'From the throne came flashes of lightening, rumblings, and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits.' (Revelation 4:5)

Introduction
Within the universe is a septenary of force or energy which qualifies all phenomenal existence. These seven streams or rays of energy are fully conscious and are driven into activity in order that Divine purpose is unfolded. They range through the seven Cosmic planes and collectively represent the Mind of God. Conceptualisation of these seven planes is beyond our comprehension, but we are assured that they exist and that each plane is built of substance of varying vibration. The coarsest and densest being the cosmic physical plane, of which our Solar System is a part, and wherein the human kingdom dwells. Hence these seven rays are divided manifold as they sweep down through the planes. Ultimately we cannot know what God’s plan and purpose is. We can however witness the ‘diluted’ effects of these great beings as they impact on our earthly lives.

Ray One
I serve the Plan with will, the whole with power. “The Blessed One flies like an arrow into matter. He destroys (or ruptures) the way by which he might return. He grounds himself deeply in the depths of form.

He asserts: ‘I will return. My power is great. I will destroy all obstacles. Nothing can stop my progress to my goal. Around me lies that which I have destroyed. What must I do?’

The answer comes: ‘Order from chaos, O pilgrim on the way of death, this is the way for you. Love you must learn. Dynamic will you have. The right use of destruction for the furtherance of the Plan, must be the way for you. Adherence to the rhythm of the planet will release the hidden Blessed one and bring order.’” (EP II:36)
Within our universe there is a dynamic interplay between the forces of life and death; a fundamental universal rhythm which underlies and influences everything in manifestation. This cyclical and progressive activity, the ebb and flow of energy, is responsible for the life and disintegration of solar systems, the rise and fall of civilisations, the birth and death of the human form. Everything is subject to this law of periodicity. In the waxing and waning process all forms reach a peak of vitality, then, as structures and behaviours lose their flexibility and become rigid, adaption to change is no longer possible, thus the path to disintegration opens up. It is the energy of Ray one which drives the breakdown process. Within humanity this energy generally works out as wilful destruction. On a higher turn of the spiral however, this destructive force produces liberation. It demolishes outdated forms, and paves the way for the new to unfold. This is the animating principle which propels all matter through time and space. It is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the one energy from which all other energies originate and the one to which they return.

Human beings conditioned by the first ray have strong will and dynamic power. They are the born leaders and will be at the forefront of their profession, whatever that may be. With a strong sense of purpose and undeviating focus, they have the ability to set things in motion and carry others along with them. The goal is seen, the aim is straight and there is no time wasted on nonessential and irrelevant pursuits. Courage, fearlessness, and a strong sense of justice will also impel this person to defend the weak and put down oppression; a person to be trusted and lean on. They have an immovable conviction of right and wrong, and there is strength and depth to their feeling nature which they will not readily express. On another level however, this energy can produce a man of unrelenting cruelty and hardness. Wilful, domineering and arrogant, they achieve control and will trample over other men to achieve their goal. The motivation in all activity is an exaggerated sense of their own importance. This is the person who shows no respect for another’s thoughts and feelings, seeking only to impose their personal authority. Any attempt to thwart their desire, will draw forth a display of anger and violence. Control and suppression are their modus operandi. The destruction left in their wake is the result of the unwise use of power.

**Ray Two**

I serve the Plan...the whole with the power of love and understanding. "The Blessed One built him and ark. Stage by stage he built it, and floated upon the bosom of the waters. Deeply he hid himself, and his light was no
more seen – only his floating ark.
His voice was heard: ‘I have built and strongly built, but am a prisoner within my building. My light is hidden. Only my word goes forth. Around me lies the waters. Can I return from whence I came? Is the word strong enough to open wide the door? What shall I do?’
The answer came: ‘Build now an ark translucent, which can reveal the light, O builder of the ark. And by that light you shall reveal the lighted way. The power to build anew, the right use of the Word, and the using of the light – these will release the Blessed One, deep hidden in the ark.’” (EP II:36)

