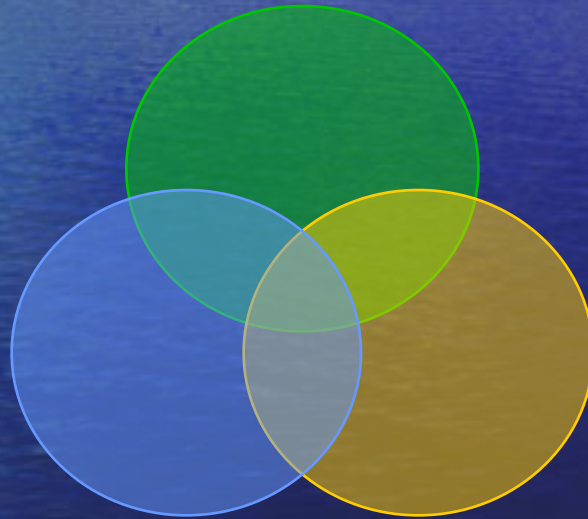


# **PONDER ON THIS PURPOSE and DANGERS of GUIDANCE**

Who and what is leading us?





**A rippling water surface reflects nothing  
but broken images.**

**If students have not yet mastered their worldly passions, and they do not know the truth of the Soul, their unprepared mind will perceive everything in the light of *their world* and not in their spiritual and inner judgment.**

***Helena P. Blavatsky: The Secret Doctrine – Part 3***



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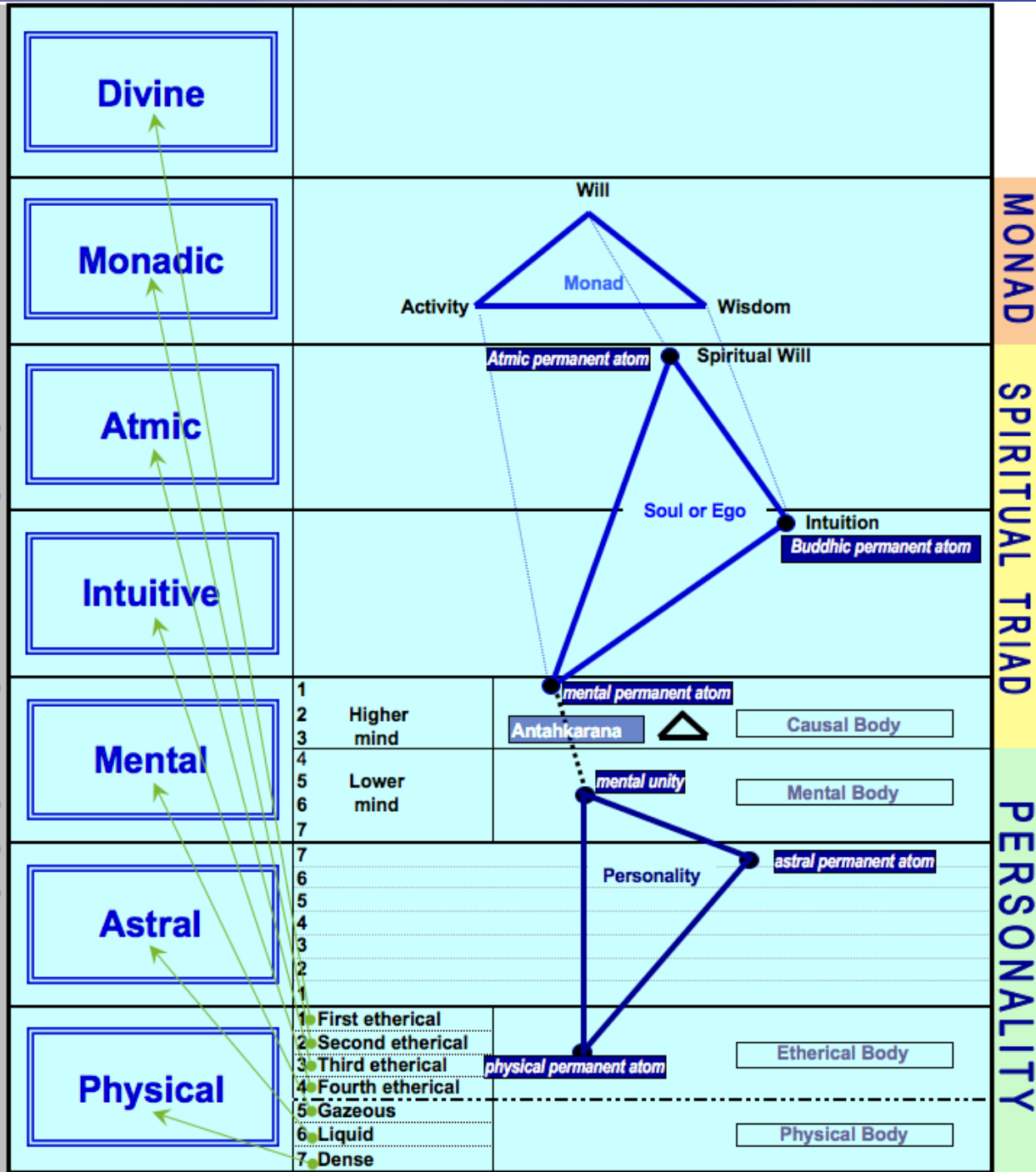
# Explanation of the Diagram

