

Being Spiritual Will

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“The purpose of life is a life of purpose.” - Robert Byrne

“There are moments when one feels free from one's own identification with human limitations and inadequacies. At such moments one imagines that one stands on some spot of a small planet, gazing in amazement at the cold yet profoundly moving beauty of the eternal, the unfathomable; Life and death flow into one, and there is neither evolution nor destiny; only Being.” - Albert Einstein

The nature of spiritual will and related esoteric concepts are challenging to express, and even to understand. Soul consciousness and the initial Triadal qualities of abstract thought and Buddhi are challenging enough to describe and realize. Will, Atma, purpose, and Shamballa are levels beyond, and feature even greater synthesis and being. Most of humanity has developed intellect, and many on the spiritual path have developed love to a certain degree, but few have developed will, making it a new or final “frontier” of spiritual evolution. Will and spirit are much higher vibrations than intellect. Therefore words must necessarily fail in describing will, because it’s beyond objective “description” as we think of it. Ultimately will must be lived or realized, and can’t just be learned or taught.

In spite of the above, there are a number of useful ways in which disciples can understand, recognize, and identify with the presence of spiritual will in our individual and group lives. This can help lead to a greater realization and evocation of will (even if it’s just the beginnings of it) in the objective worlds we interact with on a daily basis.

To begin, the spiritual seeker may come across several different terms related to the will, such as Atma, purpose, Shamballa, life, being, and identification. Sometimes these terms are used interchangeably, however each one refers to something slightly different, which is important to distinguish:

- **Will:** Will is focused intention, energized and formulated powerfully and accurately so that its mode of expression and result is inescapable. Will is the first or highest of the three aspects of Divinity. True will is more a steadfast and calm determination, as opposed to an emotionally passionate forcefulness.
- **Atma:** Atma refers to a specific spiritual vibration. It covers the Atmic plane, the highest of the five planes of human evolution. It also covers the Atmic principle, the 6th highest of seven, below the 7th and final principle of Monadic life. Atma is Sanskrit for “self”, which gives a hint to its essential meaning. Atma can be briefly summarized as reality or That which truly is, since Divine will is more an essential reality than some individual’s chosen desire. This concept is similar to the Ray 1 mantra used to construct the Antahkarana: “I assert the fact.”

- **Purpose:** Purpose is a subjective source or energy which impulses, inspires, or evokes activity. Purpose is released in Shamballa, and then focused, received, and processed by lower planetary centers. Contrast purpose to Plan, which is the energy of purpose able to be expressed in a specific manner in time and space, involving planned activity and a goal. If will is the energy that powers a journey, purpose is the visualization of the destination. If purpose is the original archetypal idea, the Plan is the idea gradually taking form as it descends to lower worlds.
- **Shamballa:** Shamballa is “the Center where the Will of God is known” of our planet, or what corresponds to the head chakra of the planet, which radiates divine will and purpose. Similarly, humanity is the planetary center aligned with intelligent activity, and the spiritual Hierarchy is aligned with love and unity. Shamballa contains a great Council headed by Sanat Kumara. Note that *“the planetary Logos on His Own plane is to Sanat Kumara what the soul is to the human personality upon the physical plane in the three worlds.”* (RI page 277) The Nirmanakayas work to focus the will and purpose of Shamballa, so that it may be received by the Hierarchy and formulated as the Plan.
- **Life:** Life is the essence which permeates all planes and all aspects of divinity. It can also be referred to as pure being. Life is effectively the synthesis of the three divine aspects of activity, love, and will. That means life can only be fully realized once the will has been developed. Liberated life is associated with Monadic levels of being, and also the Sirius star system. Some of the mystery and indescribability of being is suggested in the quote at the start of this paper by Albert Einstein.
- **Identification:** Identification is an illuminated and esoteric realization in which the self is absorbed into some part or larger whole of existence. One can identify themselves at any number of individual and group levels, and on any plane, such as with one of their lower bodies, the integrated personality, the soul, Ashram, Hierarchy, the Monad and Shamballa, and even universal Oneness. One way to represent identification is with the Leo mantra “I am That, and That am I”.

