further correspondence, which resulted in unprecedented success.

An impersonal publication was designed, wherein the Masters might express Their Own Views in Their Own Words; give current news of the activities of The Great White Brotherhood, and, to a great extent pierce through the veil that separated the inner and outer realms. Through this means, to our added joy, we came into contact with a growing number of persons who were only too eager to throw the full weight of their combined consciousnesses into furthering the activities which were engaging the interest and energies of The Brotherhood at any given time.

It was designed to offer this service as reasonably as possible so as not to tax the means of the people; to bring comfort to the masses, and to allow the students of Life the satisfaction and joy of developing their own spiritual faculties and capacities without the necessity of having to pass through human personality in order to hear the Word of their Liberated Brothers.

This publication (and any others proceeding from the same source) are the property of The Great White Brotherhood. They are offered freely to all people everywhere at a price within their means, in the hope that they will avail themselves of the extraordinary blessings presented to them as a boon at the commencement of the New Cycle, and it goes without saying how grateful My Brother Chohans and Myself are to all those, ascended and unascended, who have assisted us in opening these channels through which we may pour the Gifts of Our Rays.

As My Beloved Brother, El Morya has explained elsewhere, the Seventh Ray which comes under My jurisdiction, is destined to be the predominant Outpouring upon the Planet Earth and through the lifestreams of all upon it during the next two thousand year period. It is called "The Ceremonial Ray" because it deals primarily with the invocation, condensation and radiation of Spiritual Energies through the conscious control of freewill acting beings.

In the Higher Spheres, beautiful and inspiring rituals, the very fringe of which have not been touched by the imagination of man, are now being prepared and will be lowered gradually into the world of form.

The Seventh Ray is the final one to pour its life giving essence upon the planet in each fourteen thousand year cycle of time. In the course of the history of the earth the Cosmic Wheel has turned many times in these cycles (just as the smaller seasonal wheel has turned countless times in its yearly cycles) and The Seventh Ray has been given the opportunity again and again to fecundate the particular spiritual characteristics which comprise the primal nature of Its children.

At each such revolution certain lifestreams were called forth from the Inner Spheres who had in the course of their evolution become imbued with the nature of the Seventh Ray and who had served in the Seventh Sphere preparatory to their taking incarnation in order to work out their final destinies in the world of form. These lifestreams who chose incarnation along the Seventh Ray each time it struck the earth in its evolutionary cycle became "The Children of The Seventh Ray." Some achieved the Ascension under Its benign influence in preceding cycles, but many did not. From those who remained, the Master acting as Chohan of The-Seventh Ray, has always chosen the lifestreams most developed along the line of His Spiritual Nature to assist Him in expanding and perfecting the Gifts of His Ray to the earth and her people during the time His Ray is active.

At the same time, from among The Seventh Ray Children, potential Chohans for the future are chosen and, under the supervision of the Maha Chohan, trained to assume this Office as the preceding Chohan is graduated into wider cosmic service. I was among those chosen, prepared and finally vested with the Office of Chohan of The Seventh Ray, in which position I now appear as Representative of this Cosmic Outpouring to the carth.

The Service of the Seventh Ray to the evolution of the planet and its people lies in the education of the consciousness of unascended beings in the

power of Invoking, Directing and Sustaining Spiritual Forces for the upliftment of all manifest life.

From among the lifestreams who chose at inner levels to develop their talents and capacities along the lines of The Seventh Ray, I have (like my Illustrious Predecessors) chosen those presently incarnate spirits who respond to my Keynote and Endeavor to bring a workable knowledge of the purpose, design and method of expanding the Activities of the Seventh Ray which will accrue to the greatest possible blessing to, and upliftment of the peoples of the planet. These pages are a foundation and also serve as an invitation to those lifestreams who may choose to assist us in our endeavors at this time. It must be understood, however, that the Great Cosmic Law does not permit of any coercion on the part of a Master to persuade lifestreams to join His Cause, any assistance given must be a voluntary free-will offering on the part of the individual who proffers his help.

