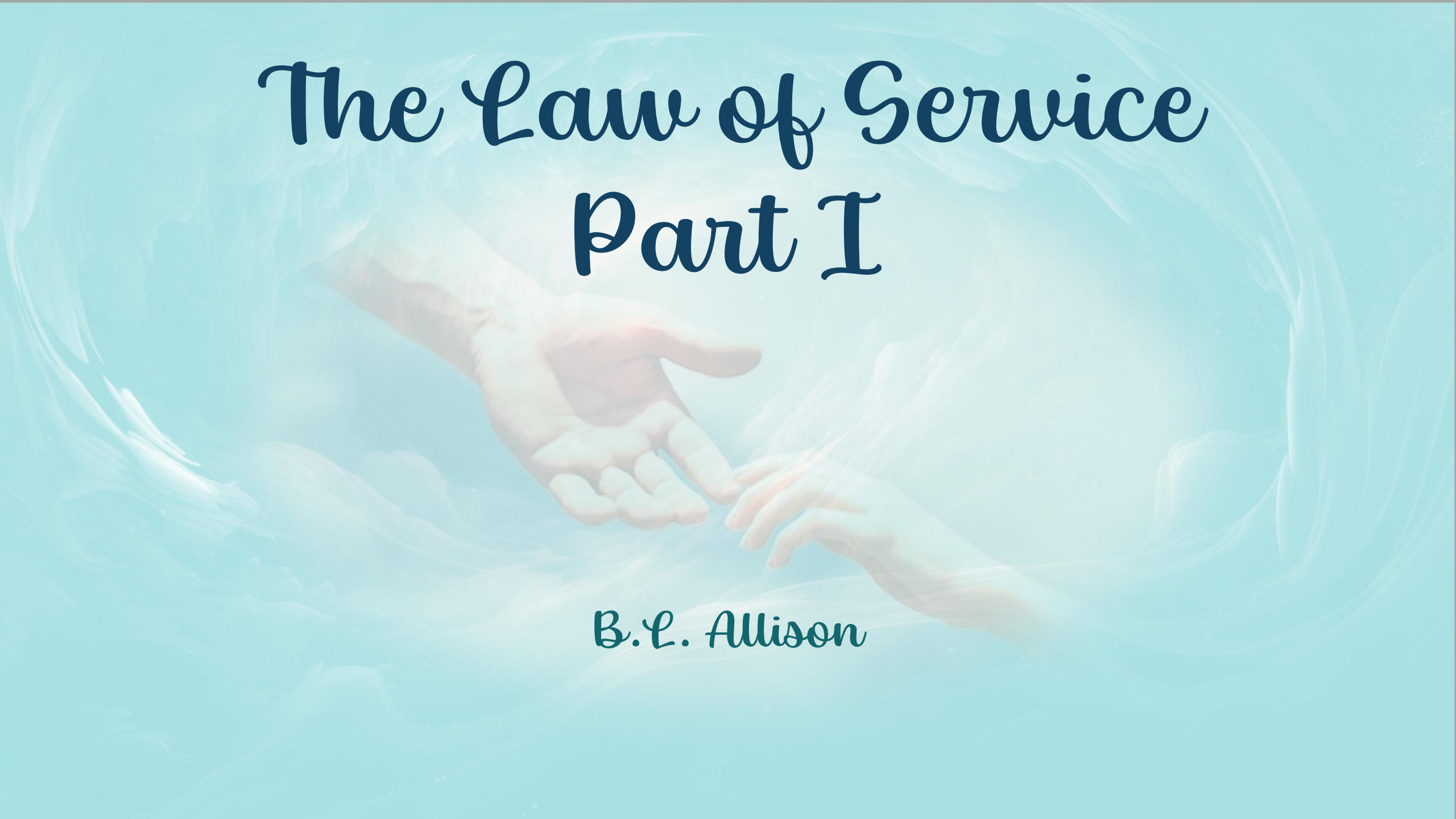




The Law of Service Part I

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The Law of Service

This law, for want of a better name, concerns the identification of an atom with the group interest, and the steady negation of the atom's own material interests; it really deals with the process or method whereby an atom (positive in its own centralized life) gradually becomes responsive and receptive to the positive life of the group.

