

QUEST UNIVERSAL – LEVEL FIVE

DHY 540 – THE VEIL OF ASPIRATION

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INTRODUCTION

When one reaches the Path of Group Initiation and studies Rules IX and X, one thing becomes very clear in one's mind and it is something one can be sure of: there is no more time or reason or logic to think only about oneself. When we begin to realize that ATMA and its seven planes are related to the WILL OF GOD – we tremble with the thought: “there goes away our free will!” It is then a great surprise when, on the contrary, our life experience enriches and we are in the company of so many enlightened beings, people of goodwill and with sincere commitments to carry forth the Divine Plan for humanity. The work is done more harmoniously and spontaneously when we follow the steps that condition our spiritual will and face the challenge with a posture of poise, and with “the mind held steady in the light.”

As we study the rules for Disciples and Initiates, taught by the Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul, we understand the necessity of diving into the abstract because there are hierarchical aspects to be considered. Adventures come in, though, as we encounter many possibilities for revelations....

I focused on one of them, specifically, the VEIL OF ASPIRATION, wanting to understand the deep levels of these terms so important for me then. I figured to myself that perhaps it was time for me to realize that I was no longer an aspirant, but wisdom intervened reminding me that as long as we have something to learn, we are aspiring. But why do we need to aspire? Is it part of our spiritual evolution, this urge to understand the sacred, the invisible and occult? Will it bring more essential and deep studies for our spiritual growth? Then I remembered Master D.K.'s promise that “When these Rules are considered in their entirety, opportunity for revelation in the ‘Life in which we live and move and have our being’ is possible. That sufficed for me to continue.

OBJETIVE

Throughout my life, one constant objective was present in all works I have done: TO SHARE. Since young age, my first spiritual teacher Confucius taught me that “Learning Implies Responsibility”.

Thus, we must become aware that somehow transference of mental substance has to occur through words, thoughts or actions; this means going from aspired *bodhichitta* (mind of altruism, love and compassion) to engaged *bodhichitta* to ultimate *bochichitta* (Buddhist phases of spiritual growth). From selfishness, we must practice altruism and then dissolve ourselves in the great Void.

DEFINITIONS

There are many definitions of the word ‘aspiration’, most of them known to us, but one in particular called my attention since it is not connected with having an ambition, goal, objective, desire or to fly high as our younger generation project their wishes. This definition appeared in the 14th century literature, stating its origin from the Latin word “aspire”, meaning “breathing toward”. It did not include sound or clear vision or any kind of future desires, but something subtle which my intuition

interpreted as connected with the action of inhaling prana – since it refreshes the breath, vitalizes us, and connects itself with our dreams, karmic or dharmic imprints; while we exhale, we share with all the other elements, visible or occult, whatever is the focused object of meditation and this spreads out and around; something like a collective dance starts without our awareness, blinded by our veil of ignorance or by our deep-seated selfishness. We may be thinking: “I am an aspirant...”, without realizing that it is the entire cosmos that is aspiring along with you, yearning for your perfection, unity, love, wisdom, and wellness for all beings involved. So, it is towards the unknown that I aspire to rend this veil and break through maya.

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE PATH IS THE WILL

The Tibetan warns us that “If group consciousness and service are foundational to the Age of Aquarius then the will is the cornerstone of the Path itself. Will is the synergizing quality of the higher kingdoms that is beginning to influence human awareness, however it is often felt as a destructive impact (which is liberating in effect when viewed from the Life side) enabling Purpose to move effectively influence spiritual direction along inclusive lines.” (Introduction to Course – 5th par.)

After this warning, I reviewed how my meditation was, how steady I was in the Path, the control of the mind and the soul integrated personality, deciding that I was ready for ATMA, since I have learned the proper tools, a wonderful group to work with, a great Master and teachers plus...I have the Aspiration! As I quickly found out, this topic was not in the beginning of the course. I would have to study Rules IX and X before I could understand what this Veil of Aspiration was. But I had the Will!

RULE IX

“Let the group know there are no other selves.

Let the group know there is no colour, only light;

And then let darkness take the place of light,

hiding all difference, blotting out all form.

Then – at the place of tension, and at that darkest point –

Let the group see a point of clear cold fire, and in the fire

(right at its very heart)

Let the One Initiator appear Whose star shone forth

when first the Door was passed.” (RI-167)

I was struck by some kind of fear, insecurity and feeling totally unfit to face the Initiator. The Solar Angel came in during meditation to help, reminding me that I had a great Teacher, a great group, wonderful instructions, the will and....the aspiration! Taking one step or one sentence at a time, as Master D.K. does, I started what I considered the best part of the adventure – after all, the hypothetical possibility existed of being with the One Initiator, if I passed the door...

