

The Path to Sirius

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Abstract

This is a version of a paper originally written over the period of the 2002 Leo Full Moon at the Shamballa School in New Zealand. It attempts to penetrate the visual and verbal symbolism of the Path to Sirius as described in the books of Alice Bailey in order to understand and intuit the Principle of “Freedom.” The path to Sirius is a path of love, of mind (manas) and of karma. Following this path requires the awakening of the heart and ajna centers, the building of the Antahkarana and the eventual raising of kundalini. This is a path of electric fire whose methods involve rotary motion and rhythm. Its attributes are cosmic rapture and bliss. The significance of the number four is discussed, as is the zodiacal sign ruling this path. A conclusion is drawn about the Creative Hierarchy ruling the Path to Sirius.

Introduction

When we look up into the night sky, Sirius is the largest and most brilliant star in the heavens. It is situated in the constellation Canis Major and is located tropically at 14 degrees of the sign Cancer.¹

Sirius was astronomically the foundation of the Egyptian religious system. It was considered the embodiment of Isis, wife and consort of the god Osiris (who appeared in the sky as Orion).² There are several versions of the myth of Osiris, but in all of them Osiris is killed by his brother Seth. Grieving, Isis gathers up the body of her husband, breathes life back into him and conceives their son Horus. Thus, Isis is often depicted as a kite (a bird of prey) with outstretched wings, symbolizing her power over life and death.³

Sirius was also called Sopdu by the ancient Egyptians and Sothis by the Greeks.⁴ In ancient Egypt the heliacal rising of Sirius coincided with the annual flooding of the Nile, so this great star was associated with fertility, abundance and life. A number of the ancient pyramids were aligned to Sirius. Most famously, the southern shaft of the Queen’s Chamber of the Pyramid of Cheops at Giza points to Sirius (while the southern shaft from the King’s Chamber points to Orion’s Belt).⁵

Ancient knowledge about the star Sirius was revealed in the late 1930s when the elders of the Dogon tribe in Mali, West Africa, shared their most important secret tradition with two French anthropologists, Marcel Griaule and Germain Dieterlen.

The Dogon believed that Sirius had a companion star that was invisible to the human eye. They also understood that the star moved in a 50-year elliptical orbit around Sirius, was small and incredibly heavy, and rotated on its axis. The Dogon name for Sirius B—the smaller star—is Po Tolo, which means star (tolo) and smallest seed (po). Seed refers to creation, perhaps human creation. The Dogon say that this information was given to them by the Nommo, amphibious beings from the Sirian star system.⁶

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Dogon beliefs regarding Sirius' binary nature were confirmed by discoveries in astronomy. Although the Sirius star is visible to the human eye, Sirius B was hidden. It was not formally discovered until 1862 by Alvan Clark as he was testing the new lens he had made for Dearborn Observatory's 18½ inch refracting telescope. At first Clark thought he had found a defect in the lens, but later realized he had discovered the companion star that had been suspected since 1844. In the 1920s it was determined that Sirius B was a white dwarf star.⁷

Archaeologist, philosopher, scientist and alchemist Schwaller de Lubicz (1865 – 1961) amassed substantial evidence of the advanced level of scientific and metaphysical wisdom possessed by ancient Egyptian civilization. In his book *Sacred Science*, de Lubicz further confirms that the ancient Egyptians had knowledge of Sirius' binary nature. His work showed that the Egyptians associated Isis with the white star Sirius B and Osiris with the red star Sirius A.⁸

In the Ageless Wisdom tradition the Sirian system is said to be the higher self of our solar system. Sirius "is to our solar Logos what the Monad is to the spiritual man."⁹ The Blue Lodge of our Earth is an outpost of the White Lodge on Sirius. Once we have passed through "Earth School" and attained liberation we can then proceed upon one of seven Cosmic Paths. The Path to Sirius is the fourth Cosmic Path, and we are told that "the bulk of liberated humanity goes this way."¹⁰

We might wonder what the point would be of learning about the Cosmic Paths when we are all still struggling on the lower reaches of the Earthly initiations. It is important to remember though, that even the least probationer is evolving under Sirian Law, for the Law of Karma that guides all the initiations upon the path of human evolution is a Sirian Law. Thus Sirius is "the great star of initiation."¹¹ We might possibly aim to prepare for the third initiation during our lifetimes (the Transfiguration by which the personality comes under the control of the Soul). The

Third Degree or initiation is the First Degree of the White Lodge on Sirius.¹²

The Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul says that of all the Cosmic Paths, the Path to Sirius is "the most veiled in the clouds of mystery."¹³ In *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* he summarizes this path:

Path IV—The Path to Sirius

Attributes.....cosmic rapture and rhythmic bliss.

