

## **The Human Potential**

### **Masters and Avatars**

Can we humans envisage our highest potential, our reason for being? There are many possibilities, but 2000 years ago a great Teacher said it as follows:

“He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” (John 14:12). This is because “I have said ye are gods: and all of you are children of the most High.” (Psalm 82). From this we can gather that we are literally “Sons of God”, helped to grow up by our wiser elder family in the higher kingdom of the Masters, and others.

This potential is recognized in the essential truths of all religions which are<sup>1</sup>:

1. The Law of Love/Compassion
2. The Fact of God
3. The Continuity of Revelation
4. The Inevitable Response of Humanity
5. Progress
6. Transcendence

The first two of these truths are well understood by many, but the third about the continuity of divine revelation is not well known and is rarely preached in churches. However, divinity is always with us, and the Masters have continually inspired the development of humanity and continue to do so today.<sup>2</sup> By uplifting our awareness we can attune to the new revelations and make them available to all, as many are now doing. This brings an inevitable response from the core of divinity in all people, leading to the progress of human consciousness and behaviour. The outcome of this is apotheosis, the transcendence out of humanity and into the kingdom of the Masters.

### **The Lodge of Masters**

The three kingdoms of Life on Earth above the human kingdom comprise the Masters, the Buddhas of Activity (the Triads) and Shamballa. These are described in the diagram of the Solar and Planetary Hierarchies at annex A. It shows the archetypal divine unity becoming the trinity and then the seven (the embodied seven spiritual Rays) in hierarchical organization. The Lodge of Masters has the three major Departmental Heads of the Manu (1<sup>st</sup> ray), the Bodhisattva (i.e. the Christ, 2<sup>nd</sup> ray) and the Mahachohan (3<sup>rd</sup> ray), with the latter having a further four ray divisions. These seven are the main ashrams of the Masters, and the diagram lists a few of the Masters prominent in helping human evolution. It was the Masters Morya (M in the diagram), Koot Humi (KH) and Djwhal Khul (DK) who provided divine wisdom to their amanuenses Helena Blavatsky and Alice Bailey. When in incarnation 2000 years ago the Master Jesus, on the 6<sup>th</sup> ray, was overshadowed by the Christ (Bodhisattva).

In recent centuries divine revelation was highlighted by enhanced Hierarchical teaching to disciples in the West (details are at Annex B) in three major stages:

- a) Preparatory stage, 1875 – 1890 (15yrs) Blavatsky, and the Theosophical Society starts,
- b) Intermediate stage, 1919 – 1949 (30yrs) Djwhal Khul and AA Bailey, 24 books,
- c) Revelatory stage, 1975 – 2025 (50yrs) worldwide via electronic media (esp. after yr 2000).

<sup>1</sup> AA Bailey, *Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p.288-91.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://www.progressions.info/Time%20is%20Now%203.pdf>.

A sample of authors and works received in revelation during these three stages are as follows:

**First: 1875-90**

Helena P Blavatsky  
Annie Besant  
Rudolph Steiner  
Charles W Leadbeater

**Second: 1919-49**

Alice A Bailey  
Lucille Cedercrans  
Edgar Cayce  
Urantia  
Peter Deunov  
Helena Roerich  
Dion Fortune  
Vera Stanley Alder

**Third: 1975-2025**

Course in Miracles  
Keys of Enoch  
Eckhart Tolle  
Neale Donald Walshe  
Elizabeth Haitch  
Dolores Cannon  
Ken Carey  
Near Death Experiences  
Extra Terrestrials

The first and second stages had focal receiving amanuenses in Helena Blavatsky and Alice Bailey. The current third stage has a greater diversity of receiving channels.

**Avatars**

An Avatar is a master being who has a peculiar capacity (besides a self-initiated task and a pre-ordained destiny) to transmit energy or divine power. The word Avatar can be said to mean "Coming down with the approval of the higher source from which it came and with benefit to the place at which it arrives."<sup>3</sup>

The Bhagavad Gita, Book IV, Sutras 7 & 8 famously says that  
"Whenever there is a withering of the law and an uprising of lawlessness on all sides, *then* I manifest Myself. For the salvation of the righteous and the destruction of such as do evil, for the firm establishing of the Law, I come to birth age after age."

