

## Notes on the Festival Week Visualisation:

### The Law of Group Progress:

Exoteric Name	Esoteric Name	Symbol	Ray Energy
The Law of Group Progress	The Law of Elevation	The Mountain and the Goat	Progressive Energy Seventh Ray Factor of Evolution

  

Law	Effect	General Physical Effect	Reaction	Quality
Group Progress	New Groups Soul Unity	New Group of World Servers	Love of Synthesis The Initiates	Inclusiveness

### CIRCULATION

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*Esoteric Psychology, Vol II, p. 197*

### THE LAW OF GROUP PROGRESS

“The name ‘Law of Group Progress’ is the phrase given by human beings to a particular type of energy which is producing *the coherence of units in a group*, thus forming them into **one living organism**.”

*Esoteric Psychology, Vol II, p.195*

“The Law of Group Progress. This is sometimes called "the Law of Elevation" for it concerns the mysteries of group realisation, and expansions of consciousness and the part each unit plays in the general progress of a group. In relation to the human family, for instance, the truth must ever be borne in mind that no human atom arrives at "fullness of life" without adding much to the general nature of his own group. The elevation of a unit results in the raising of the group; the realisation of the unit brings about eventually group recognition; the initiation of the unit leads finally to planetary initiation, and the attainment of the goal by the human atom and his achievement of his objective brings about steadily and ceaselessly group achievement. No man liveth to himself, and the crucifixion of the units throughout the aeons, and their realisation of their essential nature, only in order to offer up the best they have and realise to the interests of the group, are but the methods whereby the work of liberation is carried forward.”

*A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, p. 1218*

“**THE LINK OF THE WORLD GROUPS:** It would be possible to go on listing the various developments which indicate to the onlooking Hierarchy that a disciple, or a group of disciples, are now ready for "more light." The major indication is, however, their reaction to the Law of Group Progress. It is this Law which is the coming new law to be sensed by the world disciples and which is already becoming more effective in its potency, even though this will not be realised by humanity for a long while yet. It will bring into activity the work of the world groups.”

*Esoteric Psychology, Vol II, p. 178*

I would like here to give you some thoughts anent the new groups which come into functioning activity under the Law of Group Progress. It must be constantly remembered, as one considers these coming new groups, that they are primarily an experiment in Group Activity, and are not formed for the purpose of perfecting the individual member in any group. This is a fundamental and essential statement, if the objectives are rightly to be understood. In these groups the members supplement and fortify each other, and, in the aggregate of their qualities and capacities, they should eventually provide groups capable of useful spiritual expression, and through which spiritual energy can flow, unimpeded, for the helping of humanity. The work to be done is very largely upon mental levels.

*Esoteric Psychology, Vol II, p. 178*

## THE ENERGIES OF CAPRICORN

It might be of value if I here attempted a translation necessarily inadequate, of the key word of each sign. These fall into two categories as far as humanity is concerned. There is the key word for the form aspect and the keyword for the soul aspect. In the first case, the word is expressed; in the second it is consciously spoken by the soul. Translated into modern terms much is lost, but the underlying thought which directs the work of the emanating energies is of value:

For our world period they are as follows:

For the aspirant who progresses from Aries to Pisces and has therefore re-oriented himself we have...

Capricorn      Lost am I in light supernal and on that light I turn my back.

*A Treatise on White Magic, p. 441*

In December, 1935, the energies of Capricorn were augmented by the pouring in of forces from a still greater constellation which is—to our zodiac—what the zodiac is to the earth. This augmentation will take place again in 1942. It must be remembered that, from certain angles, the circle of twelve signs or constellations constitutes a special unity which revolves within our universe of heavens as our planet revolves in the centre of our circle of influences. **By means of this augmentation—during the coming Aquarian zodiacal cycle—groups on earth can avail themselves of the tide of Capricornian influences which will flow into our radius of registration every seven years.** The one just past, gave a tremendous impetus to the work of the New Group of World Servers, and was the cause of the very good reaction in the world to their particular impulse. This worked out in every nation and in every group as a marked tendency to good will. In 1942, there will come another planetary inflow of which we all are begged to avail ourselves, and for which we are urged to make due preparation. This "week of group impact" occurring every seven years, will run from December 21st till December 28th, and if this should at any time fall at the period of the full moon, the opportunity will be most significant. This possibility must be watched. This week should be regarded as pre-eminently the "festival week" of the New Group of World Servers, and after 1942 advantage must be taken of this period, and special preparation made. This fact invites the attention of all of us.

