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THE SEVEN RULES FOR INDUCING SOUL CONTROL

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(Excerpts from A. A. Bailey, "Esoteric Psychology II", pp. 214-229)

The seven factors or "Rules for Inducing Soul Control" are:—

- a. THE TENDENCY TOWARDS SYNTHESIS.
- b. THE FACULTY OF THE HIDDEN VISION.
- c. THE IMPULSE TO FORMULATE A PLAN.
- d. THE URGE TO CREATIVE LIFE.
- e. THE FACTOR OF ANALYSIS.
- f. THE QUALITY, INNATE IN MAN, TO IDEALISE.
- g. THE INTERPLAY OF THE GREAT DUALITIES.

“In considering the rules which can induce soul control, it is not my intention to recapitulate the many rules which the aspirant must follow as he perseveres in his endeavor to tread the path to the source—that path to what the Buddhists call Nirvana. This Path is, in fact, but the beginning of that higher Way which leads to a life incomprehensible, even to the most developed of the Beings in our planetary Hierarchy. Nor is it essential that we emphasize the details of living which must control the man who is seeking to function as a soul in command of the personality. ... My present purpose is a far more difficult one, for this Treatise is written for the future more than for present students [written around 1940]. I seek to indicate the basic *rules determining the hierarchical government*, and conditioning, therefore, world affairs. We are here concerned therefore with the subtle activities of energies which, on the inner side, actuate the outer activities and bring about those events in the world of men which later form history.

The problem before [the Hierarchy](#) is twofold and can be expressed in two questions:—

1. How can the consciousness of [humanity](#) be expanded so that it can be developed from the germ of self-consciousness (such as it was at individualisation) and be brought up to that of *complete group consciousness and identification* as occurs when the final initiation is undergone?

2. How can the ascending energy of the fourth kingdom in nature be brought into such close rapport with the descending energy of spirit that another great expression—a *group expression*—of Deity may emerge through man into manifestation?

...The rules “which we are to consider are not [the laws of the soul](#) or the laws controlling the stages of [human development upon the Path](#). They have a much wider scope, and pertain to the broad sweep of the evolutionary cycle as it concerns *the human family as a whole, particularly in relation to its contribution to the entire evolutionary scheme*. However—owing to the lack of trained understanding—we shall have to confine ourselves to the consideration of these rules solely as they govern human unfoldment.

What we are seeking to reveal (if possible) is some of the factors which govern the effort which the Hierarchy of Control and the Custodians of the [Plan](#) utilise, as They proceed to work with the factors already present in man, and the energies already in objective use on this planet. ... That which is here set forth on these matters must await later developments during the coming century, and certain lines of scientific and spiritual unfoldment must eventuate before the hidden implications can be adequately comprehended. ... It is well to ponder on the thought here presented, but not to be quick to assume understanding. ...

1. The Aim of These Rules

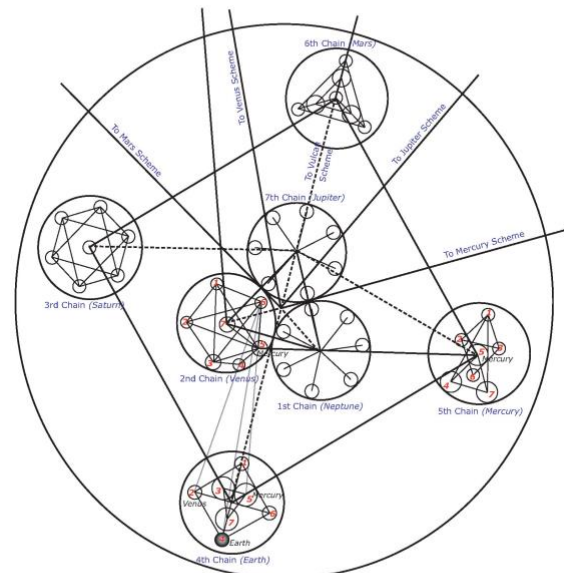
The objectives can (for our purposes) be stated as four in number, but each of these is capable of re-expression in a number of ways. They simply indicate the *four major goals* which the Workers with the Plan have set Themselves.:—

1. The first aim and the primary aim is *to establish, through the medium of humanity, an outpost of the Consciousness of God in the solar system.* This is a correspondence, macrocosmically understood, of the relationship existing between a Master and His group of disciples. This, if pondered on, may serve as a clue to the significance of our planetary work.

