

DUTY AND OBLIGATION

The path of old patterns or.....



HYPOTHESIS

The premise of esoteric psychology / philosophy is that everything, both the soul and the solid form (physical body), is energy. The difference lies in the increase of the vibrations (see diagram). Solid matter, such as the physical body has a coarse and slow vibration and the soul has such high vibration that we cannot imagine, unless we become aware of it.

The activity of the soul is characterized by a sense of responsibility and service. This increases as the soul gets more influence on our lives.

The sequence is:

Responsibility for one's own life and possibly one's family, relatives, group, city, country, world, and finally humanity. Upward the personal interest is converted to public interest, i.e. duty (of the soul) and commitment (to the whole) increase as personal liabilities become less a part of it.

MEANINGS OF DUTY AND OBLIGATION

According to Larousse:

Duty: moral bondage by any authority from above or conscience (soul).

Dutiful: imposed task other than by conviction and opposite to a freely chosen task.

Obliged: compelled by a sense of duty, moral considerations or by law.

Obligation:

- ▶ Being indebted to someone (owe gratitude to someone).
- ▶ Someone imposes an obligation.
- ▶ Make a commitment.

DUTY

Moral bondage by any authority from above or from the conscience (soul).

The sense of duty is experienced by the first authority, the parents, and determines in large part how we will grow later in life towards our inner authority - the soul.

The representation of marriage, religion, sexuality, honesty and service is transmitted by the parents from their own upbringing.

DUTY AND GUILT

We have a duty towards ourselves to do the right thing, but how do we know what is right? What is our duty and obligation if we want to turn into a new direction, such as studying, another field, another place, another religion, etc.)?

Which definition of obligation should we follow? How did our parents or the religion define what duty was, as a result of their education, or will we follow our hearts?

If you are familiar with the general rule which is respected by many in their own environment, this is a difficult knot to untangle, because it is anchored deeply in our existence.

CONFRONTATION

How inner loyalty, duty, guilt and atonement is experienced by man is largely determined by transmission from one generation to the next. Under the influence of Christianity in the Age of Pisces guilt and penance are much more emphasised, and this has become embedded in the collective consciousness. Through these collective feelings we are affected, even if we have renounced the religion. Although these feelings may be not unjust, they often are illusions.

We may suffer from guilt but we often only think about the cause, when we find ourselves in a difficult situation that requires a decision. Then we are faced with the sense of duty and the accompanying guilt. Whether it is right or wrong, is a question to which our conscience (the soul) can give the right answer.

QUESTIONS TO YOURSELF

Spiritual development raises questions that can give temporarily confusion.

Such a demand like “are my feelings and my decision just because they deviate from what I have learned? But if so, why do I feel guilty?”

Or questions such as: loyalty and duty, to whom and to what? Guilt, is it right? And who determines this? Eventually one will learn to discover that there is a difference between being faithful to the inner conscience (soul) which is decisive and not follow the learned thoughts / feelings of anxiety or guilt that sow doubt.

More on this is to be found in the lectures on the website: From Bethlehem to Calvary and The Letting Go of Old Patterns

A DEEP QUESTION

HONESTY IN THOUGHT AND ACTION

If one has children, then these are often the teachers. We have the inner obligation to give our children love and security, but we must also teach them values like honesty in thought and action, the courage to stand up for your ideals (regardless of what others do think about it), which should be modelled by ourselves from the heart.

How to do that if one is in inner conflict, knowing that you are not really fair. One ear hangs to the old situation with a need for comfort (no conflict) and the other one is guided by a new road. Children feel and see much more than we think they do, especially in this time.

THE CAUSES OF CONFLICTS

Duty and obligation shall apply to every human being and in all relationships: between parents mutually, between parents and children and vice versa, in work and in friendships, at the social level.

What happens in relationships in which one party develops spiritually and the other party is unwilling or unable to give up the existing pattern of life? From the esoteric perspective personal development is determined by the point of evolution (consciousness in a particular area), the ray-composition and the karmic purpose. In case there are big differences in thinking and acting within the relationship, then both are facing each other and conflicts are inevitable.

What is the real cause?