Avatars are of various types and levels of divinity, being both the lesser human personifications of inspired leadership, and the greater attuned essences of divine principles. The lesser Avatars are human, with both positive and negative qualities, yet able to manifest some high principles relevant to their vocation. Examples of these include Martin Luther, Moses, Columbus, Akbar, Shakespeare, Leonardo da Vinci, Winston Churchill, FD Roosevelt, and Hitler (who was overshadowed by the dark brotherhood). Greater Avatars are of various kinds<sup>4</sup>, such as:

**Racial** - epitomizes the quality and destiny of a race – 1<sup>st</sup> Ray

Abraham Lincoln  
Otto von Bismarck (dark)

**Teaching** – a new consciousness, the next truth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray

Plato  
Patanjali (the first)  
Sankaracharya

**Ray** – when a ray begins to manifest fully

The 7<sup>th</sup> ray avatar will manifest later in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

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<sup>3</sup> From *Monier-Williams' Sanskrit Dictionary*, quoted in AA Bailey, *Reappearance of the Christ* p.6-7.

<sup>4</sup> AA Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 297-300.

**Transmitting** – when humanity as a whole needs a new truth to progress in evolution

Buddha – enlightenment

Christ – divine love

Hercules, Hermes and Vyasa are examples of earlier Transmitting Avatars

**Divine Embodiments** – have influence via Shamballa, with divine purpose – 1<sup>st</sup> Ray

The Avatar of Synthesis will descend only to the mental level, sometime during the Aquarian Age. It will manifest through a Transmitting Avatar that is in physical incarnation. This latter is known as the Rider on the White Horse of the Book of Revelation (at the battle of Armageddon), and in other traditions.

Different traditions and religions have different names for the masters and Avatars. The Hindu pantheon of Avatars of Vishnu<sup>5</sup> shows divine Teachers of humanity from early Lemurian times to the Coming One known as the Kalki Avatar (the Rider on the White Horse). Figure 1 shows a selection of ten of these Avatars in historical lineage from the half fish image in the bottom left, clockwise around to the Kalki Avatar at bottom right. The Lemurian times saw the descent of humanity from the ethers to physical bodies. Water is a symbol for the ethers, and fish swim in waters, hence the half fish and half man symbol. The subsequent Avatars are represented as animals, then primitive men, then enlightened men, symbolising human evolution. Their names reflect this, being respectively, Fish, Turtle, Boar, Lion-man, Dwarf, Warrior-priest, Rama (prince), Krishna (cow-herd), Buddha, and Kalki (horseman).



Some other Avatars include Vyasa, who wrote the Mahabharata in around 3000 BC and proclaimed the immortality of the soul, though there are many Vyasas, including the earliest in Lemurian times.<sup>6</sup> Another was Hermes, also known as Thoth, who records that he was an Atlantean (there is a strong

link between Atlantis and Egypt) who foresaw the future. There were a number of Hermes, but the writer of the Hermetica was the one considered to be an Avatar who initiated the process of enlightenment for the 5<sup>th</sup> root race. Here are some of his words: “Wise words, although written by my decaying hand, remain imperishable through time; Imbued with the medicine of immortality by the All-Master. Be unseen and undiscovered by all those who will come and go, wandering the wastelands of life. Be hidden, until an older heaven births human beings who are worthy of your wisdom.”<sup>7</sup>

Figure 1. The Avatars of Vishnu

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<sup>5</sup> The holy trinity in Hinduism is known as Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma, i.e. Will, Love and Intelligence, or in Christian terminology Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

<sup>6</sup> AA Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, p.347-555.

<sup>7</sup> Freke, T and Gandy, P, *The Hermetica*, Piatkus, London 1997, p.6.

The Buddhists have an Avatar for each root race, and others, and also a hierarchy of celestial Buddhas, with Avalokiteshvara being the Logos of all Buddhas. According to Blavatsky the Maitreya is their 5<sup>th</sup> Buddha, and is also the Messiah, and the Kalki Avatar of the Hindus.<sup>8</sup> While it is apparent that different religions have different names for the same spiritual offices in the higher kingdoms, it is not always known that the Kalki Avatar will be the Avatar of the Being known variously as Vishnu, Christ, Bodhisattva, and Maitreya (all the same), and that this Avatar can also be the incarnate agent of the Avatar of Synthesis.