- The diagram shows the cosmic physical plane with its seven regions. Each area has seven sub-areas. As humanity, we are concerned only with the cosmic physical plane.
- Man has the same composition in micro. The chakras correspond with their respective areas as a field of observation. As above, so below.
- The three lower planes (physical, astral, mental) up to the fourth sub-area of the mental plane form the personality. Physical, astral and mental planes are the bodies of observation by means of the senses.
- From the fourth sub-plane of the mental plane the bridge (Antahkarana, Light Channel or Rainbow Bridge) is formed up to the four higher realms. These are beyond our sensory perception, but they are experienced in the brain as a gradual comprehensive awareness. This is the realm of the Soul and Monad.



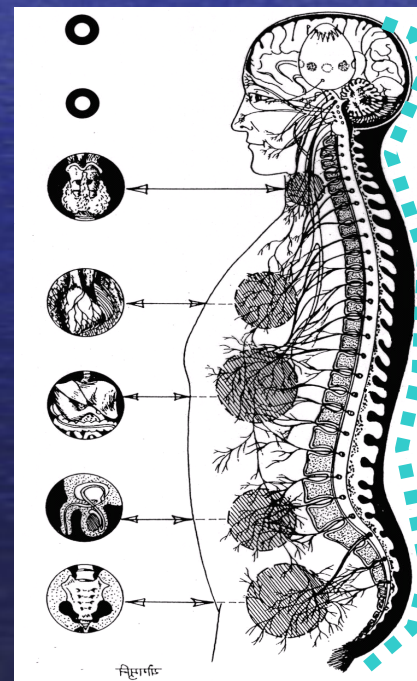
# Explanation of the Diagram

- The last five major steps in the Evolution of Consciousness are taken consciously. The thread of consciousness is always present, but is only activated when the soul makes contact with the personality. This process begins shortly before the first initiation, through purification of the physical body and through meditation. Meditation is making contact with the Higher Self or Soul and this process is reciprocal.
- We experience the progressive and comprehensive awareness and telepathic activity on an ever higher turn of the spiral. This goes along with a wider sense of responsibility and service in daily life.
- It should be noted that the order is: mystic experiences - intellectual development and these are combined in the following lives and lead to occult efficacy, i.e. Evolution of Consciousness (this theory of the Ageless Wisdom is elaborated in part 2 of "A Treatise of the Seven Rays - The New Psychology"). One becomes a conscious channel of light and thus improves the contact between the Hierarchy and Humanity.
- The Antahkarana gradually becomes more enlightened, a process that parallels the transformation of the chakras, going from coarse dust ethereal to sub-etheric, subatomic and atomic substance. The whole process of becoming aware is to be recorded in the brain, one becomes *conscious* in everyday life.