This aspect is the Master Builder of the universe, the energy responsible for the construction of form around a central nucleus – this nucleus being the Life principle or Spirit. Through the interaction repulsion and attraction a magnetic field is created, eventually producing bonds of coherence – thus bodies or aggregates of atoms come into being. From this interaction of life and substance emerges the quality of the incarnating body. The fundamental quality instilled into all forms is love. It is the most potent energy in our solar system – the ‘attracting principle’ driving the life of all phenomena. Our solar system or the atom provide good examples of this activity – the Life principle central to a magnetic field or body of expression. From these two examples we see that as the life and vitality increase, there is a concurrent increase in the field of influence. The tripelicity of life, quality and form is inherent in all creation, and every human being is an embodiment of this process. ‘Man is a psychic entity, a Life Who, through radiatory influence, has built a form, coloured it with His own psychic quality and thus presented an appearance to the environing world which will persist for as long a time as He lives in form’ (EP 1:21).

This is the energy which gives birth to consciousness. On the evolutionary path, human beings gradually become aware of the duality of their nature. From complete identification with the material world there slowly unfolds awareness of the underlying, animating and unifying spirit or life force. For eons the human being is completely centred in the physical realm, seeing all material phenomena as separate or distinct entities. A central life or God is thought (or not thought of) to be some transcendent entity, standing outside and apart from their world. We emanate from God but somehow function as separate entities. If we use the analogy of our physical bodies, we can see how unreasonable this view is. Every cell in our body responds in unison with the rhythm of life force flowing through us. So too do we respond in unison to the life force of the universe. The great being in whom we live and have our being is both transcendent and immanent at the same time. The spark of Divinity resides deeply within each of us, and the entire purpose of evolution
is to unfold that God-spark, so its light or vital essence permeates our whole nature.
The individual strongly imbued with the qualities of ray two will be at the heart of any organisation or group to which they belong. Their warmth, love and inclusiveness act as a magnetic force drawing others to them. They express loving understanding and sensitivity when interacting with other people. The duality inherent in their nature manifests as love-wisdom, consequently these are people who love with the mind and think with the heart. They attract and embrace all.

On a downward turn of the spiral however, we find a person of great timidity and fearfulness. Because of their innate sensitivity, they can become overwhelmed by the impacts from their environment. This subsequently leads to over-protectiveness, not only of themselves but also their loved ones. A strong attachment to personal comfort and safety also precludes this person from too many or any risk-taking adventures. Hence a sense of inferiority is eventually built in, based primarily on non-accomplishment. This energy can also produce a person of coldness and indifference. Totally absorbed in their quest for knowledge, they remain divorced from and blinded to the more earthly realm of human issues. ‘The squirrel stores its nuts’. These nuts of learning however are of no use unless they are shared in service with their fellow man.

**Ray Three**
That Plan I know. I will, with love and mind, to serve that Plan.

“The Blessed One gathered force. He hid himself behind a veil. He rolled himself within that veil, and deeply hid his face. Naught could be seen but that which veiled, and active motion. Within the veil was latent thought. The thought reached forth: ‘Behind this veil of maya I stand, a Blessed One, but unrevealed. My energy is great, and through my mind I can display the glory of divinity. How can I, therefore, demonstrate this truth? What shall I do? I wander in illusion.’
The word went forth: ‘All is illusion, O Dweller in the shadows. Come forth into the light of day. Display the hidden glory of the Blessed One, the glory of the One and Only. The glory and the truth will rapidly destroy that which has veiled the truth. The prisoner can go free. The rending of the blinding veil, the clear pronouncing of the truth, and practice right will render to the Blessed One that golden thread which will provide release from all the maze of earth existence.’” (EPII:37)

As science penetrates deeper into matter, there is greater realization that all life is connected and inter-related. We are one energy, albeit vibrating at
different frequencies and the idea of separation is a ‘great illusion’. The myriad phenomena which occupy space in our universe, is ‘simply’ evidence of a vast vibratory scale. In the creative process, the Great Architect, the energy of ray three, works closely with that of ray two. Matter is organised and differentiated according to its vibration. This expression of the mind principle is essential in the construction and function of all forms. In other words, all matter is intelligently structured with innate function for specific purpose – the essential purpose being, expression and experience of Life in all aspects. ‘....Predisposes all creation to an intelligent appreciation of the true goal of desire and to an intelligent use of the technique of form building in order to reveal divine purpose’ (EP I: 47).

