

The Science of Redemption: Its Aspects and Means

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The real purpose of the planetary Logos – the ultimate purpose – remains a great mystery to us and – we are told – even to the Members of the Hierarchy, but what might be called “intermediate” aspects of the evolving purpose have been mentioned by the Master Djwhal Khul. One of the most important of these to us is **Redemption**.

One of the purposes of the planetary Logos in creating and in a sense assuming responsibility for the planet Earth is to redeem all its creatures. This redemption requires the descent and use of very high energies – extra planetary energies. It is brought about by the entities at Shamballa, headed by Sanat Kumara, the representative or manifestation of the planetary Logos on the highest plane of our Cosmic physical planes. In *Discipleship in the New Age*, Volume II, the Master D.K. writes:

“There is ... **a great procedure** which must, under the Law of Assembly, be responsible for the bringing in of extra-planetary energies as the redemption of the worlds of being and of form, is carried forward by the second divine aspect. ... The place or **the location** of the procedure of **assembly** is made clear. It is in the Council of Shamballa. ... Shamballa is simply a word conveying the idea of a vast focal point of energies which are assembled and brought together by the planetary Logos in order to create a manifestation adequate to His unfolding intention and planetary service. **The objective** is equally clear; **it is the assembly of that which has in it energies of redemption**. Just as the Science of Redemption, under the hierarchical Plan, is the technique employed to redeem the world of appearances, so – on a much higher level – the **Law of Assembly** produces the Science of Energy which is the redemptive process (in a sense which you cannot possibly understand) influencing the work of those who labour for redemption in the world of meaning.” pp. 404-405

This gives a picture of the high origin of the redemptive energies, but here we must limit ourselves to the Science of Redemption as used under the hierarchical Plan by the Hierarchy and by the whole Fifth Kingdom of nature.

It is all a process of transmission of energy from a higher to a lower center. There are three great groups which have this function specifically. One is a high group on the cosmic astral plane beyond Shamballa, which creates the channel of communication between the high cosmic energy we have just mentioned and Shamballa; the second is that of the Contemplative Initiates, called “Nirmanakayas”, who function in deep meditation at a point midway between the Hierarchy and Shamballa; and in *A Treatise on the Seven Rays*, Volume V, the Master D.K. says of the third:

“A lower correspondence to these two important groups has been forming midway between the Hierarchy and Humanity, and to it we give the name of the New Group of World Servers. All these three groups are fundamentally transmitters of energy.” p 734

The great agent of this redemptive work is and will be more and more, the Avatar of Synthesis. But coming down, comparatively speaking, to the present planetary situation and to the relationship between the Fifth and Fourth Kingdoms of nature, we need to remember that **the function of the Soul is fundamentally Redemption**. The Souls, who are the Fifth Kingdom of nature, are called the “Great Redeeming Angels”. Their origin is high; They came from a previous Manvantara, waiting until the vehicles of manifestation evolving through the lower kingdoms of nature were ready to receive Their spark. They are sometimes called the “Returning Nirvanis”.

The union between these Redeeming Angels and earthly, physical forms, animal forms, created the Fourth Hierarchy, the Human Kingdom. The great task of the Redeeming Angels is to redeem this Kingdom, Humanity; and through Humanity, the lower kingdoms. This redemption is a process of freeing, of liberating from the thralldom, the imprisonment, of matter. These Angels have also been called the “Prisoners of the Planet” as they patiently carry out this long and difficult task.

It is interesting that this transmission from higher centers of energy to the lower is what happens at every initiation. At initiation, the Initiator transmits the higher energies to the applicants; therefore, it may be said that a primary aim of initiation is this transmission of energy of a redemptive nature. In this dissent of divine energy lies, the Master D.K. tells us, **“the clue to the doctrine** (so travestied and misused) **of the Apostolic Succession**.

To come down to what concerns us more directly and to that in which we can, as Soul-infused personalities, take an active part, there are **three great means of redemption**. They are: **transmutation, transformation** and, finally, **transfiguration**. It is important for us to realize what these really mean.

Transmutation

Transmutation is the process of redemption which directly concerns the physical body. It is described in *Treatise on the Seven Rays*, Volume V page 278:

“Transmutation is the method whereby that which is lower is absorbed by the higher, whereby forces transmuted into energy, whereby the energy of the three lower centers is carried up into the three higher centers. ... This transmuting process goes forward under the pressure of daily life experience, under the magnetic effect of Soul contact and as the inevitable result of evolution itself.”

