

# The Tasks of the Nine Seed Groups

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“The groups have not been formed to train individuals. They have been formed (each of them) as seed groups for a definite and specific end. They are organised to provide channels in the world for the distribution of certain peculiar types of force which will work out in manifestation in specific ways.” (DINA I p52)

We are told that in 1931 the Hierarchy embarked on a great experiment in training new groups for particular purposes; this experiment is fourfold in nature:

1. These groups are an experiment in establishing focal points within humanity through which energies may flow into the entire race.
2. These groups are an experiment in the use of new techniques in work and new modes of communication.
3. These groups are an externalisation of groups on the inner planes, but while the inner groups are complete, the outer group results are only partial.
4. These groups are an experiment in manifesting a certain type of energy leading to cohesion on the Earth.

This training is based on egoic relations and utilises the human tendency to greater cohesion and integration. The results demonstrate to the watching Hierarchy the extent to which disciples can subordinate their personalities to the greater good of the group and also how sensitive they are, as a group, to guidance and instruction. The difficulty of this experiment is that these groups need to find expression on the physical plane, and thus disciples have to overcome the limitations of the etheric vehicle and the limitations of the dense physical brain and body.

The seed groups themselves are nine in number plus a unifying tenth. They are primarily a 2nd ray activity because they are concerned with

relationship. The relationship is on egoic levels, and like the soul, these groups work in three directions: upwards towards the Hierarchy, horizontally towards the other groups, and downwards as they seek to affect humanity. In order to achieve this, each group has its own tasks.

### **1st Seed Group of Telepathic Communicators:**

This group functions primarily on the mental plane, working with telepathic communication, working with mental substance and the direction of thought currents.

The three tasks of this 1st seed group can be summarised as:

1. This group is sensitive to impressions from the Masters. The Hierarchy functions on the mental plane and above, where telepathy is the natural means of communication..
2. They are the custodians of group purpose. Presumably the purpose is as directed by the Masters or by the groups on the inner planes, but some method of communication is necessary to transmit that purpose.
3. They seek to facilitate new ways of communication, transcending the limitations of speech, leading to Soul-Soul communication on the higher levels of the mental plane or mind-mind communication on the lower levels of the mental plane.

### **2nd Seed Group of Trained Observers:**

The key word for this group is perhaps illumination. Members of this group bring the clear vision of intuition to astral levels. The eventual goal is to make the astral plane a clear reflection of the buddhic plane.

The three tasks of this 2nd seed group can be summarised as:

1. Bringing illumination to the astral plane, removing glamour.
2. Acting as a bridge for forces emanating from the soul via the mind, seeking etheric expression.
3. The overcoming of the left-hand path by dissipating the glamour of materialism which sustains the left-hand path.

Neptune would seem to be of some significance for this 2nd seed group.

- Members of this group work with the manipulating devas of the buddhic plane and the lesser devas of the astral plane so the astral plane reflects the buddhic. The devas of both these planes are subject to the influences of Neptune.
- We are told that the centres which pertain to this group are the head,

heart and solar plexus. These are also the centres which relate to the 2nd initiation under the influence of Neptune.

· The astral plane is ruled by Mars. The task of this 2nd seed group could be described as transmuting the 6th ray energies of Mars to the 6th ray energies of Neptune.

### **3rd Seed Group of Magnetic Healers:**

Healing is threefold:

1. Psychological healing relates to soul energies.
2. Psychic healing relates to astral energies.
3. Physical healing relates to the manifest physical body.

Members of this group work to bring through divine healing energy, working with forces on the physical plane to bring healing to all aspects of physical living. Magnetic healers in the 3rd seed group differ from other types of healers in that for members of this group all healing is group work.

The three tasks of this 3rd seed group can be summarised as:

1. Developing the personality to live magnetically on Earth. Thus the magnetic healers are a bridge between physical life and the world of souls.
2. Studying the laws of health which are the laws of right relationship. Thus the magnetic healers are a bridge between sickness and health.
3. Develop “continuity of consciousness” so that death is overcome. Thus the magnetic healers are a bridge between life and death.

These first three groups are the three major groups, working on the mental, astral and physical planes.

### **4th Seed Group of Educators of the New Age:**

The three tasks of this 4th seed group can be summarised as:

1. Educating the lowest group of humans, the illiterate masses, to become more consciously human. This produces civilisation through the light of knowledge.
2. Educating ordinary intelligent people with the light of wisdom, to instill cultural values and spiritual objectives.
3. Educating advanced thinkers and world disciples with the light of wisdom and occult understanding, to become the nucleus of the fifth kingdom.

These three tasks each involve a different grade of humanity, and the work of the 4th seed group is to raise each grade to a higher level. The ultimate task for this group is to build the group antahkarana for humanity, from the kingdom of souls (the highest grade or higher mind) to the world of men (the lowest grade or lower mind) via the middle grade.

### **5th Seed Group of Political Organisers:**

Members of this group have in some ways the hardest task. They are dependent on the 4th seed group of educators to raise the understanding of the lowest masses. These members are a channel of communication between the department of the Manu and the world of men. They communicate will and the power of authority as they work to manifest forms of government. They work with the 1st ray, and at the present stage of development of humanity, it is easier to tear down existing structures than to build new improved structures. Thus they are concerned with issues of governmental control and what type of authority should be recognised by the people subject to that authority.

The three tasks of this 5th seed group can be summarised as:

1. Education to raise political awareness.
2. Law enforcement – which laws should be passed to control society. Should society be governed by one group controlling other groups, or should government be based on cooperation between groups?
3. Statesmanship – concerning the nature of those who formulate and pass such laws.

### **6th Seed Group of Workers in the Field of Religion:**

Members of this group are a channel of communication between the World Teacher (currently the Christ) and the world of men, expressing the 2nd ray.