The natural flow of life through the "silver cord" is subject to the free-will choice of the individual. Through the long centuries that have passed, each man has allowed this life energy to slip through the avenues of his outer senses, becoming in its discordant manifestations the conglomerate mass of human appearances to which every individual who ever took embodiment on this planet became a natural heir. The dissipation of these evil creations is possible, if we can reach, interest, train and secure the cooperation of a certain number of the human race at this time. This should not prove a too difficult task since, during the past century or so, many thousands have been made aware of the actual existence of the Beings in the Higher Spheres and have also received a more or less comprehensive idea of their relationship to their Source.

This is all in accordance with God's Divine Plan for the awakening of humanity and is only an infinitesimal part of the Blessings that will accrue to the planet under the benign auspices of The New Day.

Through the influence of the Seventh Ray Activities, the members of the Angelic Kingdom, the Nature and the Human Kingdoms will learn to draw and blend their combined energies harmoniously, first for the dissipation of evil and then in the creation of Causes that will manifest on the screen of life as Peace, Health and Prosperity, which will be a culmination of all the lovely "hopes" for a state of happiness, which may be enjoyed here and now by the people of earth instead of pinning their faith in a precarious state which may only be reached after they have "passed over" to the Great Beyond.

I take this opportunity to give acknowledgment to the Great Lord of the World, Sanat Kumara, to My Lord, the Maha Chohan, to My Brothers-

The Chohans of the preceding Six Rays and to The Great White Brotherhood; All of Whom, together with Their Chelas and Students have given me not only Their valuable assistance, but great encouragement in this Endeavor, and I herewith invoke the Blessings of the One Eternal Father on Their individual lifestreams for Their ceaseless efforts to widen the Borders of God's Kingdom. I also acknowledge with gratitude the tremendous assistance I have received from the Seven Archangels, particularly Lord Michael and Lord Raphael and the Angelic Host as well as the sustaining power of Their Love during this first difficult period of introduction of a New Era through The Seventh Ray.

HOW A CHOHAN IS APPOINTED

I thought it may interest My Friends to learn how it was that I was chosen to be the Representative of the Seventh Ray.

You have been told elsewhere that long before the inhabitants of the earth took embodiment and while they still abode in innocence in the bosom of the Eternal Father, many were drawn by the pull of complementary vibrations in themselves toward one or other of the various activities of Light in the great Inner Temples devoted to the service of the expansion of some Divine Quality or Virtue by which the evolving life in the universe might be enriched.

So it was, in contemplating the Nature of God in those early days that I became attracted to the Quality of Freedom. I worshipped at Its Altar!— I became a devotee of Its Flame!—I longed for the opportunity to embody Freedom and bring its feeling of emancipation to all the evolving life I might contact. Thus, when it became time for me to take embodiment I applied myself to the necessary discipline by which I might qualify to become the Messenger of Freedom to the planet earth, with the hope that I might be privileged to ensoul this God Quality with my own lifestream's Intelligence and Directing Power.

Finally, after long ages had passed during which I still pursued my course in cultivating this great Emancipating Quality, I found myself "Vested" with the Freedom Flame, which was tied into my physical heart. I learned then that my activity from here on was to interest and secure as much energy from the mankind of earth as I could, in order to increase the power and momentum of this Flame, building always toward the Cosmic Moment when Freedom's Flame would be required to appear upon the screen of life as manifested upon the planet.

It was at this Initiation that the Cosmic Temple of the Fiery Flame of Freedom's Love was inaugurated at Inner levels. Great Angelic Beings offered to guard and sustain the concentrated Essence of this Flame of Freedom while I finished my round of incarnations, endeavoring always to interest lifestreams in the Cause of Freedom, with the hope that they would become sufficiently *fired* to expand the Flame of Freedom through the limited expressions of the Age in which they lived.

Each time, at the close of my embodiment, I brought over with me more of the energy and substance of the Third Dimensional World contributed by the lifestreams who had found that Cause good. Between embodiments I continued my endeavors with those in the realms where I awaited summons by the Karmic Board for reincarnation, and, through the help of the great Lord Michael (the Archangel) I also visited the lower realms where many discarnate souls (also awaiting re-embodiment) dwelt.