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Why do you
look so sad?



Everyone says they
don't trust me



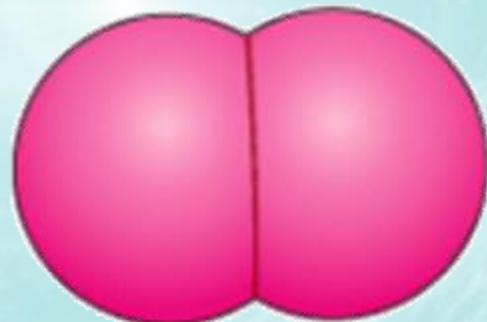
That's because atoms
make up everything





Hydrogen

+



Oxygen

=



Water

The Urge to Serve

- An Ashram is not a group of people, working under the tutelage of some Master.
 - It is a magnetic point of tension, a fusion of energies, directed towards a common center
- It involves two magnetic factors:
 - A united urge towards group formation upon the mental plane.
 - When the magnetic pull of the group is adequately strong, then comes the death of the personality life.
 - Until the group of disciples in all its parts expresses this outgoing sacrificial urge, it is not an Ashram.
- The magnetic pull of the positive center at the very heart of the group is the Master.
 - His task is to blend and fuse the energies, tendered and proffered by the group (under the urge to serve) and to indicate the field of service.
 - The mode of this instinctual activity is voluntarily rendered and unitedly followed.
 - When any group—working in this way under a Master—is moved by one spiritual impulse and functions through one firm organization (like electrons around the positive nucleus in an atom), the potency of the group will become immediately effective and not before.

These seven laws are those which are ascertained and consciously studied in all groups working under the Masters

Nbr	Exoteric Name	Esoteric Name	Symbol	Ray Energy
1.	The Law of Sacrifice	The Law of Those Who Choose to Die	A Rosy Cross with a Golden Bird	Outpouring Fourth Ray Energy. At-one-ing Factor.
2.	The Law of Magnetic Impulse	The Law of Polar Union	Two fiery balls and a triangle	Radiatory Energy. Second Ray. Manifesting Factor.
3.	The Law of Service	The Law of Water and the Fishes	A Pitcher of Water on the Head of a Man	Outgoing Energy of the Sixth Ray . Vivifying Factor.
4.	The Law of Repulse	The Law of All Destroying Angels	An Angel with a Flaming Sword	Rejecting Energy of the First Ray. Dispersing Factor.
5.	Law of Group Progress	Law of Elevation	The Mountain and the Goat	Progressive Energy. Seventh Ray. Evolving Factor.
6.	Law of Expansive Response	(Name not Given)	Flaming Rosy Sun	Expansive Energy. Third Ray. Adapting Factor
7.	Law of the Lower Four	Law of Etheric Union	A Male and Female Form Placed Back-to-Back	Fiery Energy. Fifth Ray. Vitalizing Factor



Together these both evoke the vivifying energy of the Christ, with his service as the World Teacher in both the Ages of Pisces and Aquarius

The Threefold Service of the Aquarian Christ *He “tends the evocation of the fire”*

