

## An Overview of the Seven Rays

Since many of our meditation students, and those seekers who have begun to investigate our teachings, do not clearly understand the Seven Rays, we have decided to do this webinar on that topic.

We will explore how the Seven Rays manifest in the Planetary Realm, and what are the qualities of the Soul Ray, the Personality Ray, the Mental Ray, the Emotional Ray, the Etheric Ray (the ambient or environmental influence), and the Physical-Etheric Ray. Finally, we will give you an overview of the Seven Rays, so you can view their activity in context.

We will extract this material from the chapter on the Seven Rays in *A Mudrashram® Reader: Understanding Integral Meditation*. If you do not have this book, we strongly recommend that you acquire it, as it has articles that elucidate each facet of the Mudrashram® System of Integral Meditation and will help you gain a greater understanding of meditation, consciousness, and the process of spiritual development.

### What Are the Seven Rays?

Excerpted from *A Mudrashram® Reader*

“People sometimes do not understand why there are so many varied points of view, even between members of the same faith. There are three major factors that produce these: different life experiences and education, varied choices and desires that give rise to construction of diverse lifestyles, and a different spiritual perspective deriving from stage of evolution and the Ray types that make up the personality and the Soul.”

“Like a spectrum of seven colors, ensouling entities in the Subtle, Planetary, Transplanetary and Cosmic Realms travel parallel paths to their Source. Even though they may be at the same level of spiritual development, the filter of the Ray upon which they dwell colors their perception of reality. It is important to know about these Seven Rays and their activity, as it helps aspirants understand themselves and others.”

### **The Expression of the Seven Rays in the Planetary Realm**

“When your Soul completes the Fifth Planetary Initiation, it merges with the Nirvanic Flame from which it was sent forth. You then re-awaken as the Monad. From the perspective of the Monad, the Seven Rays present in the following octaves:”

- (1) The Origin of the Seven Rays (The Maha Chohan) – The Focalizing of the Seven Rays from Spirit; the Activity of the Lord of Synthesis
- (2) The Seven Rays in Manifestation (The Seven Ray Lords, Chohans)
- (3) The Masters on the Rays (The Offices of the Hierarchy of Light, the Adept Masters)
- (4) The dominant Ray on each Plane of Creation
- (5) The dominant Ray on each Subplane
- (6) The Angelic Rays governing the angelic kingdom and their activities
- (7) The Rays governing group activity overshadowing nations, states, cities, companies, families and other groups of people engaged in intelligent, purposeful activities to serve humanity (Group Soul Manifestation)

- (8) The Soul Ray (Initiates and Disciples upon the Path, Individual Soul Manifestation)
- (9) The Soul Ray in Expression, interfacing with the Ray makeup of the personality, etheric body, astral body, mental seed atom, emotional seed atom, and physical seed atom to bring about a unique demonstration of the Soul's gifts and abilities in human experience
- (10) The Seven Rays as manifested in the Cosmos, in Nature and the Universe
- (11) The Seven Rays as expressed in the Animal, Plant and Mineral Kingdoms

"When we first introduce the Seven Rays in the Mudrashram® Master Course in Meditation and the Accelerated Meditation program, we first show you your Soul Ray (octave 8) and your Soul Ray in Expression (octave 9) as your Personality Rays."

"These are the ways that you can directly experience the Seven Rays as part of your own nature. But the Seven Rays also operate in each of the major Planes and Subplanes of the Planetary and Subtle Realms, in the Universe, and in the other kingdoms of Nature."

### **The Seven Rays in Context**

The Seven Rays can be understood through the different contexts in which they operate. These contexts provide alternate ways to encounter and know the activity of the Seven Rays. These are:

**Pathway** – each Ray is a parallel pathway by which the Soul returns to the Source.

**Expression of Divine Intelligence, Purpose and Plan** – each Ray gives the Soul varying objectives to accomplish as it undergoes Planetary Initiations

**Archetypal Presentation** – The Soul views distinct archetypes and forms on each of the Rays; the spiritual “truths” and “revelations” communicated through these archetypes also varies across the Rays

**Quality** – Each Ray presents gross and subtle sensory markers by which they can be known; for example, different colors, sounds, or feelings can be associated with each of the Rays

**Phenomena** – the Rays appear to produce dissimilar dimensional worlds on the Astral Planes, with diverse “inhabitants” and discrete forms in which the Soul appears to be subtly embodied

**Motivation** – the Rays influence the personality to draw out alternative emotions and behavior; for example, one Ray may condition the personality to take on an obstacle as a challenge and to take immediate action overcome it, while another Ray may evoke the urge to understand and find reasons why the problem exists

**Ability** – A range of powers or abilities present on the tracks of each Ray, which leads to differing types of Soul Expression through the personality for each of the Rays

The Seven Rays color the Planes and Subplanes to produce variegated phenomena and alternate themes or keynotes. For example, in the Subtle Realm, the seven Subplanes reveal the archetypes and themes of world civilizations:

1st Ray – Modern Technological Civilization

2nd Ray – Greco–Roman Civilization

3rd Ray – Renaissance European Civilization

4th Ray – Chinese Civilization

5th Ray – Mesopotamian–Egyptian Civilization

6th Ray – Tibetan–Indonesian Civilization

## 7th Ray – East Indian Civilization

On the Abstract Mind Plane, similar sculpting of theme and content can be seen:

1st Ray – Demiurgic (Plane of Soul Creation)

2nd Ray – Universal Mind (Plane of Divine Laws)

3rd Ray – Temple of Philosophy

4th Ray – Temple of Art

5th Ray – Temple of Science

6th Ray – Akashic Records (Plane of Etheric Memory)

7th Ray – Body-Mind Programming Plane (Plane of control over the physical body, commonly expressed as mastery in sports)

“During the First Exoteric Initiation, the Rays color seven world religious and political movements:”

1st Ray – Judaism

2nd Ray – Democracy

3rd Ray – Catholicism

4th Ray – Essene Judaism and the Natural Healers

5th Ray – Social Justice Christianity

6th Ray – Evangelical Christianity

7th Ray – Kabala

“Gaining a better understanding of the Seven Rays will help you grasp the diversity of Creation and to find your own role in the Great Plan. We encourage you to study the Rays in your own makeup, and as they express at different stages of the path as you make your journey back to your Source.”

## Qualities of the Seven Rays

“The Seven Rays can be said to have distinct qualities that give clues to their expression. The Rays can be briefly described as follows:”

Ray	Name	Keynotes	Color
1st	Will or Power	Mastery, overcoming obstacles	Ruby red
2nd	Love-Wisdom	Understanding and compassion	Royal blue
3rd	Active Intelligence	Practical application of abstract principles through intelligence and work	Golden yellow
4th	Harmony through Conflict	Synthesis of opposites	Emerald green
5th	Concrete Knowledge	Scientific knowledge, inquiry into truth, development of technology	Coral orange
6th	Devotion or Idealism	Faith, dedication, sacrifice and worship	Magenta
7th	Ceremonial Magic	Combining all elements to successfully manifest desired conditions and produce results	Violet



## Spirit Into Expression

In the pouring forth of the energies of the Spirit, these Rays manifested on each of the Planes to produce the multiplicity of potential spiritual experiences. In the human makeup, these Rays express as follows:

Ray Influence	Focus of Ray	Dominant or Active Rays
Physical Body Ray	Physical Seed Atom	3rd and 7th Rays
Emotional Body Ray	Emotional Seed Atom	6th, 2nd, and 4th Rays
Mental Body Ray	Mental Seed Atom	5th, 3rd and 7th Rays
Astral Body Ray	Fontanel of Astral Brain	All Seven Rays
Etheric Body Ray	Forehead seed atom	All Seven Rays
Personality Ray	Attunement with Self	All Seven Rays
Soul Ray	Attunement with Soul (The Path)	All Seven Rays
Monadic Ray	Attunement with Spirit (the Overshadowing Presence)	All Seven Rays

## Qualities of the Rays in the Vehicles

In the *Physical-Etheric Body Ray*

3rd Ray physical bodies tend to conform to established familial and cultural customs and traditional lifestyles.

7th Ray physical bodies seek out novel and individualistic lifestyles, seeking to differentiate themselves from the established norms of society and discovering a unique self-expression.

### In the *Emotional Body Ray*

6th Ray emotional bodies governed by the Desire Body can be characterized as possessive, controlling, jealous, and acquisitive, but capable of great loyalty and commitment.

2nd Ray emotional bodies can be detached, empathic, understanding, kind and altruistic, but can also be prone to game playing and hiding behind roles—characteristics of the Persona that governs this alignment.

4th Ray emotional bodies exhibit moral courage, self-discipline, and fastidious observance of moral principles, but can also force their values on other people against their will through coercion or intimidation—this Conscience governs this alignment.

### In the *Mental Body Ray*

5th Ray mental bodies are dominated by reason, emphasize practical and pragmatic concerns, focus on facts and empirical evidence, and have strengths in analysis and deductive reasoning. The Concrete Mind is their primary mental focus.

3rd Ray mental bodies are dominated by Intellect, emphasize abstract, theoretical modeling of reality, focus on concepts, categories and the organization of knowledge, and have strengths in inductive and dialectical reasoning.

7th Ray mental bodies are dominated by Intuition, emphasize symbolic and metaphorical meanings, focus on the nature of consciousness and its elaboration, and have strengths in synthetic and mandalic reasoning.

In the *Astral Body Ray*, the attentional principle attunes to an Initiate upon a certain Ray, who works with this conscious principle as teacher and guide, presenting truths colored by the Ray path upon which the Initiate works.

In the *Etheric Body Ray*, different Ray influences come to color the expression of the Subconscious Mind. Different environments draw out varied responses from the Subconscious mind, and have a powerful, almost magnetic influence on behavior. For example:

The 1st Ray influences incline the individual to overcome obstacles by an act of will, to take charge of circumstances, which in extreme expressions can take the form of coercion, violence or war.