Thus, the Cosmic Flame of Cosmic Freedom grew and waxed strong, and, the stronger it grew, the greater its radiation and pressure through the hearts of the people became, until the majority began to stir with a desire to know, to experience, and to become Freedom, incarnate.

This was the Cosmic Summons required by the great Cosmic Law *before* the full power of the Seventh Ray could manifest Itself through the Religious, Scientific and Educational Channels of the race.

You will see how the demand for Freedom has been asserting itself all over the planet for the past several centuries through those lifestreams who were particularly attuned to the Freedom Flame at Inner Levels, who had made their abode in or near the Freedom Temple between embodiments.

These people were the forerunners of the Spiritual Order which has just begun to emerge from the Inner Spheres and which is being sensed by the most discerning among the Sons of Men.

Thus, when the Chohan who would represent the Seventh Ray to the Planet Earth for this cycle was to be designated, the Great Cosmic Law chose to honor your humble servant with the appointment, succeeding the Beautiful Master Who had been Chohan of this Ray in a former cycle, and who was going forward now to greater heights of Service on the Cosmic Ladder of Evolution.

THE COSMIC WHEEL

The Cosmic Wheel, which allows the play of certain Spiritual Stimuli upon the earth and the inner bodies of her people, has one complete revolution in every fourteen thousand years. During this time each of the Seven Rays is given an opportunity to play upon the earth and give the nourishment and love of its particular quality to the evolving life upon it in order to unfold the spiritual nature of each of its component parts.

The Cosmic Cycle is divided into minor cycles of two thousand years; each one under the direction of a Great Being especially dedicated to a particular quality of the Godhead necessary to the evolution of the earth life for that period. These Beings are called "Chohans of the Rays," the word "Chohan" meaning Lord and "Ray" the color and activity of each of the various Spheres which make up the Aura of God.

The first two thousand year cycle is under the direction of the Chohan of the First Ray, representing the Father, or First Person of The Trinity. This Being sets the pattern for the Religious, Governmental and Individual Evolution of the souls taking embodiment in that cycle. He embodies the Will of the Father. The second two thousand year cycle is under the direction of The Chohan of the Second Ray, representative of the Second Person of The Trinity, The Son. His Office is dedicated to the development of the qualities and precepts laid down by the Will of the Father under the First Ray.

The last ten thousand years of the Cosmic Cycle is under the direction of the Great Being called the Maha Chohan, Who represents the Third Person of the Trinity, or the Holy Spirit, to the earth. His Office is so diversified in its nature, in that He is responsible for externalizing the Will of the Father, with the cooperation of the Son, through every expression of life on the planet, mineral, vegetable, animal and man, that He has chosen to sub-divide the ten thousand years of His reign into five minor cycles of two thousand years each, thus completing the fourteen thousand year period of the Cosmic Cycle.

At the Head of each of these minor Cycles, the Maha Chohan has placed a Great Being, representative of the Ray and Sphere presently active, Who is particularly dedicated to the qualities and nature that are to be developed in the evolving lifestreams during that period. The Maha Chohan holds the Office of Advisory Director to all of the Seven Chohans active in the Great Cosmic Cycle.

The Cosmic Wheel has now turned to a point where the last of the five Sub-Rays of the Maha Chohan is about to be emphasized in its Outpouring. In this final cycle, every lifestream on the

planet is expected to put forth its effort to fulfill the Plan for which it was created.

The purpose for the creation and sustenance of our planet is to allow each lifestream evolving upon it an opportunity to unfold his spiritual nature and become Master of energy and vibration through the conscious control and use of his creative faculties. In order to become such a Master Presence, the three-fold nature of man must be nurtured and developed. For this purpose alone was the Cosmic Cycle instituted and sustained to the present day.