2. To found upon earth ... a powerhouse of such potency and a focal point of such energy that humanity—as a whole—can be a factor in the solar system, bringing about changes and events of a unique nature in the planetary life and lives (and therefore in the system itself) and *inducing an interstellar activity.*

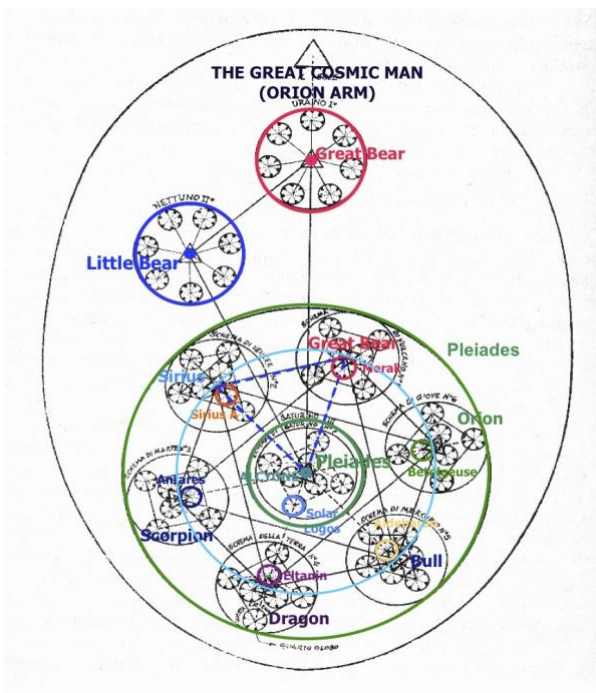
3. To develop a *station of light*, through the medium of the fourth kingdom in nature, which will serve not only the planet, and not only our particular solar system, but *the seven systems* of which ours is one.

CHART VII
Earth Scheme Nro 4



Detail of Earth Scheme (703385)
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SOLAR SEPTENARY CHART

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4. To set up a magnetic centre in the universe, in which the human kingdom and the kingdom of souls will, united or at-oned, be the point of most intense power, and which will serve the developed Lives within the radius of the radiance of the *One About Whom Naught May Be Said.*

In these four statements we have sought to express the wider possibility or occasion as the Hierarchy sees it today. ... Those great Sons of God, Who have passed beyond the point of development of those Masters Who work entirely with the human kingdom, have plans of a still vaster and broader sweep, and Their objectives involve humanity only as an item in the Plan of the great Life "in whom we live and move and have our being."

One may ask (and rightly ask) wherein all this information can be of use to us in the midst of a troubled and bewildered world. For obvious reasons, a vision of the Plan, nebulous as it must necessarily be, confers a sense of proportion and also of stability. It leads to a much-needed re-adjustment of values, indicating as it does, that there is *purpose* and *objective* behind all the difficult happenings of daily life. It broadens and widens and expands the consciousness, as we study the great

volume of the planetary life, embracing as it does the detail and the finished structure, the item man, and the entire life of the planet, with their relation to the greater Whole. This is of far more importance than the minute detail of the human being's individual capacity to grasp his own immediate place within the larger picture ...

It is not ... a profitless task for the disciples and aspirants to catch the dim outline of that structure, that purpose and that destiny which will result from the consummation and fruition of the Plan on earth. ... Given the fact of the finiteness of man and of his life, given the tremendous periphery of the cosmos and the minute nature of our planet, given the vastness of the universe and the realisation that it is but one of countless (literally countless) greater and smaller universes, yet there is present in men and upon our planet a factor and a quality which can enable all these facts to be seen and realised as parts in a whole, and which permits man (escaping, as he can, from his human self-consciousness) to expand his sense of awareness and identity so that the form aspects of life offer no barrier to his all-embracing spirit.



