

Ray 6 – The Sacred Energy of Idealistic Devotion and Abstract Idealism

From the Seven Ray Institute and University of The Seven Rays - The seeds of all devotion and desire pour forth through this energy. It generates adherence, intensity and persistence. The determination resident in this ray is a fiery essence, sometimes full of force, fury and even fanatical display and militant violence. Abstraction and aspiration characterize the sixth force, in the sense of an idealistic nature, loyally oriented toward the causal levels of being. The sixth ray is the power to recognize what is right and righteous, the upward tendency and the capacity to see the light.

From *Shine Forth* by William Meader – This is the ray that brings spiritual sight to all evolving forms of life. Essentially, its purpose is to bestow the *Vision of Divinity* within consciousness. This vision gives to one an inner sense of direction by revealing the inward abode where spirit can be found. As the sacred energy of devotion, it instills within us a willingness to dedicate our lives to something transcendent to ourselves. The Sixth Ray gives us the capacity to intuitively sense the spiritual ideals to live by, and to strive toward them with unwavering devotion.

People whose souls reside upon the Sixth Ray are moved to devote their lives in support of the ideals they inwardly sense. Such disciples have the power to lift humanity into the realm of Spirit. They live their lives as sacrificial examples of commitment to the causes for which they stand. This energy eventually leads one to realize that the path to enlightenment is found through the renunciation of desire. Human desires are recognized as anchors that prevent us from inward and upward ascent. For the Sixth Ray disciple, the power to serve lofty ideals can only be accomplished when the desires of personality are overcome.

Through its influence, humanity gradually comes into a realization of the spirit within. The Sixth Ray teaches us to inwardly and upwardly gaze, and to know that something much greater than life as we know it awaits those who aspire toward the inner light. This divine ray is the energy that animates religion within the many cultures of the world. It is also the energy that governs all social welfare movements. In addition, the Sixth Ray characterizes the worthy causes for which people passionately fight, such as the protection of the environment, the amelioration of world hunger and the trumpeting of universal human rights. Lastly, this ray of idealism is largely responsible for the manifestation of war within the human kingdom. This is not surprising when one considers the fact that war is most often an out-picturing of clashing ideals.

From *The Seven Rays of Life*, Lucis Publishing – The sixth ray began to pass out of manifestation in 1625..... The sixth ray is, as you know, the most powerful in manifestation in this time and a very large number of people are responsive to its influence. It is still the line of least resistance for the majority, particularly the Aryan race, for the reason that when in process of time and through evolution the influence of a ray has become potent, it is groups that are primarily affected and not just individuals. A rhythm and a momentum is then set up which lasts a long time and which gains power through the very force of organized numbers.... Suffice it to say that the sixth ray people are the reactionaries, the conservatives, the die-hards and the fanatics, who hold on to all that is of the past and whose influence is potent to hinder the progress of humanity into the new age. Their name is legion. They provide, however, a needed balance and are responsible for a steadying process which is much needed in the world at this time. — *The Destiny of Nations* p. 29

From *The Seven Human Temperaments* by Geoffrey Hudson – The special qualities of the sixth Ray are sacrificial love, burning enthusiasm for a cause, fiery ardor, one-pointedness, single mindedness, selfless devotion, adoration, an intense sympathy for the sufferings of others even to the extent of reproducing them

as in the stigmata, idealism expressed as practical service, and loyalty, “the marrow of honor.” The type of person is the mystic, the devotee, the saint, the active philanthropist, the martyr, the evangelist, the missionary and the reformer. Examples are Brother Lawrence, St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Teresa (third and sixth Rays) and General Booth (sixth and first Rays).

The sixth Ray person obtains his results by the extreme of one-pointedness; he carries his devotion to such lofty heights that he loses himself in his ideal, becomes its veritable incarnation. In the fire of his enthusiasm, he burns up both the defects of his own character and the outer obstacles, which stand in the way of the fulfilment of his ideal.

Amongst the defects of the type are emotionalism, sensuality, fanaticism, obsession, susceptibility to glamour, intolerance and the extreme of blind hero-worship. Acute suffering is caused by the disloyalty of loved and trusted friends and by being misunderstood and misjudged, particularly as to motives.

From *Esoteric Healing* – The Seven Modes of Healing – the sixth ray technique:

Cleaving the waters, let the power descend, the healer cries. He minds not how the waters may respond; they oft bring stormy waves and dire and dreadful happenings. The end is good. The trouble will be ended when the storm subsides and energy has fulfilled its chartered destiny. Straight to the heart the power is forced to penetrate, and into every channel, nadi, nerve and spleen the power must seek a passage and a way and thus confront the enemy who has effected entrance and settled down to live. Ejection, ruthless, sudden and complete – is undertaken by the one who sees naught else but perfect functioning and brooks no interference. This perfect functioning opens thus the door to life eternal or to life on earth for yet a little while.

This technique is curiously potent and sudden when the healer is on the sixth ray; the results are drastic and full of pain, but the results are sure – healing or death, and oft the latter. The sixth ray healer is seldom disciplined or wise at this time, owing to this being the end of the sixth ray cycle. When again the sixth ray comes into manifestation, humanity will have progressed far along the Path and the present aggressive too sure, fanatical sixth ray healer will not reappear. Today they are the majority, and their work is not good; it is well intentioned, by the technique is ignorantly applied and the end justifies not the assurance of the healer, leading to frequent deception of the patient.

From *Shine Forth* by William Meader – Because of their devotion to mankind, many species of animal have been trained in behaviors that go beyond their instinctual nature. Indeed, domestication prepares animals for their eventual transition into the human kingdom. Animal devotion, coupled with an ability to be trained, builds important substructures in an animal’s consciousness. These rudimentary structures will eventually be needed in order for the monad to develop individualized mind when it enters into the human kingdom in the distant future. Admittedly, a domesticated animal is far from being an independent thinker. Yet as a result of its devotion to a human being, the first etchings of independent mind begin to take form. Indeed, this is a prerequisite for entrance into the human kingdom. From these initial etchings, intellect will someday be built.

The quality of devotion evolves still further when life enters into the human kingdom. Humanity’s devotion to God is simply a refinement of the devotion developed when experiencing life within the animal domain. Keep in mind that, from the esoteric perspective, God is a relative term. Any entity is a god in relation to forms of life less developed than itself. Therefore, in relationship to animal life, human beings are indeed gods. As such, the importance of wise husbandry toward all animal life cannot be overstated.