As each new minor cycle opens, a New Method, we shall say, of incorporating the energies of the people is presented to the incarnate lifestreams. This is done through the kind assistance of a representative of the Chohan who is Head of the Active Ray. This representative is always an unascended being who has been closely associated with the Chohan during past incarnations and also between embodiments, so that in his inner bodies he is well acquainted with the Chohan's Ray and Service. Unfortunately, however, it sometimes happens that by the time the Cosmic Moment strikes when the Chohan's particular Ray is to play upon the earth much of the human nature of the unascended representative is woven into his interpretation of The Law. However, as the people's consciousness awakens to the requirements of the hour and their discriminating faculties are sharpened they are able to detect these discrepancies and go forward without any deviation from The Path.

The Cosmic Law, in Its Mercy, allows what is called an "Avataric Incarnation" to take place at the beginning of each of the sub-cycles of the Lord Maha Chohan. It is understood, of course, that an Avatar is a Being, who, like the Master Jesus, has worked out His karma prior to His incarnation as Avatar, and is, therefore, a pure channel through which the finest essence of the Ray is incorporated into the activities of the New Religion. Before His Coming and after His Coming, the work is left in the hands of good lifestreams who insist on "explaining" The Law as their consciousness sees it. We are presently in this before stage, and while the forerunners of the Seventh Ray activity have done well, they have not touched even the periphery of the Truth concerning the Power of invoking, wielding and dispensing the Spiritual Currents that are the Seventh Ray's Gifts for the upliftment of the race.

THE ACTIVITY

As the Seventh Ray comes at the end of the Fourteen Thousand Year Cycle, it will be seen immediately that It represents the drawing forth of all the wealth and unfoldment of the preceding Rays and the development of the "highest" manifestation in every constructive activity sustained by the Life and Substance of the Holy Spirit.

The Activity of the Seventh Ray has been described as "Ordered Service." It must develop the capacity within the lifestreams to consciously draw, focus, mould and project energy, which becomes the Master Control of all circumstance and form.

The development of Ceremonial Worship, whereby individuals can be collectively, as well as individually, educated in the methods of invoking and directing spiritual energies, is one of the most beautiful activities of this Ray.

Through such evolved Ceremonials and Rituals, all the energies by which the various Chohans have endeavored to enrich mankind's consciousness and experience will be transmuted, sublimated and purified, so that the greatest gifts of each Ray may pour forth through the individuals who are the natural open doors for their release. Thus, we are, in a manner of speaking, opening the doors of the consciousness of the race to the perfection from the Seven Spheres in one of which each man's God-Presence dwells.

As the Angelic and Devic Hosts and the Elemental Kingdoms deal with primal energies and are not so concerned with form, and as mankind deals primarily with form and seems apparently oblivious to the power within directed energies, it is expedient that the consciousness of angels, men and elementals be drawn together consciously and blended into a cooperative endeavor to effect the Perfect Age of Freedom. This is another facet of the establishment of the Rituals which will form the worship of the masses in the future.

In This Hour, only those who have shared the Vision of the Full Freedom which the Seventh Ray will bring to the earth, have been able to incorporate their voluntary energies in the endeavor to set into motion this New Era, but as We are enabled to design and execute the God-Pattern for such Ceremonial Worship, the mass of mankind will be drawn toward active participation in it, as the moth is drawn to the Flame.

I would like to touch lightly upon the methods that can be applied to the invocation of these subtle energies, so that the Friends who have responded to My Call may set them into motion through the strength of their own Light and elaborate upon them through the promptings of their own inner inspiration. . .

ENERGY BECOMES POWER THROUGH QUALIFICATION

The primal, electronic light substance of the Universe is drawn into the atmosphere of earth through the Sun. It is concentrated through the Maha Chohan and directed into the facets of nature under His Direction. Through the Chohans of the Rays this same energy is dispensed as spiritual nourishment into the activities which engage such members of the human race as are participating in forwarding world progress on the Rays—Three through Seven.

The Angelic Host and the Devic Kingdoms are natural conductors and directors of the vast seas of energy which form climatic conditions, etc.