Nicholas Roerich Museum New York

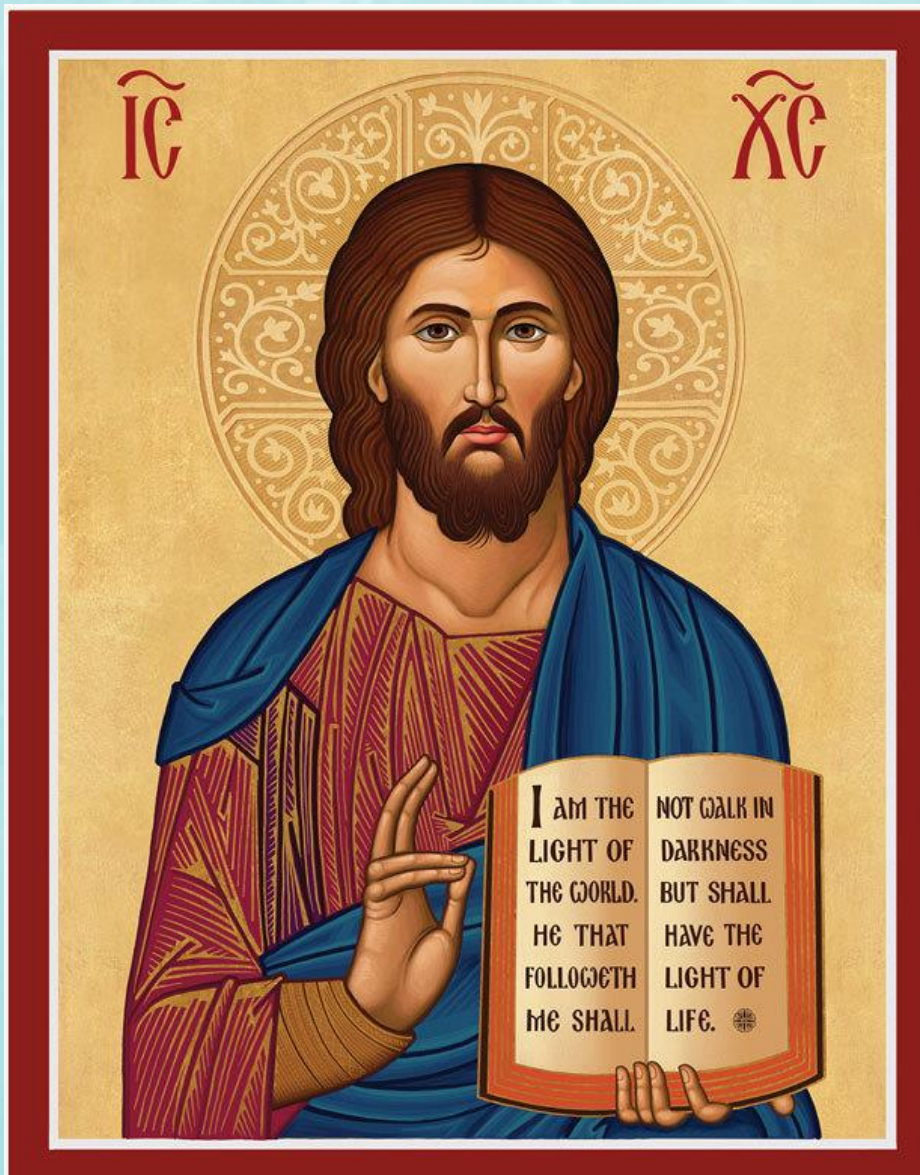


SHAMBHALA

by Nicholas Roerich

- His major task as Head of the Hierarchy is to evoke the electric fire of Shamballa, the energy of divine Will.
- Christ's evocation of the fire of the will was initiated symbolically in the Garden of Gethsemane.
- Having related Humanity to the Hierarchy, He now seeks to relate more closely, with the aid of the Buddha, the Hierarchy to Shamballa, love to will, electric fire to solar fire.

The Threefold Service of the Aquarian Christ *He “nourishes the lesser lives”*



- This refers to the task of the Christ in His capacity of God the Preserver. He "tends the little ones."
- This concerns His activity as Initiator and His responsibility as Head of the Hierarchy. The nourishing of the little lives refers primarily to His task as World Teacher and His responsibility to lead humanity into the light.

The Threefold Service of the Aquarian Christ

He “keeps the wheel revolving”



- This refers to the great Wheel of Rebirth where souls are carried down into incarnation.
- Through the turning of the wheel, human beings learn their needed lessons, create cyclically their vehicles of expression (the response apparatus of the soul in the three worlds).
- And in this way, under soul guidance, and aided by the Hierarchy, they arrive at perfection.
- This entire process is under the control of the Christ, assisted by the Manu and the Lord of Civilization.