Source.....Sirius via the Sun which veils a zodiacal sign.

Hierarchy.....veiled by the numbers 14 and 17.

Method.....duplex rotary motion and rhythmic dancing upon the square.

Symbol.....two wheels of electric fire, revolving around an orange Cross, with an emerald at the center.

Quality.....unrevealed.¹⁴

We will attempt to thin the veils of this mystery by discussing the key elements of the path to Sirius.

Love

The Path to Sirius is the path of Love. The energies coming from Sirius "are related to the love-wisdom aspect or to the attractive power of the solar Logos, to the soul of that Great Being."¹⁵ The path of alignment to Sirius is through the human, systemic and cosmic heart centers.¹⁶

Sirius

The solar Logos / Heart of the Sun

Jupiter

Venus

The Lord of Life Himself, the heart center of Shamballa

The life of the Monad

The Christ, the heart center of the Hierarchy

The Master at the center of His ashram

The egoic lotus

The heart center in the head

The disciple's heart center

In this Second Ray solar system, our solar Logos is the heart center.¹⁷ The energies from Sirius pass through the Heart of the Sun.¹⁸ Our Sun is heart-shaped, with a depression at what we might call its north pole, which is the result of the impact of the energies that come from the Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades. The Tibetan explains that "the main stream of energy enters at the top depression in the solar sphere and passes through the entire ring-pass-not, *bisecting it into two halves.*"¹⁹ [emphasis added] The two-chambered heart of the Sun is a fundamental expression of the duality of our solar system.

The "method" of the Path to Sirius is described as "duplex" rotary motion because the heart is two-chambered. It is two things both separated from and connected to each other. "Duplex" could also refer to the rotary motion of the stars Sirius A and B around a central point.

Rotary motion

The Third Ray of Active Intelligence "is the cause of rotary motion, and therefore of the spheroidal form of all that exists."²⁰ This is the Ray of Matter; Brahma. It is Fire by Friction.²¹ The Tibetan explains that the matter of our solar system is intelligent "because it is the product of the first solar system, in which Intelligence was the point of achievement."²²

The goal of rotary motion is to increase the vibration of matter.²³ This is the work we do on the path of evolution to lift the frequency of our vehicles by purification so that the light of the Soul can shine through.

Karma

From a cosmic perspective and through long eons of time, karma works out through matter and through all the systemic planes of nature, including our human systems. Esoteric philosophy informs us that Sirius is the source of karma for our solar system:

"The Lipika Lords of our system, the systemic Lords of Karma, are under the rule of a greater corresponding Lord on Sirius."²⁴ The stream of logoc Soul energy into the heart of the Sun from the Great Bear, Sirius and the Pleiades "enters that group of active lives whom we call the 'Lords of Karma.'"

The Tibetan explains that from the center they send out "to the four quarters of the circle the four Maharajahs, their representatives. So is the equal armed Cross formed—and all the wheels of energy set in motion. This is conditioned by the karmic seeds of an earlier system."²⁵ Perhaps this "equal armed Cross" of the heart of the Sun relates to the "orange Cross" that makes up part of the symbol of the Path to Sirius. The Cross of the Sirian path "is pictured in orange fire."²⁶

The planet Saturn embodies the Law of Karma from Sirius within our solar system. The Third Ray of Saturn is green in color; hence the emerald at the center of the orange cross symbolizes Saturn. The emerald is akin to the jewel in the egoic lotus—the point at the center that focuses higher energy.

Orange is the color of the Fifth Ray of Venus. Orange and green, the Fifth and Third Rays, were the colors of the first solar system.²⁷

Rhythm

The "method" of the Path to Sirius is described as "rhythmic dancing upon the square." Every rotating sphere of matter is characterized by the three qualities of inertia, mobility and rhythm.²⁸ Rhythm is Sattva, the highest quality of Matter. Rhythm is alignment with Will or spiritual Purpose.²⁹

As the dense physical is not a principle, these are the three qualities of etheric matter or prana.³⁰ Sattva is the Monadic aspect.