This cosmic Divine Intelligence pervades every living unit in the universe. Humanity is an embodied expression of this intelligence, here on earth in order to learn the lessons of material existence – the physical world used as a means of growth and experience. Within this world one of the challenges we face is the understanding of all the forces that impinge on us – that is, the underlying purpose of our experiences. If we hold our minds in the light of the soul, and embrace the task of our own growth, eventually our spiritual vision is awakened, truth is distinguished and Deity apprehended. More often than not however, the lower mind allows the desire-nature to send it hither and thither. The old saying ‘ the mind is the slayer of the real’ is all too true because, when influenced by the emotions, it becomes the deluder. We become encased in many layers of materiality and fail to identify with the Self at the centre.

Know the Self as the master sitting
within the chariot which is the body,
Know again the understanding as the charioteer
and the mind as the reins.

He who is ever of unrestrained mind,
devoid of true understanding’
His sense desires then become uncontrolable
like the wild horses of a charioteer.

But he who is ever of controlled mind,
and has true understanding,
His sense-desires then are controllable
like the good horses of a charioteer.

The desires are superior to the senses,
the mind is superior to the desires,

The intuition (understanding) is superior to the mind,

the great Self is superior to the intuition.

(cited in Long, 1965:194)

It is only within the realm of mind that the fallacy of separateness occurs. With mindfulness the senses can be brought under control, thus we develop understanding that the bodies we inhabit are but vehicles of expression for the Divine spark within. Adaption to the demands of Spirit is then possible, and we are led in the direction of our true goal. ‘Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.’ (Romans 12:2)

The human being qualified by this energy is a master manipulator, for good or ill. They are intellectual, resourceful and flexible. With their capacity for planning, complex and creative thought, as well as a wide ranging and philosophical view on many issues, they make very good strategic planners. The outlet for their agile and incessantly active minds is in the realm of skilful communication. When operating with clarity they can untangle the threads of a complex issue so that everyone understands clearly the inter-relationship of the many parts of what may seem to the uninitiated as confused abstraction. On another level they can be devious and inaccurate in detail, always manipulating matters to serve their own interests. Here we might find the person who is actively engaged in running other people’s affairs – the interfering busy-body. The restlessness of this mind can also engender a hyperactive and busy person, one who has a tendency to have too many things on the go at the one time. Consequently disorder and chaos can reign supreme. Careless in practical detail, they can also be careless with the truth, seeking to hide a facade of vagueness, confusion and/or absent mindedness.

Ray Four
I am the bridge uniting spirit and matter, I meditate, I serve the Plan.

“The Blessed One rushed forth to combat. He saw existence as two warring forces, and fought them both. Loaded with the panoply of war, he stood midway, looking two ways. The clash of battle, the many weapons he had learnt to use, the longing not to fight, the thrill of finding those he fought were but his brothers and himself, the anguish of defeat, the paean of his victory, - these held him down.

The Blessed One paused and questioned: ‘Whence come the victory and
whence come defeat? Am I not the Blessed One Himself? I will invoke the angels to my aid.’