# The Constitution of Man

Pineal  
Pituitary  
Thyroid  
Thymus Gland  
Pancreas  
Gonads  
Adrenal Glands





# The path of the soul in incarnation

- The soul is perfect on its own (causal) plane. She descends and the Personality rises.
- The seven lower regions of the *mental plane* are divided into the three higher or abstract areas (the *Self* or *Soul*) and the lower four or concrete areas (*Non-Self* or *Personality*)
- All mankind seeks to raise awareness of the *fourth sub-field of association*, being the field of meeting or unification between the higher and lower mental plane. It is the area of the *discrimination* between *Self* and *Non-Self*.

# GUIDANCE and its DANGERS

The development to the world with *spiritual values* as they are intended requires repeated adjusting during a long period of time and can result in a period of real *danger*, if there isn't direct insight into the *psychological conditions* and opportunities created by means of *understanding and common sense*.



# GUIDANCE and its DANGERS

There are two factors that will have a profound influence on mankind:

1. Uncertainty, fear and anxiety in any country is very detrimental to the majority of the people. The astral body is stimulated and the physical vitality takes off.
2. The impact of the *higher spiritual* forces on the smart set and mythical driven people caused serious and extensive *problems*.

The protective etheric *barriers* are broken down and the *doors* of the astral plane are put *wide* open.

# The Need to study Sources

- It is therefore of great value for us to study the *sources* from which much of this *so-called guidance* can come from.
- Therefore, the *teaching* aims to bring man consciously in touch with his *own* soul, and *not* with a master.
- The Master and the Hierarchy of Masters work *only* on the plane of *souls*, as souls with souls.
- The *conscious* receptivity to *hierarchical impressions* and to the *hierarchical plan* depends on the response sensitivity that can be developed so that it is always present between the soul and the brain, via the *mind*.



# Stages in Soul-deployment

One has to keep the following in mind:

- When becoming aware *to be a soul himself*, one can come into contact with other souls.
- Being a *disciple* consciously, one comes into contact with other disciples and can *cooperate* intelligently with them.
- When one is an *initiate*, other initiates become *facts* of life and of consciousness.
- Being a *Master*, one becomes aware of the freedom of the Kingdom of Heaven and will work consciously as one of the *older members of the Hierarchy*.

# Stages in Soul-deployment and Work

- These varieties are related to the gradual build-up of the work and not to the point of development of *persons*. They point to *soul-relaxations*, but not to graded contacts with personalities.
- The *reaction* to the *spirit world*, of which the *Hierarchy* is the heart and mind will be in accordance with the realized soul development on the *physical* plane.



# Misleading Leadership

- Adherents of many esoteric schools respond to leadership that does *not* come from the Hierarchy, but from the *astral reflection* of the Hierarchy.
- They therefore respond to *an imaginary, distorted, man-homemade presentation* of a great spiritual fact.
- This can apply to both *groups* and *single individuals* who practice meditation and yoga - this is true for Eastern and Western aspirants.

# Misleading leadership

- There are some people who act with *true knowledge* and whose actions are therefore completely *safe*, but many are *unaware* of techniques and methods, and hence, the expected impact of their efforts.
- The biggest result for them is the *inward* focus of consciousness, the developing of inner self-observation and the pointing to subjective worlds, usually to the *astral realm* but *rarely* to the *real soul realm*.



# Misleading leadership

- The *think*-nature is seldom invoked and the processes followed are making the *brain cells passive* and *ineffective*, while the mind remains inactive and often *sleeps*. The only area that is visible is the *astral* plane.
- *Mystics* of all kinds with a natural talent for *passive contemplative life* hear voices, receive guidance and obey impulses which they claim to be coming from *God*.

# Sources on the physical plane.

- *Guidance or instruction* coming from the man or woman on the *material* plane and from whom one expects - usually *unconsciously* - to receive *help*, for example by means of dreams.
- This is largely *brain-relationship*, achieved through *conscious* contacts on the *physical* plane.




# Personality as Source

Leadership that comes from a *strong personality*, is usually *not recognized*. Ambition or haughty intentions of the *mental* body can come down and be printed on the *brain*. They are considered as originating from an *external* source. The physical man is all this time reacting on his own orders and impulses. This refers to three types of people:

- Those who stand on the *sixth* ray as a soul or personality.
- Those who entered the paths of delusion of the astral plane due to *excessive stimulation of the solar plexus*.
- Those who are *receptive* to the receding power of *Pisces* (Sixth Ray).