The three tasks of this 6th seed group can be summarised as:

1. Transcendental mysticism – God is transcendent and immanent. Mysticism, especially in the West, tends to focus on an external God, separate from and beyond creation. The new mysticism will recognise God within creation as well as God beyond creation.
2. Transcendental occultism – concerning the forces of nature and man, and how to use them for divine purposes. One of the greatest dangers facing occultists is the seduction of the left-hand path. In this new

occultism, perhaps the left-hand path will have less potency; this may be connected to the work of the 2nd seed group.

3. Transcendental religion – recognising that both humanity and the Hierarchy are divine in nature. Christianity considers the human race as cut off from God, fallen from grace, living in sin and requiring salvation. The new religion will recognise the inherent divinity within each human being.

The overall task of this group is to prepare for the new world religion.

### **7th Seed Group of Scientific Observers:**

Members of this group work to synthesise the three aspects of divinity – life, solar energies, lunar forces – on the physical plane. They are 1st ray workers and 7th ray aspirants using 5th ray methods. Thus they destroy obsolete forms, discover the motivating energies behind forms, and build new forms more suitable to express these energies.

These members also study evil to understand the purpose of matter and the purpose of the soul. Thus they are connected to the 6th seed group of workers in religion. While religion studies the soul as it expresses through the human form, science is concerned with the activity of the outer form over time as it slowly responds to the indwelling soul.

The three tasks of this 7th seed group can be summarised as:

1. Using the most advanced understanding to formulate new hypotheses for the next step.
2. Using new spiritual understanding to outline the nature of the incoming forces which determine and motivate culture.
3. Using material substance, spiritual inferences and scientific hypotheses, they formulate the services required to manifest the Plan for the immediate present, and thus release the energies which will further human interests.

It is tempting to look for examples in the field of science which might illustrate the work of this 7th seed group, such as the liberation of atomic energy (which the Tibetan said was the greatest spiritual advance made in the history of humanity). However we are told that this group will not develop for some time, for until humanity develops etheric vision, the building forces of the universe will remain a mystery.

### **8th Seed Group of Psychologists:**

Members of this group will be chosen from the personnel of other groups following preparatory training. Their focus is the nature of the soul and consciousness as it manifests in all form.

The three tasks of this 8th seed group can be summarised as:

1. Investigation of the relation of the human kingdom to the lower kingdoms. They also consider the human kingdom as the intermediary between the three higher kingdoms and the three lower kingdoms. Perhaps we can think of the human kingdom as the antahkarana between the three higher kingdoms and the three lower kingdoms; when the 4th seed group have completed their task of building the group antahkarana for humanity then maybe humanity will truly function as a bridge between the kingdoms above and below.
2. Investigating the quality of the soul in the lower kingdoms, in particular the animal and vegetable kingdoms. The consciousness of the mineral kingdom is so far removed from our understanding that it cannot really be studied until after the 3rd initiation.
3. Studying the plan as it is currently working out in the five kingdoms of nature, based on the Secret Doctrine and A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, looking at the fact of consciousness in all forms and the interplay of forms through the medium of the soul.

The 8th seed group can be described as the illuminators of group thought, transmitting the energy of ideas.

### **9th Seed Group of Financiers and Economists:**

Membership of this group requires a right understanding and a spiritual appreciation of money. In larger terms this requires an understanding of the Law of Economy and the most efficient use of energy and resources.

The three tasks of this 9th seed group can be summarised as:

1. To understand the nature of energy, in particular vital etheric energy. This requires some understanding of the three gunas of tamas, rajas and sattva, or inertia, mobility and rhythm. In the world today we see both extreme poverty and excessive spending on material trivia. The challenge for humanity is to cultivate a rhythmic approach to money so that there are no shortages, and resources are naturally distributed as required.
2. To study how money has been steadily deflected from personal use, whether for good or ill. Our everyday taxes are an example of this. We pay taxes to provide services in our community or our wider society which would not otherwise be possible, such as health or education, but those

same taxes may also finance projects which destroy the environment. So the law forces us to be philanthropists against our will. In future societies, philanthropy for the good of all will be the natural attitude to money.

3. To study the laws of supply and demand, in particular to further the aims of the Hierarchy as it seeks to manifest the Plan in humanity. There is a tendency to regard money as not spiritual, but there is a difference between money and materialism. Any spiritual movement requires money; spiritual success need not preclude financial success, and vice versa.

So we may consider money as spiritual energy in concrete form. The 9th seed group works to re-spiritualise money so it serves the soul rather than materialism.

### **Conclusion**

Thus, each seed group has three primary tasks. We are told that of the nine seed groups, the first three are the major groups. Each seed group has nine members, and the senior three members of each group combine to form the tenth seed group.

Triplicities seem to be significant within the seed groups, and it is tempting to speculate what larger principles may be reflected within the structure of the seed groups. For example, how do the three aspects of Divinity manifest through the seed groups and their tasks? Or can we correlate the three Fires, each triple in manifestation, plus the unifying Whole with the nine seed groups and the unifying tenth? Can the ten seed groups, embodying ten types of force, be correlated to the ten Sephiroth? Any such correlation is not immediately obvious to me, and further speculation is beyond the scope of this paper, but it may be an area worth considering.

These seed groups are governed by the Law of Group Progress, that energy which produces the cohesion of units in a group. Group members do not necessarily require a physical connection. The effectiveness of any seed group demonstrates that its members are beginning to function on the mental plane; they can register in the physical brain that which the soul has imparted to the mind.

As we move into the Aquarian Age the task for disciples is to move beyond individuality and personality into the wider sphere of group service. For those engaged in group service, there is a need to recognise

that each group is one of many groups all within a larger group, all learning to work in cooperation to manifest the Plan on Earth.