Sattva.....Energy of Spirit.....Monad.....Father.....rhythm or harmonious vibration

Rajas.....Energy of Soul.....Ego.....Son
.....mobility or activity

Tamas.....Energy of Matter.....Personality
.....Holy Ghost.....inertia.³¹

The sensing of the qualities of Matter “produces experience and eventual liberation.”³²

When the Soul-infused mind becomes dominant, the disciple passes into the sattvic state where he is harmonized in himself and consequently with all around him.³³

Manas

Karma works through manas; “thus is liberation achieved.”³⁴

The star Sirius is the source of Manas or mind in our solar system, and within our systemic evolution it was Venus that carried the spark of mind to the Earth chain.³⁵ Venus is the planet of the Fifth Ray and the Fifth

Ray Lord is known as “The Brother from Sirius.”³⁶

We live within a system of duality and our human minds tend to divide things into opposites: good and bad, right and wrong. The lower mind analyzes and separates. The higher mind is more holistic and perceives interconnections. The heart seeks commonality. Venus is the goddess of Love and the planet of Manas or mind. It synthesizes the pairs of opposites through activation of the intuition. So Venus is the middle principle, the Soul or consciousness principle between Spirit and Matter. It establishes right relationship.

The five-pointed star is the symbol of Venus. The six-pointed star (King Solomon’s seal) symbolizes humanity because the Fourth Creative Hierarchy (the human) represents the intersection of the involutory and evolutionary arcs. From the inverted triangle stream the Seven (unliberated) Creative Hierarchies, and from the upright triangle stream the Seven Rays, “blending themselves with Reality on the horizon line

between shadow and substance.”³⁷ Our goal is the transformation of the lower nature, the redemption of Matter to Spirit through the vehicle of the human Soul, the transmutation of the six-pointed star into the five-pointed star through Manas, the fifth principle.

Zodiacal sign of the Path to Sirius

The “source” of the path to Sirius is “via the Sun, which veils a zodiacal sign.” The zodiacal sign is Leo, of which the Sun is the exoteric, esoteric and hierarchical ruler (veiling other planets). “August, which is ruled by Leo, is the month of the Dog-star, or of Sirius, which thus brings Sirius into close relation to Leo. Leo, in the cosmic sense ... is ruled by Sirius.”³⁸

The energies of Sirius come through the star Regulus, which is called “the heart of the Lion.”³⁹ In the sign Leo, heart and mind, the 2 and the 5, are synthesized. As Djwhal Khul explains:

“...that which is the fifth in order is destined to be the instrument, the vehicle or the implementary factor for the second. The Universal Mind, as it works through all the planes of our conscious planetary life, is the creative agent and the form-building factor which makes the revelation of love possible.”⁴⁰

The cave of the Nemean Lion is the cave of the heart; and the Fifth Ray comes through Leo. Sirius is the “bright sun where shines the light of love”⁴¹ as well as the source of logocic Manas.⁴² The path to Sirius through Venus and Jupiter also expresses the 5 and the 2.

The Four

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Hierarchy.⁴³ The path to Sirius is focused on the buddhic plane, which is the fourth Cosmic Physical plane. Mercury, planet of the Fourth Ray, is buddhi or intuition. As hierarchical ruler of Scorpio, Mercury governs the fourth Creative Hierarchy, Humanity. Helena Blavatsky writes: “Sirius was called the ‘Dog Star.’ It was the star of Mercury, or Buddha, called the ‘Great Instructor of mankind.’”⁴⁴

Likewise, Scorpio—the sign of the Disciple, ruled hierarchically by Mercury—has a close relationship to Sirius.⁴⁵ Djwhal Khul says:

“Scorpio is under the influence or inflowing energy of Sirius. This is the great star of initiation because our Hierarchy ... is under the supervision or spiritual magnetic control of the Hierarchy of Sirius.”⁴⁶

The plane of buddhi is the plane of at-onement, the blending of diversities into group unity.⁴⁷ The Law of Magnetic Control is the law of the buddhic plane, governing the Spiritual Triad (atma – buddhi – manas). It controls the Ego in the causal body on the mental Plane. The Law of Magnetic Control governs the manifestation of Spirit into Matter through the permanent atoms of the causal body, which store the essence of the qualities of the subtle bodies (physical/etheric, astral and mental). Therefore, when we attain a touch of buddhi, human evolution is advanced.