Therefore, transmutation is happening all the time, even if we are not aware of it. Two great forces are bringing it about – the urge of the Law of Evolution which, in a sense, pushes from behind and the magnetic attraction of the Soul, which pulls from above. Let us always remember these two great evolutionary efforts: the push from below, the pull from above.

It is interesting, and also a good sign, that the evolutionary urge is recognized now in scientific circles, where the term “emergent evolution” is used. In the psychological field, the processes of transmutation and sublimation have also been realized; they are being used consciously in therapy and in education, and will be used more and more. This is something in which we can all take part. The more consciously and deliberately we use this technique of transmutation, the more rapid will be our evolution and that of those whom we are helping. It is the first or elementary step of the great Science of Redemption.

Transformation

The next stage is transformation; this is an evolutionary process which is carried on upon the Path of Discipleship, in which the disciple transforms his lower threefold “appearance” or personality and begins to display definite “quality”. It particularly concerns the transformation of the astral body, which becomes the receptacle of buddhi or of the intuition. It transforms desire for material and personal objects, which could be called “horizontal” desire, into aspiration. This aspiration is a great transforming energy which connects the astral with the Buddhic planes. Being on the same line, they have a direct correspondence.

Transfiguration

The third means of redemption is transfiguration, that stage upon the Path at which the Third Initiation is undergone. After this the personality is irradiated by the full light of the Soul and the three personality vehicles are completely transcended. They have become simply forms through which spiritual love may flow out to the world of men in the salvaging task of creation.

In a sense, Redemption and Salvation are synonymous; salvation is accomplished through the redemptive process. So, the work of the saving forces is in reality accomplished through the Science of Redemption.

How can we cooperate in accomplishing this great process of redemption?

The chief agent of transmutation is the mind;

The chief agent of transformation is the Soul;

The agent of transfiguration is the Spiritual Triad.

Therefore, we have to develop and consciously use these three great agents. As the Master D.K. has said, the transmutation process with its stages of understanding, analysis, recognition and application, is fundamentally a mental process. It is the transmutation of physical creativity into spiritual creativity, raising the force from the sacral to the throat center. This brings about a corresponding activity of the two head centers and their related glands, and an interplay between the two. Thus a bridge is established between the Soul and the personality.

This is accomplished completely at the first initiation, and particularly by the use of the energy of the Seventh Ray.

Let us remember that the first initiation is not of a very high order. It is just the first step along the great Way which brings us to liberation and redemption. The first and second initiations are called the “Initiations of the Threshold” and they still concern the human personality. Transmutation is, in a more definite way, the creative process of producing the good, the beautiful, and the true. It also holds the solution of the sex problem; as you know, sex is connected with the sacral center. Physical creativity is gradually transmuted into spiritual creativity.

In the transformation process, the astral body becomes the mechanism of transformation. **Desire is transformed into aspiration**, and aspiration itself into a growing and expressive intuitive faculty; this is accomplished by creative imagination, and by the imaginative qualities of the Soul. **This faculty eventually evokes the energy of the mind, and the mind plus the imagination becomes in time a great invocative and creative agent.**

Here we have the interesting hint that creative imagination is not only used by the personality, but by the Soul itself. It is a high quality and is linked by the Soul with the mind – then we have the mind plus creative imagination. Visualization, which is the use of creative imagination, is the first stage or step toward the building of the antahkarana.

The higher phases of redemption are accomplished through the building and use of the antahkarana, and the consequent action of the Spiritual Triad results in transfiguration. So the Science of Redemption includes all the other processes of spiritual development because, in order to accomplish this redemption, we have to use, with this intention, the various techniques of spiritual development which we know and are learning to use.

Redeeming Practices

The first of these is **meditation** in its wider connotation; then **invocation**. In their highest aspects both of these are processes of building the antahkarana. This word is just the name given in the East to the link or bridge which is created between the personality and the Spiritual Triad, and it should be remembered that the building of the antahkarana is accomplished unconsciously for a long time. Indeed, it is only recently that the teachings on the antahkarana have been given out and the techniques for consciously building it made known. This enables

the work to be done more rapidly and effectively, but before that, humanity, in its higher brackets – or more exactly, the Soul-infused personalities among humanity – were working unconsciously at this building of the antahkarana.