Man now comes to a point where he must be illumined as to the power within his own lifestream to draw, focus, mould and direct energies. This is the Educational Activity of the Seventh Ray.

The energy of man that flows through his heart responds to his thought force, his feeling and his qualifying power, as well as the passions and appetites of his bodies.

Energy has been directed by God to obey the Creative Powers in man. The condition of the world today is the result of this "blind obedience" of energy to the untrained embryonic gods and goddesses which constitute mankind. Yet, on the other hand, in this very obedience of energy to act under man's direction, is the hope of his redemption and freedom, for it requires but the training of man in the proper use of his invocative, creative and directive powers to undo the mistakes of the past and to build anew, according to the God-Design.

Energy is drawn and qualified through the following channels:

By the instruments of consciousness (Thought and Feeling).

By the invocative powers of mind, ritual and the spoken word.

By the talisman of magnetized forms.

By the use of music.

By cooperation among Angels, men and elementals.

By the use of the Sacred Fire.

It is, of course, evident that, in order to have beneficial results, the energy drawn through any of the above channels must be harmoniously qualified.

I AM THAT I AM

"I AM THAT I AM"

"I AM Present" is the announcement of the God Presence of the universe focalized at a particular point, ready to manifest the Powers and Mastery of Life for a given purpose, *subject*, however, to the free will of the lifestream making the declaration. Nevertheless, over and above the words "I AM" is the Consciousness in the energy of the Breath—the Un-Nameable One—Who announces His Immanence in the words "I AM" here (Present).

The Power Whose Presence is announced through the thought, feeling or spoken utterance of the "I" is the *Qualifying Presence* of unformed life or substance.

This Great God Center or Central Sun of the Universe endowed His Children with the privilege of sharing His Powers of Creation in the use of the acknowledgment "I AM Present." Every selfconscious ego may use the "I" but the qualifying activity following the announcement of God's Presence within him, through the feeling body, becomes the Law of his individual life.

The primal life essence that sustains the heartbeat of each individual is beautiful, harmonious, pure, intelligent, obedient and neutral in its essence. The lifestream is a constant flow of this life from the Great Central Source of Life into the God Presence which is the Divine Pattern of each individual. From the Individualized Presence, this obedient, intelligent, unqualified life flows into the physical heart. The consciousness abiding in the physical form which the heartbeat sustains (who is endowed with the honor of bearing the Name of the God-Presence "I AM") then becomes the qualifying presence and the use to which he puts this qualifying activity determines the form or appearance this life substance will take for him.

Thus, every Emancipated Being who has become God-Free, adds the full power and momentum of His or Her Own Name or Nature to the "I AM" Presence and becomes a Qualifying Center of perfect God Life wherever He might be, even as every human being prefaces his qualification of life with his or her name or nature and it acts according to his individual momentum for good or evil.

It is clearly evident that, although all men share the power of qualification of life in the announcement "I AM Present," the *nature* of the Qualifying Consciousness determines the amount of comfort or distress which such an announcement would bring. For instance, "I, the Ascended Jesus Christ—AM Present," fills the heart with gladness, whereas the same announcement pro-

nounced by an evil or degraded human consciousness has the very opposite effect.

Therefore, in the use of the acknowledgment of the Qualifying Power of the Godhead, let every man so develop his individual Power of Endowment with a constructive momentum, so that in his use of the words "I AM" only perfection may manifest, not only for himself but for his fellowman and his planet.

Why does creation take place after the utterance (proceeding from the thought and feeling centers) of the "I"?

Because the Qualifying Power of God is the endowment given with His Name to man.

Each free-will thinking unit is thus made a law unto himself. Each man is a God-endowed individual, qualifying life, empowering form and appearance according to his beliefs, desires, inclinations and intent, and none may say him nay.

In turn, man *endows* his religion with the power to comfort him, and he *endows* his business with the power to supply him.

In the same manner man may endow his Christ Self with the power to heal him and set him free. He may endow the Powers of The Sacred Fire with the efficacy which They will manifest through him. This is Truth. "According to your endowment be it done unto you."