The 2nd Ray influences encourage the individual to study, to reflect and to perform self-inquiry to find subjective truths and meanings.

The 3rd Ray influences bring out goal setting, planning and intelligently working to reach objectives.

The 4th Ray influences spark artistic expression and creativity.

The 5th Ray influences activate tendencies toward scientific investigation and discovery of objective truth.

The 6th Ray influences the individual to idealize and praise others, and to judge them by internalized moral standards, and to worship, know and serve the Supreme Being.

The 7th Ray influences organize activity toward achievement of desires, sets up necessary conditions, resources, and capital for their realization, and motivate other people to cooperate in their fulfillment.

The *Personality Ray* governs the dominant personality style through which the Soul expresses in the world.

The 1st Ray personalities emphasize the use of Will as a primary agent in achievement, and often adopt careers as corporate leaders, soldiers, and police, where they can direct others and command their respect.

The 2nd Ray personalities have a predominant faculty of Intuition, which leads them to professions where teaching, healing and understanding are paramount, such as education, counseling, psychotherapy and pastoral ministry.

The 3rd Ray personalities develop Intellect as a primary faculty, and excel at organization and communication, and can be found working as managers, superintendents, journalists, non-fiction writers and philosophers.

The 4th Ray personalities express Imagination as their ruling faculty, develop acute sensory perception and have ready access to their Subconscious mind. They often take up artistic careers such as musicians, painters, performers, architects, poets, fiction writers and actors.

The 5th Ray personalities highlight Reason as an ascendant faculty, and may be found in great numbers among scientists, mathematicians, librarians, clerical workers, and engineers.

The 6th Ray personalities have Emotion as their regnant faculty, and are drawn to careers where they can channel their impulses to love, to serve and to idealize and persuade. These may lead them to careers as salesman, humanitarian volunteers, philanthropists, evangelistic and charismatic ministers, practitioners of the healing arts, medicine and nursing, childcare workers, domestic workers, and caretakers for the physically and mentally ill.

The 7th Ray personalities have Physical Behavior as their principal function, with a focus on bringing abstract, symbolic and spiritual ideas into manifestation. They can be found as mechanical and construction workers, fashion models and designers, motion picture directors, entrepreneurs and business owners, and as priests or practitioners of religious or magical rites.

The *Soul Ray* is dominantly expressed in the Soul during those stages of the Path where it undergoes the Initiations.

1st Ray Souls work to destroy obstacles and illusions, to empower and to activate dormant potentials.

2nd Ray Souls emphasize teaching, emotional healing and meditation.

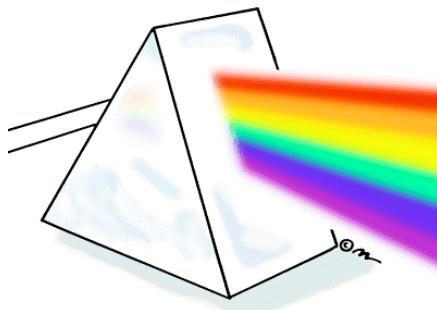
3rd Ray Souls cultivate spiritual discernment, and seek to discover and utilize the inner laws to gain mastery over nature.

4th Ray Souls focus on finding a synthesis between the dualities in their nature, and creatively expressing the dynamic interplay between these polarities.

5th Ray Souls quest for exact knowledge of the external and internal universe through science and analysis of the spiritual worlds.

6th Ray Souls practice fervent devotion, service and sacrifice to make spiritual progress and draw closer to mystic union with the Divine.

7th Ray Souls bring spiritual gifts and abilities into expression through the personality and the body, working to make the human pole into an instrument for the Soul.



## The Larger Perspective of the Seven Rays

We can understand the Egoic Ray of an individual of the larger perspective of the Seven Rays as they enter the Transpersonal and Personal zones of human functioning as shown below.

I	The Soul Ray							Superconscious mind
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
II	The Personality Ray or Self Ray							Metaconscious mind
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
	1st The Will or Volition that governs all aspects of the personality							
III	The Mental Ray							Metaconscious mind
	3rd Intellect dominant		5th Concrete mind dominant		7th Intuition dominant			
IV	The Emotional Ray							Subconscious mind
	2nd Persona dominant		4th Conscience dominant		6th Desire body dominant			
V	The Physical Etheric Ray							Conscious mind
	3rd Human Kingdom, Collective or Group Identification		7th Soul Kingdom, Individuated Human Beings					
VI	The Racial or Ancestral Ray							Subconscious mind
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	
VII	The Egoic Ray							Conscious mind
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	





## **What Rays Are You?**

Based on the descriptions that we have presented today, can you tell what Ray is:

Your Soul Ray?

Your Personality Ray?

Your Mental Ray?

Your Emotional Ray?

The dominant Etheric Rays impacting your life?

Your Physical-Etheric Ray?

If you have had a Basic Soul Reading from us, either as a stand alone reading or as part of either the Mudrashram® Master Course in Meditation or the Accelerated Meditation Program, does your intuition confirm our impressions about you?

We encourage you to continue to study the Seven Rays, and to learn more about them.

Thank you for attending our webinar today!