True Service

- Many well-intentioned aspirants are prone to give undue time to their registered aspirations, and to the formulation of their plans for service.
 - The world aspiration is now so strong, and humanity is potently orienting itself towards the Path that sensitive people everywhere are being swept into a vortex of spiritual desire.
 - They ardently long for the life of spiritual undertakings and of recorded soul consciousness.
- They either over-estimate themselves; or deplore their lack of spiritual achievement.
- They become lost in mental plans for world endeavor to see themselves as the pivotal point around which service will move
 - They fail to realize that the motivating impulse is primarily due to what the Hindu teachers call a "sense of I-ness", and that their work is founded on a subjective egoism which must—and will—be eliminated before true service can be rendered.

Service: Motive, Process, Attitude

- We're told in TWM that right motive leads to right service
 - It's an expression of love to the family, Master's group, and nature
 - Leading to service to Humanity and consciousness of the Plan
- DINA II defines it as a scientific process
 - Calling for full expression of soul powers on the physical plane
 - Drawing of all resources of spiritual strength and wisdom in service
 - Although some of the world's greatest servers do so instinctively
 - Their brain consciousness is unaware of the Hierarchy/Plan
 - Just as some esoteric students study too much without serving
- DINA II suggests it's a matter of attitude:
 - Of personality to the soul (self-control)
 - Of integrated man to Humanity (service)
 - Of the Disciple to the Hierarchy (intuitional sensitivity)

Labor XI – Cleansing the Augean Stables

- ⚡ The stables hadn't been cleaned in years
 - Fields were fallow, as nothing could grow
 - Noxious fumes were making the people ill
- ⚡ King Augeus eyed Hercules suspiciously
 - But he welcomed Hercules to try and fulfill his boast
 - Promising Hercules a reward of 1/10th the king's cattle if he succeeded
 - Or his life and fortune if he failed
- ⚡ Standing by 2 nearby rivers, an idea inspired Hercules
 - He diverted the rivers, letting them clean out the muck
 - And in one day, accomplished his task
- ⚡ King Augeus claimed it was a trick, a plot against the king
 - So he gave Hercules no reward and banished him from the realm

Labor XI – Meaning of the Myth

- ⌘ As an initiate, endowed with a lot of common sense
 - Hercules contemplated the problem at hand
 - The filth represents accumulated dross man had created
 - On the mind, emotional, and physical levels
 - This filth creates separateness
 - He broke down barriers by using 2 rivers to clean the stables
 - The 2 rivers needed to be released to improve people's lives
 - They represent the water of life and the river of love
- ⌘ But there is no appreciation for the advanced worker
 - People mistrust or fear things they don't understand
 - Yet the advanced worker perseveres anyway
- ⌘ He can be a Master because he has learned to serve
 - And can serve because he is a Master

Labor XI – The Journey

⚡ Unselfish Service, Group Work, and Self- Sacrifice

- The hallmark of the Initiate
- Ready for universal tests, no longer personal or individual
- They demonstrate inclusiveness of the consciousness
- And vastness of the methods employed

⚡ By pouring out the cleansing waters

- He symbolically offered his service to humanity
- Via a menial labor
- Showing the importance of the service itself
 - Not the nature of that service

⚡ No reward was forthcoming – it was an act of Service

The Effects of the Laws

Law	Effect	General Physical Effect	Reaction	Quality
1. Sacrifice	World Saviours, The Christ	Deliberate death. "I die daily."	Love for the Saviour, Desire to Follow.	Selflessness.
<i>Physical Plane Unity.</i>			The Masses.	
2. Magnetic Impulse	World Religion, Schools of Thought.	Churches, Organizations	Love of Ideas. Philosophy.	Devotion. Idealism.
<i>Etheric or Vital Unity.</i>			The Aspirants.	
3. Service	Humanitarian Activity.	The Red Cross and allied activities.	Love of Humanity.	Sympathy. Compassion..
<i>Astral Unity.</i>			The Probationers.	
4. Repulse	The fight against evil.	Crusades of all kinds.	Love of Good.	Discrimination
<i>Mental Unity.</i>			The Disciples.	
5. Group Progress	New Groups	New Group of World Servers.	Love of Synthesis.	Inclusiveness
<i>Soul Unity.</i>			The Initiates.	

