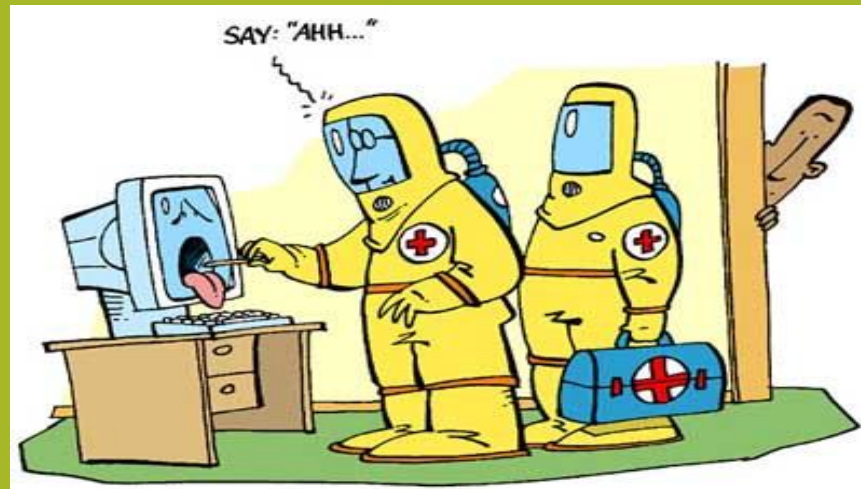




AMBITION



The Will or Power Features

First Ray of WILL OR POWER

Positive qualities:

Strength, courage, steadfastness, truthfulness arising from entirely non-fear, strength to govern, the power to contain major issues with broad concept, addressing people and taking action.

Bad habits:

Pride, ambition, stubbornness, hardness, arrogance, desire to control others, obstinacy, malice.

Virtues to be acquired:

Tenderness, humility, sympathy, tolerance, patience

Under the influence of the 1st Ray in this time delusions of this beam are promoted, in particular the ambition. In the mass it is expressed by way of the delusions of the 6th Ray.

Glamours of the 1st Ray

The glamour of:

- physical strength
- personal magnetism
- egocentricity and personal power
- The "one at the centre"
- selfish personal ambition
- leadership, dictatorship and extensive dominion

- The Messiah complex in the political field
- selfish appropriation of the divine right of kings
- exercised personally
- destruction
- isolation, loneliness and aloofness
- The will, imposed on others and to groups

There are similarities with the 3rd ray of intelligence.

Growth in consciousness

Humanity is in terms of evolution of consciousness in its *puberty stage*.

The periods are:

Child (emotional), pubertal (mental) and adult stage (spiritual - soul). A larger group in the world is now at the beginning of the latter development of consciousness.

If one is uncertain, which also produces the fluent - so changeable - astral plane, one can still derive some certainty while *hearing and seeing astrally* (6th ray, convinced of ones' own right).

During puberty years, a repeat of the first years of life takes place, however, in combination with the developing mind.

This is a normal process, but as shown in the society, adolescent attitude leads increasingly to a self-centred or self-serving attitude (selfishness).

In this time, the media has a very big influence in endorsing that. One has the *right* and is jealous or criticizes others if they do not get what they want or they fall into a victim-role (the other one or the society is to blame).

The degree of much or little influence is of course determined by karma and by the circumstances.

(Mental) Ambition

Ambition is an aspect of the 1st Ray of Will or Power. For most people, it works through the 6th Ray of abstract idealism and devotion.

At the level of spiritual development, one knows the ascending levels of awareness of the soul.

When the influence of the soul comes to a higher plane, the 1st Ray will gain more influence, but this can also lead to a progression in spiritual development, further than others in a group.

The glamour of it is called spiritual ambition. This glamour is tucked deep in our subconscious. How did that happen?

The characteristic of activity of the soul is *feeling responsible* and *servitude*. The only question is if the underlying motive of our service is so pure?

A nice metaphor is a store where everything is *visible* for sale. That means that glammers are shown and we can usurp it in order to investigate and become conscious, but what lies *behind* the store is not visible, in other words, it is hidden deep in our subconscious.

We must, so to say, go back to childhood (between 1½ and 2 years), when the *will* is to be developed in a positive or negative way.

Self-interest or servitude?

In our society *ambition* is an accepted feature of the desire to achieve a goal. After all, anyone who climbs high on the social ladder evokes admiration.

It's good to reach a goal, but it is dependent on the motivation or rationale that determines this.

At the social level, ambition, so under the banner of *aspirations*, is considered a good feature, but basically, this has the root of eagerness.

After all, we want to achieve something in society, but, as a matter of fact, it comes from self-interest and not something that serves others. Therefore, it is a glamour.

This topic gets a slightly different meaning when one considers it from an esoteric perspective.

At some point in the spiritual development, the soul will get more influence, and service is going to play a role. We talk then about aspiration.

Then the pursuit of an ideal still has an emotional charge. Although the mind becomes active, there is no or insufficient recognition of glammers.

The relationship between the 1st, 3rd and 6th Ray

The will to achieve something is a human fact whether it is social or spiritual.

There is nothing wrong if the root represents a personal interest or goal, because this is part of the evolution of man.

Once the soul prevails, then service *on behalf of others* should be the motive.

This requires self-knowledge, especially when it is hidden deep in our subconscious.

When it comes to spiritual ambition, it can be discovered by others through working.

Glamours are emotions of the astral plane.

At the level of spiritual development one must already be mentally polarized.