The trumpet sound went forth: ‘Rise up and fight, and reconcile the armies of the Lord. There is no battle. Force the conflict to subside; send for the invocation for the peace of all; form out of two, one army of the Lord; let victory crown the efforts of the Blessed One by harmonising all. Peace lies behind the warring energies.’” (EP II:37)

The principle of conflict is prevalent on all levels of human endeavour, and to a large extent is an essential component in the development of both the individual and humanity as a whole. In fact, one could say it is a spiritual necessity. Closely linked with the Law of Karma, the ray four energy provides fields of experience where moral/ethical dilemmas play a central role. Most people subscribe to some standard which defines their ideas of right and wrong, good and evil. However, through experience, trial and error, we come to realize that while good and evil are separate and distinct constructs; they are relative to an individual’s state or stage of consciousness. In our own evolutionary journey we may find that these bipolar forces blend and merge to the extent where it is difficult to see where one ends and the other begins; where right is distinct from wrong. It is within this cuspal zone that the battle rages...where we are forced to equilibrate the opposing forces within.

The energy of ray four, dominant in this struggle, seeks to create harmony between these opposing forces, between our spiritual and material aspects. As with any battle the inevitable fallout is pain and suffering; the genesis of which is our attachment to the material, phenomenal world, with all its attractions, distractions and illusions. We struggle, seeking to justify all attempts to satisfy our desires in this world, when in reality the struggle is against the essence of divinity within. Also, in struggling with our own natures, we often do not realise how these internal wars affect the world around us. ‘...if one part suffers, every part suffers with it...’ (Corinthians, 12:26).

The line of least resistance is succumbing to the ‘temptations of the flesh’, and in the heat of battle it is all too easy to give in. Crisis, chaos and conflict, however are necessary ‘evils’ in the development of right choice, right perception and right direction. There comes a point in all life where motive is questioned. It could perhaps be said that one modus operandi of this energy is the application of pressure to accept moral responsibility for the choices we make.

Whilst all humanity is under the influence of the fourth ray (in fact all rays have some influence), there are some people more directly conditioned by this energy. These are the people, who with skill and intelligence can create
harmony out of conflicted situations. With awareness of, and emphasis on common denominators within relationships, they demonstrate a great facility for reconciliation and mediation. This requires a strong creative streak, hence these individuals very often have refined and aesthetic qualities. Their inherent sensitivity to colour in its broadest definition also confers a sense of the dramatic. Consequently they have a delightful ability to keep others amused and entertained.

On this ray the qualities of activity and inertia are in equal proportion. This means that while these people may be quite gifted, inertia can prevent full expression of their talents. This leads to frustration and discontent. They become self-absorbed in their own suffering. Consequently there is a tendency towards moodiness, emotional instability and/or over-reaction to stressful situations. There is also a leaning towards ambivalence, indecisiveness and vacillation. Additionally, as well as being internally conflicted, they are often enmeshed in external conflict. As fight is an integral part of their nature, very often these external conflicts are self-created.

**Ray Five**
That power/love/mind inspires my life/heart and mind. I therefore serve the Plan.

“The Blessed One came forth in ignorance. He wandered in a darkness deep of spirit. He saw no reason for this way of life. He sought among the many threads that weave the outer garment of the Lord, and found the many ways there be, leading to the center of the web eternal. The forms that weave that web hide the divine reality. He lost himself. Fear entered in. He asked himself: ‘Another pattern must be woven; another garment formed. What shall I do? Shew me another way to weave.’

The word for him came forth in triple form. His mind responded to the vision clear evoked:-”The truth lies hidden in the unknown Way. The Angel of the Presence guards that Way. The mind reveals the angel and the door. Stand in that Presence. Lift up thine eyes. Enter through that golden door. Thus will the Angel, who is the shadow of the Blessed One, reveal the open door. That Angel too must disappear. The Blessed One remains and passes through that door into the light sublime.”” (EP II:37/38)

This energy embodies the principle of knowledge, and essentially is the light responsible for the steadily unfolding awareness and illumination of the mysteries of the world in which we live. All knowledge is based on sensory perception, and within humanity the fifth ray energy is activated by the five physical senses. Impressions received by the brain force the mind to collate, interpret, and provide an explanation for the information received. Within our
physical domain this energy manifests as concrete thought, and as its name implies, limits and boundaries are formed when data is tabulated. In this process we set up a barrier between ourselves as the thinker, and the body of the world. Sensations which cannot be measured or quantified are dismissed as non-sense.

