

Carol E. Parrish-Harra, *The New Dictionary of Spiritual Thought*, p. 236

Review Rays of Aspect:

Ray 1 Will & Power: Each Age is ushered in with a flood of Ray 1 energy, which relates to politicians, those learning to use will, the science of true statesmanship/government, and those mastering techniques of manifesting power. The strong influence of Ray 1 creates the initiator with leadership abilities.

Ray 2 Love & Wisdom: Relates to the sciences of meditation, social evolution, psychology — all sciences of Initiation, which produce the true psychic. The strong influence of Ray 2 creates an intuitive, maintainer with teaching and healing abilities.

Ray 3 Active Intelligence & Adaptability: Relates to ... Evolution, laws governing humanity, occult use of money, the science of communication. The strong influence of Ray 3 creates a mediator with a philosophical nature.

Ray Three: Active Intelligence & Adaptability

A. Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology* I, 204-5: Special *Virtues*: Wide views on all abstract questions, sincerity of purpose, clear intellect, capacity for concentration on philosophical studies, patience, caution, absence of the tendency to worry over trifles.

Vices of Ray: Intellectual pride, coldness, isolation, inaccuracy in details, absentmindedness, obstinacy, selfishness, overmuch criticism of others.

Virtues to be acquired: Sympathy, tolerance, devotion, accuracy, energy and common sense.

This is the ray of the abstract thinker, of the philosopher and the metaphysician, of the person who delights in the higher mathematics but who, unless modified by some practical ray, would hardly be troubled to keep his/her accounts accurately. His imaginative faculty will be highly developed, i.e., he can by the power of his imagination grasp the essence of a truth; his idealism will often be strong; he is a dreamer and a theorist.

Zachary Lansdowne, *The Rays and Esoteric Psychology*, 12-13: The third ray is called the ray of active intelligence. The basic quality of a person on this ray is intellect and the basic technique is selectively manipulating the elements of the environment. Persons on this ray have a highly developed faculty of imagination and can grasp the essence of a truth by the power of this faculty. Due to their wise views and great caution, they often see every side of a question equally clearly, which sometimes paralyzes their actions. They may be good abstract thinkers, philosophers, and business people.

William Meader, *Shine Forth*, 77-78: The Third Ray is the energy most related to *Divine Intelligence*.

Essentially, it is this ray that provides the underlying knowingness in all of nature. With respect to the human kingdom, it is the force that animates human **thought**. Its purpose is to reveal the **Mind** of God within the **consciousness** of humanity, as well as to give spiritual **understanding** to all human activity.

For those souls upon the Third Ray, their purpose is to demonstrate the interconnectedness of ideas. The Mind of God is as sacred as God's Love. Many Third Ray disciples therefore dedicate themselves to serve humanity by using their minds to fathom the mysteries of existence. This objective is accomplished via the manipulation of ideas, particularly abstractions. The power of manipulation is understood as an essential and sacred attribute of this ray, for through the rearrangement of ideas, eternal truth will surely emerge.

Interestingly, some Third Ray disciples are given to serve humanity through the world of business and finance. Business is understood as a sacred force in the world of human affairs. Indeed, this expression of the Third Ray centers upon the manipulation of resources, rather than ideas. The divine role of business and finance to utilize money and materials in ways that support humanity as a whole, rather than just the select few. Many Third Ray disciples demonstrate their "calling in Christ" by promoting an equitable distribution of material and financial resources in support of the one humanity.

From this we see that the Third Ray governs the institution of business and all forms of exchange. It is also the ray that is responsible for the many philosophic presentations of truth conceived and promoted throughout human history. In addition, this is the ray most associated with karma, for it holds the memory of what was, as well as the archetype of what is to be.

A. Bailey/Tibetan, *Esoteric Psychology II*, 81-2: Just as the grasping [Ray 1] and attracting [Ray 2] are terms applicable to the methods of the two first rays, so a process of “selective manipulations” is characteristic of this third ray. This method is totally different in its technique to that of the two mentioned above. It might be said that the note, which generates the activity set up by souls on this ray, is such that atoms of the different planes are moved as if consciously responding to a selective process. The vibratory activity of the soul makes itself felt, and atoms collect from widely different points in response to a certain quality in the vibration.

Just as souls in the first case seem to *grasp* indiscriminately what they need, and force the substance thus grasped into the form or appearance required, enduing it with the quality needed in a dynamic forceful way. Just as souls on the second ray set up a motion which gathers material out of the immediately surrounding environment, and imposes on it, through *magnetic attraction*, the desired quality. In the case of souls on the third ray, the required material is *chosen* here and there, but that chosen already has the needed quality (note this difference) and nothing whatever is imposed.

A. Bailey/Tibetan, *A Treatise on White Magic*, 573-5: It will be apparent that a study of the types of energy is of practical usefulness and will tend to leave no part of the aspirant’s nature untouched. Think for a minute of the lessons that can be learned by the person who submits the energy used in verbal expression, for instance, who—after talking or after joining in the give and take of daily life—asks himself the questions: What was the type of energy used by me in my speech today? What was the force that I expended in my contacts with my fellowmen? ... If he is using third ray force, in a *personal* manner, he/she will be devious in his propositions, subtle and elusive in his arguments, using manipulation in his relations with his fellowmen, or be an interfering busybody, actively engaged in running the world, in managing people’s lives for them, or in grasping so firmly the reins of government in his own self-interest that he will sacrifice everything and everybody in the work of furthering his own busy ends. If he is, however, a true disciple and aspirant, he will work with the Plan and will wield third ray force to bring about the loving purposes of the spiritual Reality. He will be busy and active and his words will carry truth, and will lead to the helping of others.