These new groups are appearing everywhere all over the world. The groups upon the outer plane, with their diversity of names and stated aims, are not connected with this inner group which is sponsoring or "projecting" the new groups, except in so far as they have a definite, even if nebulous, connection. This becomes always possible where there are three members of the New Group of World Servers found in any one exoteric group; it then becomes 'linked by a triple thread of golden light' to the New Group of World Servers, and can in some measure be used. This great and spiritual grouping of servers is, on the physical plane, only very loosely linked. On the astral plane the linking is stronger and is based upon love of humanity; on the mental plane the major linking takes place, from the angle of the three worlds as a whole. **It will be apparent, therefore, that certain developments must have taken place in the individual before he can consciously become a functioning member of the New Group of World Servers, which is the principal group at this time definitely working under the Law of Group Progress.**

1. He must have the heart centre awakened, and be so outgoing in his 'behaviour' that the heart is rapidly linked up with the heart centres of at least eight other people. Groups of nine awakened aspirants can then be occultly absorbed in the heart centre of the planetary Logos. Through it, His life can flow and the group members can contribute their quota of energy to the life influences circulating throughout His body. The above piece of information is only of interest to those who are spiritually awakened, and will mean little or nothing to those who are asleep.

2. The head centre must also be in process of awakening, and the ability to ‘hold the mind steady in the light’ must be somewhat developed.

3. Some forms of creative activity must likewise be found and the server must be active along some humanitarian, artistic, literary, philosophic or scientific lines.

All this involves personality integration and alignment and that magnetic, attractive appeal which is distinctive of all disciples in some form or another. In this way from the standpoint of esotericism, certain great triangles of energy will be found in the individual and consequently increasingly in humanity. Then too **the ‘forces of creative life’ will circulate from the ‘point within the head’ (the head centre) along the ‘line to the heart’ and then, with the throat centre, form a ‘triangle of fiery light’.** Such is the **Way of Group Progress**, and when this is being consummated, then the Law of Group Progress begins definitely to function and to control.



To...the life of the disciple I seek at this time to add ...a symbol of the attitude you should hold during the cycle into which you are now entering.

You will see that I have combined the two crosses of the vertical and horizontal life with the cross of Humanity and have also added a circle at the summit of all three. What, my brother, does this mean? It signifies the following:

1. That the vertical life of spiritual contact with the Ashram is constantly preserved by meditation, prayer and concentration.
2. That the horizontal life of service is preserved with equal care and that there is a constant stream of planned energy going out to all those who need help.
3. The long limb of the triple cross symbolises to the disciple that he must go down into the very depths of human life in order to prepare the masses for the reappearance of the Christ and for the externalisation of the Hierarchy.

4. The sphere at the summit of the cross portrays the ‘place of the disciple's consciousness.’ His life of reflection, of constant awareness, and the steady focus of his attention is higher than the vertical life of the aspirant, than his horizontal life of service, and indicates the measure of his conscious activity in the Ashram. Forget not that an Ashram in the Hierarchy is on a higher plane than that of the soul.

He is therefore alive and active on three levels of activity simultaneously, and is in the process of demonstrating—as far as in him lies and his degree of discipleship permits—the three divine aspects: the Will aspect, governing his work within the Hierarchy in relation to the coming great movement; the Love aspect, governing his vertical life and producing spiritual steadfastness in form; the Intelligence aspect, governing his horizontal life and making him a wise server of his fellowmen. Finally, the long line from the point of radiant spiritual focus symbolises the Path from the highest point attained by the disciple to the lowest point of service.

You will notice also, in this symbol, that the secondary point of focus appears where all the lines meet and cross each other. This point represents the disciple's personality, into which the higher radiance must pour and from which spiritual energy reaches out on all sides. Also, if you will study and think for a while, it will be apparent to you that this cross is only correctly appropriated by (or is symbolic of) the man who has built (or is in process of building) the antahkarana. Where that bridge is not created the consciousness of the aspirant cannot focus in the Ashram or upon the intuitional levels of consciousness.

You can see, therefore, why I have given out the teaching upon the Antahkarana. It was done in order that the completion of the antahkarana could be systematically and scientifically carried out by you. I shall not, therefore, repeat the instructions here; you have them and should follow them carefully, bearing in mind that you have at least bridged the gap between the personality and the Spiritual Triad to a certain extent, and that for you the need is to complete and strengthen the Rainbow Bridge and then to use it with facility.