Cosmic Rapture and Buddhi

One of the “attributes” of the path to Sirius is “cosmic rapture.” Rapture is buddhic enlightenment. The last step on the Noble Eightfold Path of the Buddha is “Right Rapture.” The message of the Buddha is about detachment from Matter in order to attain Liberation:

“Cease to identify yourselves with material things; gain a proper sense of the spiritual values; cease regarding possessions and earthly existence as of major importance; follow the Noble Eight-fold

Path which is the path of right relations.”⁴⁸

The Antahkarana

The path to Sirius is about building the Antahkarana. The Antahkarana is the bridge between the higher and lower mind that the disciple builds by meditation, study and service upon the path of evolution. The Tibetan tells us that it will be through a comprehension of the human Antahkarana that an understanding of the path to Sirius will eventually be gained.⁴⁹

The Antahkarana is the path to Sirius, linking the lower Quarternary with the Spiritual Triad (atma – buddhi – manas) and the Monad on all levels of the microcosm and the macrocosm.

Venus and Mercury are the two planets primarily involved in the building of the Antahkarana. Gemini—ruled exoterically by Mercury and esoterically by Venus—forms the point of entrance for cosmic energy from Sirius.⁵⁰ A magnetic field was established between Earth (whose hierarchical ruler is Gemini), Venus and Mercury, allowing the White Lodge on Sirius to intervene with the spark of Mind for humanity.⁵¹

It is interesting to note that Venus is the higher self of the Earth. Venus rules right relationship and the synthesis of all opposites. Our Planetary Logos came from the Venus chain of the Earth scheme.⁵²

Mercury, “The ‘divine Intermediary,’ carries messages between the poles with speed and light.”⁵³ Governed by the Fourth Ray of Harmony through Conflict, Mercury functions as the communicator, the “messenger of the gods.”

Venus rules the Fifth Creative Hierarchy, the human personality, and Mercury rules the fourth Creative Hierarchy, humanity as solar angels, the initiates. Together Mercury (Hermes) and Venus (Aphrodite) form the divine hermaphrodite upon the buddhic plane, the eventual goal of human evolution.⁵⁴ The divine hermaphrodite is a theme of Renaissance alchemy. Through the

“chemical marriage” of opposites—sulphur and quicksilver (mercury), sun and moon, male and female, king and queen, soul and body—the human becomes whole again, united with the divine. Thus, after a long series of transformations, the Philosopher’s Stone is created out of the fires of the alchemical retort.⁵⁵

Heart and Ajna

The ajna center is the center of personality force and integration.⁵⁶ The third eye is the esoteric correspondence to the ajna center.⁵⁷

The right eye is the eye of buddhi, of wisdom and of vision, and the left eye is the eye of mind and of sight.⁵⁸ Therefore the third eye is related to Atma:

The Third Eye – the head center – Will.
Atma.

The eye of the Father, the Monad.
SHAMBALLA.

The first aspect of will or power and purpose.⁵⁹

The Tibetan tells us that “the Monad is to the planetary Logos what the third eye is to man.”⁶⁰ So the connection between the third eye and the ajna center creates a link between the Monad and the lower quaternary or personality.

This relationship also applies between our solar Logos and Sirius: Sirius is to our Sun what the Monad is to the disciple.⁶¹ Our solar system is the heart center of the Cosmic Logos, and Sirius is the ajna center.

The raising of the energies of the heart to the ajna center constitutes the fourth initiation, the Crucifixion or Renunciation, when the causal body burns up and consciousness becomes Monadic.

The method of the Path to Sirius is described as “rhythmic dancing upon the square.” The square refers to the quaternary, but also the alignment of the personality to the rhythm (Sattva) of the Monad.

Bliss

Another attribute of the path to Sirius is “rhythmic bliss.” This is the rhythm (Sattva) of the Monad: “bliss is the consummation which the Monad bestows upon the initiate.”⁶²

When speaking of Christ as he undertook the fourth initiation, the Tibetan reminds us “that climax of suffering, for the man who could endure unto the end, was his entrance to ‘paradise’—a name connoting bliss.”⁶³ At the fourth initiation the last Sacrifice petal is opened, the egoic lotus burns up and the disciple is freed from the Cross of Matter.

All suffering or resistance to Spirit is then eliminated and one experiences bliss and freedom from matter.

