

Radiation

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Having attained the state of the Sun and Moon, one illuminates the corners of the world with the light of one's own body. (Nagarjuna)

In the early 20th century scientists discovered that radioactivity was a process involving the spontaneous transmutation of matter into energy. According to Einstein's famous equation $E=mc^2$, a tremendous amount of energy is released through the transmutation of a very small amount of matter. The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul, in his *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, a book which Albert Einstein once checked out of a library in New York City,¹ says that the Law of Radiation, which governs the transmutation/radiation process, operates in a like manner in all the kingdoms of nature.

Radiation is the outer effect produced by all forms in all kingdoms when their internal activity has reached such a stage of vibratory activity that the confining walls of the form no longer form a prison, but permit of the escape of the subjective essence. It marks a specific point of attainment in the evolutionary process and this is equally true of the atom of substance with which the chemist and physicist deal, when working with the elements, as it is of the forms in the vegetable kingdom, the forms of the animal kingdom, in the human, and likewise in the divine.²

The eucalyptus tree, he tells us, is esoterically regarded as radioactive.³ In the human kingdom the radiation of light produced from the regeneration and transmutation of the body is sometimes seen emanating from the auras of highly developed saints and sages. This bodily radiation is brought about by an increase in the vibratory activity of the etheric body through its response to an equal increase in the vibratory rate of an elevated consciousness. *Whatever takes place in the consciousness is directly reflected in kind within the etheric body.* As the consciousness expands, and is refined and

intensified, the energy-substance of the vehicles (physical-etheric, emotional, and mental) are thereby equally stimulated to the point where, as a part of the transmutation process, the liberated energy particles begin to radiate out from the body as a subtle light. The bodies become, in a very real sense, radioactive. The reverend Teacher, and author of *Agni Yoga Books*,⁴ said:

There is a state of development of psychic energy called luminous, and a being at this stage begins to emit light. . . . First we see the outer light, then that [light which is] within ourselves and only after kindling of the 'torch' [of the heart] can we radiate light.⁵

The radiation and eventual transmutation of the vehicles occur only after the fire of the heart has been kindled. All subtle energies within the etheric body must pass through and be purified by the fire of the heart. This is the basis of the spiritual path. *It is the energy of the heart that refines, expands, and eventually transforms the consciousness.* It also transmutes the subtle energies of the etheric body to a point where first radiation and then complete transfiguration of the body and spirit occurs. Djwhal Khul said:

Radiation is transmutation in process of accomplishment. Transmutation being the

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liberation of the essence in order that it may seek a new centre.... Basically it is the result of the inner positive nucleus of force or life reaching such a terrific rate of vibration, that it eventually scatters the electrons or negative points that compose its sphere of influence and scatters them to such a distance that the Law of Repulsion dominates. The atomic sphere, if I might so express it, dissipates, the electrons come under the Law of Repulsion and the central essence escapes and seeks a new sphere, occultly understood.”⁶

The Law of Repulsion is the natural inclination of matter when separated from the second or consciousness principle, which through the Law of Attraction holds it together.

The dark light of the tiny atoms of which the physical vehicle is constructed is responsive to the stimulation passing down from the soul into its vehicle, and, when man is under the control of the soul, there eventuates the shining forth of the light throughout the body. This shows as the radiance emanating from the bodies of adepts and saints, giving the effect of a bright and shining light. When the light of the soul is blended with the magnetic light of the vital body, it stimulates the atoms of the physical body to such an extent that each atom becomes in turn a tiny radiant centre. This only becomes possible when the head, heart, and solar plexus and the centre at the base of the spine are connected in a peculiar fashion, which is one of the secrets of initiation.⁷

The alchemical wedding, which is often mentioned in alchemical texts as being necessary before transmutation can take place, pertains to the union of certain energies. In the human

kingdom this unification is between the three fundamental principles of life—spirit, soul, and body. The spirit or life thread is already fully connected. The soul or consciousness thread (*antahkarana*) is not. Therefore, the primary task of the alchemist on this level is to

bridge the gap between the separated aspects of consciousness.⁸ *This is accomplished by refining and expanding the consciousness in the fire of the heart.* The complete unification of the consciousness, which in the East is called enlightenment, causes, as a kind of chain reaction, the unification of corresponding energies in each of his vehicles—the mind, feeling nature, and etheric body. Only a very few are invited to

Royal Wedding, which takes place in the august circle of the Greater Mysteries.

The lengthy unification process takes many lifetimes to accomplish. It begins with spiritual striving, which, depending upon its intensity and purity and through the agency of Law of Attraction, produces union with the object of the search. This in turn attracts the spiritual Light from above, producing an illumination of the consciousness and as a reflex an illumination of the etheric body as well, until eventually, the seeker is literally radiant with ethereal light.