CEREMONIAL WORSHIP

In each two thousand year cycle a Religion is evolved by the Intelligences who represent the Godhead for that period. This Religion is based on the natural tendencies of the lifestreams who are to be the focal point for the establishment and maintenance of the spiritual culture of the era. The religious worship is also based on the specific beneficial outpouring which the Chohan of the Ray desires to release to and through the evolving life intelligences in this period.

As we enter the two thousand year cycle of the Seventh Ray, we are beginning to set into motion the type of religious worship which will become the predominant activity of the masses in the future. This worship will include all the best expressions of previous religions as well as the fresh, new impetus of the Chohan under whose direction the New Era will move to fulfillment. (In this case, my humble self.)

At its inception, those blessed lifestreams who have volunteered to assist Me are among the first to respond to the New Vibrations, and later when the foundations have been well laid and the beautiful rituals and ceremonies developed, a greater

38

CEREMONIAL WORSHIP

THE SEVENTH RAY

number of the people will enjoy participating in these uplifting and inspiring services.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE GROUP

In order to participate intelligently in the Ceremonial Activity of the Seventh Ray, every person must be in conscious cooperation with the individual who takes the responsibility of directing the group Activity. In fact, each such an one becomes a Priest or Priestess of The Flame through the magnetic power focused through his own heartbeat.

The energy of the director directs and focuses the energies of the group, but there is no such thing as *passive* enjoyment of the service from the premise of the "onlooker." Each lifestream is, rather, a participant in the actual performance of the successive steps in the ritual.

The director and the students may invoke the Powers of the Sacred Fire—the Masters and Angelic Beings—through the power of visualization, contemplation and directed thought and feeling. This may be done through song, through the spoken word and through the performance of certain rituals, employing pure floral scents and certain musical compositions of a spiritual nature. True efficiency comes when the director and the group can combine all of these faculties and means of invocation toward this end.

I must refer here to the position of the one

entrusted with the responsibility of representing the Master to the group, that is, the leader.

The privilege and responsibility of the director is to unify the consciousness of the group through *directed* visualizations, decrees, songs, and active invocations of the Powers of the Sacred Fire.

The unity of the energies released by each individual of the group into the collective thought form for the ceremonial is the *strength* of the service of that group to the Cause of the Brotherhood. This collective thought and feeling form determines the amount of spiritual energy that is drawn earthward and used to dissipate evil and set into motion new *causes* for world progress.

The ability of the director to obtain and hold the interest of the group, as well as the joyous, willing cooperation of the individual unit, determines the efficacy of the service.

Energies that are released through a sense of "duty" or "fear" are practically useless in the Master's work. Joyous, happy energy is the hope of Heaven.

Each lifestream who has professed enough interest in the Activities of the group to come to the meeting will find himself contributing more freely and willingly through some one of his inner bodies rather than another—(mental, emotional, etheric, physical, and, on rare occasions, Higher Mental). It is for each one to examine impartially his own development, and, if he find his mental, emotional or physical body to be the lazy one of

his vehicles, he should endeavor to bring this particular body to greater obedience through directing it to cooperate with that portion of the service that seems distasteful to it. Here, the bodies of each individual must be treated like children.

The director must also endeavor to give all of the bodies equal opportunity to serve and not lean toward indulgence of the particular vehicle which he, himself, has developed, to the detriment of the other members of the group, who, perchance may miss an opportunity to serve at that meeting because their most highly developed vehicles have been given no opportunity to express themselves.

For instance, many people love physical action and can participate happily in songs and decrees, but they are mentally lazy or undeveloped and soar off into a daze during the time when the mental body should be helping to cut out of the Universal Mind Substance the form which is the Protective Canopy of the room, locality or nation. Others derive great emotional pleasure from instrumental music, but rebel at the physical effort required to decree.