The urge to know is based on dissatisfaction at some level. Desire for greater understanding is stimulated and in the process, knowledge and intellect are expanded. Human beings are inherently inquisitive, and scientific research is the primary means by which their endless curiosity regarding the phenomenal world is currently satisfied. In the past one hundred years or so there has been an exponential growth in scientific and technological knowledge; knowledge which has expanded our understanding of the material world. Unfortunately much of its creative work has been the result of strong attachment to materialism, as well as subjection to corruption by human greed. Implementation has not always been accompanied by wisdom. Humanity as a whole is still firmly in the grip of concrete existence. Additionally, many scientific minds are closed to all impressions which cannot be explained by current mathematical models. However, twentieth century physics has strongly shown that all concepts and theories submitted by mainstream science are approximate and have only limited application. Humanity limits itself, but in reality is not limited by the lower concrete mind. Our minds also receive impressions from higher abstract levels. Ray five, working actively on the mental plane seeks to integrate the lower mind with the higher abstract mind of the soul. ‘Humanity for now has become a prisoner of its own evolution. We have gotten trapped, consciously, in the analytical mind and all its parts, and forgotten the whole and our part in it......It was never intended that we forget the whole we had come from and give our attention only to the part. We come from wholeness. We come from the One....’ (March, 2004). When more minds apprehend and experience the oneness of all life, creative scientific research will be more in harmony with the natural order. Subsequently humanity as a whole will be lifted on to a higher level of consciousness.

Individuals with a strong fifth ray influence have a keen and focused intellect. Driven by a high degree of curiosity, they are relentless in their search for knowledge. They will trace every fact to its source. In the process there is demonstrated a capacity for analysis and discrimination which is laser like in its intensity. Further, because they are able to work with such precision on the mental plane they are able to detach from their emotions, thus maintaining a high level of objectivity (relatively speaking) in their search. Impelled by a desire for truth, they are also reliable and accurate in their field of service.
On the other hand, this energy can also give rise to a narrow-minded and overly pedantic approach to life in general. With rigid and set thought patterns, the individual demonstrates a critical and prejudicial attitude to anything falling outside their frame of reference. They seek to control through knowledge, and because of this excessive bias towards intellectualism, can be quite arrogant. Their strong mental focus often imbues the person with a cold and clinical nature. Because emotional responsiveness is lacking, their relationship with fellow humans is often quite limited.

**Ray Six**

The light and the glory...reveals the Plan. With all I have, I serve that Plan. "The Blessed One caught the vision of the Way, and followed the Way without discretion. Fury characterised his efforts. The way led down into the world of dual life. Between the pairs of opposites, he took his stand, and as he swung pendent between them, fleeting glimpses of the goal shone forth. He swung in mid-heaven. He sought to swing into that radiant place of light, where stood the door upon the higher Way. But ever he swung between the pairs of opposites.

He spoke at last within himself: 'I cannot seem to find the Way. I try this way, and tread with force that way, and always with the keenest wish. I try all ways. What shall I do to find The Way?'

A cry went forth. It seemed to come from deep within his heart: ‘Tread thou, O Pilgrim on the Way of sensuous life, the middle lighted way. It passes straight between the dual worlds. Find thou that narrow middle way. It leads you to your goal. Seek that perceptive steadiness which leads to proved endurance. Adherence to the chosen Way, and ignoring of the pairs of opposites, will bring this Blessed One upon the lighted way into the joy of proved success.’" (EP II:38)

The history of the world is based on ideas moulded into theoretical frameworks, which are then used to influence the consciousness of groups of individuals. The ideologies or ideology inherent in these frameworks offer a perspective of some reality lying behind the material world. This capacity to sense some ideal reality is ubiquitous in human lives, but as single units within a much larger structure, the glimpse is always only one aspect of a much larger picture. Nevertheless, we zero in, blinding ourselves to all that lies outside the periphery of our vision, and devote time and energy in chasing our dream.