It is of use also to write these words and to deal with these ideas, for there are those now coming into incarnation who can and will understand, when present readers are dead and gone. I and you will pass on to other work, but there will be those on earth who can vision the Plan with clarity, and whose vision will be far more inclusive and comprehending than ours. *Vision* is of the nature of divinity. *Expansion* is a vital power and prerogative of Deity. Therefore let us struggle to grasp what is possible at our particular stage of development, and leave eternity to reveal its hidden secrets.

The factors which determine this peculiar process of hierarchical work, and which therefore constitute the major ***rules of the evolving life of God in the human family***, are seven in number. These—if we may so express it—*determine hierarchical activity*, leaving wide scope for individual effort, but providing the vital active trends beyond which no worker with the Plan will dare to go. ...

2. The Seven Rules

1. *The tendency, innate and ineradicable, to blend and synthesise.* This is a law or rule of life itself. **[1st Ray]**

a. This tendency results, on the form side, in destruction and wreckage, with its accompaniments of pain and sorrow. On the life side, it results in release, liberation and subsequent expansion.

b. This tendency is the basic cause of all initiation—individual, racial, planetary and systemic.

c. It is the result of an act of the will, and is caused by the impulsion of the sensed and innate purpose of God. However (and this is a point oft forgotten) this tendency is motivated by the recognition of the planetary Logos, that His plan is conditioned in its turn, and is an integral part of a still larger plan—that of the solar Deity. God, the solar Logos, is likewise conditioned by a still higher life purpose.



2. *The quality of the hidden vision. [2nd Ray]*

- a. This quality, on the form side, produces physical sight, astral illusion and concrete knowledge. On the life side it produces illumination. This includes the widespread illumination reflected by our planet in the heavens, as well as that which makes an individual man a light-bearer, and which will eventually enable humanity, (as a whole) to constitute a *station of light* upon earth.
- b. This quality is the basic cause of all sensory perception and is the instinctive urge to consciousness itself, in all its many phases. With this quality the Hierarchy has to work, intensifying it and giving it magnetic power.
- c. It is the high result of desire, which is itself intrinsically founded on the will to form a plan and a purpose.

3. *The instinct to formulate a plan. [3rd Ray]*

This instinct governs all activity which, in process of evolution, divides itself into instinctual *activity*, intelligent activity, intuitional or purposive activity, and illumined activity, as far as mankind is concerned. This includes that department of the Hierarchy which works with humanity. The higher phases of planned activity are many and diverse, and are all synthesised under the third ray activity, at present focussed in the seventh ray. [Mahachohan]

- a. Viewed from the form side, this faculty of planning leads to separative and selfish activity. Viewed from the life side, it leads to a blended cooperation which swings each unit of energy in every form, in all its subjective and unified aspects, into the task of unification. This is potently taking place in the world today. It is the tendency to at-one-ment which leads the human being, first of all, to the development of an integrated personality, and then to the submergence of that personality in the good of the greater whole.
- b. This constitutes the basic cause of evolution itself—individual, planetary and systemic.
- c. This instinct is the result of the development of manas, or mind, and the emergence of the intelligence. It is the peculiar quality or instinctual nature through the means of which humanity impresses the first Ray of Willed Intent, fostered by desire, and transmuted into intelligent activity.

4. *The urge to creative life, through the divine faculty of imagination. [4th Ray]*

This urge is, as can easily be seen, closely connected with the fourth Ray of Harmony, producing unity and beauty, won through conflict.

a. This, on the form side, leads to warfare, struggle and the building of forms which must later be destroyed. On the life side, it leads to quality, vibratory radiance and the revelation upon earth of the *world of meaning*.

b. It is therefore the basic cause of that subtle essence or revelation which is seeking expression through every form in each kingdom in nature ... the *revelation of meaning*. This is beginning to happen today.

c. It is the result of the ability—sometimes adequate and sometimes inadequate—of the inner consciousness to reveal its measure of control by the Plan, and its response to the larger intent. It is upon this response that the Members of the Hierarchy are today counting, as They endeavor to bring the hidden meaning to the fore in the consciousness of man.



