

Soul Relationships

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Summary

This article discusses three basic soul relationships in understandable esoteric terms that form a foundation for further esoteric work. Soul relationships are the means to gain knowledge of the Ageless Wisdom teachings. Conceivably, these relationships will touch all on the Path and create a growing synthesis of relationship. The ideas presented seek to show the underlying progression of all beings in soul relationship.

Esoteric students may work on one or more of the three soul relationships for many lives. By understanding and then demonstrating them, we stand firmly on the Path. In summary, there is a law of relationship, both planetary and cosmic, that includes these relationships. There will always be a growing stream of new relationships on the Path, for relationship is the expression of all life.

Introduction

There are three basic soul relationships. First, there is soul relationship to other souls within the life of the Oversoul, the spirit of the Universe, where we understand that all souls are one Soul. Second, there is soul relationship to the "Hierarchy of perfected souls" that includes the planetary Logos, the One in Whom we live and move and have our being. As the great soul life for the planet earth, His life moves through all forms creating this planet. His will for all souls is the will-to-good, the will-to-love, the will-to-know, and the will-to-create. Third, there is soul relationship to the Plan of God as it works out now.¹

The relationship between the soul and the personality is especially interesting to people today for it leads the way to soul relationship.² This is pioneer work for those who are ready so they may move into the world of the soul.

It is work for people in all fields of spiritual study.

We call the relationship between the human soul and its instrument, personality consciousness. The soul acts as the bridge between the human form and spirit, seeking to purify the personality for the entrance of spirit. Through a long process called "initiation," the personality perfects, cleanses, and purifies itself so that spirit may enter.

The three levels of soul consciousness are the personality level, the soul level, and the spiritual level. At the personality level of consciousness, the soul experiences living a physical life, while unconscious of other levels. At the soul level of consciousness, the orientation is to a higher spiritual life. The spiritual level of consciousness is discipleship, where the life is dedicated in full service to humanity.

The majority of humanity lives at the lower personality level of consciousness. At this beginning stage, an individual builds a personality that the soul can use. The personality has to be strong with an intelligent lower mind, in order to make use of the thoughts of the soul. Since the soul is a fiery being it exerts great pressure upon the form it uses. This is the reason that humans experience so many tests, trials, and tribulations. Yet, all this is preparatory for an eventual soul-infusion. Soul consciousness gradually provides recognition that

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we are more than the sum-total of our personality.

The three bodies of the personality are the physical-etheric, emotional, and mental. The soul uses these bodies, for we are not just a physical form. The soul exists apart from the physical body. This immortal soul seeks to control and direct the three bodies of the personality. However, the soul gives life to the body by vitalizing it so that the substance of the body becomes more refined.

This soul within us is both all knowing and always present. It creates the outer form of the physical body and through our desires, it creates the emotional body. The soul creates the lower mind that allows us to express ideas and concepts through writing and speech. Thinkers of the world are the result of the soul working through the mind.

The soul's instrument includes the physical-etheric, emotional, and mental bodies functioning as vehicles for experience. Thus, the soul's work in each incarnation is to align the physical-etheric, emotional, and lower mental body with the soul to create a reliable relationship. It is at the stage when the mental body controls the personality that the soul is ready to use it as an instrument. The Raja Yoga method of meditation brings the needed coordination of the three bodies of the personality. The effect of this meditation work is a continuous expansion of consciousness that puts us in contact with our soul, other souls, disciples, initiates, and masters. These contacts bring a growing identification with the group consciousness of humanity.

Relationship with Other Souls

The relationship of the soul, with other souls, is an experience of group consciousness. All souls are identical with the one great Soul, re-

gardless if it is the soul of an atom, flower, mineral, animal, human or master, for all souls are on their own evolutionary path. This means that a person, as soul, can look beyond a form and touch the innermost consciousness in another person or form that is like their own. This puts people in rapport with other souls to produce identification. It allows us to see another with understanding and compassion. Through soul awareness, we can communicate with others because we realize that all souls are one and we are one with all beings. This realization becomes reality through meditation and alignment with the soul. Being group-conscious, the soul is one with all souls, and the Oversoul. We could say that the relationship between the soul and the world of souls is

as planetary messengers of light working together with love and service.

Every human being consists of personality, soul, and spirit. The personality includes the physical-etheric, the emotional, and mental bodies. The soul contains the qualities of wisdom, love, and will. Spirit is the spiritual mind, love, and will. Built of substance of the second and third sub-

planes of the mental plane, the soul is the causal body, or egoic lotus. The Son of Mind, that we call the Soul, is the source of wisdom that comes through abstract thoughts. This intelligence principle has many names in esoteric literature, such as the solar angel, the *Agnishvatta*, and the Christ principle. Religion has dealt with this aspect in the past. The true objective of human education should be to increase soul awareness, build a channel of consciousness, develop a continuity of consciousness, and express soul qualities through the personality.