Some aspects of this Rule IX are particularly important to be shared:

1. IDENTIFICATION – we have been told that **“The greatest problem facing aspirants and disciples prior to the third initiation is that of comprehending the nature of identification. This concerns (in the first instance) the relation of the self to the Self and of all selves to the all-inclusive SELF.”** (RI-172) Until we reach the state of unity with the all-inclusive Self, when duality no longer appears.
2. “I SEE THE GREATEST LIGHT”- this powerful sentence that refers to the Monadic of Spiritual life, assured me that there was nothing to worry about if I just kept standing in the light and focused on it.
3. “...DARKNESS IS PURE SPIRIT...” – according to the Tibetan, **“This recognition, realisation, comprehensive (call it what you will) is so overwhelming and all-embracing that distinctions and differences disappear.”** (RI-174)

Until now I had studied the lower aspects of life, thus considered by an initiate, naturally using his normal consciousness which is the Spiritual Triad. However, for an aspirant such as myself, I knew that I had to achieve the ‘manasic awareness’, or abstract mind. With this perception, with time I learned to work all the aspects of Rule IX and achieve relatively good understanding of what these higher levels of consciousness are.

The main challenges were:

1. To understand the three major ideas mentioned before, which are:
 - Our complete identity with all other beings;
 - Our complete uniformity of their presentation to the world once unity is no longer a goal but should have been actually established;
 - Deriving from these points of view, the group force is generated “as a real and focused energy”.
 - The concept of duality must be gone by then, because as Master D.K. explains,

“Where true identity is achieved, there is no sense of this and that; where the merging is complete, there is no recognition of individual activity within the group, because the will of the merged soul is identical with that of the group and automatic in its working; where true unity is present, the individual applicant becomes only a channel for the group will and activity, and this with no effort of his own but simply as a spontaneous reaction.” (RI – 168)

- These higher states of monadic expression must be experienced during meditation as well as during our routine life, since:

“Embracing, fusing and unifying the endeavor of these groups of Ashrams, stands the living Christ, the Head of all Ashrams and the Master of the Masters, the Mediator between Shamballa and the Hierarchy and between the Hierarchy and Humanity...”

This mediatory work, based on the blending of the spiritual will (which He has already developed) with the universal will (which He is developing), marks for Him a goal which will be consummated when He takes the ninth initiation.”
(RI – 170)

- As these quotes exemplify, all beings are working towards their evolution, even the Christ!

The entire evolution of cosmos, Higher Beings, Hierarchy, Humanity, kingdoms, all sentient beings depends of our personal engagement and dedication with sincerity in the heart, daily dedicating any merits to all beings so that we can someday become collectively enlightened.

- We spoke about the **Will** , studied in depth during investigation of the ATMA Plane.

According to Master D.K.,

“The Will is often regarded as a power by means of which things are done, activities are instituted and plans worked out. This general definition is the easiest for us to formulate because it is understood by them in terms of their own self-will, the will to individual self-betterment – selfish and misunderstood at first but tending eventually to selflessness as evolution carries out its beneficent task. The will is interpreted in terms of the hierarchical plan, and the effort of the individual man becomes that of negating his self-will and seeking to merge his will with that of the group, the group being itself an aspect of the hierarchical effort. This is a great step onward in orientation and will lead to a change in consciousness eventually. This last sentence is of importance.....” (RI-pg.171)

THE CONCEPT OF UNITY

This indicates a great progress for it allows cooperation, impersonality, sharing, solidarity, group work and *consensus*, realization of what needs to be done, and absorption of the Plan as the soul approaches Hierarchy and seeks to identify with It, inspired by Its selfless actions. The Veil of Aspiration widens as we share with each other more freely our qualities and non-virtues, in a mirrored sincere display of what still remains as imprints, while absorbing the qualities of the other veils of light and beauty which keep joining our great fourth Veil of Aspiration. At this point in time, Unity is a direct experience which produces great joy and group realization.

COLOR VERSUS DARKNESS

Rule IX – (second sentence) – “Let the Group know there is no color, only light; and then, let darkness take the place of light.”

