

Sixth and Seventh Ray Ages

~ *Compare & Contrast* ~

Sixth Ray: Introductory Points:

1. Began its gradual withdrawal in the year 1625 CE.
2. Is called the Ray of Idealism and Devotion.
3. It is the spiritual energy that gave rise to all world religions.
4. It is also responsible for the urge in humanity to devote to a cause, and sometimes fight for it.
5. It manifests as a divine energy that promotes truth through a recognition and adherence to lofty ideals.
6. Comes through Pisces, Sagittarius and Virgo

Seventh Ray: Introductory Points:

1. Began to gradually manifest in the year 1675 CE, and will continue to gain in strength and influence for many years to come.
2. It is called the Ray of Ceremonial Order and Magic.
3. Rules the physical plane of human existence.
4. Conditions human consciousness with the understanding that good form is needed to bring heaven to earth.
5. Because of its grounding tendencies, it promotes the development of the *Practical Mystic*.
6. Is transmitted through Capricorn, Aries and Cancer.

Compare & Contrast

1. ***Sixth Ray Age***

It is the Ray that fosters spiritual vision and the aspirational urge to strive toward one's vision without waiver.

Seventh Ray Age

It is the Ray that materializes that which was envisioned. Emotionally driven aspiration slowly gives way to the power of spiritual will.

2. ***Sixth Ray Age***

It produces the mystic, and is related to the Probationary Path. Its dominating influence culminates at the 1st Initiation.

Seventh Ray Age

Produces the disciple (occultist) who is committed to the magical working of giving form to spirit. Commences at the 1st Initiation.

3. ***Sixth Ray Age***

Though part of the Plan, it tends to develop a separative view of life and God. Nationalism and sectarianism are examples of its effects.

Seventh Ray Age

Leads to fusion. It seeks to blend spirit and matter into a synthetic whole. Supports the notion of unity through diversity.

4. ***Sixth Ray Age***

Created a heightened sense of duality in human perception. The duality between God and creation was emphasized. This was a needed perception at the time.

Seventh Ray Age

Will inaugurate a realization of higher unity, first to create integrated personalities, then as a force that promotes soul/personality fusion. The duality between God and creation will be slowly resolved into a singularity.

5. ***Sixth Ray Age***

It taught humanity about spiritual sacrifice. The willingness to sacrifice for one's ideals, the urge toward philanthropy and the simple idea of "being kind" were created by this Ray.

Seventh Ray Age

It will teach humanity the deeper implications of sacrifice and to realize that soulful sacrifice creates greater wholes. Sacrifice to the Plan will replace sacrifice as penance.

6. *Sixth Ray Age*

Made it possible for humanity to recognize the historical Christ, and to shape the Christian faith in support of the Son of Love.

Seventh Ray Age

It will slowly condition human consciousness to recognize the Christ as a universal principle, the Cosmic Christ.

7. *Sixth Ray Age*

Created religious vision for humanity. Though often narrow and separative, this was needed as a way of safeguarding infant souls.

Seventh Ray Age

Will release infant souls from their nursery and inaugurate an understanding of life that is scientific, loving and profoundly inclusive.

8. *Sixth Ray Age*

Fostered separative instincts, dogmatic religious views, scientific facts, and schools of thought that tend to be exclusive and doctrinal. It also has given rise to the cult of patriotism.

Seventh Ray Age

Supports recognition of wider issues, and will emphasize unity while rejecting uniformity. It will facilitate internationalism based upon practical relations, peace and goodwill between peoples of the world.

9. *Sixth Ray Age*

Led to the formation of bands of disciples working in groups but not in close relationship, thus being subject to internal dissension based up personality reactions.

Seventh Ray Age

Will train and send forth groups of initiates who work in close unison with the inner ashram and the Plan, and with each other.