As a universal aspect of divinity, will exists on all planes and levels of vibration. Example types of will, ranging from the most primitive level or plane to the most exalted, include:

- **Personal will:** Personal will is the will of the personality, and is mainly based on desire and the force of determination. This is a dense and distant reflection of true will, but ultimately based on the same concept. Positively, personal will can be the willpower to overcome bad habits and persevere in self-development, important stages leading to the Path. The developed personality and its awakened mind can express the will-to-know.
- **Soul will:** Soul will is the will-to-good, which expresses in the world as a calm and steadfast goodwill. Soul will is represented in the Sacrifice petals of the Egoic Lotus. The disciple uses soul will to strengthen their point of tension when building the Antahkarana. There are different types of soul will aligned with each the seven Rays, which are the wills to initiate, unify, evolve, harmonize, act, cause, and express.

- **Spiritual will:** A higher form of will exists on the Triadal Atmic plane, which manifests as spiritual power. This level is a direct reflection of the Monad. If the Monad is synthetic white light, atma/will, buddhi/love, and manas/intelligence are the Monad essence refracted into colors.
- **Monadical will:** Even atma or spiritual will is a reflection of the pure will synthesized within the Monad. This level reaches the life aspect, and can be called the will-to-be.
- **Divine will:** Planetary will or the “will of god” is found on Logoc levels and higher Cosmic planes, as focused in the Shamballa center of our planet.
- **Cosmic will:** Finally, will exists on Cosmic levels beyond our solar system. The constellation of the Great Bear is a source of Cosmic Purpose or will upon the Cosmic Atmic Plane, through which energies transition to our solar system. Similarly, the star Sirius is the source of Divine Love or wisdom on the Cosmic Buddhic Plane, and the Pleiades star cluster is the source of Divine active intelligence on the Cosmic Mental Plane.

Just as will is associated with the first or highest of the three aspects of divinity, so is will also associated with the first Ray. The essence of Ray 1 is will/power, and the Rays also express on all planes. The three zodiac signs most associated with Ray 1 can be seen as associated with three types of will: Aries the initiator is the will to create, Leo the self is the will to fulfillment, and Capricorn the transfigurer is the will to conquer death. Aries especially is “is the focal point of the expression of the first aspect of divinity”. (EA page 194)

Similar to planes and subplanes, and Rays and subrays, the three aspects of divinity can also be found in a nested fashion. For example, the world of souls and spiritual Hierarchy are primarily centers of Love, but within this area of love are subareas associated with activity, love, and will, such as seen in the Knowledge, Love, and Sacrifice petals of the Egoic Lotus. Within the three types of petals in the Egoic Lotus are three particular petals influenced by knowledge, love, and sacrifice in turn. For example, petal #3 is a Knowledge petal influenced by sacrifice/will, and petal #7 is a Sacrifice/will petal influenced by knowledge. This shows how the will can be seen and manifest within many areas and levels of esotericism.

As we evolve, we develop the capacity to access each plane one by one. This concept of perceiving new planes can be seen how the Antahkarana is built upward and reaches each permanent atom in sequence. It can also be seen in the Initiations which indicate relative mastery of and freedom from each plane in sequence, and the expansion of one’s sphere of activity into new levels. In other words, from each plane or level of consciousness, we invocatively reach up toward the next level.

For example, in the mineral kingdom, physical material existence eventually awakens astral feeling and reactions. In the animal kingdom, astral emotion eventually awakens mental thought and consideration, especially through association with humanity as domestic animals and pets. In the human kingdom, lower intellect stimulates abstract thought and philosophy, and the ability to see larger and more unified pictures. Abstract

thought in turn evolves into love, pure reason, and Buddhi. Finally the exalted consciousness of unity and love identifies with divine will and purpose. This means that in order to access will, we first need to develop love.

Just as new levels of awareness come into being one by one, similar to scrolling down a web page, so do previously mastered levels eventually “scroll” away from one’s focus. For example, lives in the early kingdoms of nature have to work hard to develop and master a physical body. However, in humanity many physical actions like the heart beat take place automatically, require no effort or thought, and therefore fall below the threshold of awareness. Humanity as a whole is predominantly centered in the emotions, and more recently the mind, however the concepts of love and unity are rapidly being developed, and to most of humanity these concepts are something fresh and new. In humanity’s future, expressing and being love will become automatic. Once love has become effectively instinctual, will has become humanity’s primary focus.