The activity of the sixth ray is the genesis for the ideological tendencies of humanity and it has been particularly powerful for the past two thousand years. It governs the emotional plane, and during this time, many systems of
ideals, appealing to the emotional nature of people have been implemented and/or imposed. These models have generally stemmed from the interests of certain individuals or groups, who use/used power actively to persuade others to adopt their view. Owing to the fact that the vast majority of humanity are polarised in the emotional realm, they have been very effective as a means of social control. In the process an acceptable code of conduct is defined, thus influencing standards of behaviour and thinking. Emerging from this oft-times, is a fanatical adherence to the fundamental principles, values and beliefs embedded in the system. ‘If you’re not with us, you’re agin us....’ – This attitude, characteristic of ray six energy, is used very successfully, prevailing upon people’s inherent desire to belong. In this way, cultural, religious, racial, and political systems, to name a few, have evolved. Likewise, individuals operating within the larger ideological framework will subscribe to their own personal ideologies. Hence, in a similar manner will consecrate a lot of time and energy pursuing the object of their devotion e.g. raising a family, making money.

Humanity is now at a critical point in their evolution. The energy of ray six is rapidly waning and with the encroachment of a new influence we are caught in a vortex of energy which is shattering our myopic vision and imposing new ways of viewing the world. Crystallised and separatist attitudes are being exposed and in the eddy we witness the clashing of disparate ideologies. From a spiritual perspective most ideologies have latent within them characteristics which can contribute to the whole of humanity. Spiritual ideals have been sensed, but unfortunately have been distorted in the translation. Instead of condemning unfamiliar structures, we might remember it is simply through ‘accident’ of birth that we find ourselves in a certain time and space. The sixth ray energies of idealism, faith and devotion are all necessary in the evolution of humanity.

Sixth ray people have enormous faith and belief in some transcendent reality, and will be utterly persistent and single-minded in pursuing their vision. Working with great passion and devotion they motivate and inspire others to share their dream. They appeal to the emotional nature of others, but always work with complete sincerity and purity of motive. They rise above superficial worldly attractions and endeavour to transform desire for material values into devotion for the advancement of human welfare. In their journey they also demonstrate absolute loyalty, not only to the object of their devotion, but also to those carried along in their stream. People on this ray are sometimes completely self-sacrificing; dedicating their entire lives to the advancement of some cause....we call them saints.

On the other hand, there are the fanatics and bigots. They too will lay down their lives but there is much cruelty and destruction attached to their actions.
Completely self-assured and certain of their own beliefs, they are extremely intolerant of, and often oblivious to alternate points of view. This blind faith prevents them from recognising the limitations and narrowness of their vision. Being the most emotional of all ray types, they also tend to aggression and over-reactivity when threatened. Lacking powers of discrimination they will see personal insult where none was intended.

**Ray Seven**

Again the two are one. The Plan is served.

"The Blessed One sought the pathway into form, but held with firmness to the hand of the Magician. He sought to reconcile the Pilgrim, who was himself, to live life in form. He sought to bring the world of disorder in which he found himself into some kind of order. He wandered far into the deepest depths and became immersed in chaos and disorder. He could not understand, yet still held to the hand of the Magician. He sought to bring about that order that his soul craved. He talked with all he met, but his bewilderment increased.

To the Magician thus he spoke: ‘The ways of the Creator must be good. Behind all that which seems to be, must be a Plan. Teach me the purpose of it all. How can I work, immersed in deepest matter? Tell the thing that I must do?’

The Magician said: ‘Listen, O Worker in the furthest world, to the rhythm of the times. Note the pulsation in the heart of that which is divine. Retire into the silence and attune yourself unto the whole. Then venture forth. Establish the right rhythm; bring order to the forms of life which must express the Plan of Deity.’