## THE SEVEN PLANES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM ~ Physical

Divine			Will or Power		
Monadic					
Atmic					
Intuitive		Activity		Love-Wisdom	
Mental	higher mind lower mind	Antahkarana			
Astral					
	Crown-chakra	Pineal	Higher mind ~ right eye	Causal body The jewel in the lotus	Dominant after the 3rd initiation Occultist ~ Initiate ~ Master
	Agna-centre	Pituitary	Lower mind ~ nerve sytem~ left eye ~ nose	Causal body Buddhic-h.mental	Dominant after the 2nd initiation Aspirant ~ Disciple ~ Mystic
	Heartchakra	Thymus Gland	Heart ~ vagus nerve ~ blood	Causal body Higher mental	Dominant after the 1st initiation All types of spiritual humans
	Throat-chakra	Thyroid	Respiratory system ~ digestive system	Mental body	Alle gevorderde mensen Intelligentsia, creative artists
	Solar Plexus	Pancreas	Stomach ~ liver ~ gallbladder nerve system	Astral body	Average humanity "common" people
	Sacral-chakra	Gonads	Sex organs	Etherical body	Low-standing, animal human type
	Base-chakra	Adrenal Glands	Kidneys ~ vertebral column	The mother of the world	
Physical					



# Sources of the Astral Plane

- The inward-looking attitude of the *mystic* spends his *subconscious desires* to the surface. This takes the form of youth inclinations with respect to *religious* activities and practices.
- He seeks his explanation in an external guidance and formulates it as coming from the Voice of God, Jesus or Mary.

# Sources of the Astral Plane

- The coming up of *old spiritual aspirations* and tendencies resulting from past lives. These are deeply hidden in his being, and they are brought to the surface by *group-stimulation*.
- They seem completely new and extraordinary and are often regarded as commands coming from God.
- The observed line can also simply be a *sensitivity* to *voices* and *orders* from well-meaning people on the returning path to incarnation. The spiritual dilemma of the present humanity causes a rapid return of many advanced souls.



# Sources of the Astral Plane

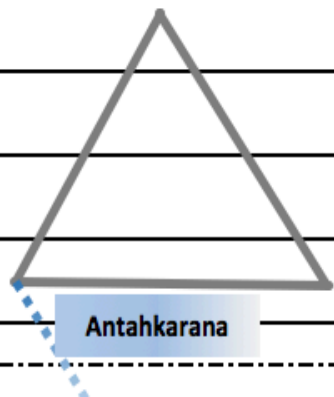

The guidance can also be *astral (emotional)* as a result of established contacts, strong in its aspiration but *mentally weak* and focused on the astral plane. All are coloured by delusion and many well-meaning leaders of groups and organizations get their inspiration from these sources. It is *no divine guidance*.

However, they can:

- feed the emotional nature,
- develop hysteria or aspiration,
- cultivate ambitious tendencies of their victims and
- lead them to byways of illusion.

They are not the voice of God, nor any member of the Hierarchy, but the voice of *any* teacher on the *physical* plane.

## THE SEVEN PLANES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM ~ Astral

Divine			
Monadic			
Atmic			
Intuitive			
Mental			higher lower
 Astral	7	Emotional idealism	At the moment of passing away extraordinary visions; no impressions on the physical brain.
	6	Power of imagination	Source of inspiration for arts, music, higher types of dreaming. Flashes of earlier incarnations without possibility of justifying.
	5	Clearvoyance	A clearvoyant can reach this plane.
	4	Psychometry	Entities or astral skins incite to drinking, drugs and crimes ; causes of epedemics and groopwise accidents.
	3	Clearaudience	Experiences are extremely vivid. During his delerium tremens the sufferer is aware of these, just like those of the 4th plane.
	2		Objects of extreme thinness. A non-mediumistic person will experience this during sleep or trance.
	1		Astral objective is in agreement with earthly objective; reverse image, colors and numbers, also in dreams.
	Physical		



