

Surrender and Obedience to the Divine Will The Fifth Spiritual Treasure

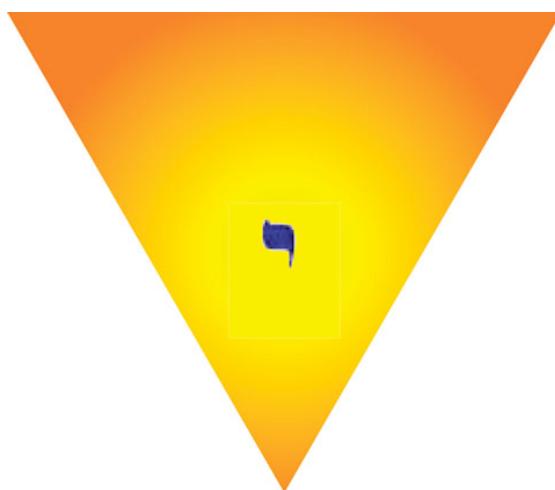
Today's webinar will explore the role of the Divine Will in spirituality, and how attuning with the Divine Will allows you to achieve your Soul Purpose, become a channel of Grace and Light, and overcome the wheel of birth and death. You will learn about obedience to the spiritual Master and the Divine Will (Agya), what is the Divine Wish (Mauj), and carrying out the Divine Plan or Mission (Hukum)—and what it means to surrender to God.

Liberty and Liberation

For much of the Soul's journey, it has its liberty. Liberty has two aspects:

- (1)Personal free will – This allows your Self—what they call in Theosophy, the Human Soul—to operate autonomously through the personality.
- (2)Transpersonal free will – This allows the Soul to function autonomously from the Divine Will.

By the time the Soul begins to take the Third Planetary Initiation, the transpersonal will begins to overshadow the human will; when the Soul completes the Fifth Planetary Initiation; the Divine Will begins to overshadow the personal will.



The Divine Will begins to overshadow the Soul and the personality by the time the Soul takes the First Exoteric Initiation, roughly according to this general pattern

Initiation	Degree of Overshadowing by the Divine Will
1st Exoteric	0% to 14% (up to 1/7)
1st Mesoteric	15% to 28% (up to 2/7)
1st Esoteric	29% to 42% (up to 3/7)
2nd	43% to 56% (up to 4/7)
3rd	57% to 70% (up to 5/7)
4th	71% to 84% (up to 6/7)
5th	85% to 100% (up to 7/7)

Overshadowing by the Divine Will means that

1. The Soul may be directed to carry out ministry appropriate to its station on the Path.
2. The Soul may begin to establish a relationship of conscious attunement with an Initiate, which confers discipleship. In the Planetary Realm, this generally occurs during the Third Initiation.
3. The Soul is held to certain “spiritual standards,” or Divine Laws. The Soul begins to direct the personality to act in obedience with these higher Laws.
4. The individual’s personal focus moves from narcissistic self-glorification and self-indulgence to an attitude of service towards others.
5. The individual begins to pray and invoke the blessings of the Divine on behalf of others, and not merely for self and one’s immediate family or group.

6. The individual shifts from egoic preoccupation with achieving desires to the Soul's inclusive perspective, which seeks to carry out its mission in service to others.
7. The transpersonal will of the Soul begins to check the behavior, words, and attitude of the personality. This may take the form of giving direction to the personality to carry out certain tasks that advance the Soul's Purpose [holy yea]. It may also postpone certain actions that the personality proposes [holy wait]. It may also overrule personal decisions that are not in alignment with the Soul's purpose [holy nay].

When the Soul unites with the Crown of Purpose, it is able to take full ownership for the aspects of its purpose, and to enact it in human life. Here it begins to more fully interface with the personality, and actively guides the personality to follow its direction.