In summary, individual activity evolves into group love, and then group love aligns with divine will. Love is a positive feeling of goodwill, but beyond a general sense of benevolence and unity is service in alignment with divine purpose, or the will-to-good. Similarly, love is higher consciousness, but behind consciousness as we know it is pure being. We have the opportunity to evolve our radiations of love into love infused with will, and to evolve our high consciousness into synthetic being.

Love leading to will is hinted at in the Reflective Meditation on Reappearance of the Christ, which includes the line *“Endeavour to concentrate your fixed intention to serve and to spread love in your surroundings and realize that in so far as you can do these things you are attempting to blend your personal will with the divine Will.”* (DINA II page 227) Love leading to will is also hinted at in the classic line by the Master Jesus, “no one cometh to the Father except by me” (John 14:6), or in other words nobody reaches the will/being/Father aspect, without first developing the consciousness aspect or goodwill, as expressed by the Hierarchy or center of love on our planet.

Love isn’t the only path to will, although it can be considered the standard and most reliable way of developing it. There are also ways to access will more directly from the personality. This is analogous to the three centers of the planet: Humanity, the spiritual Hierarchy, and Shamballa. Usually the Hierarchy acts as an intermediary between Shamballa and humanity, and to approach Shamballa humanity first works through the Hierarchy. However, humanity can also have a direct link with Shamballa, effectively bypassing the Hierarchy. The ultimate planetary goal is for the three centers to form a triangle, with each center linked with and working with the others.

In the past two hundred years, the will aspect has made its first direct contact with the human mind, as opposed to being first filtered through the Hierarchy. This has resulted in many of the accelerated changes and awakening seen in humanity and externally upon the planet in recent centuries. More fundamentally, it has resulted in the latent goodwill within humanity to be aroused, so that conscious kindness and consideration for others, along with collective action to improve human welfare, has been stimulated in many.

The Shamballa impact has inspired many good individuals, such as “Lincoln, Roosevelt, Browning, Briand” and others. (EH page 667) However, will is modified according to the type of person or group impacted and their level of developed love. That means very bad results have happened in recent centuries along with the very good. For example, the Third Reich accessed the will, but due to the lack of love as represented by the Hierarchy, their “will” wasn’t aligned with the Plan, but rather tapped into the destructive or involutory aspect of will, which expressed as selfish personal and material desires.

Another important aspect of love leading to will is that developing love awakens group awareness, and a group is necessary to access true will beyond the personality. That means Shamballa and the will can only be reached in group formation, and not as an individual. Positive individuals are group oriented because their efforts are soul inspired and directed in service to the whole. Even negative manifestations have required groups, such as Hitler attracting like-minded personalities for the Third Reich to access its distorted “will”.

Of the seven systemic planes, five condition human evolution (the physical through Atmic planes) before reaching Monadic levels of synthetic unity and pure being. On the subplanes of the Atmic plane, the five human senses of hearing, touch, sight, taste, and smell ultimately become (on this much higher octave) the qualities of beatitude, active service, realization, perfection, and all knowledge. Given that each Initiation represents relative mastery of or freedom from the influences of the corresponding plane, that means the Fifth Initiation of the Master is most associated with the Atmic plane and working with the will aspect. The Fifth Initiation is also conditioned by Ray 1. Therefore, contemplating the nature of the Master can give further insight into the will. Will is therefore the highest aspect which the initiate develops, before entering upon the Way of Higher Evolution.

In conclusion, will is a fundamental aspect of Divinity, which expresses as Atma or the 6th principle of humanity, and reflects on all planes in lesser or greater degrees. Understanding the types of will and the ways in which we can approach it can increase awareness of our present individual and collective levels of being, and reveal what courses of action to take next.

For further reading about spiritual will see:

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- Fifth Initiation and Ray 1: “The Rays and the Initiations”, New York: Lucis Publishing Company, 1960, page 643-653.
- Shamballa and its impression: “Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle”, New York: Lucis Publishing Company, 1950, page 42-51.
- Morya Federation Course 510 materials.