The remaining illusions are not felt, but can be rationalized or suppressed, so one "doesn't have them."

Illusions do not come on their own. So ambition needs not to be felt, but can be expressed by envy (6th Ray) or intellectual pride and arrogance (3rd Ray), or by the need to merely work, or through outspoken criticism.

See also the properties and glamours of the 1st Ray, (slide 4 and 5), and the reading on Pride - 3rd Ray.

Who is deluded?

Within the existing psychology, There has already been a lot of good work done that discusses and relieves the problems of the personality of man. There is much information available in society about energies and meditations, such as *mindfulness*. With this meditation one learns to become the observer of one's own thoughts. Meditations are focused on making a conscious contact with the soul, and vice versa, the soul with the personality.

The question as a human can be: which ultimate goal do I have in mind? What prevents me to see through the following steps or better, what is bewildering or misleading me?

Looking at at the list of negative traits and illusions, this seems to be very negative, but certainly, it will not be unfamiliar to you.

It is good to realize that delusions are part of life on earth. Moreover, they just are illusions because we are not aware of them. Generally, we attribute negative characteristics to a person; this is called projection.

Which “Selves” define our lives?

The question one may ask oneself might be, “*Who or what* is actually deluded?” There is obviously a source within ourselves which is more comprehensive than the personality that we recognize as ourselves.

We talk about ourselves, of course, as ‘I’, but from an esoteric perspective, we have the personality who makes up the four selves (see diagram and the Human Composition). It depends from which body you want to express something.

We distinguish namely:

The *Ego* of the physical body, that has hunger, thirst or desire for sex.

The *Ego* of the emotional body, that feels anger infatuation, jealousy, resentment, etc.

The *Ego* of the mental body, that invents problems, has pointless spinning thoughts, is studying or getting insights, etc.

The *Ego* of the soul, that by means of an image, a word, or inner knowing (without form) receives new insights for mankind and that is shaped through the mind (e.g. Einstein and his Theory of Relativity).

Docility or resistance?

In the article about Jealousy, I described the evolution of early life. Inherent to the human condition, animal instincts (aggression / sexuality) and the will to exist, form the will that can become the basis for ambition.

Between 1½ and 2 years the *will* plays a big role: the resistance against the parents or authority can develop in a positive or a negative way.

This can lead to obedience (in order to be found especially sweet and nice) or resistance (the "no", only to say no) against any authority.

The role of parents discussed from the two extreme approaches:

In one situation, if one is too lenient and the child becomes a nagging child (parents are often unable to cope with a screaming child), which considers that it alone has the right.

Otherwise they act too strict, so the child feels rejected or not recognized.

The consequences are observable in many variants, which is more or less frustrating for parents and child.

Admit and reject can also go together.

The difference between Astral and buddhic seeing and hearing

The unconscious root of ambition and jealousy can have a lasting affect on a life, even if one goes forth on the esoteric path. It is even more difficult to detect because the soul gets more influence and servitude (wrongly motivated) and will play an increasingly important role.

Subdued glamours that are not recognized are, in the course of the development of the mind, gradually tucked deeper under everyday consciousness. If they ever appear, they are oppressed because we may not feel them, after all! We have to be impersonal! (See next slide).

In the period between the 1st and 2nd initiation clairaudience and clairvoyance form an intermediate stage, which is to be released so that the mind can develop necessarily.

At a later stage when the mind has become resistant, the development of buddhic Seeing and Hearing follows and the discernment is developed.

The difference between astral and buddhic seeing and hearing can be identified and assessed (discernment), because in that case, experiences already have taken place on the buddhic plane.

See scheme: 4th sub plane of the 5th mental plane.

Impersonal

Being Impersonal is often not well understood. Here we usually see the image of a cold personality.

This occurs as a response to the idea that impersonality is focused on the spiritual development which should not have any *personal* attention.

Being impersonal actually means: understanding and having insight to problems and situations.

That means then: seeing through illusions such as criticism, envy, etc., and to realize that it often involves projection.

So impersonal does *not* mean mental closure (pride), but *seeing through situations without feeling insulted or accused*.

Hidden glammers

One aspect that is seen in astral hearing and can manifest, is the feeling of being *special or chosen*.

For example, one can do what others from the area cannot, and one also derives a certain status, but basically one is fuelled by pride and ambition. For we know more of the invisible world (higher areas) than the other ones!

The question then is: which areas, because for the personality there are 3 with 18 sub-areas at earthly level and three higher regions for the soul, being the field of consciousness (see diagram).

Overall, this is not recognized and it can also be a trap if the mind is going to play an increasingly important role.

Glamours that are deeply hidden remain, are subdued and determine the mind. In society this is reflected in:

- intellectual pride: the denial of the soul (the invisible) with veiled criticism by sprinkled with facts;
- resentment turned into sarcasm and cynicism;
- gloating about others who did not succeed;
- science: the physical (among others the brain) seen as the cause of all information, etc.

Openness will bring change

In society there is fortunately more and more attention to domestic problems through mental, physical and sexual violence, which were long hidden behind closed doors.

The desire to dominate can be very intrusive and difficult for the victims, to fight their battle alone. More openness and understanding of the causes will lead to the hope that this may change.

(Spiritual) ambition, an aspect of the will, has many forms and because it is so deeply tucked away in our past, their understanding will also penetrate painfully to our consciousness.

The increasing influence of the soul will help us to identify the causes and effects.

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(Why doing it in a difficult way, if it's possible to do it together?)