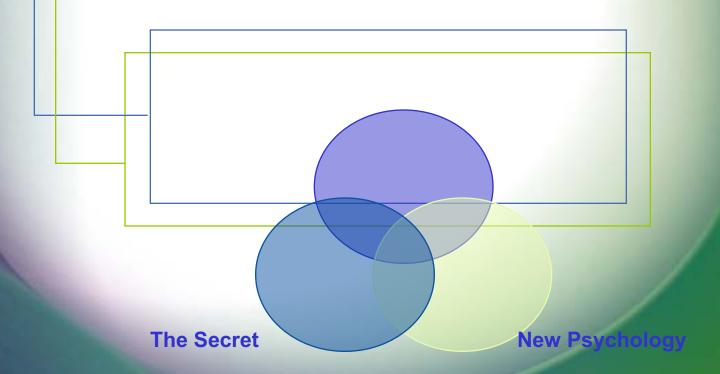
# FOOD for THOUGHT ~ The Law of Attraction



## Accountability

- Items that can give Food for Thought, are made from the following topics that are or have been discussed in society.
- The interpretation of this Esoteric Wisdom rests entirely on my own initiative and on my own responsibility.

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## Sources

Alice A. Bailey

**Books** 

- White Magic A Treatise on White Magic: the way of the disciple. Alice A. Bailey; Lucis Trust
- Rays and Initiation Alice A. Bailey; A Treatise on the Seven Rays, Part V; Lucis Trust

## **The Secret**

- Summary of the review in the newspaper De Pers, Wednesday 25april 2007.
- Internet movie and book The Secret: Number one on the international bestseller list. A kind of "Dan Brown effect" is to be expected. A "Da Vinci Code"-like hype is sweeping across the world.
- According to the maker Australian Prime Time productions were people such as Plato, Isaac Newton, Alexander Bell, Ludwig van Beethoven and William Shakespeare in their time already familiar with the phenomenon. What the secret-hype is all about is the **Law of Attraction**.
- The Law of Attraction, simply called the LOA, means that a man attracts during his life what he focuses on.

## The Secret

- The Secret is brought forth in the form of a **manual**. In the book and movie psychologists, philosophers, quantum physicists, writers and businessmen explain how to apply the LOA and what its impact could be in everyone's life.
- The content of The Secret is by far not as secret as the name suggests. The LOA term was mentioned early in the 20th century in a book by Charles Haanel, called The Master Key. The book was put on a list with forbidden books in 1933 by the church, but people continued reading it.
- Among them Bill Gates, who obtained it at Harvard. He stopped his studies to achieve his vision: a computer on every desk.

## The New Psychology

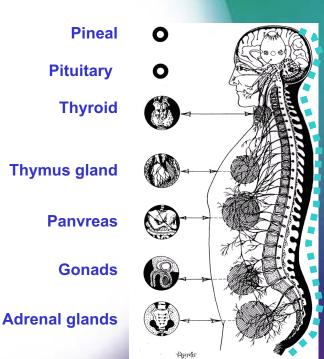
- The Cosmic Law of Attraction expresses the activity of the soul. Intuition and service are the hallmarks of the soul. Intuition as used in the service of humanity and not resting on personal interests.
- In this lecture I want to submit the esoteric approach on the basis of The New Psychology of Alice A. Bailey to you for consideration.

- Our present civilization shall produce aimed **thinkers**, in spite of many errors and mistakes.
- Where a true thinker exists, there will be a beginning of a **creator**, someone who (at first unwittingly, later consciously) will exercise his ability to precipitation, viz. to let visible forms emerge.
- These forms will correspond with the divine purpose and the **Divine Plan** and will accordingly help to advance the evolution, or they will be animated by **personal intent**, characterized by separate selfish endeavour and therefore be part of retroactive forces, becoming black-magic.

- Therefore, the cosmic laws of Attraction (soul) and Economy (personality) are the *raison-d'être* (seen from a certain point of view). The Law of Repulsion frees man of form.
- The next slide shows the esoteric law **As above, so below** at macro and micro level. See Composition of man.

#### **Divine** Ш Will MONAD Monadic Monad Activity Wisdom Spiritual Will Atmic permanent atom **Atmic** Soul or Ego Intuition Buddhic permanent atom Intuitive mental permanent atom Higher <u>Anta</u>hkarana **Causal Body** mind Mental Lower mental unity Mental Body mind ס astral permanent atom Personality **Astral** ш First etherical 2 Second etherical **Etherical Body** 3 Third etherical physical permanent atom **Physical** 4 Fourth etherical 5 Gazeous 6<sub>e</sub>Liquid **Physical Body** 7 Dense

## The Constitution of Man



- The laws of thinking are the laws of creation and they are implemented in the etheric field. The **Creator** of the **solar system** restricts his work and attention to the four higher planes. The three lower planes, which form the **dense physical plane**, are the **precipitation** thereof.
- They are objective, because the dust of space is attracted by the potential of the higher four ether-vibrations. These are, in turn, driven to activity by the dynamic action of the divine thought.

