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The Law of Correspondences



As Above, So Below

When we undertake a study of the ancient wisdom teachings we are in fact examining the means of coming to a deeper understanding of the self and the Self. Genesis 1:27 reads, "God created man in His own image...". An exploration of this statement utilizes the Law of Analogy or Correspondences as we come to better know the relationships and symmetry of the universe.

"Through the Law of Analogy, or correspondences, the cosmic processes, and the nature of the cosmic principles are indicated in the functions, structure, and characteristics of a human being." [A Treatise on White Magic, p 18] "Man, know thyself" is a potent key to the knowledge of Deity and to the workings of divinity. [Esoteric Psychology I, p 343]

As the Tibetan explains in the above words, the Self reflects itself in a myriad of ways, each with the potential of leading us to a greater understanding of existence and purpose. In understanding the workings of the human we are told we have a key to the knowledge of Deity and the working of divinity. Throughout the teachings of Djwhal Khul are numerous examples where he provides to us charts, tables, hints, clues and clear explanations as to how the Law of Correspondences or Analogy can be used as a tool to understanding both the macrocosm and the microcosm.

Although the Law of Correspondences and the Law of Analogy are often used interchangeably, we are reminded by the Tibetan, "Forget not that analogy and correspondence are not the same. In the first case there is resemblance but not in detail. In the second, there is practically identical expression, usually on a lower level." [Esoteric Astrology p 603]

From the Online Etymology Dictionary we read that the word 'analogy' is derived from 'ana' meaning "upon or according to" and 'logos' meaning "word, speech, reckoning or reason."

From the same source of etymology information we find the term 'correspond' explained as follows. 'Cor' is a form of the Latin word 'Com', meaning 'with', or more specifically "together, with each other". 'Respond' simply means 'to answer'. "Originally in M.L. of two things in mutual action, but by later M.L. it could be used of one thing only. In English, sense of "to be similar" (to) is from 1640s; that of "to hold communication with" is from c.1600." So we should view analogy as reasoning with resemblance and a correspondence as two concepts of a similar or practically identical expression.

Fractals are exact or almost exact replicas reflecting as smaller and smaller duplicates of the original. Fractals therefore would be considered a correspondence because of the identical expression on another level or size. Like fractals, the macrocosm reflects itself in even the tiniest of details. We should remain aware that while there is a multitude of correspondences, there are situations where a close approximation or a similar energy may be seen without an identical expression.

Using the power of the concrete mind to assimilate understanding and shed light on new spheres is indicative of the fifth ray of science and understanding. "*Deduction or inference*, the use by the cognizer of the reasoning powers of the mind in relation to that not directly perceived. This is, for the occult student, the use of the Law of Correspondences or of Analogy." [The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali - Book 1, p 15] Utilizing the Law of Correspondence or Analogy moves us into the intuitional and abstract realms as we're led to deeper, fuller comprehension of divine law and the reflections of divinity microcosmically and macrocosmically. The Hermetic axiom, "As above, so below" is another means of understanding the law.

In the ancient wisdom teachings we are shown correlations and connections in most every aspect of awareness. We're told that there is always a numerical relation with established numerical entities. There are many examples of this, one being the second major center, the awakened heart center of the individual coming into activity, will be able to be utilized by the Hierarchy, the second planetary center as via both the second ray is distributed and handled. This is connected

to the second initiation and the second race, the Atlantean, as this race involved emotional development and the rudimentary stirrings on the heart center/love. Another connection here is with the second aspect of the trinity, the Christ energy, consciousness, and the sustaining life of the subjective Sun.

Numerical correspondences are seen when we observe the seven rays or hierarchies, the sacred planets, planes of manifestation, principles, centres, chains, globes, rounds, initiations, etc. The fifth kingdom in nature will come from the fifth root race, the third outpouring came in the third rootrace, and we see in the readings that the list of correspondences is practically endless, even including the orders of the letters of the alphabet. The triplicities of each sign, the decanates, correspond to the aspects of spirit, soul and body.

The Tibetan also provides us with correlations involving color, telling us the red assigned to Mars corresponds to the color of our blood so is associated with passion and anger. The esoteric and exoteric colors assigned to the rays relate the rays to other areas of similar and complementary coloring. An exploration into the senses will reveal relations with our physical senses to the rays, to phases of development, and much more. The development of the unborn fetus and the stages it passes through are indications of the history of evolution cycles of time.

Correspondences can be made between the chakras of the human, the countries, the planet, the solar system, etc. There are also correspondences with the chakras to the physical organs of the body, the planes of existence, the rays, the kingdoms, rounds, root races, etc. DK stresses time and time again the importance of numerical value when exploring correspondences and tells us, "Never does the geometrical pattern, the numerical progression or the Law of Correspondences break down in the understanding of the purpose and the plans of the planetary Logos - established before the worlds were created and finding their prototypes upon the *cosmic* mental planes." [Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle, p 88] As we come to a clearer comprehension of the human we can relate the understanding to larger bodies such as countries and see the correspondences and similarities. We gradually discover The Grand Architect of the Universe through the study of manifestation.

Alternatively, as we gaze into the heavens and ponder the significances of order and geometry from one plane to another, we come to a better understanding of ourselves as a fragment of the whole. The Macrocosm reflects Itself as the microcosm.

Using the Law of Correspondences or Analogy is useful also to study cycles in time and space including the history of humanity. Certain aspects of history tend to repeat as similar cycles are passed. When we gain an understanding of cycles and correspondences we shall notice ebbs and flows throughout time and be better equipped to move ahead.

JJ Dewey writes, "By using the law of correspondences in connection with reason and intuition one can discern probable realities in the unseen areas either in the higher or lower levels."

[<http://www.freeread.com/archives/3210.php>] DK reminds us that this law is the key to comprehension. The mysteries may at first appear to be overwhelming to the mind but they unfold and unveil themselves as we master the techniques involved.

In Initiation Human and Solar we read, "We must resign ourselves to the fact that the only way in which we can find the clue to the mystery of the rays, systems, and hierarchies, lies in the study of the law of correspondences or analogy. It is the one thread by which we can find our way through the labyrinth, and the one ray of light that shines through the darkness of the surrounding ignorance." [Initiation, Human and Solar, p 6]

A thread to find our way, one ray of light that shines through the darkness, a means of gradually coming to a true perception in order that we may know and serve our purpose; the law of correspondences or analogy.

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