Electric fire

The symbol for the path to Sirius includes two wheels of electric fire, described as “a duality of interlocked wheels revolving at a great pace in opposite directions, and producing a unified whole.”⁶⁴ This symbol expresses the duality of our solar system, which has its energetic cause in the star Sirius.⁶⁵

Electric fire is Spirit, the highest aspect of divinity. It is the Will aspect, the fire of Shamballa, which manifests as synthesis. Electric fire comes into the Cosmic Physical plane from the highest plane of Adi (ruled by Leo.)⁶⁶ However, in this Second Ray solar system, Will is expressed through Love, so electric fire expresses through the buddhic plane. The Tibetan explains that on the systemic level, the twelve Creative Hierarchies that give rise to manifestation on all planes in accordance with the divine Plan, are an expression of the love nature of the solar Logos, “and it is for this reason that buddhi is found at the heart of the tiniest atom, or what we call in this system, electric fire.”⁶⁷

He goes on to say that on the cosmic level, “the center in the cosmic body of the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID of which our solar Logos is the embodied force

is the *heart center*. Here we have one of the clues to the mystery of electricity.”⁶⁸

On the microcosmic level, the Life thread (Sutratma) is anchored in the human heart. Therefore, electric fire comes through the Love aspect. In other words, “The Secret of the Fire lieth hid in the second letter of the Sacred Word. The mystery of life is concealed within the heart.”⁶⁹

Following the 2 – 4 – 6 line, electric fire is also the expression of Monadic Life. This makes the jewel in the heart of the lotus a point of electric fire.⁷⁰ From all of the above we can see that the path of initiation is the path of electric fire, leading toward identification with the Monad.⁷¹

Kundalini

Since Spirit pervades Matter, electric fire can be found at the heart of every atom. This is what makes evolution possible. The liberation of matter to Spirit is equivalent to the rising of kundalini⁷² and the meeting of the energies of the base and the crown centers at the fifth initiation.⁷³ At the fifth initiation the initiate becomes a Master of Wisdom and enters the Lodge on Sirius.⁷⁴

The earlier mentioned orange cross could represent the base chakra. This cross “is pictured in orange fire.” Likewise, the base chakra is described as four petals in the shape of a cross that radiate with orange fire.⁷⁵

Hierarchy of the Path to Sirius

In *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* we learn that the Creative Hierarchy governing the path to Sirius is “veiled by the numbers 14 and 17.”⁷⁶

$$1 + 4 = 5$$

$$1 + 7 = 8$$

The seventh Creative Hierarchy is the fifth counting down and the eighth counting up.⁷⁷ We might also note that the Path to Sirius leads to the Cosmic Astral Plane⁷⁸ and that

the seventh Creative Hierarchy is the lowest plane of the Cosmic Astral plane.⁷⁹

DYNAMIC ENERGY...Electric Fire

| Cancer

Sirius...|Saturn....Fifth Creative Hierarchy

| Capricorn (the 8th Unknown)
The Cardinal Cross

This Hierarchy is ruled by Cancer and by the Seventh Ray. Appropriate to the Sirian quality of freedom, it is the Hierarchy on the verge of liberation.⁸⁰ Cancer is the sign of incarnation and governs the Law of Rebirth, so this is indeed liberation from Matter. Sirius, the fixed star, is actually located in Cancer at 14 degrees 05'. Neptune—the hierarchical ruler of Cancer is known as “the Initiator” or the Christ, who “introduces the water of life into the ocean of substance and thus brings light to the world.”⁸¹

According to the Tibetan, “the ‘heart of the Sun’ employs Neptune as its agent.”⁸² He also tells us that the Path to Sirius is through the Heart of the Sun. There is a close connection between Neptune and Venus, since Venus is the home of the Sixth Ray Lord. Neptune is also the esoteric ruler of Leo (veiled by the Sun), which is the zodiacal sign veiling the energies of Sirius.⁸³ In Leo, Neptune opens a gateway to the intuition of the buddhic plane via the astral plane.

On the Path to Sirius, Jupiter—the hierarchical ruler of Virgo—rules the plane of the Monads. Jupiter is exalted in Cancer (Cancer rules the lowest plane of the Cosmic Astral plane). In its higher aspect, the Love/Wisdom of Jupiter nurtures the construction of forms and structures on the etheric, astral and mental planes for the expression of the higher self. Through the power of Love, Jupiter reveals the divinity latent in all creation.