# Sources of the Mental Field

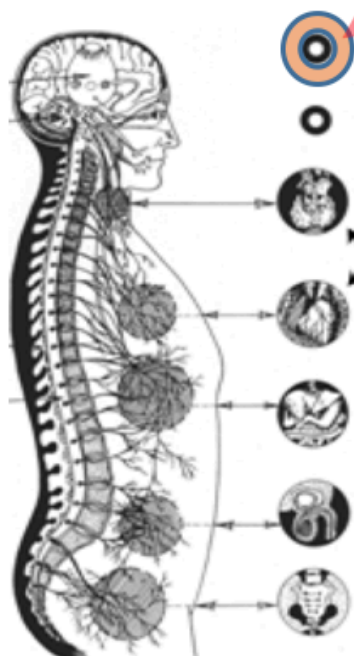
- The perceived guidance can be the result of ideas obtained *telepathically* and imprinted on the own mind or on the minds of others. One is intelligent and mentally focused. It is a form of *direct*, yet *unconscious* telepathy.
- The guidance is coming from *other* minds or concentrated *group-thinking*. The quality of the conduit may be good, bad or mediocre and communicated consciously or unconsciously.

# Sources of the Mental Field

- The mental world, like the astral world, is full of thought-forms and these may be regarded as giving guidance.
- These thought-forms are used from time to time by the leaders of humanity in order to help and to lead her, but they can also be used by unwanted creatures and forces.
- They can be highly useful, but if they are demanding and inciting and if they are accepted in blind faith, they form a threat to the free activity of the soul.



# THE SEVEN PLANES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM ~ Mental

Divine				
Monadic				
Atmic				
Intuitive				
<div></div> <div>Mental</div>	<div><div>1</div><div>2</div><div>3</div><div>4</div><div>5</div><div>6</div><div>7</div></div> <div><div>Higher Mind</div><div>Lower Mind</div></div>	<div>Antahkarana</div> <div>Form-less</div>	<div>Spiritual telepathy</div> <div>Responding to group-vibration</div> <div>Spiritual understanding</div> <div>Awakening higher Consciousness</div> <div>Power of discernment</div> <div>Higher clearvoyance</div> <div>Planetary psychometry</div> <div>Higher clearaudience</div>	<div>Advanced humanity, disciples, initiates, classified into ray, sub-ray and ashram.</div> <div>Souls of the average humanity; no individual separation; 5 groups of 10 sub-groups each.</div>
Astral				
Physical				

# The Soul as Source

- The guidance may be derived from the *internal soul* through meditation, discipline and service, in order to bring about contact. This creates the *connecting channel* or the Antahkarana, between soul, brain and mind.
- When the *mind* is not developed, the character is not purified and the man is not free of the prevalence of the personality, then the *information* will be *distorted* and therefore misinterpreted.
- Only where *clear and correct understanding* of the inner *divine* voice is present, an *infallible leadership* results.



# The Soul as Source

- Only when this latter form of guidance has been determined, stabilized, cultivated, developed and understood, then other forms of spiritual guidance will become possible.
- The recognition of the soul-awakening comes gradually and in stages. Brain cells need to be woken up slowly in order to develop an impeccable, explanatory reaction.

# The own Soul Recognition

- To the extent of becoming conscious of the Plan of God, man can consider this to be knowledge from his own direct contact with a thought-form of the Plan. The Hierarchy works in groups, and through telepathic impressions or imprints.
- If he acquires this knowledge and explains it in a proper manner, he will achieve simply the recognition of what his own soul unconditionally knows.
- The soul is an aspect of the Universal Soul which is an inseparable part of the planetary Hierarchy.



# Spiritual Diary

Contact with a Presence, can mean:

- with one's own soul
- with a disciple
- with a master (by means of symbols and if the objective of the Plan which would justify this).

Any inner enlightenment, which sheds light on a problem, both for you and the group.

Any telepathic event between you and your fellow disciples.

Telepathic interplay should be cultivated and should be checked with the utmost care and precision.

# Spiritual Diary

- The scoring of spiritual experiences during the investigation.
- Make mention of this without preconceived opinion and subject to a scientific way of thinking.
- All this in an agnostic manner and without mystical explanation, to be kept from traps of illusion and delusion.