

THE RAY TRIANGLES by Niklas Nihlen

In this article I will share some impressions concerning the integration of the new astrology with the teaching on the seven rays—a topic that has not been explored in any real depth by astrologers.

1) First of all, let us remember that this type of astrology is founded upon an understanding of the greater whole in which live and move and have our being. It holds a more universal outlook and monadic perspective, and only in time, the particular and individual perspective will stand revealed. Then purpose may truly emerge on the physical plane with great clarity and definition.

2) This astrology has its foundation in the greater cosmic life, and the mysteries found in the relation between the heart-within-the-head centre and the seven head centres, and that which these control. We are therefore led to contemplate the relation of the zodiac wheel to the seven Rishis of the Great Bear, and also the seven planetary Logoi Who are Their Representatives and to whom they stand in the relation of Prototype. (1) Our understanding of Septenary Control and the Law of the Supplementary Seven (2) will help us in our endeavour to penetrate these mysteries.

3) Remember that the "zodiacal wheel is itself essentially a cosmic centre; it is a twelve-petalled lotus within the thousand-petalled lotus of an unknown cosmic Entity, the One referred to as the One About Whom Naught May Be Said." (3) Remember also that the "seven head centres correspond in the microcosm to the seven Rishis of the Great Bear, the prototypes of the seven Heavenly Men." (4)

4) We therefore find the three aspects of this cosmic Entity reflected in the three Major Constellations; expressing three aspects of the Will and thus affecting the three cosmic worlds: (5)

1. The will which conditions and initiates.....the synthetic life of the cosmic physical plane.
2. The will which brings fulfillment.....incentive coming from the cosmic astral plane.
3. The will which conquers death.....outpouring from the cosmic mental plane.

5) We therefore understand why this type of astrology has not been worked out yet, as it is primarily concerning the Will; the first or spirit aspect. Disciples and initiates are therefore somewhat coming in contact with this energy--it is when the ajna centre and the thousand-petalled lotus are correctly related to each other, that the man can take the third initiation and the potency of the Monad begin to make its presence felt. (6)

6) The seven stars of the Great Bear are the originating sources of the seven rays of our solar system:

- Ray 1.....Alkaid
- Ray 2.....Alcor/Mizar
- Ray 3.....Alioth
- Ray 4.....Megrez
- Ray 5.....Dubhe
- Ray 6.....Merak
- Ray 7.....Phekda

7) Each controlling star and ray primarily expresses itself through a triangle of constellations as follows:

- Ray 1.....Aries.....Leo.....Capricorn
- Ray 2.....Gemini.....Virgo.....Pisces
- Ray 3.....Cancer.....Libra.....Capricorn*
- Ray 4.....Taurus.....Scorpio.....Sagittarius
- Ray 5.....Leo.....Sagittarius.....Aquarius**
- Ray 6.....Virgo.....Sagittarius.....Pisces
- Ray 7.....Aries.....Cancer.....Capricorn

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8) Let it be clearly stated that these Triangles under investigation, relate entirely to "subjective energies as they condition the consciousness and not the conditioning brought about by the same energies upon the outer forms upon the physical plane." (7) The effect of these energies will be in the realm of ideas and in the world of consciousness, and will embrace the sentient thought life of man. "It will not, therefore, deal with the producing of events except in so far that all ideas work out into expression upon the plane of manifestation." (8)

9) The above is of essence. The energy, reaching us via these ray alignments will prove to be of importance, because they concern our own Planetary process on Earth. It is we (humanity and NGWS) who hold the responsibility of transforming our Earth into a sacred planet through the agency of thought, reacting to zodiacal energies. (9) Humanity as a whole, with the aid of the NGWS, are only today beginning to come in contact with the Shamballa energy in a more direct and less mediated way.