St. Seraphim, the Russian Orthodox saint, called this accumulation of the spiritual light, “the acquisition of the Holy Spirit,” which he says “is the true aim of the Christian life.” He demonstrated this acquisition to his disciple Motovilov, who described what he saw in some detail:

After these words I glanced at his face and there came over me an even greater reverent awe. Imagine in the center of the sun, in the dazzling light of its midday rays, the face of the man talking to you. You see the

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movement of his lips and the changing expression of his eyes, you hear his voice, you feel someone holding your shoulders; yet, you do not see his hands, you do not even see yourself or his figure, but only a blinding light spreading far around for several yards and illuminating with its sheen both the snow blanket which covered the forest glade and the snow-flakes which besprinkled me and the great Elder. You can imagine the state I was in!⁹

St. Seraphim listed some of the signs that accompany the acquisition of the Holy Spirit:

1. A calmness and peace of the soul. "This is the peace of which the Lord said, 'my peace I give to you which is not the peace which the world gives.'"
2. An extraordinary joy in the heart. "When the Spirit comes down to man and overshadows him with the fullness of His descent, then the human soul overflows with unspeakable joy, for the Spirit of God fills with joy whatever it touches."
3. An extraordinary warmth. "By it the hermits of both sexes were kept warm and did not fear the winter frost, being clad, as in fur coats, in the grace-giving clothing woven by the Holy Spirit."

In the Agni Yoga Teachings some of the signs accompanying the descent of the spiritual Light include:

Someone heard far off voices; someone envisioning it, participated in the Subtle World; someone became luminous; someone levitated, someone walked on water; someone could read thoughts; someone could read with closed eyes a closed book; someone swallowed poison without harm; someone did not feel pain; someone in the snow generated the heat of the heart; someone did not feel fatigue; someone could help by healing; someone could manifest knowledge of the future. Thus, one can enumerate all the manifested phenomena and a multitude of instructive examples from life. But for an instant gather all these

qualities into one body and you will have the new human transmutation indicated in many Teachings.¹⁰

An ancient fragment from the *Old Commentary*, translated by Djwhal Khul, states:

The Solar Orb shines forth in radiant splendor.

The illuminated mind reflects the solar glory.

The lunar orb rises from the centre to the summit,

When the three suns are one, Brahma breaks forth.

And a lighted world is born.

Djwhal Khul gave an interesting commentary on this ancient fragment.

This literally means, that when the soul (symbolized by the Solar Orb) the mind and the light in the head form a single unit, the creative power of the Solar Angel can express itself in the three worlds, and can construct a form through which its energy can actively express itself.¹¹

The "three suns" represent the three fires of the etheric body, which are direct reflections of the creative fire of the mind, the wisdom fire of the heart, and the dynamic fire of the will. Through their unification (the alchemical wedding) Brahma, the third or mother aspect of the Hindu Trinity, "breaks forth" (is released) as intense radiation.

The evolution of the "absorption and radiation of the light," whether of a sun, an atom, or the human organism, is a great mystery. Djwhal Khul gives this hint:

Initiation veils a secret and the revelation of the secret is imminent. Just what this secret is, I may not reveal, but it is concerned with a peculiar type of energy, which can be induced at a moment of supreme tension. The only possible hint I can give you in connection with this mysterious matter is that it is closely related to the "Blinding Light," which Saul of Tarsus saw on the road to Damascus and the "blinding light," which

accompanied the discharge of energy from the atomic bomb The “principle of absorption” of the light emerges as one of the subjects to be studied, understood and mastered between initiations, for each initiation carries the subject another step forward.¹²

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¹ Lucis Trust Lending Library. For information on the lending library in New York and London visit: http://www.lucistrust.org/en/arcane_school/library.

² Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* (1979; reprint; New York: Lucis Trust, 1951), 1060.

³ Ibid., 1060.

⁴ The Agni Yoga books are published by the Agni Yoga Society, which was founded in

1920 by Nicholas and Helena Roerich. Visit: <http://www.agniyoga.org/>.

⁵ Heart, (1982: reprint; New York: Agni Yoga Society, 1944), # 38.

⁶ Alice Bailey. *A Treatise on White Magic* (1934: reprint: New York: Lucis Trust, 1979), 478.

⁷ Ibid., 105-106.

⁸ See Alice Bailey’s *The Rays and the Initiations* on building the Antahkarana. (1960: reprint; New York: Lucis Trust, 1972), 441-530.

⁹ N.A. Motovilov. *The Aquisition of the Holy Spirit*, quoted in Archimandrite Moore’s *St. Seraphim of Sarov*, (New Sarov, TX: New Sarov Press, 1994), Chapter VIII.

¹⁰ *Heart*, # 99

¹¹ Alice A. Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, 98

¹² Alice A. Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II* (1955; reprint; New York: Lucis Trust, 1983), 327.