When the Soul becomes liberated in the Fifth Planetary Initiation, the Monad—which is fully aligned with the Divine Will—begins to overshadow and direct the personality. There are three postures of the Monad:

1. **Bestowing a sphere of liberty for the personality** – Here, the personality is given freedom to carry out the tasks of work, raising a family, and the errands of daily living, with a modicum of recreation and healthy enjoyment.
2. **Empowering the spirit, attentional principle, and the personality** – In this posture, the Monad expresses its gifts through the personality, and sends the rays of attunement to the spirit and attentional principle to conduct ministry on the Higher Planes.
3. **Effulgent ministry** – In this expression, the Light directly streams from the Being of the Monad, as Shakti. This function is fully active in the Adept.

Since Higher Octaves of Being are by their nature aligned with the Divine Will, when the cutting edge of spirituality migrates to these levels, the individual continues to be overshadowed by the Divine Will.

When the individual moves to the doorway of Liberation, the Lords of Karma check to see that the ensouling entity has

1. Worked through and resolved all karma in that segment of the Great Continuum of Consciousness
2. Has mastered all powers and gained the requisite virtues and wisdom pertinent to expressing its spiritual destiny
3. Has activated all forms of Mastery assigned to it along the track of its spiritual destiny

There are three potential scenarios that occur when the individual reaches this state:

1. The ensouling entity will be found to have met all of these requirements, and it will pass into Liberation.
2. The ensouling entity will be found to **not** have met all of these requirements, and it will required to remediate its deficiencies
3. The ensouling entity will choose to remain in the state just short of Liberation, and will voluntarily stop short of Liberation. [This scenario is typical of the Cosmic Masters, who become a member of the Cosmic Hierarchy; though this scenario may be seen at other levels of the Continuum, as well.]

The Role of the Divine Will in Spiritual Evolution

The Divine Will decrees that each Soul shall achieve and enact their purpose—for those that have a role in the Great Plan actualized on the Plane of the New World Servers in the Third Planetary Initiation—and/or to fulfill their spiritual destiny and accomplish their spiritual calling.

To do this, you cannot simply “do our own thing,” but rather, you must cooperate with the Divine Will so

- (a) Your purpose can be achieved
- (b) You fulfill your spiritual destiny and achieve your spiritual calling at the Subtle, Planetary, Transplanetary, Cosmic, Supracosmic, and Transcendental bands of the Great Continuum of Consciousness

The role of the Initiate or Master who works with you is

1. To point out the track of your spiritual destiny
2. Empower the Soul to achieve that destiny
3. Assist in the “spiritual education” of the spirit, attentional principle, and personality, so they can align with the Soul’s Purpose and Mission, and help the Soul progressively actualize each node of its spiritual destiny

The personality must

1. Choose to cooperate with the Soul, the Master, and the Divine
2. Be willing to receive correction, discipline, guidance, and direction from the Soul—under the aegis of the Divine Will
3. Develop an orientation towards accepting and promoting personal and spiritual growth

Benefits of Following the Divine Will

If the personality chooses to follow the Divine Will, there are a number of blessings that follow:

- The personality has a sense of direction in life: it knows the reason it is in the world
- The personality becomes a channel for the Soul’s gifts and becomes an instrument of love and Grace

- The personality is in alignment to receive the blessings of the Divine and the Masters
- The personality establishes a relationship with the Soul, so it is never lonely
- This alignment may bring angelic protection and the infilling of the Holy Spirit to those who are dedicated to following the Divine Will, which enables them to better face and cope with the vicissitudes of life.
- This alignment imbues them with courage and faith, and lets them more readily take action—despite their fear and unbelief—to carry forward the Soul's work
- They achieve something meaningful in their lives, which benefits others, and makes a difference in others' lives

The Personal Implications of Following the Divine Will

In the article, “Understanding the Personal Octave of the Divine Will,” which is found on pages 104 to 113 of A Mudrashram® Reader: Understanding Integral Meditation, we discuss the impact of following the Divine Will upon the personality.