There must be a relationship between the Cancer Hierarchy (on the verge of liberation) and its polarity—Capricorn ruling the fifth Creative Hierarchy, the Human Personality on the mental plane of the Cosmic

Physical plane. The ruler here is Venus. This is Makara. Makara are the crocodiles, who “live half in the water and half on dry land”; a combination of desire (water) and animal nature (earth).⁸⁴ The crocodiles represent the human personality. The Mystery of Makara has to do with the transformation of the lower nature into the higher, the victory of the solar pitris over the lunar pitris, the transition from self-consciousness to Christ consciousness. The catalyst for this transformation is Venus, the planet of Love and Mind.

Saturn, Lord of Karma, exoteric and esoteric ruler of Capricorn, must play a significant role in relation to Cancer and the Law of Rebirth, for rebirth occurs according to the Law of Karma. In Cancer, Saturn is in detriment, producing “those difficult conditions and situations which will lead to the needed struggle.”⁸⁵ Hence the Earth is a planet of pain and suffering.

Saturn is also connected with Leo, the zodiacal sign veiling Sirius. The energies of Sirius are said to come through the Hierarchy rather than through Shamballa.⁸⁶ Yet Saturn provides a direct link through Leo to Shamballa.⁸⁷ And as hierarchical ruler of Libra, Saturn governs the atmic plane, the plane of the will and the highest plane of the Spiritual Triad.

The fifth Creative Hierarchy on the verge of liberation is governed by the Seventh Ray. Uranus, planet of the Seventh Ray, is “the home of fire electric,” the electric fire of the buddhic plane.⁸⁸ Uranus unites the highest and the lowest, bringing Spirit down into Matter. Appropriately, Uranus (as hierarchical ruler of Aries) also rules the buddhic sub-plane of the Cosmic Astral plane, the plane of electric fire.

Conclusion

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To briefly summarize what we have learned, the Path to Sirius is the path of Love, passing through the human, systemic and cosmic heart centers. Its methods involve rotary motion to increase the vibration of matter in order to bring through the light of the Soul. The Path to Sirius is a path of karma and the disciple is under the dictates of Saturn until released from the Cross of Matter. Eventually the disciple attains the rhythm of the Monad by aligning with the higher Will. On this path we stabilize in Manas (mind) and develop a synthetic and intuitive perspective, establishing right relationship and overcoming dualistic thinking.

The Path to Sirius is governed by the zodiacal sign of Leo, which brings heart and mind into

synthesis. The fourth Cosmic Path has numeric resonances with the fourth or human Hierarchy, the fourth plane, which is the buddhic plane, and with Mercury, planet of the Fourth Ray. The Attribute of Rapture associated with this path is buddhic enlightenment.

This Path involves the building of the Antahkarana on the human, systemic and cosmic levels. The heart and the ajna center are aligned to connect the personality and the Monad. When the rhythm of the Monad is attained, suffering turns to bliss. On this Path we learn to bring Will through Love so that the electric fire of Spirit can eventually be expressed through the buddhic plane. The redemption of Matter to Spirit requires the rising of kundalini.

The author suggests that the Creative Hierarchy ruling the Path to Sirius is the seventh Creative Hierarchy on the lowest plane of the Cosmic Astral plane—the Hierarchy on the verge of liberation.

So at the end of this enquiry, can anything be said about the divine cosmic principle expressed through Sirius “of which humanity knows as yet little,” and which can only be inaccurately translated in our terms as freedom?⁸⁹

Freedom is liberation from Matter. It is identification with Spirit, the Spirit that is in Matter: “The principle of *freedom is a leavening energy* [emphasis added] which can permeate substance in a unique manner.”⁹⁰ Freedom also suggests some sort of immunity. For if sacrifice and bliss are synonymous, then Matter can have no effect.

A paradoxical thought: Freedom may mean “acting according to Law.” If one’s Will is completely aligned and identified with the Laws of Spirit, resistance to Matter does not occur because all is recognized as One. The very formulation of this question about the principle of freedom sends a very small spark at least a little way up the Anahkarana. Stretching towards the answer is an affirmation of Life itself.