5. *The factor of analysis. [5th Ray]*

This factor may surprise those who suffer from the misuse of the power to discriminate, to analyse and to criticise. It is, however, a basic, divine quality, producing wise participation in the Plan and skill in action.

a. On the form side, it manifests as the tendency to separate, divide and to place in contradictory positions. On the life side, it leads to that understanding which *tends to identification, through the wider choice and comprehension*.

b. It is the basic cause and impulse which will lead to the eventual appearance of the kingdom in nature, higher than the human, which is strictly that of the soul, and will produce the manifestation upon earth of the **fifth kingdom** in nature, that of the kingdom of gods. ...

c. It is the result of the active work of the sons of God, the sons of mind, and is the part which they are contributing to the total planetary contribution, as part of the great systemic Plan. The Hierarchy itself is the outer and inner manifestation of the sacrifice of the *divine Manasaputras* ..., and its members respond to Their sensed vision of the Plan for the whole. The Hierarchy is essentially the germ or nucleus of the fifth kingdom in nature.

6. *The quality, innate in man, to idealise. [6th Ray]*

This is founded upon the success of the Plan itself. This Plan sought originally to awaken in man the following responses:—right desire, right vision and right creative activity, *based upon right interpretation of [ideals](#)*. This triplicity of purpose merits thoughtful consideration.

a. On the form side, this has worked out as material desire, leading eventually to cruelty and frequently to an extreme sadistic expression. On the life side, it has led to sacrifice, one pointed purpose, progress on the path, and devotion.

b. It is the basic cause of all organisation and of cooperation. *The ideal before the Hierarchy is the realised Plan*. This is brought to humanity in the form of *ideas*, which become, in time, *ideals*—to be desired and fought for. In order to materialise these ideals, the trend to organise comes into being.

c. It is the result—curiously enough—of the work of a peculiar group of world workers, who are recognised by humanity under the name of *World Saviours*. These are the Founders of those forms through which the divine ideas become the ideals of the masses, in all realms of human thought. Every great world leader is necessarily a "suffering Saviour."



7. The seventh rule or controlling force with which the Hierarchy works is *the interplay of the great dualities*. *[7th Ray]* Through the activity engendered by this interplay, and through the results achieved (producing always a third factor), the whole manifested world is swept into line with the divine Purpose. This does not become apparent to the man who is immersed in the detail of life, but could we see the planetary life as it can be seen by the Masters Themselves, we would note the pattern emerging in all its beauty, and the structure of God's thought for the universe appearing today in clearer outline and greater synthesis and beauty of detail than ever before.

a. On the form side, this produces the sense of being imprisoned by the time factor, the victim of speed, and the implacable forces of all life activity, as they play upon the imprisoned human being. On the life side, it results in rhythmic living and conscious adaptation of energy to the immediate purpose and goal.

b. It is necessarily the basic cause of the appearance and the disappearance of forms, human and humanly constructed.

c. It is the result of at-one-ments wrought out on the physical plane, thus producing the lower unifications, just as the at-one-ments wrought out hitherto in the human consciousness, have produced unification with the soul. The higher at-one-ments, hitherto effected on the plane of mind, have to be expressed eventually on the plane of physical life [precipitation of the fifth divine kingdom through the fourth human kingdom and liberation of the 3 lower kingdoms-animal, vegetable and mineral]..

In the preceding introductory outline, we have considered very briefly the rules which can induce on earth that soul control which is the immediate goal of the evolutionary process. We have seen that we are considering no simple exercises or discipline, nor are we dealing with the development of those required characteristics which precede the stage of technical Initiation. We are, in reality, concerned with those basic trends and those innate tendencies in the divine expression which will ultimately bring about the manifestation of the Oversoul upon our planet.