“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 appears, 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

“Accepted discipleship is granted in most spiritual traditions when an individual can make a stable attunement to the Divine Will and has become prepared and qualified according to the standards of ethical and spiritual development required to be a teacher or initiator in that lineage.”

“An accepted disciple becomes an instrument for the love, wisdom, and power of the Living Spirit, as given under the Divine Will and the Dispensation given to that lineage...”

“Swami Prabhu Maharaj says, “To make this final step [to become an accepted disciple], you must allow yourself to be entirely guided by the Divine Will.”

“If you consider this, that 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 and think about 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.]”

“If you are going to work at this octave, which enables you, as an accepted disciple to be an initiator and guide for others, you must both know and obey the Divine Will.”



Swami Prem Dayal reflects upon how the personality reacts to this confrontation with the Divine Will:

“It is not easy. You might have to undergo some suffering. This work might require that you don’t immediately receive something you want.”

“There are many people that don’t want to do this. They want their liberty. They want to have what they want, when they want it. This is fine—this is their decision. But they need to realize that the outcome of that decision is that they are bound to the wheel of reincarnation.”

“There are also many people who eagerly embrace the Path until they realize that they must submit to something Greater than themselves. When they encounter this Divine requirement, they often will leave the Path.”

“There are a few people that say, “there is enough suffering in life. I want to go Home to God.” For these ones, God provides a spiritual Master.”

“These Masters, which we call Initiates, are instruments of the Divine Will for the aspect of the Continuum over which they have been granted dominion. If you go to them, they will attempt to facilitate fulfilling that aspect of the Divine Plan [in you] that they survey.”

Swami Prem Dayal goes on further to say that being ready to follow the Divine Will requires an inner maturity, which not everyone had achieved.

“Some people think that God is tricking them or trapping them. We like to tell people that it’s more like maturing, or growing up.”

“First you are like a child, focused on your own desires. Then you are an adolescent, intent upon finding out who you are and your place in life. Then you are an adult, carrying out the responsibilities of daily life, and doing your duty—your Dharma. Then you become a parent, capable of caring for, teaching, and guiding others.”

“So when you become a parent, you are not so focused on your own desires, but you look after the welfare of your children.”

“So at first a Soul is engaged with achieving its desires—becoming prosperous, having lots of nice things, and lots of pleasure. This is what we see a lot in the life-transformation, coaching, New Age, and Judeo-Christian groups—they try to help people fulfill their desires.”

“Those who come to Mudrashram® at this child-like stage typically can’t progress beyond the Purgatory barrier—they keep getting pulled back by these passions and desires.”

“In the adolescent stage, the individual seeks out different Paths. It has these dreams of becoming great, of gaining incredible spiritual powers, to make great progress and to attain Mastery.”

“Mudrashram® appeals to some of these individuals, but the issue for many of these is that they are seeking a “spiritual high,” and they resist making a commitment—they are unwilling to surrender to God and dedicate themselves to service—they fiercely want their independence.”

“These ones can go to the brink of Mastery, but are often turned back at the gate, because they haven’t completed their work.”

“Those that become disciples are like adults. They are busy doing their spiritual work, and carrying out their purpose. They have the seriousness and dedication to do what is necessary to become a Master.”

“When they become Masters, they become like spiritual parents—guiding others through the whole cycle—so others can achieve the same state the Master has achieved.”

“A Master will teach what he or she has attained, so if you go to be initiated, be sure that you want to attain that same state, because that is the Master’s job—to help you do that.”

“So if you can grasp why it is important to orient yourself to being of service, to follow the Divine Will to accomplish your spiritual purpose and destiny, and ultimately to become an instrument of Grace and Light—you will truly realize what a treasure it is to know and let yourself be directed by this Divine Will. Perhaps you are not ready to do that now—and that is OK—but at some point, when you are ready to do this, you will realize that this is truly one of the spiritual treasures.”



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