

## Understanding the Divine Will

In the article, “Understanding the Personal Octave of the Divine Will,”<sup>1</sup> we describe the Divine Will in the following way:

“The Will of God is the highest octave of the Will that is revealed fully in the Monad. It

1. Enlivens and animates the Soul (Alaya)
2. Gives purpose to the Soul, reveals its mission and Ray (Hukum)
3. Attunes the Transpersonal Will with the Divine Will, conferring the state of discipleship under the direct guidance of an Initiate (Agya)
4. Creates the state of balanced and harmonious development in the Soul by perfectly attuning it, the spirit, and the Soul's vehicles to a nodal point (Guru Kripa)
5. Transmits the spiritual energies that confer initiation upon the Soul (Shakti)
6. Gives guidance to the personality to perform right action (Dharma)
7. Empowers the spirit or attentional principle of a disciple to carry out a specific ministry (Dhana)

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<sup>1</sup> From *A Mudrashram® Reader: Understanding Integral Meditation*, pages 104 to 113.

## The Zone of Personal Liberty

“Human will, when it operates outside the sphere of the Divine Will, has eight modes of functioning. This is the zone of human liberty.”

Octave of Will	How It Functions
(1) Desire driven will (Physical)	Operates to achieve objects of desire, often without regard for consequences. May be driven by passions (anger, lust, greed) or craving (addiction, compulsion, obsession).
(2) Habit (Ethereic)	Replicates learned patterns of behavior. It often resists change, preferring to follow accustomed patterns of activity.
(3) Intelligent Will (Personal)	Uses the intelligent activity of intellect and personal intuition to decide the best course of action between available alternatives. The quality of its decision-making is based on the completeness and accuracy of the information that is available to it at the time the decision is made.
(4) Primitive or Natural Will (Transpersonal I)	Acts on a deep inner sensing of the correct timing to do activities according to the natural order of seasons and environment. Expresses abilities to serve the entire tribe or community.

Octave of Will	How It Functions
(5) Occult or Magical Will (Transpersonal II)	Uses the innate power of manifestation within the Soul Spark to use the abilities of the Subtle Plane. May create through the magnetic plenum of the Lower Astral Plane by anchoring visualized thought forms.
(6) Organismic or Parental Will (Transpersonal III)	Uses the wisdom of Nature to select a mate and procreate. Transmits the values learned from religion and culture to the next generation—to natural and adopted children, or to children with whom an individual works as a teacher, mentor, coach, counselor, or caretaker.
(7) Abstract Mental Will (Transpersonal IV)	Operates the abilities and faculties of the Abstract Mind Plane. It governs giftedness in athletics, science, art, philosophy, and grants knowledge of the Akashic Records. It manifests by affirmation and intention.
(8) Psychic Will (Transpersonal V)	Expresses the abilities or faculties of the Psychic Realm. These abilities include a variety of intuitive sensing, healing, and knowing activities.

“These first five Transpersonal octaves of the will operate within their respective sphere of activities, but are not influenced by the Divine Will. They are, however, controlled by the Transpersonal Will when this begins to become active in an individual.”

## Higher Octaves of Will

“The next three octaves are partly overshadowed by the Divine Will.”

Octave of Will	How It Functions
(9) Moral Will	Wisdom, moral values, the cultivation of holiness, and the understanding of symbolic or archetypal wisdom govern this octave. This operates on the Wisdom Plane and the First Planetary Initiation. The Divine Will overshadows it 1% to 42%.
(10) Solar Angelic Will	This manifests the mighty powers of command and decree of the Solar Angel. This operates during the Second Planetary Initiation. The Divine Will overshadows it 43% to 56%.
(11) Transpersonal Will	This octave of the will is linked to the Soul's deepest abilities. It becomes fully functional in the Third through Fifth Planetary Initiations. The Divine Will overshadows it 57% to 99%.

First Exoteric Initiation	1/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
First Mesoteric Initiation	2/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
First Esoteric Initiation	3/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
Second Initiation	4/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
Third Initiation	5/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
Fourth Initiation	6/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will
Fifth Initiation	7/7 overshadowed by the Divine Will

## The Divine Will and Overshadowing

“The final octave of the will, which extends through the scale of Being from Transplanetary, Cosmic, Supracosmic and Transcendental bands of the Great Continuum of Consciousness, is the Divine Will.”

Octave of Will	How It Functions
(12) The Monadic or Divine Will	In this level, the individual is fully in tune with the Divine Will, which actively directs the Transpersonal Will, which in turn directs each lower, active octave of the will. Through this means, the Divine Will may actively check the impulses of the lower octaves of the will.