The soul is also the vehicle for abstract thought. When we synchronize our consciousness with the soul, then we sense the abstract

meaning of things coming to the personality that concern humanity and the world. The soul, as egoic lotus, symbolizes a lotus built of substance from the abstract levels of the mental plane. It has twelve petals, nine outer petals, and three center petals. The center petals represent the energy from the spiritual Triad anchored in the egoic lotus. The nine outer petals occur from the response of the mental plane to triadal energy.

We may think of the soul as an eye looking out from between the personality and spirit. This is a spiritual perception we can develop if we use the light of the soul to see divinity behind all appearances in the phenomenal world. This contemplative stage comes after there is fusion with the soul.

The soul maintains continual relationship with all other souls, when in incarnation or out, that they may all do their own specific work. Incarnated souls are more limited in their activity than those souls out of incarnation. The soul rays of all souls differ to account for the work they do. Those souls on complimentary ray lines, either the 2-4-6-ray line or the 1-3-5-7 ray line, vibrate easily with each other to bring cooperation in their work.

Relationship with the Hierarchy

Letters on Occult Meditation by Alice Bailey says that the relationship to the master is an evolutionary stage of development for souls at certain stages. Souls are under an Adept of a particular ray that supervises their evolution, and works with them in groups. Under the Adept, work the Masters and Their groups. Under the Masters, work disciples with soul consciousness to help souls with less developed causal bodies. This is the great chain of being that extends from the Adept to the disciple.

This chain of being is the working out of the law of God. The developing egoic body depends on the progress of the personality. The personality has help on the lower levels of the personality by a disciple working on the emotional level that reports to a second disciple working on the mental level. In turn, this disciple reports to a third disciple with causal consciousness that reports to the Master. This all happens with full co-operation of the indwelling consciousness in the causal body. Together, there is a synthesis of activity assisting the evolutionary development of the soul.³

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Hierarchy works with the quality aspect, not the form, and this human potential within is "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

We remember that as the disciple moves toward a Master, he or she becomes part of the Hierarchy, that center of fusion of all souls on the higher levels of the mental plane. The disciple moves closer toward the center of fusion as they come under soul impression, soul control, and identification with the soul. As disciples increase their interest and love for humanity, without glamour and illusion, they move closer into relationship with a Master working from the higher level of the spiritual Triad. The relationship of the soul to the Master is through monadic consciousness, a very high level of consciousness. Masters express monadic energy, while the disciple works to ex-

press soul energy and group consciousness through their love and service.

A Master's Ashram has an integrated group of souls in incarnation and out of incarnation, and a synthesis of initiates of different degrees and accepted disciples. Hierarchy is a world of souls that are consciously aware of the Plan, and work to impress humanity with certain high ideas. Each soul, in essence, is part of the Hierarchy. As a disciple replaces personal self-will with the greater Will-of-God, they consciously become part of a Master's Ashram and the Hierarchy. The value of the disciple for hierarchical work is that they are in the world and in touch with the daily life of humanity. At present, they belong to humanity, thus know the concerns of the whole. This provides valuable information for the Masters and senior initiates that work with souls. A disciple that is a soul-infused personality has contact with their soul and proves useful to the Masters.

There are three types of hierarchical workers. First, there are souls of fourth-degree initiates, custodians and formulators of the Plan, with the soul body, the causal body, destroyed. Second, there are soul-infused personalities that carry out the Plan by modifying, qualifying, and adapting it to the times and this group includes disciples and initiates of the first three initiations. Third, there are intelligent aspirants who are not soul-infused personalities but who recognize the need to make the Plan work as service to humanity.

An Ashram is a subjective grouping of individuals, operating at a soul level, that works in service for the whole world. The individual work of disciples blends into a synthesis of both subjective and objective work for the Plan. Members of an Ashram work cooperatively under a Master as a unified group, yet handle different aspects of the group work. They work soul inspired and are cooperative with all other souls. What is common to all is the compatibility of vibration. Regarding soul relationships, an Ashram is a magnetic point of tension and a fusion of energies directed toward a unified purpose. The work of the Ashrams of the Masters form part of world hierarchical activity that we will evidence first-hand

when the externalization of the Hierarchy is complete.

¹ Alice A. Bailey. *Esoteric Psychology*, II. Lucis, 1942, pp. 244-246.

² Alice A. Bailey. *A Treatise on White Magic* Lucis, 1934, pp. 86-87.

³ Alice A. Bailey. *Letters on Occult Meditation*. Lucis, 1922, pp. 33-37.