- In humans, one finds the **corresponding method**. Once a man is a thinker and is able to formulate his thoughts, desiring that they come into manifestation, and he can inspire or quickening the four ethers by means of recognition, then a dense physical manifestation is inevitable.
- By his pranic energy, coloured by **higher** or **lower** desires, and animated by the power of his mind, he will attract just as many of the reactive substances in space as is needed for giving shape to the forms.
- He must also consider necessarily that his environment is the result of the work of a mass **group** of thinkers the group to which he belongs.

# The PLAN Purpose - View - Idea - Ideal

### **True Brotherhood**

- Brotherhood is founded on the divine origin of **Equality** and leads to a free and true expression of divinity: **Freedom**
- It is the first **revelation** of the nature of the Will of God and the quality of Shamballa (1st Ray of Will or Power), given to mankind.

## **Spiritual Freedom and Security**

- There is freedom of action in **controlling** the **personality**, but there is never any freedom possible under the Law of Service. One makes this choice voluntarily, preserving individual potential, and in the service of the Plan.
- Real freedom is standing in the unobstructed light of the Soul, which includes essential and inner group-consciousness.
- Real group consciousness is acquired by **consciously** working on **world glamour** and **illusion**.

### Intuition

#### Intuition is a function of the mind.

- When the intuition functions completely, then one shall be able to act promptly and precisely because one is in contact with the **Plan**, and this comes from the Universal Mind.
- It always concerns impressions, that serve humanity and that do **not** contain **personal information**.
- One of the **goals** of the **Hierarchy** is the breaking and expelling of world glamour.

## A Rain Cloud of Knowable Things

- The **Energy** of Intuition is the term we use to describe a straight **contact** with the mind of God at a relatively high level of **experience**.
- The **purpose** of this energy for the soul-permeated personality is to give the mind, already being receptive to the energy of ideas, a glimpse, as well as a brief **understanding** of the intent of the ideas, which underlie all the activities of the **Hierarchy** for the benefit of **mankind**.

## A Rain Cloud of Knowable Things

The Masters record intuitively (like a flash of lightning) those phases of the divine purpose, which first must come into effect; these form the:

**Overshadowing Cloud of Knowable Things.** 

Or as Patanjali calls it: The Rain Cloud of Knowable Things.

The Masters transpose it to the Plan and then their disciples start perceiving these ideas to be intuitively true, and disclosing them as **ideals** to the **masses**, thus revealing the required components of the plan on the physical plane.

## **Barriers**

- Intuitive impressions from the higher regions can be **coloured** and **distorted**. Please see the next slide and lecture about *Glamour*, a *World Problem*.
- Self-knowledge and knowledge of the appropriate reasons determine the purity of the received impressions.

## Glamour, illusion, Maya, The Dweller on the Threshold

- Illusion: Idle vision or chimera. Mental plane. The misunderstanding of ideas and thought forms.
- Glamour: Self-deception, optical illusion, glare. Astral plane. Very powerful at this time. The majority of people nowadays are suffering from it.
- Maya: Uncontrolled forces arising from prana and hidden forces of the matter itself. Comes to efficacy in glamour or illusion, or both.
- The Dweller on the Threshold: Always present. Comes into action in the path of discipleship (the consciousness of illusion, glamour and maya, the integrated personality).

## **The Precipitation**

- In the current era the mental and intellectual development of mankind is increasing in size. This positive development will help to recognize emotional needs, to acknowledge and to convert them and as a result to grow into a wider consciousness. However, it also leads to the circumstance that:
- there are people who have a powerful will and a clear and trained mind, but who are motivated by purely **selfish purposes** (e.g. commerce, power, ambition, even spiritual ambition). This is the result of the relationship between **mind** and **brain**.

## **In Summary**

- The Law of Attraction relates to the increasing influence of the soul.
- To the extent that the soul will affect the personality, ideas and ideals will be instilled with new insights toward the **service** of **humanity**.
- Examples given in the article by Plato,
  Beethoven, etc. These great men and women
  were **not** engaged with what and who they want
  to currently attract. A true disciple obeys with
  what he thinks is necessary because he cannot
  act otherwise. Receiving **ideas** is always **new** and
  serves mankind.
- The growth in consciousness will transform personal and selfish interests to **impersonal group interest** and group efficacy.