This means that a Transmitting Avatar will be overshadowed by the Divine Avatar of Synthesis. The purpose of this cooperation is to enable the powerful 1<sup>st</sup> ray energy of synthesis to generate the spiritual will-to-good, at-one-ment, unification and fusion of all seven kingdoms on Earth. This cosmic being works through groups, advanced humanity, where possible the mass of humanity, and organizations such as the United Nations General Assembly. A first aim will be to harmonise the five lower kingdoms on Earth to become as one. We can invoke this Spirit to synthesise humanity into one, to integrate the mineral, plant and animal kingdoms with humanity into one world, and to facilitate the incarnation of the fifth kingdom of the masters to anchor all five kingdoms as one Sons of God.<sup>9</sup> The Buddha will work with these cosmic beings to enhance spiritual light for the planet and for all people. Human invocation is needed to ensure cooperative success, but the Avatar of Synthesis will appear only after humanity itself has

**Figure 2. The Kalki Avatar**

worked to overcome evil and create a better world.<sup>10</sup> This Avatar needs a nucleus of advanced humanity through which it can work when the lesser Avatar manifests.

### **Our Role**

Humanity is the middle of seven Kingdoms of Life on Earth, and we have incarnated to cooperate with all of them, and so with the Divine Plan. We are learning to consciously co-create the good, the true and the beautiful by receiving and distributing energy/consciousness within all aspects of planetary Life. The Masters and Avatars provide the ideas and inspirations and we act upon them. As such we are like awakening brain cells in Earth's livingness. We need to work to assist the overall evolution of our planet and of humanity within it. We can work consciously with the Masters, in invocation and lightworking, seeking to manifest the Divine Plan, and cooperate with all Avatars. We can come to know Ourselves and help others. But remember: We are all One. Ours is not a better way, ours is merely another way.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>8</sup> HP Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine*, Adyar Edition, Book II, p.99.

<sup>9</sup> AA Bailey, *The Reappearance of the Christ*, p.77-78.

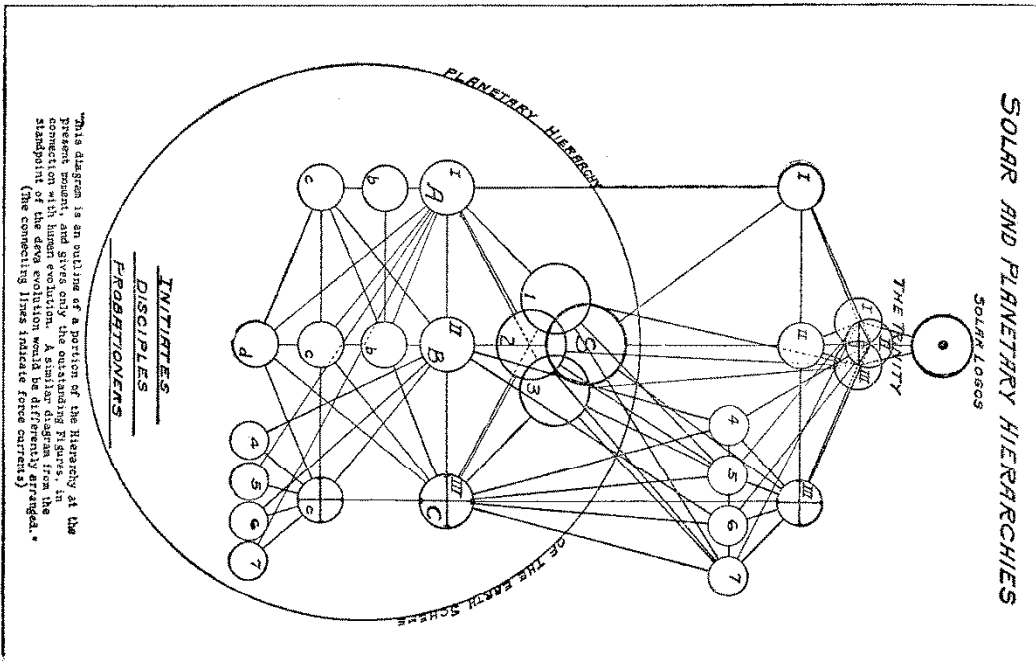
<sup>10</sup> AA Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p.311-12.

<sup>11</sup> Neale Donald Walsch, *The New Revelations*, p. 210.

Annex A: The Lodge of Masters

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CHART XIII



This diagram is an outline of a portion of the Hierarchy at the present moment, and gives only the outstanding Rites in connection with human evolution. A similar diagram from the standpoint of the deva evolution would be differently arranged. (The connecting lines indicate force currents.)

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KEY TO DIAGRAM OF SOLAR AND PLANETARY HIERARCHIES

THE SOLAR HIERARCHY

The Solar Logos.