Another chill went over my spine, bringing out the old fears of my childhood, but the group continued united and suddenly I reached the stage of having to comprehend the nature of identification, remembering I had the same difficulties while studying void or emptiness; however, a revelation was there for me to meditate and try to absorb...According to the Tibetan,

“The greatest problem facing aspirants and disciples prior to the third initiation is that of comprehending the nature of identification. This concerns (in the first instance) the relation of the self to the Self and of all selves to the all-inclusive Self. It involves the mystery of duality with which they are occupied, and the very moment that theory as to essential unity becomes definite realisation, then the realm of synthesis is entered.”
(RI-172)

THE THREE RENTS

Continuing my studies, soon I entered Rule X and the good news was in the second sentence which states:

“Let the group widen all the rents within those veils and thus let in the light.” (RI-181)

What a blessing to be able to finally work with the veils and with the light. What would be the next needed development? The words of the Tibetan were like fire and I could not leave them out of my paper – I felt and decided I should indeed share with my colleagues who studied them as well. Repetition of the Ageless Wisdom is always a blessing!

Thus spoke the Tibetan:

“The groups must focus the energy at the very center of the group being;

- the group must carry the force from point to point and from veil to veil;

**- the group must project the destroying energy and become unitedly aware
of what each veil hides;**

**- the group must perform the activities (seven in all) of purification; the group must meet,
accept and distribute the descending spiritual energy which will finally consummate
the work done .**

**- The group – through the use of that descending current – will drive the forces of evil
back on to the astral plane and will together work with the three aspects of the first
ray.**

These are typified by the Voice, the O.M. and the Sound. (RI – 191)

WHAT ARE THE THREE RENTS ANYWAY?

These three major rents exist in the veils and were mentioned in the Bible although very few could understand their meaning; our kind Teacher, however, explained to us that:

FIRST RENT - “the first major rent was made by the establishment of the Law of God, and this is portrayed for us symbolically in The Old Testament in the story of Moses. He went up into the Mount of God and there received The Commandments.”

SECOND RENT – considered the most important one, was made through the power of the second Aspect, “when the Christ subjected Master Jesus to the fourth initiation and Their joint influence was triumphant over death.”

THIRD RENT – occurred when “Saul of Tarsus saw the glory of the Lord and was changed into Paul the Apostle...This force, working in Saul, drove him through the veil which prevented vision, and the rent thereby made brought him a new revelation. He was, we are told, completely blinded for three days.”

These three great rents which exist until today provided humanity huge *quantum* leaps of consciousness. Just imagine: **“Three great Sons of God at the moment of initiation made a major contribution to the human consciousness through their determined will-to-law, will-to-love and will-to-synthesis. Mankind was thereby aided to move forward more easily along the “lighted Way”, to pass through the halls of maya, aided by the light pouring through the rents made in the separating veils by perfected divine Men at the very moment of Their triumph.”** (RI – 195)

HOW ABOUT THE VEILS AND THE HALLS?

These veils are like curtains, drapes, which exist to diminish the impact of light upon our vision. Esoterically, however, they prevent the realization of truth or of what lays behind what we, common beings, can experience? Since they prevent the light from penetrating our minds allowing clear vision of reality, let's examine the description of the veils and halls made by the Master D.K.:

“Next to the earthly plane is found the **Veil of Impulsion**

And then the **Hall of Concentration.**

To that succeeds the **Veil of Distortion,**

Related to the world of glamour as impulsion is to force.

Beyond that veil is found the **Hall of Choice.**

And then we find another veil, the **Veil of Separation,**

And beyond it lies the **Hall of Blinded Men –**

Blinded by light but facing towards **the final veil –**

The Veil of Aspiration.

Four Veils, three halls and many men.” (RI – 196)

E – U – R – E – K – A! Finally the Veil of Aspiration appeared....but was I in the Hall of Blinded Men? Probably so.....but let's study a little bit more about what the Tibetan had to say about the Four Veils....since they represent higher veiling factors which need to be considered with care and great attention.

“VEIL I – That which faces the disciple as he wrestles with the Dweller on the Threshold, and becomes conscious of the Angels of the Presence, through as yet he sees Him not.

VEIL II – That with the initiate encounters at the fourth initiation and which forces him to cry out in his blindness: “My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?...”

VEIL III – That mysterious blindness which overwhelms the initiate when – as the Embodiment of all the forces of the Spiritual Triad – He faces the Monad and is impelled forward by the “devastating Will” of the first aspect...”

VEIL IV – THE VEIL OF ASPIRATION – this is a quite powerful description by Master D.K. of this Veil:

“That ‘unknown impenetrable Void, the utter darkness of negation’ which Those Who are in the Council Chamber of the Lord of the World and Who are focussed in Shamballa face when time comes for Them to ‘negate’ our planetary life-expression and experience altogether. They must then leave behind all the seven planes of spiritual and human experience and pass onward and out into phases of Life and Being for which we have no words, and of which we have no conception. They leave through the fourth veil on the cosmic physical etheric levels (on the highest plane of our seven planes) and pass on to the cosmic astral plane. There They negate its existence as They have earlier negated its existence of the astral plane, so familiar an illusion to all of us. The initiate passes on to the cosmic astral plane and finds – What? Who knows? I do not.