In cooperative endeavor, it is better to have a fifteen minute span of a certain activity and keep it "alive" than a much longer one which strains the undeveloped bodies of the individuals in the group. By changing the type of service from that which requires the cooperation of the physical body, such as song or decree work, back to that requiring the cooperation of one of the inner bodies, greater service can be rendered than by holding the students too long at one particular type of service.

Ceremonial Worship is the balanced use of all the faculties, powers and vehicles of the lifestream —harmoniously blended and utilized to draw, focus and direct energy—to create new Causes for Good and dissolve those of an inharmonious nature.

Decree: "My world is The World of Freedom and the full, unconditional release of all the Mastery, Faculties, Power and Powers of the Light of My Higher Mental Body."

The primal requirements for an efficacious service are:

1. The quieting of the inner and physical bodies of the participants through carefully chosen musical compositions of a soothing and inspirational nature.

(This enables the members of the Angelic Host to prepare the inner bodies of the students to receive the greatest possible blessings from the meeting and also raises each individual to his own highest "potential" service to the group and the Master Intelligence, who is presiding and working with such a group.)

2. The purification of the bodies and auras of the students, the director and the atmosphere which

is to form the focus into which the spiritual energies are to be drawn through the invocation of the Powers of the Sacred Fire, in decrees.

- 3. The protection of the students and the location which are to be the chalice for the direction of those spiritual energies from The Higher Octaves. This protection is drawn forth by the use of the creative centers (thought and feeling) of each individual, focused and concentrated by the director's audible directions.
- 4. Recognition of the God Power focused through each participant, which is the authority by which energy is set into motion and directed toward ultimate good effects.
- 5. Acceptance of the Presence of—and access to the Ascended Host of Light, the Angelic, Devic, Cherubic and Seraphic Hosts, as conscious coworkers in the Activities of the group work.

When these requirements have been met, the Directing Intelligence of the Godhead, either through the God Presence of the director or an Ascended Master or Angelic Guest, will utilize the Ritual to the greatest possible extent according to the requirements of the hour.

MUSIC

As by far the greatest number of the Beloved Chelas who participate in the group Activities are engaged in service in the outer world and are obliged to come to their meetings directly from such service, the part that music plays in quieting the feeling world of the individual, relaxing the physical body and stopping the rapidly revolving thought patterns in the mental bodies, cannot be over emphasized. By this means the atomic structure of the students' bodies is re-polarized, and the vessels through which the God-Self of each individual will endeavor to co-operate in the service are prepared for their part in it, during this musical service.

The Angelic Host, then, begins to weave the spiritual structure under the direction of the Presiding Master out of the very substance and energy of the individuals in the group.

The type of music used will determine the class of Invisible Helpers drawn into the atmosphere of the Meeting, which will form the unseen but palpable audience of Divine Beings whose energies and assistance are without limit in elevating the consciousness of the unascended members of the group, as well as condensing the energies drawn by Themselves to render specific service for the good of life.

Beautiful thought forms are builded by these Invisible Beings, and where the audience participates in vocal accompaniments to the music, the inner forms are clothed in the physical energies of each singer and become a potent power in sublimating energies of a lower nature in the bodies

of the participants as well as in the locality in which the service takes place.

These musical forms are greatly amplified by the Angels, the Devas of Music and the Builders of Form, and are then carried into hospitals, asylums and other places where there is great need for the assuagement of physical, mental and emotional distress.

You will see that where instrumental music gives assistance at inner levels, the group singing is most efficacious in lowering the spiritual forms into the substance of the physical world, in the same manner that the decrees lower the mental forms of the visualizations into the condensed energy of the third dimensional plane.

At inner levels, the Great Music Temples are established in each of the Seven Spheres and, through the Music Devas, these Cosmic Temples often connect with a particularly fine presentation in the physical world and pour through such a musical presentation Their Cosmic Outpouring of the particular God Quality and God Power which is Their Gift to Life.