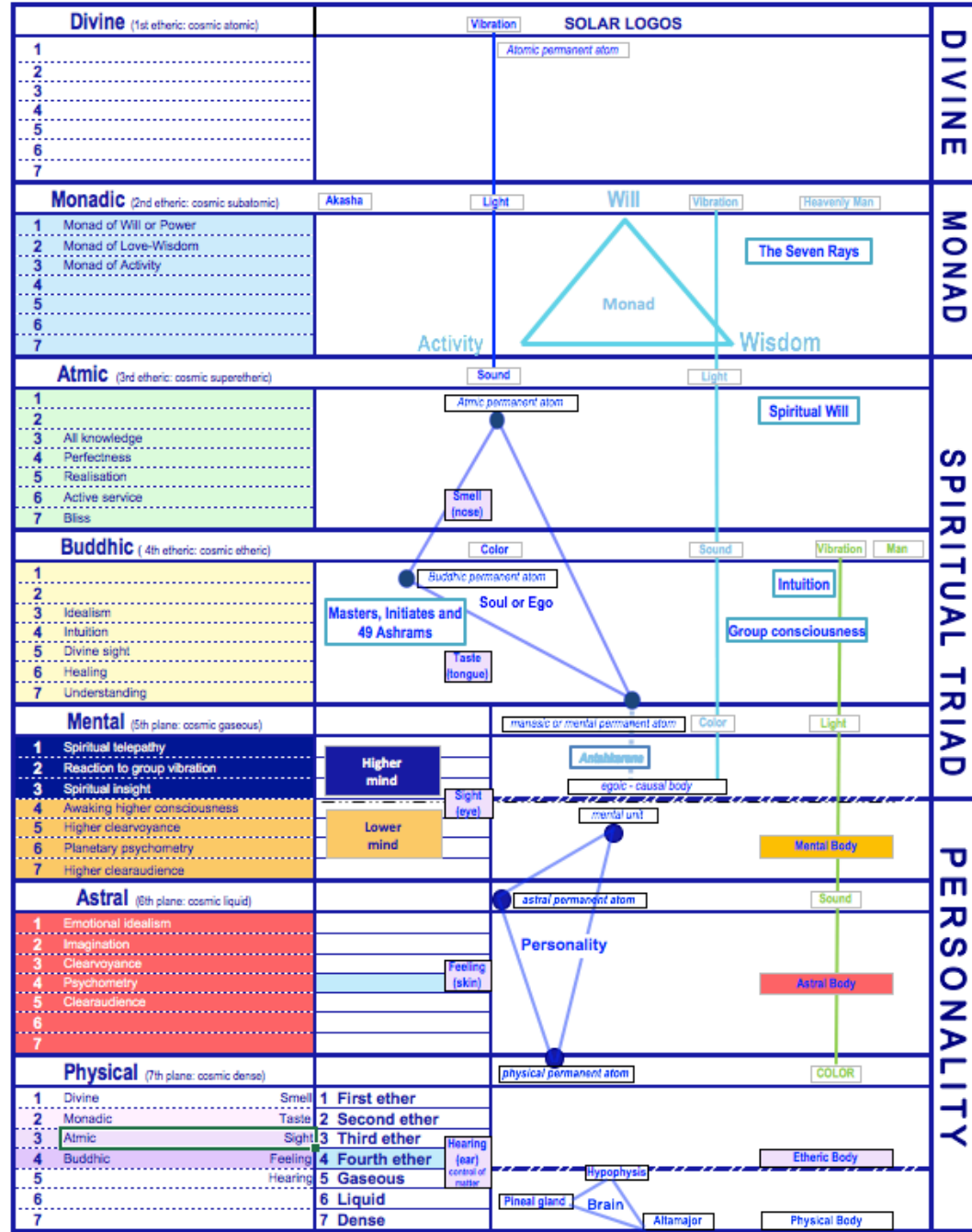
DIFFERENCE IN TARGET

We can usually assume that the first contact in a relationship is defined with erotic attraction and infatuation. As the relationship becomes more solid, the problems emerge. These are not based on good or bad, although they are often experienced that way. They can point out:

- ▶ Divergent opinions, because people are located in different areas of consciousness. For an overview of all of these areas, see chart on next slide.
- ▶ The influence of the seven rays (1, 3, 5, 7 - the male and 2, 4, 6 - the female energies), which can face each other. This not being necessarily so, they can complete each other as well.
- ▶ The purpose of the incarnation of the partners, which may be different. The repetition of another incarnation may concern which requires a finish and completion of problems. In that case, the partners go well with each other and are often later friends again.

THE SEVEN PLANES OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

THE COSMIC PHYSICAL PLANE



CHOICE

A relationship does not need to end in divorce. If both sides respect each other's way and give each other freedom, much is possible.

If that is not possible, and the relationship is maintained nevertheless, this often leads to an endless source of conflicts. Positive energies are undermined by negative forces and there is no benefit from it for anybody.

Where usually a conscious mind is gradually applying his energy for the good of others, it is now hardly converted to service. This often leads to mental or physical illnesses.

An example at this time is the so-called burnout. One does not correctly use his energies and is often focused on to-do-pressure, wanting too much for own interests (like status, money, external needs).

In principle, the high vibration turns inwards causing diseases, the energy is focused on its own and in doing so this is not intended.

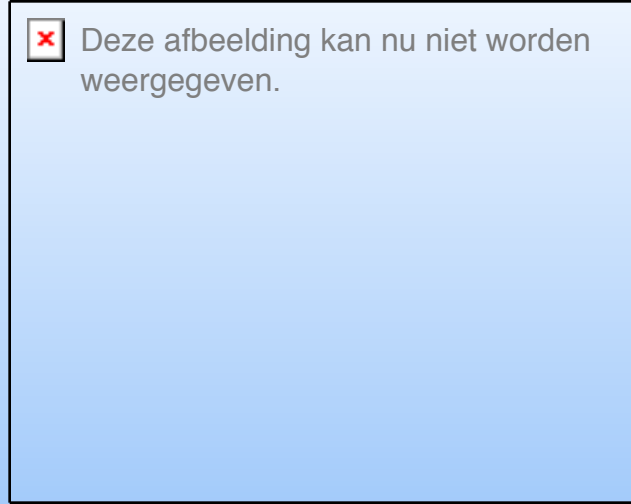
LETTING GO OF OLD PATTERNS

One may wonder how it comes that there are so many divorces, as well as in relationships with parents today? Have we become so self-centred that we think only of ourselves?

For a small part this will certainly be true, but everyone who left the process of old patterns, knows and has experienced how much doubt and sadness this may cost. So it is definitely not a simple selfish decision.

The old Piscean patterns still play a role, but meanwhile we have entered the age of Aquarius, which calls for innovation and thus for a new view regarding duty and obligation.

Unfortunately, people blame each other in many conflicts, but divorces are also learning processes, for example, by being more willing to investigate one's own problem.



The last two decades show modern parents shifting towards education. In broken relationships father and mother fulfil more often in full consultation the obligation to take care of their children's education. So love and well-being for children, as far as possible, now stand in the foreground.

In relation to the parents, you see that the children take care for them when they grow old, even in case that these relationships were previously quite difficult.

Releasing old patterns takes a lot of effort and often sadness, but time is the great healer and eventually the soul will overcome and express itself in a new culture of understanding, commitment and sharing which is called the love of the soul expressed as duty and obligation to mankind.