10) We could do well to ponder how these ray alignments may actually affect us in a more practical manner and here are some brief thoughts: The first ray through Aries increases the impress of spirit upon matter, driving the leaders of the world towards a recognition of the Will as embodied in the Mind of God. The second ray through Gemini will bring light and clarity into the minds of men, stimulating unitive thinking and communication at the speed of light. The second ray through Virgo stimulates the Christ-consciousness deep within and brings it irresistibly to the fore. The third ray and seventh ray, through Cancer and Capricorn, stimulate the building process, anchoring the spark of humanity on Earth, thus enabling the externalization of the Hierarchy--the union of the 4th kingdom and the 5th kingdom on Earth. The fourth ray through Taurus and Scorpio increases the struggle of humanity, lifting the material desires towards more spiritual values, eventually bringing about a perfectly balanced state with respect to our joint resources. The fifth ray through Leo and Aquarius increases self-knowledge and our awareness of individuality and will eventually give us the ability to discern those groups to which we truly belong. The sixth ray through Sagittarius fosters integration and one-pointed endeavor towards a desired goal or ideal--a global vision or new world religion.

11) From the "three cosmic planes (embracing the sacred personality of the Logoi, solar and planetary) come the united energies of the three constellations which control and energise our solar system: The Great Bear, the Pleiades and Sirius; these work through the medium of the seven rays and these in turn express themselves through the twelve constellations which form the great zodiacal wheel. The Lords or ruling Powers of these twelve sources of light and life "step down" the potency of these three major energies so that our solar Logos can absorb them; they "tune out" those aspects of these three Potencies which are not suited to our systemic life at this point in the evolutionary process, just as the Hierarchy upon our little planet tunes out or steps down the energies from Shamballa." (10)

12) A planet finds affinity with the signs and constellations in stated cycles, in order for the greater entity to attain control of the centres in his body of manifestation. The planetary rulerships are an example of this, as are the ray triangles forming in the zodiac:

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| Ray 1..... | <u>Aries</u> | <u>Leo</u> | <u>Capricorn</u> | Mars, Mercury, Sun, Saturn |
| Ray 2..... | <u>Gemini</u> | <u>Virgo</u> | <u>Pisces</u> | Mercury, Venus, Moon, Jupiter, Pluto |
| Ray 3..... | <u>Cancer</u> | <u>Libra</u> | <u>Capricorn</u> *..... | Moon, Neptune, Venus, Uranus, Saturn |
| Ray 4..... | <u>Taurus</u> | <u>Scorpio</u> | <u>Sagittarius</u> | Venus, Vulcan, Mars, Jupiter, Earth |
| Ray 5..... | <u>Leo</u> | <u>Sagittarius</u> | <u>Aquarius</u> **..... | Sun, Jupiter, Earth, Uranus |
| Ray 6..... | <u>Virgo</u> | <u>Sagittarius</u> | <u>Pisces</u> | Mercury, Moon, Jupiter, Earth, Pluto |
| Ray 7..... | <u>Aries</u> | <u>Cancer</u> | <u>Capricorn</u> | Mars, Mercury, Moon, Neptune, Saturn |

Note: the underlined constellations above are the strongest in the ray triangle at this time.

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13) A planet is the abode or expression of a Heavenly Man, and as such will be informed by certain rays. It can be said that the planet is *emitting* these rays according to its development. If it is a sacred planet, it will primarily emit its soul ray, and if it is a non-sacred planet (like our Earth), it will primarily emit the personality ray (the third ray in case of our Earth). So, to define our terms; a planet may *emit* a ray which is existent within its own constitution, yet it may also *transmit* the ray of its ruling constellation, which ray then basically comes from outside or beyond the planet itself. *Emission* is based upon a realized knowledge of the self and a developed self-consciousness; *transmission* is based upon an understanding of who we are in the context and service of a greater whole. The latter is very little realised, relatively speaking.

14) As we trace the seven rays into astrology we want to keep in mind that: the Seven Rays wrestle with matter in order to subjugate it to divine purpose. (11) The will of the seven deities, is making its impression upon substance in order to produce a specific intent through the method of the evolutionary process. (12)

15) The ray lords subdue the lunar lords and they are the means through which the greater is bringing the lesser zodiac into alignment. With this in mind we may now become more particular with respect to the individual and our own horoscopes.