“This mode of functioning, where the Divine Will begins to check the lower octaves of will, is called *overshadowing*.”

“Overshadowing begins to function in the background of awareness on the Wisdom Plane, and with full awareness when the Soul enters the First Planetary Initiation.”

“Overshadowing progressively increases as the Soul journeys through the higher Planetary Initiations. The Divine Will becomes dominant when the individual progresses into yet higher octaves of Being.”

“Overshadowing promotes checking of speech and behavior (discipline), correction of character faults (reformation), thinking before taking action (prudence), change of limiting or erroneous beliefs (deconstruction), reception of intuitive guidance (receptivity), and a desire for spiritual growth and progress (aspiration).”

“Overshadowing may grant hope and an expectation for Divine intervention and miracle-working power (faith) to help resolve issues that are beyond the perceived ability of the personality to overcome.”

“It puts brakes on the activity of the ego. It guides the Self by intuition and by giving or denying permission to activities the Self determines are potential solutions to perceived needs.”

### Personally Choosing to Follow the Divine Will

“Early in your spiritual journey, following the Divine Will means *voluntarily* choosing to follow Divine Direction despite the conflicting impulses of your human nature. Later in your spiritual development, as overshadowing begins to take dominion over your desires and preferences, you may be led to do what the Divine wills in spite of your protestations.”

“But considering that attunement with the Divine Will is the sole means through which you can be ultimately extracted from the relentless Wheel of Karma, aspirants and disciples will do well to contemplate the implications of following the Divine Will at their personal octave. This may entail:”

*Surrender* – giving up what you desire to do and doing what God wills instead

*Sacrifice* – doing something more difficult, scary, or risky than you prefer in your comfort zone. Sacrifice forces you to move outside of your comfort zone. Sacrifice may also require you to give up something to which you are greatly attached.

*Self-discipline* – checking your impulses and carrying out a discrete mission or activity as directed by the Divine, making this activity your first priority

*Letting go* – releasing your negative attitude, your resistance and resentment, and developing a willingness to be instructed, guided, and led

*Repentance* – admitting you have done wrong, asking for forgiveness from the Divine, forgiving your self and others, changing your behavior and attitudes, and making amends and/or restitution to those whom you have harmed

*Dedication* – making a commitment to follow the Divine no matter what the cost may be, how difficult the task appear, and how overwhelming the task feels

*Obedience* – following Divine direction without complaint, resistance, argument, or excuses, simply doing what is placed before you with gratitude

“If you are to become an instrument of the Light, you will need to work with the octaves of the Divine Will. Let us review what these octaves of the Divine Will are.”

It is the energy that enlivens and animates the Soul (Alaya). [This reveals your cutting edge of spiritual development].

It gives purpose to your Soul, reveals its mission and Ray (Hukum). [This is the octave at which your spirit senses the Divine Will. Your ensouling entity also resonates to the Divine Will at this octave, intuitively sensing it as a calling or spiritual purpose (Kalam)].

It attunes your Transpersonal Will with the Divine Will, conferring upon you the state of discipleship under the direct guidance of an Initiate (Agya) [Your attentional principle also tunes into the Divine Will at this level].

It establishes the state of balanced and harmonious development in your Soul by perfectly attuning it, your spirit, and your Soul's vehicles to a nodal point (Guru Kripa)

It transmits the spiritual energies that confer initiation upon the Soul (Shakti). [These are the powers that you must master if you are going to initiate others.]