The Solar Trinity or Logoi

- I The Father..... WILL.
- II The Son..... Love-Wisdom.
- III The Holy Spirit... Active Intelligence.

The Seven Rays

Three Rays of Aspect.

- I. Will or Power..... II. Love-Wisdom..... III. Active Intelligence.

- 4. Harmony or Beauty.
- 5. Concrete Knowledge.
- 6. Devotion or Idealism.
- 7. Ceremonial magic.

THE PLANETARY HIERARCHY

S. Sanat Kumara, the Lord of the World.  
(The Ancient of Days.  
The One Initiator.)

The Three Kumaras.  
(The Buddhas of Activity.)

- 1
- 2
- 3

The reflections of the 3 major and 4 minor Rays.

The 3 Departmental Heads.

- I. The Will Aspect... II. The Love-Wisdom Aspect.
- III. Intelligence Aspect.

A. The Manu. B. The Bodhisattva. C. The Mahachohan.  
(The Christ. (The Lord of Civilisation))  
The World Teacher.)

h. Master Jupiter. b. A European Master. c. The Venetian Master.

g. Master M—. e. Master K.H. 4. The Master Serapis.

d. Master D.K. 5. Master Hilarion.

Four grades of initiates. 6. Master Jesus.

Various grades of disciples. 7. Master R—.

People on the Probationary Path.

Average humanity of all degrees.

Source: AA Bailey, *Initiation Human and Solar*, p.48, and *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p.1238.

## Annex B: Recent Hierarchical Influences, 1425 – 2025

- 1425** Beginning of the process to externalise the Hierarchy of Masters (White Brotherhood). **3<sup>rd</sup> ray** begins, 3000 yrs, covers Aquarian age, stimulates intelligence and creative work, has a direct effect on the 5<sup>th</sup> root race. Renaissance and its humanism starts. Permission given to Masters for inflow of **1<sup>st</sup> ray** energy to break up old conditions. Requirements for initiation are changed to promote alignment between mind, soul, spiritual triad and monad. Use of telepathy and impression increased. Initiates of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree incarnate, aim to establish a new culture of civilisation (esp. transference from Solar Plexus to Heart).
- 1500** Masters seek ways to hasten individuals' inner integration and inner light and to develop their knowledge of the Divine Plan. A time limit looms because of various cycles converging at the commencement of the Aquarian Age and the need to use those energies then.
- 1575** **Ray 2** starts with many 2<sup>nd</sup> ray egos incarnating and manifesting the Christ impulse
- 1625** **Ray 6** begins to decline, reducing Solar Plexus devotional influences. There is a 500 yr crossover period between the Age of Pisces and the Age of Aquarius (its influence totally ends at yr 2125)
- 1675** **Ray 7** starts (2,500 yrs), the ray of the Aquarian Age, uniting spirit and matter in consciousness and behaviour
- 1775** **Ray 5** starts, stimulating modern rational science. Beginning of the industrial revolution. The USA declaration of independence in 1776. The **1<sup>st</sup> ray** destructive influence that was brought in by the Hierarchy in 1425 to break up rigid social patterns inhibiting progress is almost over, and its creative aspect now begins.
- 1825** Economic adjustments begin (continuing to yr 2000) as a result of the influence of ray 2 egos. Masters agree to apply **Ray 1** energy from Shamballa directly to humanity.
- 1875** The beginning of enhanced Hierarchical teaching to disciples in the West, in three major stages:  
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- 1900** Hierarchy formulates a contemporary Plan for humanity, further detailed in 1925
- 1916** The Masters gather a group of advanced disciples to help manifest the Plan, as forerunners to the externalisation of the Hierarchy (now known as the Cultural Creatives?)
- 1975** Masters apply **Ray 1** energy from Shamballa directly to humanity, and also in year **2000**.
- 2025** The Masters will create a new phase of the Divine Plan, of which the Plan for humanity is a part. It will focus on the will and purpose of the Planetary Logos and will necessarily be wholistic, evolutionary and self-revealing for humanity. It will aim for a subjective synthesis in humanity, with telepathic interplay with both the higher kingdoms (of the Masters and Logos) and lower kingdoms of nature, leading to eventual omnipresence and omniscience. We will understand our cooperation with divine purpose. A time will be set for the Masters to externalise. The Mysteries will eventually be restored. This Plan will be a major influence upon the Aquarian Age. **Ray 4** of harmony through conflict begins.

**Source:** Djwhal Khul and the various books by his amanuensis AA Bailey.