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- ³⁷ Manly Palmer Hall, *The Secret Teaching of All Ages*, (Los Angeles: The Philosophical Research Society, 1955), opp. LXXXI.
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- ³⁹ *Ibid.*, 300. “The influences of Sirius, three in number [Love, Manas, Karma], are focused in Regulus, which is, as you know, a star of the first magnitude and which is frequently called “the heart of the Lion.”
- ⁴⁰ Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 593.
- ⁴¹ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 433.
- ⁴² Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 347.
- ⁴³ *Ibid.*, 1259. “The reason why the majority of the sons of men follow this Path lies in the fact of its numerical position. These units of the fourth kingdom, the bulk of the fourth Creative Hierarchy on this fourth globe of the fourth scheme in a solar system of the fourth order are innately compelled to seek this fourth WAY in order to perfect themselves.”
- ⁴⁴ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 659 (H.P. Blavatsky, *The Secret Doctrine II. 391*).
- ⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, 194.
- ⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, 197.
- ⁴⁷ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 328. “In both the cosmic and solar physical planes, the plane of buddi is ever the plane of at-one-ment, or the meeting ground of diversities, and of their blending—not into a fundamental unity—but into a group unity.”
- ⁴⁸ Bailey, *Externalization of the Hierarchy*, 463.
- ⁴⁹ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 1258. “This path is of all the Paths the most veiled in the clouds of mystery. ... Curiously enough it will be through a comprehension of the human antahkarana, or the path which links higher and lower mind and which is constructed by the Thinker during the process of evolution, that light on this abstruse matter will come.”
- ⁵⁰ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 349.
- ⁵¹ *Ibid.*, 355.
- ⁵² Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 387.
- ⁵³ *Ibid.*, 353.
- ⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, 328.
- ⁵⁵ See Titus Burckhardt, *Alchemy: Science of the Cosmos, Science of the Soul*, (London: Stuart & Watkins, 1967, Chapter 11.) The expression “chemical marriage” is from Valentin Andraee.
- ⁵⁶ Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, 495.
- ⁵⁷ Alice A. Bailey, *Esoteric Healing*, (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1953), 571. “This eye of the Soul can and does transmit energy to the ajna center and is itself the agent (before the fourth initiation) of the Spiritual Triad. This esoteric relationship is only set up when the Soul is dominating its instrument, the personality.”
- ⁵⁸ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 430.
- ⁵⁹ Bailey, *Esoteric Healing*, 148.
- ⁶⁰ Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, 397.
- ⁶¹ Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 414. “This great Sun [Sirius] which is to our solar Logos what the Monad is to the spiritual man. Has a peculiar part to play where our Earth is concerned.”
- ⁶² Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. I*, 181.
- ⁶³ Bailey, *From Bethlehem to Calgary*, (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1937), 217.
- ⁶⁴ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 1260.
- ⁶⁵ Bailey, *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1937), 217. “Dynamic electric energy entered into our planetary sphere from extra-planetary sources and from a point of definite focus upon the cosmic mental plane, this energy was paralleled by a secondary energy from the sun Sirius, thus accounting for the dualism of manifestation.”
- ⁶⁶ Electric Fire is Spirit, the highest aspect of divinity: See Bailey: *The Light of the Soul*, 350. Electric Fire manifests as synthesis: See Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 607. Electric Fire is the Will aspect, the fire of Shamballa: See Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 91. Electric Fire comes from the Cosmic Physical plane from the highest plane of Adi (ruled by Leo): See Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 947.
- ⁶⁷ *Ibid.*, 1225-1226.
- ⁶⁸ *Ibid.*, 511.
- ⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, 11, *Stanzas of Dyzan*.
- ⁷⁰ Bailey, *Esoteric Psychology, Vol. II*, (New York: Lucis Publishing, 1942), 23.
- ⁷¹ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 57.
- ⁷² Bailey, *Esoteric Healing*, 147.
- ⁷³ Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 399.
- ⁷⁴ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 299.
- ⁷⁵ Bailey, *Letters on Occult Meditation*, 77.
- ⁷⁶ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 1260.
- ⁷⁷ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 35.
- ⁷⁸ Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 399.
- ⁷⁹ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 50.
- ⁸⁰ *Ibid.*, 34.
- ⁸¹ *Ibid.*, 219-220.
- ⁸² Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 296.
- ⁸³ *Ibid.*, 1260.

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- ⁸⁴ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 153-154.
⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, 342.
⁸⁶ Bailey, *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol. II*, 520.
⁸⁷ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, 435.
⁸⁸ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, 1154.
⁸⁹ Bailey, *The Rays and Initiations*, 416.
⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 416.