Thus, the veils serve their purpose; blindness nurtures and protects, provided it is innate and natural, soul-imposed or spiritually engendered. If it is willfully self-induced, if it provides an alibi for grasped knowledge, if it is assumed in order to avoid responsibility, then sin enters in and difficulty ensues. From this may all of you be protected.”
(RI-199-200)

ESSENTIAL ADVICES by THE TIBETAN

Our Master warns us that while studying the Rules, with all the details and intricacies, we must keep in mind at all times the following information which nonetheless is interconnected with everything we have been studying so far:

“Today, hundreds and thousands of disciples are working, and thus learning to use the ancient rules for work within the veils of maya. Let me give you some of these formulas...”

- 1 - Focus the force at the jewel’s point and find the veil that it can touch.**
- 2 - Carry the force from point to point and then project. Look for the energy in form behind the veil attacked. A rent within the veil exists.**
- 3 - Look for the energy in form behind the veil attacked. A rent within the veil exists. Find it and see.**
- 4 - A path lies through the veils, giving access to the several courts. Walk on that path, wielding destruction and clearing out the refuse in the court. The court of the money changers is the last.**
- 5 - Meet the descending forces and find the current which is yours.**
- 6 - Watch for the evil stream of force which seeks to mend the rents. Project upon that stream the energy of which you know. It led you from the Ashram into the veils. Use it and drive the evil back unto the astral plane.**
- 7 - Work with the Sound and know it as the source of power. Use first the Voice; then use the O.M., and late use the Sound. All three together will suffice.”** (RI – 190)

CONCLUSION

My conclusion is a personal direct experience I had during the Libra Equinox Service held by Tuija Robbins. I had spent many hours, even weeks studying Rules IX and X, and figuring out how to structure my dissertation in order to reach my objective of sharing, thinking it would a way of distributing light from the higher realms of ATMA and from above to humanity during this glorious equinox. Right during the service, when I was concentrating on the ritual, a teaching by Master D.K. came to mind, followed by visions of the recent news about the worldwide marches, towards the increase of consciousness about the climate changes and the

powerful effective results of the international programs I was participating, such as the Avaaz campaign, and the Summer of Peace.

The sentence by D.K. was: **“A fourth great rent still remains to be made as a result of the energies released and the gained good which the three earlier rents have made possible. This fourth major rent will be made by humanity itself, standing with ‘massed intent’, focussed through the groups which are externalisations of the Ashrams of the Masters. It will therefore be made at the time that the Hierarchy takes physical shape upon the earth again.”** (RI – 194)

Could we, per chance and still unaware of the world impact of the marches (over 1 billion people participated worldwide), conducted without violence by humanity from all levels and religions be part of this fourth great rent? I was as struck by a lightening.....around me, the picture of Master D.K., the computer transmitting the service, the seven candles lit, the bread and the wine.....and then I looked at myself with my/our **Veil of Aspiration** on top of my head, without rents and beautifully pink as only Venus Herself could have given me this precious gift...As I inhaled, I saw the entire Zodiac, the stars, and the seven candles became the seven paths. I was out of the Zodiac, in the galaxy of Sombrero enjoying the warmth or coldness of its 800 billion suns and felt embraced by LOVE AND WISDOM. As I exhaled, I breathed toward Humanity and all sentient beings living in all kingdoms, here and above.

I was not dreaming. Humanity had awakened and was demonstrating a new consciousness, in the ideal moment for making a GREAT CHOICE; I saw the scales of Libra going towards the positive side of masses’ manifestations worldwide, announcing strong possibilities of changes; maybe some will be made with a lot of suffering, others not, if we cooperate with the Divine Plan. Tears came to my eyes when I realized that I was embracing my sisters of BRS, all men and women of Good Will and all the beings of the lower worlds at that moment, as a channel, as it should be: Virgo: the Promise of Glory!

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Post Scriptum 1

“As the fires of lust are controlled and the veil remains intact, its fabrics become cleansed and purified by the action of the mind contemplating the ideal world. The mind is then not limited by the veil. Its thought is free from the warp and the woof of the veil and it learns to contemplate things as they are rather than as given form and tendency by the veil. So old age may ripen into wisdom instead of passing into senility.” (The Word, written in 1907 by H.W. Percival - Vol. 6 of the “Veil of Isis”.)

Post Scriptum 2 – email from AVAAZ (please see all the pictures, checking a second link in the text) – Sent by separate email.

Post Scriptum 3 – email from Summer of Peace – Transforming Conflict in your Heart, Your Relationships and the World. Sent by separate email.