THE SACRED FIRE

The actual specific powers of the Sacred Fire are endowed by some Intelligent God Being. This means that some Spiritual Intelligence drew the Fire of Creation from the Heart of God and qualified it to act in a certain specific manner. Dedication to such qualification through the centuries has created momentums of the Powers of the Sacred Fire to Heal, to Purify or Transmute, as the case may be. The Intelligences Who have endowed the Sacred Fire with specific God Qualities, as well as the full gathered momentum of these Qualities held in the consciousness of these Beings, are always at the command of the Sacred Fire which is the heartbeat of each individual when invoked by the directive intelligence of the lifestream, because it is all the same element acting.

Therefore, when a group of individuals gather together and, In the Name, Power and Authority of their own Immortal Flame of Life command any Activity of the Sacred Fire to come into their presence, It must obey. This is the Power of Invocation invested in the individual by the very nature of his own Immortal Fiery Heart Center.

As the nature of the Seventh Ray is to purify the Substance and Energy of Life, and as the

Chohan who is the Authority for this Ray (Myself) has endowed it with the Merciful, Transmuting Power of Love Divine, you will see the use of the Sacred Consuming Fiery Flame of Freedom's Love is the privilege and opportunity of all life to benefit by Its Presence and Activity in and through the Group Work.

METHODS OF INVOCATION OF THE SACRED FIRE

The magnetic power of the Fire Element within the heart cannot be denied by any Intelligence or Power of the Sacred Fire in any realm—human or divine. This is irrefutable law. We move forward then on the premise of *certainty* of *accomplishment*. The way and means by which this Sacred Fire may be drawn, focused, moulded and directed will differ according to the individual development of the student as well as the natural Ray to which the student belongs and the requirement of the current hour in local, national or world happenings.

In order to fully develop the Invocative Powers within himself, the individual must first recognize that within his own heart is a focalized Ray of the Presence and Power of the Godhead, containing within Itself the pattern of his own future greatness, even as the seed contains within itself the pattern of the future flower.

This focus within the heart is referred to as the Immortal Three-fold Flame of Life. In the unawakened man it is but a "Spark of Divinity," but when the individual self-consciously places his feet upon the Path, this small Spark takes the form of the God Presence or Christ in miniature, and begins to grow and expand in size, finally emerging from the "airless cell" in which It has abided (bursting from the tomb) and takes Its Rightful Command of the physical body as The Master Presence and Power of Christ. This is the "Second Birth" referred to so often in the spiritual teachings of the past.

The recognition and acceptance of this God Presence within the heart, and the conviction within the feelings, that through that Presence and in the Authority of Its Power he may invoke and draw from anywhere in the universe whatever power and powers may be required to render assistance in the environment in which he is presently functioning, makes the individual a Conscious Priest or Priestess of the Sacred Fire, who is capable, with increasing efficacy, of invoking and directing Its Flaming Presence for the upliftment of his fellow-man and the greater freedom of life everywhere.

VISUALIZATION AND CONTEMPLATION 51

VISUALIZATION AND CONTEMPLATION AS A FORM OF INVOCATION

The power to think that lies within the consciousness of man is one with the Creative Faculty by which the Godhead moulded the unformed substance of the universe into stars, planets and systems of worlds. As soon as man thinks a thought —a form is made. The degree of development of his *mental body* determines the clarity and perfection of the thought-form.

The life which fills the thought-form and makes of it a living, breathing, palpable presence is released through the feeling body of the individual. The quality, nature and development of the *feeling body* determines the purity and strength of the energized thought-form.

These creative centers of *Thought* and *Feeling* are energized by the director of a group in cooperative visualizations, whether for the focusing of certain activities of the Sacred Fire, such as the Cosmic Fiery Flame of Freedom around the individual, group or nation; or the establishment of the mystic "ring-pass-not" which forms the protective shell around anyone's aura.

The ability of the Director to create a clear thought-picture and to stimulate the cooperative feeling nature of the assembly will determine the efficacy of this portion of the Service.

Builders of Form and Angelic Beings assist in this portion of the Service. Into these thoughtforms are poured the actual substance and essence of the spiritual energies released from the blessings of individuals serving in their particular locations and gathered up by the Masters and the Silent Watchers of different localities who utilize these meetings toward this end.