16) Technically speaking, the Ray energy will work out in the field or area of the house/arm that is indicated by the alignment of a sign with a house/arm. The sign will convey a particular ray energy and the house/arm that is brought into alignment with that sign and ray, will receive that energy and be under the influence of that ray energy. You can imagine that area of the horoscope to be filled or imbued with the color of the particular ray. So for example; if Aries is on the MC, the first ray will influence the tenth house. The ray saturates the atmosphere of a house/arm, but only to the extent possible due to limitations in the form nature and resistance in the mechanism of response.

17) To give an example, here is the archetypal pattern for an individual with Gemini rising, inclusive of the rays of most general influence:

Arm.....Sign.....Ray of Sign.....Comment and Achievement

1st arm.....Gemini.....Ray 2.....head of the cosmic christ and union of heart and mind.

2nd arm.....Cancer.....Ray 3.....intelligent handling of resources, economy and understanding of cycles.

3rd arm.....Leo.....Ray 5.....exactitude in production of concrete forms and words.

4th arm.....Virgo.....Ray 2.....the lighted house of ashramic union and the hall of wisdom.

5th arm.....Libra.....Ray 3.....creative intelligent play and developing of ideas.

6th arm.....Scorpio.....Ray 4.....transformation, intuitive understanding and sattvic liberation.

7th arm.....Sagittarius.....Ray 6.....loyalty in relations and desire for soul union.

8th arm.....Capricorn.....Ray 3,7.....periodical rebirth and rhythmic expression of accepted discipleship.

9th arm.....Aquarius.....Ray 5.....construction of antahkarana and knowledge of cosmic law.

10th arm.....Pisces.....Ray 2,6.....Christ was transfigured before all men on the mountain top.

11th arm.....Aries.....Ray 1.....group initiation and leadership and realisation of the one in the many.

12th arm.....Taurus.....Ray 4.....divine discontent, revealing eye, real and the unreal, sacrifice.

18) The understanding of these subjective matters, with their individual meaning and significance, have to come through study and must be deepened through meditative contemplation, by each individual. Then, they have to be worked out by the higher Self as an expression of spiritual triumph and applied by the Soul in service of the greater whole.

19) The next point of interest here is that the individual ray formula can be brought into relation with these ray triangles. Such that a second ray soul will find an easy approach into the horoscope through the

arms/houses governed by Gemini, Virgo and Pisces, and a 1st ray soul approaches through Aries, Leo and Capricorn etc.

20) The ray triangles reveal the approach:

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21) This same principle is then extended so that it will apply to all the vehicles, such that a third ray personality will approach the horoscope through the arms/houses governed by Cancer, Libra and Capricorn, and a fifth ray mind will approach through Leo, Sagittarius and Aquarius, etc.

22) The arms/houses governed by any rays that are not part of the rayological makeup and formula, will generally be areas of life where the individual will have no real presence, ability, expertise or interest. Those will be the areas where he will have difficulties exerting real control, for any length of time. These are areas where the grip of the soul is lacking (through its vehicles). Correspondingly, if a ray is influencing several vehicles, the areas in the horoscope governed by that ray may be focal or strongly emphasized.

23) There is also a time-equation to this that is related to the seven or ten-year cycles of the vehicles. The five crises of the individual soul--reflecting the five racial crises in which the soul appropriates its vehicles during each incarnation should be studied with care: the physical vehicle between four to seven years; the astral vehicle during adolescence; the mind between 21-25 years; soul contact and an integrated and unified threefold personality between 35-42 years; the relationship of the soul to its vehicles between 56-63 years of age. Depending upon the ray of the vehicle, so will the different ray triangles and corresponding areas of the horoscope, be swept into activity. This will necessarily include the working out of the associated planetary configurations as well. For example, a fifth ray mind will generally sweep into definite and determining activity the arms/houses/planets associated with the Leo, Sagittarius and Aquarius triangle around the ages 21-25 years.

24) Another instance of cycles to follow would be the numerical cycles of the soul ray. Such that for the second ray soul the five and the fifty year periods will be carefully observed, and for the third ray soul we would have the 9 year periods etc.

FOOTNOTE

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