

The Law of Sacrifice

The Law of those who choose to die





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— or on a larger scale—
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The death of that which is higher in the order and scale of being, to release that which is lower.

- The incarnation of a great Being who chooses to embody a lower grade vehicle that veils its power and radiance
- The sacrificial choice of a Saviour to leave its exalted state upon its own high plane, to save lives whose evolutionary status is lower
- A sacrificial incarnation to reside within a form that must be redeemed from within – the redeeming work of God Immanent.



Ray Four and the Law of Sacrifice

Ray Four keynote:

"Let the outer glory pass away and the beauty of the inner Light reveal the One. Let dissonance give place to harmony, and from the centre of the hidden Light, let the soul speak: Let the word roll forth: 'Beauty and glory veil Me not. I stand revealed. I am.'"

"It must never be forgotten that this fourth ray of conflict is the ray whose energies, rightly applied and understood, bring about harmony and at-one-ment. The result of this harmonising activity is beauty, but it is a beauty that is achieved through struggle. This produces a livingness through death, a harmony through strife, a Union through diversity and adversity."

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“It will be apparent, therefore, why it is the energy of the fourth ray which is related to this Law of Sacrifice, and why in this fourth planetary scheme and in our fourth globe, (the earth globe) so much emphasis is laid upon this Law of Sacrifice, "the Law of those who choose to die."

... The fourth ray of conflict and this first law are—in time and space—dominating factors in the fourth kingdom in nature, the human kingdom. Our planet, the fourth in the series of divine expression with which we are associated, has a peculiar relation to the position of our solar system in the series of solar systems which constitute the body of expression for The One About Whom Naught May Be Said.”

The Sacrifice of Great Saviours

Sanat Kumara

- Known as “The Great Sacrifice”, sentences Himself to remain within the earth’s energy field and irradiate the path of lives evolving on the planet.

The Christ

- The Cosmic Christ descended to our world and was crucified upon the cross of matter. By that great sacrifice, opportunity for evolutionary advancement was offered to all lives in all kingdoms.

Solar Angels

- They relinquished their exalted life within the Heart of God to implant the seed of self-consciousness into animal man, to create the human kingdom.