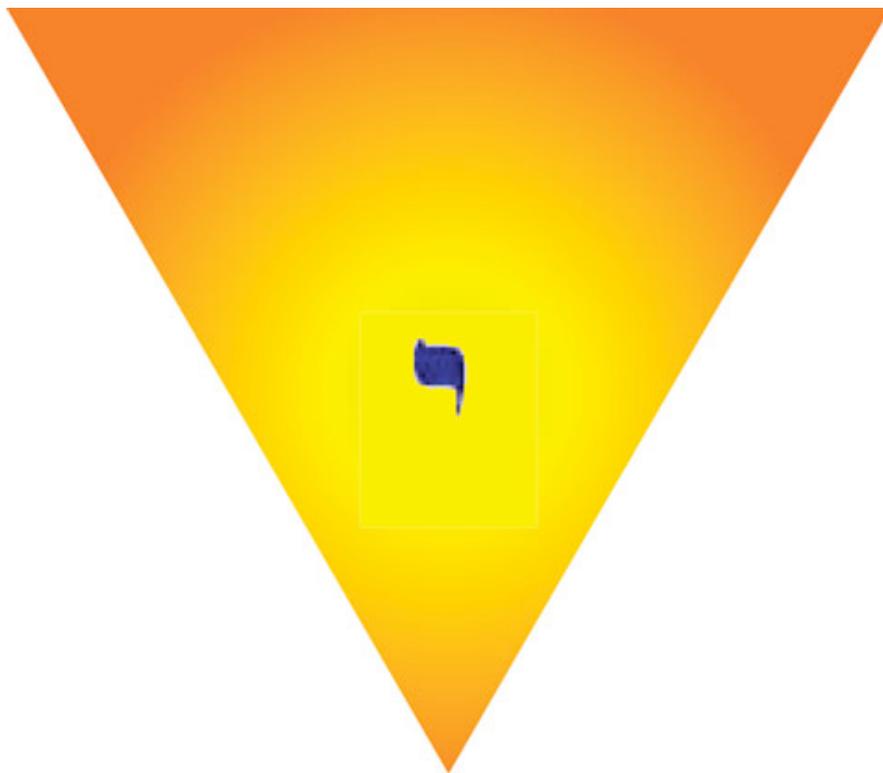
It gives guidance to your personality to perform right action (Dharma). [This is the personal octave of the Divine Will, where your personality becomes a servant of the Divine Will and you surrender, sacrifice, etc.].

It empowers your spirit or attentional principle to carry out a specific ministry (Dhana). [This allows you to minister the Light to others and to guide them on the inner Planes.]

## How to Know the Divine Will

If you feel a strong yearning to know the Divine Will, there are some specific meditations you can do to learn to connect with it. Until you have established a direct and stable connection with a spiritual Master (discipleship), your access to the Divine Will usually does not come from direct intuitive prehension. Instead you have to go deep inside to touch this Mighty Power, or to invoke it. Here are ways that some individuals and groups have used to access the Divine Will:

Meditation on the center of the Divine Will – referred to in the Great Invocation as "The Center where the Will of God is known," this center appears on the Buddhic Plane as a golden triangle with the Hebrew letter, *yod*, inscribed within it. Contemplation of this center may yield some clear intuitive direction.



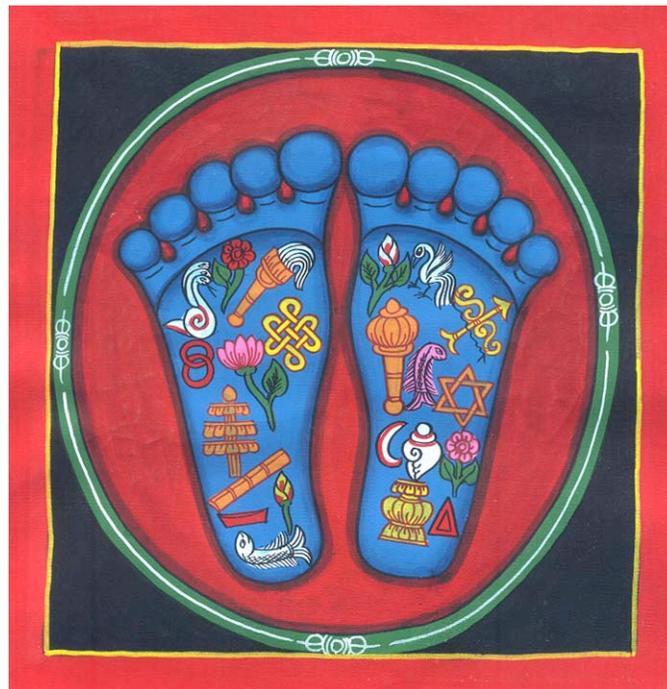
The 12 step recovery groups ask recovering individuals to "pray to God for the knowledge of the Divine Will and the strength to carry it out."

Use an affirmation such as "Reveal to me Thy Will, O Lord" or "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Meditate on the inner Guide (Guru Dhyān). If the guide with whom you work is established in the Transplanetary Realm (Monadīc Plane) or above, the guide can reveal Agya to you if you request.

Focus your attention on the Monad. Poll each octave of the will using the question, "what needs to be done" or "what is essential that I do." Listen for the response at each level.

Visualize the feet of the Master at the door behind the Soul (Atma dwara). Focus your attention at these feet, and ask that the Divine Will for your life be revealed to you.



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