

# The Master's Footsteps

~ *Key Points for each of the Initiations* ~

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## Probationary Disciple

### Key Points:

- The soul is experientially encountered for the first time (fleeting)
- There is a "conscious" participation in one's spiritual development
- Vague desire to experience spiritual liberation
- Character building becomes an important developmental feature in one's life
- Spiritual disciplines are applied to life, particularly related to the physical body
- The soul is beginning to take notice and, at times, will "downward gaze"
- Gradual construction of Antahkarana begins
- Preoccupation with vertical duality through a recognition of it within oneself
- Determination to become a fit receptacle for the Christ Principle
- Phase where the disciple "catches the Master's eye"
- Purification of threefold personality begins

**Governing Ray:** 6<sup>th</sup>

## First Initiation

~ *The Birth of the Christ within the Heart* ~

### Key Points:

- Soul gains control over the physical body, and its appetites
- The heart center becomes vivified, thus creating sensitivity to the Christ force
- Disciple steps into the outer corridor of the Hall of Wisdom for the first time
- First level of entrance into the fifth kingdom in nature, the "kingdom of souls"
- Significant transfer of energy from sacral to throat center
- Transmutation of solar plexus energy to heart center
- Profound sense of service to humanity emerges

**Governing Ray:** 7<sup>th</sup>

# Second Initiation

*~ The Baptism ~*

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## Key Points:

- Emotional pairs of opposites are transcended
- Unbridled enthusiasm gives way to wise utilization of aspiration
- Soul achieves relative mastery over the emotional vehicle of the personality
- Involves an emotional crisis as a test, and it can be short or protracted over many years
- Law of Sacrifice (in its destroying aspect) begins to dominate
- Freedom from the fanatical reaction to truth is achieved
- Glamour no longer has a grip upon the soul
- Freedom from the slavery of ideas

**Governing Ray:** 6th (Rays 1 and 5 secondarily involved)

# Third Initiation

*~ The Transfiguration ~*

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## Key Points:

- Aspirational life fades away
- Complete fusion of soul and personality
- The third eye becomes magically effective
- First conscious realization of the Monad and its will
- Soul gains mastery over the mental vehicle of the personality
- No longer conditioned by the "heresy of separateness"
- Affiliation with ashram is now sensed
- Construction of the antahkarana is complete
- As approached, personal karma worked out rapidly
- Transcend the illusions of the mind

**Governing Ray:** 5th

# Fourth Initiation

~ *The Crucifixion (Great Renunciation in the East)* ~

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## Key Points:

- All desire is renounced, and carnality is vanquished
- Destruction of the causal body (Temple of Solomon)
- Triumph over death
- Consciousness itself gives way to Life—yet remains itself
- Learns to direct the building devas
- Soul is crucified on behalf of monadic will
- Dual life of the disciple ends
- Unbroken connection with Monad
- Most difficult encounter with the "dark night of the soul"
- Renunciation (detachment) of all that the personality finds "desirable"
- Neutralization of all self-engendered karma

**Governing Ray:** 4<sup>th</sup> Ray

# Fifth Initiation

~ *The Revelation (Resurrection in the West)* ~

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- Achieves status of Master of Wisdom or Lord of Compassion
- Liberated and perfected individual
- Knows that life within form is indeed death
- Kundalini "fully" experienced
- Revelation of the "Way of Higher Evolution"
- Revelation of the Will of planetary purpose
- Can create a "Mayavirupa" at will

**Governing Ray:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ray