For this Blessed One release is found in work. He must display his knowledge of the Plan by the sounding of those words which will evoke the Builders of the forms and thus create the new.” (EP II:39)

Structure, order, flow – these three very ordinary words underpin the nature of ray seven, the governing ray of the physical/etheric plane. Sub-standing all manifestation is the etheric template or scaffolding upon which all structures are built – a vital, living substance, which is said to ‘control, govern and condition the outer physical body’. It is highly sensitive and receptive to all internal and external environmental impressions. However, left to itself, with no energy input from a higher (or ‘outside’) source, any system or body will tend to break down and become increasingly disordered and chaotic. Systems, organisations or organisms which aspire to high levels of efficiency, proficiency and progression must have a directorate or Chief Executive
Officer…or Logos, or Soul who hold the vision and the plan in mind. Underneath are the elements or workers organised in hierarchical order, and most times those at the ‘lower’ end of the chain of command have little, or no idea of the bigger picture. However the interdependence, interrelationship and usefulness of all elements are vital in the overall function. Without all levels of co-operation, everything would be at risk of grinding to a halt. Activity is carried out in accordance to patterns, rhythms or cycles of energy within the larger context…. the vital force of any system must be allowed to flow.

On planet Earth however, there are many ‘sticking points’ or foci of disharmony within and between nations, communities, organisations, families and individuals, which interferes with the integrity of all. Commonly this can be ascribed to a refusal to acknowledge and participate cooperatively within a larger dynamic because of emotionally-based selfish and individualistic attitudes, beliefs and values…… ‘It’s all about me or mine’. Internal and external resistances which impede the free flow of energy create discordances and incongruities. Consequently there tends to be a dissipative and destructive use of available resources. We forget we are the flow, we are One. The Etheric Body is the flow which places us in rapport with (or not), both our Self and the environment. Hence the energy of ray seven is intrinsic in the development, construction and maintenance of right relationship. It is predicated that the incoming influence of ray seven will produce a realignment, readjustment and redistribution in the loci of control. The scientific community will ‘discover’ and recognise the etheric levels, and flowing from this will be awareness of the potent influence of thought and emotion on the health and integrity of all forms. Thus it is anticipated that more people will awaken to the responsibility of a disciplined and rhythmic life, a rhythm which is primarily internally soul-driven. The beat of a universal heart will be felt, unity realised and what appears as magical will ‘simply’ be a willingness and openness to apprehend the truth and flow of spiritual energy. Those people positively influenced by the energy of ray seven are highly organised and orderly in their activity. They are very sensitive to disharmony and disorder and because of their inherent capacity for detailed and practical management of the phenomenal world, can rapidly and effortlessly recreate rhythm and balance in their environment. This instinctive awareness of rhythm and timing also engenders a facility for finding the most efficient way of using their energy. They are also much disciplined and understand that laws and regulations are necessary ‘evils’ in the maintenance of social order. Additionally, because of their innate self-reliance they are amongst the most responsible of all the ray types.

On the other side of the coin we have those people who are exceedingly rigid
and strongly adherent to the letter of the law. They misinterpret the essential living nature of the rules and regulations and subscribe to a code of conduct where appearance is given greater import than any underlying quality. Eat right, think right, behave in a correct manner and nothing will happen to you…..and they are correct. They stay stuck in meaningless, lifeless pomp and circumstance. Victims of unconscious habitual existence they are intolerant of the perfection of imperfect individuality.

**Closure**
From all the aforementioned it can be seen that the separation of these energies into discreet bodies of existence is not truly possible. Each ray contributes and participates; each ray is strongly influenced by the presence of its brothers; each ray is necessary in bringing form into existence; each ray is an embodiment of a Divine quality; each ray is a gift and a challenge. Together they form the dance of life and the septenary human form has no choice but to join in. Therein lays our freedom.

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