“ . . . the whole heart poured out in love to God – God in his own heart, God in the heart of his brother, and God as seen in every form.”



Serve and Obey

- When these simple truths are enunciated and we are urged to serve our brother and to obey our soul, it seems to us so familiar and so uninteresting that it can evoke but little response.
 - If we were told that the following of a prescribed form of meditation, a definite formula of breathing, and regular concentration upon a specific center would release us from the wheel of life and identify us with the spiritual self we would gladly and willingly and joyously follow out instructions.
- But when we are told to serve and obey, we are not interested.
 - Service is the mode, par excellence, for awakening the heart center,
 - Obedience is equally potent in evoking the response of the two head centers to the impact of soul force and unifying them into one field of soul recognition.
 - The urge to satisfy desire is a basic urge of the form life
 - The urge to serve is of the soul.
- The heart of man is sound, but asleep; serve and obey are the watchwords of the disciple's life.

A True Server

- Ambition, the desire to function as the center of a group, the longing to hear oneself speaking, teaching, lecturing, or writing are often wrongly interpreted by the aspirant as service.
 - The Master looks not at a worker's worldly force or status, not at the numbers of people who are gathered around his personality
 - but at motives which prompt his activity and at the effect of his influence upon his fellowmen.
- True service is the spontaneous outflow of a loving heart and an intelligent mind;
 - it is the result of being in the right place and staying there;
 - it is produced by the inevitable inflow of spiritual force; not by strenuous physical plane activity;
 - it is the effect of a mans being what he truly is, a divine Son of God
 - not by the studied effect of his words or deeds.
- A true server gathers around him those whom it is his duty to serve and aid by the force of his life and his spiritualized personality, and not by his claims or loud speaking.
 - In self-forgetfulness he serves; and he gives no thought to the magnitude or the reverse of his accomplishment and has no pre-conceived ideas as to his own value or usefulness.
 - He lives, serves, works and influences, asking nothing for the separated self.

Humility in Service

I would like also to point out with all the clarity and power at my disposal, the very deep necessity for humility and its constantly recurring expression. I refer not to an inferiority complex but to that adjusted sense of right proportion which equips its possessor with a balanced point of view as to himself, his responsibilities and his life work. This, when present, will enable him to view himself dispassionately and his presented opportunities with equal dispassion.

Learning to Serve

- The Law of Loving Understanding will be greatly facilitated and speeded during the Aquarian Age
 - it will eventuate later in the development of a world-wide international spirit,
 - in the recognition of one universal faith in God and in humanity also as the major expression of divinity
 - and in the transfer of the human consciousness from the world of material things to that of the more purely psychic. This will lead in time and inevitably to the world of spiritual realities.
- It should be remembered that (for advanced humanity) the sequence of the recognition of these expansions of consciousness is as follows as they learn to serve:
 - The world of psychical living (this requires the recognition of the need for mental and spiritual control).
 - The world of mental unfoldment.
 - The world of the soul or ego, the individualized man.
 - The control of the physical plane life by the soul.
 - The functioning/utilization of the psychic powers and their place and part in the field of intelligent service.
 - The interpretative faculty of the illumined mind.
 - An inspired creative life upon the physical plane.

The Law of Service leading to the Law of Repulse

- Two things determine the rapidity with which he can—upon the Path of Discipleship—bring the Law of Repulse into play.
 - One is the quality of his motive. Only the desire to serve is adequate to bring about the necessary reorientation and subjection to the new technique of living.
 - The other is his willingness, at all costs, to be obedient to the light which is in him and around him.
- Service and obedience are the great methods of release
 - They constitute the underlying causes which will bring the Law of Repulse into play,
 - Thus aiding the aspirant to attain the longed-for liberation.
- Service releases him from his own thought life and self-determination.
- Obedience to his own soul integrates him into the larger whole, wherein his own desires and urges are negated in the interest of the wider life of humanity and of God Himself.
- God is the Great Server and expresses His divine life through the Love of His heart for humanity.