We have seen also that these governing tendencies are already beginning to be expressed and realised, and that the fourth kingdom in nature, the human, occupies a unique position in this development. In the downward and the upward flow of the divine life, as it expresses itself through the involutory and evolutionary urges, humanity constitutes one of the fundamental "original centres of force" which can and will form an outpost of the divine Consciousness, an expression of the divine Psyche, manifesting eventually those three outstanding psychological characteristics of divinity: *Light, Energy, and Magnetism*. In the human being, the microcosmic reflection of the Macrocosm, these qualities are expressed by the words: *Illumination or Wisdom, Intelligent Activity, and Attractiveness or Love*. It is well to ponder on this attempt to simplify the divine potencies into words, and thus to indicate how they may express themselves in and through a human vehicle.



We can now enlarge somewhat upon the previous statements, so as to give a clearer idea upon two matters:—

1. The relationship of these *divine qualities* as they can be apprehended and developed in man.
2. The future responsibility of an enlightened humanity, as it passes on into the New Age. ...

One of the points which I have sought to bring out in all the previous writings already published, is that the Laws of the Universe, the Laws of Nature and those basic controlling factors which

determine all life and circumstance, remaining for us fixed and unalterable, are the expression—as far as man can understand them—of the *Will* of God. The rules or living factors which we are now considering and which (when understood and obeyed) will induce soul control in the individual and in the universe, are the expression of the *Quality* or Nature of God. They will ultimately lead to the full expression of the divine Psyche. They will bring into evidence the instinctual, emotional nature of Deity, if such human words can in any way express the divine qualitative potencies.

The Laws of the Universe express the divine Will, and lead to the manifestation of divine Purpose. This is wisdom. They ordain and nurture the Plan.

The Rules for Inducing Soul Control express the divine quality and lead to the revelation of God's Nature, which is love.

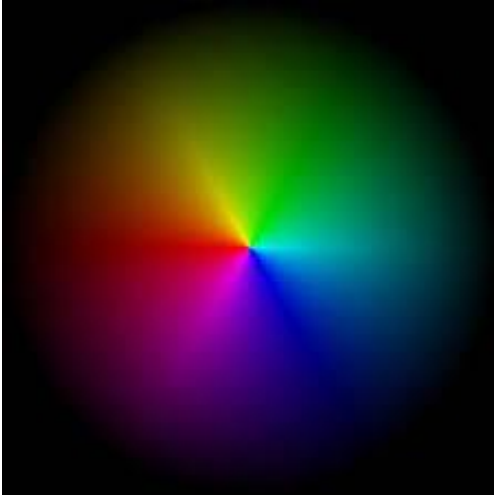
The Laws of Nature, or the so-called physical laws, express the stage of manifestation or the point reached in the divine expression. ... They govern or express that which the divine Spirit (which is will, functioning in love) has been able to effect in conjunction with matter for the production of form. This emerging revelation will produce the recognition of beauty.

The first category, the Laws of the Universe, are touched upon in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* and occasionally mentioned in the other writings. Modern science has done much to bring about an understanding of the Laws of Nature, and can be trusted to do so, for the soul drives all things on to knowledge. In what is here presented I seek to lay the basis for the new science of psychology which must be founded upon a broad and general understanding of the divine Psyche as it seeks expression through the manifested Whole, the solar system, and, for our purposes, the planet and all that is upon it.

When the potency of the divine psychology and its major trends and characteristics are recognised, when modern psychology shifts its attention away from the minute study of the psyche of the individual man (and usually an abnormal individual) to a concentrated consideration of the psychological attributes of the greater Whole of which we are but a part, we shall arrive at a new comprehension of Deity and of the relation of the microcosm to the Macrocosm. This has been left too much to the department of philosophy in the past, but must now engross the attention of the psychologist. This desirable event will be brought about when the true meaning of history is grasped, when the wide sweep of human unfoldment down the ages is understood, and when the soul is seen to be functioning through all parts of all forms. At present, man alone is really credited with a soul, and the soul of all things is overlooked. Yet man is but the macrocosm of the other kingdoms in nature.