The Soul - Francis Donald



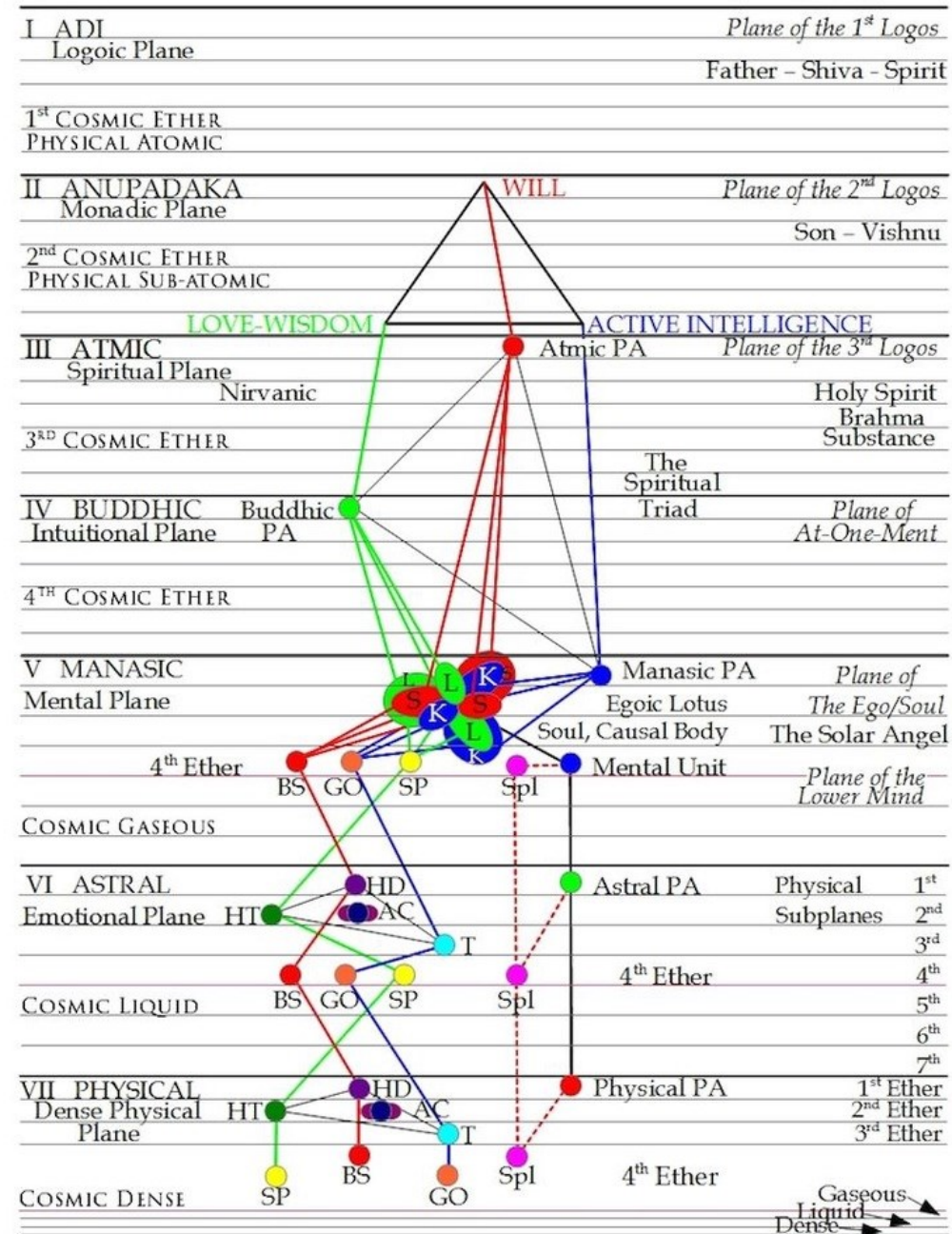


“The sacrifice of the solar angels brought the fourth kingdom in nature into being. The "returning nirvanis" (as they are called in esoteric literature), with deliberation and full understanding, took human bodies in order to raise those lower forms of life nearer to the goal. These were and are ourselves. The "Lords of Knowledge and Compassion and of ceaseless persevering Devotion" (who are ourselves) chose to die in order that lesser lives might live, and this sacrifice has made possible the evolution of the indwelling consciousness of Deity. This consciousness, having worked its way through the subhuman kingdoms in nature, needed the activity of the solar angels to make further progress possible.”

Forgiveness

- Forgiveness is sacrifice, and is the giving up of one's self, for the sake of others and for the good of the whole group.
- This spirit of sacrifice is ever found when the Shamballa force is rightly contacted, even in the smallest degree, and the underlying impulse behind the loving will of God is sensed and understood, accompanied by the desire to participate in that will and its spirit of divine sacrifice.
- Manifestation is itself the Great Forgiveness. The stupendous Lives entered into manifestation to give Themselves for the lesser lives and forms of existence in order that these lesser lives might be enabled to proceed onward towards a goal which is known to Deity alone, and thus eventually reach high places of spiritual expression.
- Achievement is ever followed by sacrifice and the giving of the greater for the lesser. This is an aspect of the Law of Evolution. Such is the note and theme of the entire creative process and is the basic meaning of the phrase, "God is Love," for love signifies giving and sacrifice, at least in this solar system.

Descent into the cosmic physical plane



Cyclic Sacrifice



Lost am I in light supernal yet on that light, I turn my back



Humanity's Role as Saviour

Humanity stimulates the soul within form:

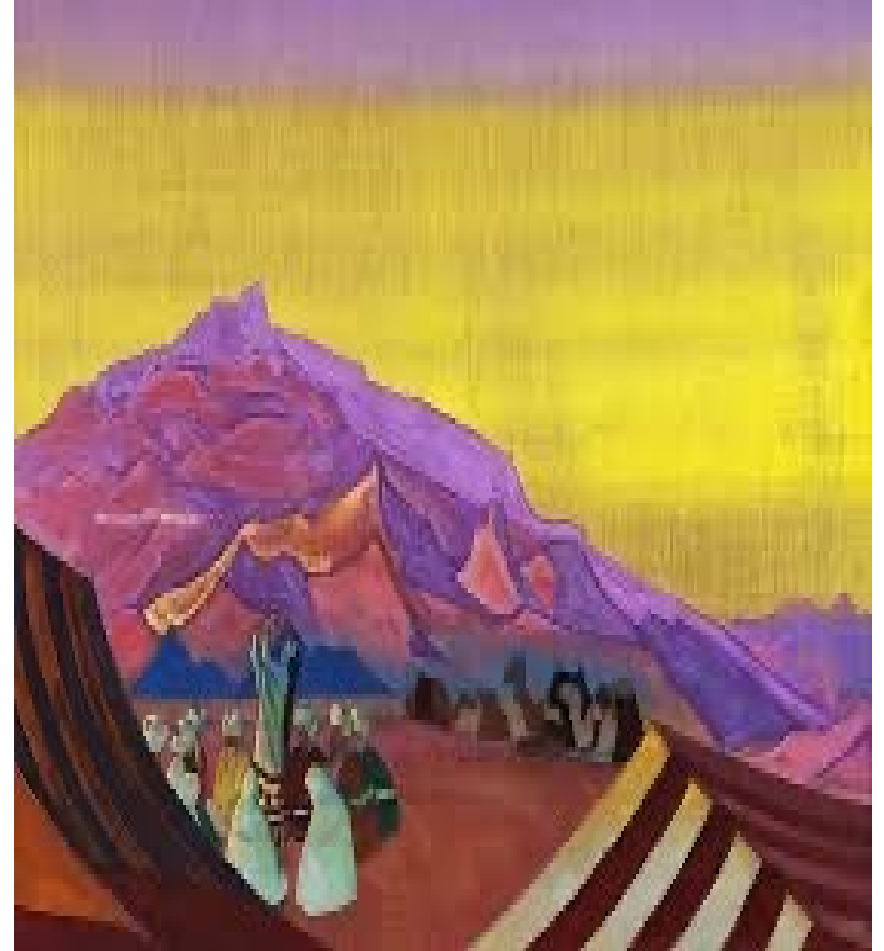
- Imitating Solar Angels, humanity redeems by expanding and amplifying the soul aspect within form.

Humanity is the Saviour for lower kingdoms:

- Mineral kingdom: greater purity, strength and radiance
- Vegetable kingdom: improved assimilation and production of nutrients; greater beauty and diversity
- Animal kingdom: elimination of pain and suffering; stimulation of instinct towards intellect.

Humanity is a Saviour of deva lives:

- In collaboration with the Soul, humanity is a Savior of lives within the deva evolution; it redeems the lunar devas that constitute the personality vehicles.



Relinquishment of Gain

- All that has been gained has to be relinquished for the next evolutionary state to emerge
- The sequence is, first *dispassion*, then *discrimination*, and finally *detachment*
- Through the cultivation of *Divine Indifference*, life becomes a series of detachments, until the lesson of *renunciation* has been learned
- The Soul must also relinquish the fruit of its work as the indwelling life of the Egoic Lotus, its body on the mental plane.







The Law of Service Complements the Law of Sacrifice

The Law of Service was fully expressed for the first time by the Christ, who was the "water of life", the "living water" which men needed.

Soul, created by the Great Sacrifice of Solar Angels, effortlessly and spontaneously, serves humanity.

As we prepare for the externalization of the Hierarchy, we should realize the tremendous sacrifice involved in this outward move of the Hierarchy into secular existence.

Rules for Salvaging work

First, see to it that you permit no rift to appear in the inner relation in which you stand to each other. The integrity of the inner band of servers must be preserved intact.

Secondly, pursue your own duty and task, shoulder your own responsibility, and then leave your fellow disciples to do the same, free from the impact of your thought and criticism.

Each soul grows into the way of light through service rendered, through experience gained, through mistakes made, and through lessons learnt. That necessarily must be personal and individual.

Thirdly, your point of view and consciousness are your own, and therefore, are for you, right. Not necessarily is that which seems so clear to you and of such vital importance to you, of the same value or importance to your brothers.

Your important principle may be realised by an abler mind than yours and by a more advanced disciple.

The Sacrificial Impulse



All lives, great and small, tend towards betterment, as they respond to the The Law of Sacrifice

The Law of Sacrifice exists within all kingdoms as the *impulse to give*

The universe is seeded with Saviours who redeem those who are coming behind them on the path of evolution

The urge to sacrifice causes a reorientation of lives towards the greater Life of which they are a part.

- Personality to Soul
- Soul to Hierarchy
- Hierarchy to Shamballa
- ... towards Planetary and Solar Lives

"...the liberated man turns his back upon all the forms in the lower three worlds and becomes a true Saviour". (LOS)

"The initiate has to work as a nourisher and Saviour of the seeds of life within all forms" (DINA ii, P. 289)

"The human kingdom acts upon and affects the three sub-human kingdoms. In man's achievement and spiritualization is the hope of the world. Mankind itself is the world Saviour". (TWM)



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