When the Invocation is used with power and effectiveness, it brings about the evocation of higher energies; it makes cooperation from above possible. The Master D.K. says that the Lives Who carry out the Will of God now wait to give Their touch, which will enable the reconstruction work to move forward along the right lines; but They wait for the invocative cry of humanity. What is true of the individual is also true in a collective way, and is true for the whole of humanity. It is inspiring to know that all we do, all the techniques we use in our spiritual endeavor and spiritual approach to the world of reality are part of this great process of planetary Redemption.

Mention should also be made of one or two other means of redemption with which we can work. One is **the use of radiation**, which is **an important method of cooperating in this great task of redemption**. One means of radiation is joy, it brings release to others. But **why does joy redeem?** Because it is one of the most effective ways of dispelling and eliminating the glammers and illusions which keep us prisoner. For instance, joy eliminates that most binding of attitudes – self-pity. Self-pity is really paralyzing; it turns our whole attention inwards to our personal selves; it is egocentric. And while we are the prey of self-pity, we cannot help others or give them anything. On the contrary, we tend to be “vampires”, to absorb, make demands and ask all the time for help. Joy eliminates all this and dispels the imprisoning glamour of self-pity.

Another releasing function of joy is the elimination of fear. Fear is also one of the most imprisoning factors, and one of the most powerful obstacles to redemption. It is said that fear is one of the means used by the forces who oppose the liberation and redemption of humanity and of all planetary beings. So we should cultivate joy, it will dispel fear.

Joy also creates a magnetic link with the Soul, because it is one of the normal qualities and states of consciousness of the Soul. Our joy, in fact, indicates – like a thermometer – the degree of our conscious Soul-infusion.

Here we have to distinguish between three grades or levels: those of **pleasure, joy and bliss**. Pleasure is of the personality; joy is of the soul; bliss is of the Spirit, the Triad and the Monad. This is a clear way of distinguishing the level on which our consciousness is functioning.

The cultivation of joy is a definite technique. Joy is not simply a feeling, it is a **realization** of the immortal nature of the Soul, and of the sure, final triumph of the good, the beautiful and the true. **It is an inner assurance; it can coexist with physical pain and also with emotional distress**. We are complicated beings and we often function – in fact, generally do – at different levels simultaneously without clearly realizing it. Therefore, it is possible to be joyous even if, at some other level of our being, we are suffering.

Finally, joy, as said before, is a most powerful energy behind radiation and the radiation of joy is one of the greatest contributions to others we can make. Yet there is an even **more effective means of radiation – blessing.** If you read carefully the instructions given by the Master D.K. to his group of disciples, you will find that he often mentions blessing and gives his blessing to his pupils. The Hierarchy uses this technique of blessing with those whom they endeavor to help. We too can use this technique. ***It is an outflow of spiritual love, of active compassion and of redeeming light.***

Therefore, to sum up, let us use all the techniques, all the ways which bring about redemption in successive stages. First, the redemption of our own personalities, then the redemption of others in ever widening circles. In this way we participate in the great work of redemption being accomplished by the Hierarchy in humanity and the other kingdoms. There are Masters who deal directly with the other kingdoms, and this will enable the higher energies which, as mentioned at the beginning, come from extra planetary levels to accomplish the final redemption and perfection of the planet – one of the high purposes of the Planetary Logos.

On our part, let us keep in mind this all-inclusive task of redemption and make use of the techniques of blessing. Both individually and in groups we should constantly use this great means of redemption. **Blessing is a transmission force; it is something real and effective and could well be compared with the transmission of electricity.** A central electricity station holds current of very high voltage, this is transmitted to transformers which reduce it to a lower voltage; other transformers then bring it down to a still lower voltage, so that it can be utilized in various ways. This analogy may help to make blessing more real and definite in our minds. We cannot conceive life now without electricity; we should arrive at the same widespread use of the energy of radiation and blessing in our psychological and spiritual lives.

Let us remember also that we are radiating unconsciously all the time; much of all that has been said is going on unconsciously. But it is high time, especially for aspirants, to become conscious of this and to **cooperate consciously in this process**, which intensifies and speeds up the work we are doing. Therefore, the study of radiation will greatly help us to cooperate more effectively in this great task of Redemption.

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