The seven rules which we are now studying are, therefore, of supreme importance, for they embody the key ideas which will reveal Deity in operation as the Soul of all things; They will reveal the nature and method of activity of the Cosmic Christ, and will indicate the governing qualitative tendencies





which determine the psychical life of all forms—from a universe to an atom—in the body of any so-called material revelation of life. ...

These rules express themselves with equal potency on all the seven rays, and they produce the manifestation of consciousness on earth in any and every form. ... The seven rays ... are the *seven major expressions of the divine quality* as it limits (and it does so limit) the purposes of Deity. God Himself hews to a pattern, set for Him in a still more distant vision. *This purpose or defined will is conditioned by His instinctual quality or psyche*, in just the same way as the life purpose of a human being is both limited and conditioned by the psychological equipment with which he enters into

manifestation.”

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In extreme synthesis, the *Psyche* or *Divine Quality* of our current Second Solar System, the Second Ray of Love-Wisdom, is the septenary Cause of the Evolution of the Consciousness/Soul aspect, and is applied by the Hierarchy to Humanity through these *Seven Rules for inducing Soul control*.

The “four major purposes proposed by the Executors of the Plan” will be fulfilled through the *human Fourth Hierarchy*, our solar and cosmic Essence.

THE SEVEN CREATIVE HIERARCHIES IN ACTIVE PLANETARY EXPRESSION

THE SEVEN STATES OF BEING—UNDER KARMIC LAW	Nos. Down	Ray	Name	Sign	Energy	Comments	Nos. Up
	6	I	Divine Flames Divine Lives	1. <i>Leo</i> Planet—Sun Colour—Orange	Parashakti Supreme energy	Fire—Air Logocic Plane	7
	7	II	Divine Builders Conferring soul (C.F. 605) Burning sons of desire	2. <i>Virgo</i> Planet—Jupiter Colour—Blue	Kriyashakti Materialising ideal	Ether Monadical Plane	6
	8	III	Lesser Builders Conferring form (C.F. 605) The triple flowers	3. <i>Libra</i> Planet—Saturn Colour—Green	Jnanashakti Force of mind	Water Atomic plane	5
	9	IV	Human Hierarchy The Initiates Lords of Sacrifice	4. <i>Scorpio</i> Planet—Mercury Colour—Yellow	Mantrikashakti The WORD made flesh. Speech	Solar Angels Agnishvattas Buddhic	4
	10	V	Human Personality The Crocodiles Makara, the mystery	5. <i>Capricorn</i> Planet—Venus Colour—Indigo	Ichchhashakti Will to manifest	Fire Mental Plane	3
	11	VI	Lunar Lords Sacrificial Fires (C.F. 378)	6. <i>Sagittarius</i> Planet—Mars Colour—Red	Kundalinishakti Energy of matter Form	Water Astral plane	2
	12	VII	Elemental lives The Baskets of Nourishment. The Blinded Lives	7. <i>Aquarius</i> Planet—the Moon Colour—Violet	None	Earth	1

So, *Glory to the Laws of the Oversoul.*

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2. **THE FACULTY OF THE HIDDEN VISION** → [the basic cause of] *Illumination.*
3. **THE IMPULSE TO FORMULATE A PLAN** → [the basic cause of] *Evolution.*
4. **THE URGE TO CREATIVE LIFE** → [the basic cause of the] *Revelation of Meaning.*
5. **THE FACTOR OF ANALYSIS** → [the basic cause of the] *Manifestation of the 5th Kingdom.*
6. **THE QUALITY, INNATE IN MAN, TO IDEALISE** → [the basic cause of Organization and Cooperation, i.e.,] *Coordinated Cooperation*
7. **THE INTERPLAY OF THE GREAT DUALITIES** → [the basic cause of the] *Appearance/Disappearance of human and humanly constructed forms.*

May our cosmic Christ resurrect in the One Humanity!

