

The Will of God and the Construction of Personality around Spiritual Essences

The Will of God is anchored as the current of Alaya in your cutting edge ensouling entity. By doing your spiritual development at this level, you are in harmony with the spiritual purpose that the Will of God imbues in your Soul.

However, It is possible to become identified with spiritual essences other than the cutting edge of spirituality—a nucleus of identity, another octave of the ensouling entity, or the spirit.

Individuals construct **impressions** around this alternative essence by contemplating it.

Through contemplation, they activate the faculties of volition, intuitive understanding, discerning intelligence, accrued knowledge, moral guidance, feelings and desire, and perception that operate innately through this essence.

The impressions that build up around this essence pass through several stages:

- (1) Hearing about the essence or reading about it for the first time, making you aware that it exists
- (2) Encountering an individual identified with that essence and experiencing that essence in them, and feeling it resonating within yourself
- (3) Receiving teachings that come from the essence, and begin to activate its faculties of discernment and knowledge [e.g., delineating this essence apart from other essences, and gathering information about it] within yourself—this is interfacing with the essence through the intellect
- (4) Interfacing with the essence through the conscience via reception of moral teachings that are anchored in that essence

- (5) Taking the viewpoint of the essence through contemplating it with your attention—this leads to *union* with the essence, which enables you to view the external world and the inner cosmos from its perspective
- (6) Engaging feelings and desire to remain in this state of awareness and to make spiritual progress towards the inner apparent horizon from which this essence originates, and to draw closer to the form of the Divine that appears on this inner horizon
- (7) Full *identification* with this essence and activating the faculty of will anchored in it—governing all actions and taking over life direction from this essence

Stages one to four comprise attentional *association* with the essence. Stage five marks the dawning of *union*. By developing powerful motivation at stage six, the individual shifts into full *identification* at stage seven.

These impressions or samskaras that form around a spiritual essence are of three types:

These initial impressions that form around a spiritual essence as a result of contemplation are called ***Sattwic samskaras***, because they are of the quality of goodness and purity.

Once individuals begin to be capable of initiating action from this essence and evoking strong feelings and desires, they begin generating ***Rajasic samskaras***.

The commission of sinful acts, or omission of action that is required under your innate duty (Dharma) develops the ***Tamasic samskaras***, which typically are stored in the reservoir of the unconscious mind behind the spiritual essence that generated them.

These samskaras further may be said to be of varying densities:

Low density – Contemplation has awakened the essence, but you have little information about the essence. This is called the *Initial Exposure Phase*.

Low-moderate density – You begin to gather information about the essence. Typically at this state, you may have learned some basic meditations to contact the essence, and may be able to remember it through spiritual songs, chants, or evocative phrases that you repeat to yourself to remain you of the essence. You may be able to repeat from memory, phrases from scriptures or quotes from oral discourses that come from this essence. This is called the *Early Indoctrination Phase*.

Moderate density – Once this stage dawns, you actively study the scriptures or teachings of this essence, and begin to gain a more comprehensive understanding of the teaching. At this phase, you can explain the teachings to others and help others to gain union with the essence within them. This is called the *Late Indoctrination Phase*.

High-moderate density – Here you begin to develop strong desire, motivation, and devotion to the teaching. This may lead you to do active meditation with an aim to make “spiritual progress,” however that is construed in the context of the teaching that has grown up around this essence. In other cases, it may lead you to attempt to proselytize others and bring others into this same state of consciousness that you enjoy, and want to share with them. This is called the *Early Commitment Phase*.

High density – After long-term contemplation of the essence, you become fully identified with it, and you govern your life and your important decision-making from this essence.

With the development of high-density samskaras, you have built up a large reservoir of impressions around this essence—in effect, you have progressively constructed an alternate “personality core” around this essence. [Cult researchers have referred to this personality construction around a spiritual essence as a “pseudo-personality.”] This is called the *Late Commitment Phase*.

By distinction, when your spiritual development is at the cutting edge of spirituality, you do not develop a pseudo-personality. Instead, these impressions are integrated into your natural personality. You do not construct an artificial one.

Connecting with the Divine Will

In *Question and Answers with Swami*, Swami Charan Das describes our relationship with the Divine Will, and suggests a way we can connect with it.

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God says, “Do not covet another’s destiny, for the destiny I have given you is Glorious and True...”

“First, it is the human will that shapes your destiny.”

“Later the abilities of your Higher Mind appear and begin to express through your personality. Then it is the Will of your Soul that guides you.”

“Finally, both Soul and Will are offered on the altar of Spirit, and Divine Life and Divine Will are manifested in you. This is the Most Glorious and True Destiny to which God refers.”

“The Divine Will Guides you, blesses you, and protects you.”

“It guides you by directing your life in the ways that fulfill your destiny, and preventing you from taking the wrong path.”

“It blesses you by allowing the expression of your abilities and gifts in an appropriate, timely, and correct manner.”

“It protects you by surrounding you with a mantle of Light and gives angels watch-care over you.”

“It protects your physical body from illness and injury, your aura from incursion of malevolent entities, and your spirit from spiritual wickedness and deception.”

“It is your shield and armor against the criminal, demonic and seductive forces that would injure you, corrupt you, and lead you astray.”

“The Divine Will keeps your Soul ever on the beam—attuned with your spiritual Master.”

“When the Planetary Initiations are completed, your ensouling entity comes into perfect attunement with the Divine Will. During the Fifth Planetary Initiation, the Soul is liberated and reborn as the Monad.”

“Some Western esoteric spiritual traditions also refer to the Sixth Planetary Initiation. During the Sixth Initiation, the human will is completely sublimated so that the Divine Will can express through human life. It is a complete overshadowing of the human by the Divine.”

Identity Affirmations and the Divine Will

“One way that you may discover the Divine Will is through what we call *identity affirmations*. There are statements to help focus your attention on these inner centers of identity. There are identity affirmations to help you focus on the attentional principle, the Self, the Soul, and the Monad.”

“The affirmation referring to the witnessing consciousness or attentional principle is “I.” Knowing this makes you “conscious” and prepares you to be a *chela*. As a chela of the Master, you can be guided on the inner Planes and learn how to do inner work on yourself and minister to others.”

“The affirmation referring to [the Self, the] human self-conscious identity is “**I am.**” Knowing this anchors you in your self and empowers your human will. This puts you in control of your personality and your personal destiny.”

“The affirmation of the Soul is “**I am that.**” Knowing this confers Enlightenment.”

“The affirmation referring to the Monad is “**I am that I AM.**” Knowing this is Nirvana, the state of ceaseless Grace.”

“The affirmation referring to the human overshadowed by the Divine Will is “**I am that I AM in thee.**” This is the state of a prepared and chosen instrument. So, the Master works to enlighten the Soul, bestow the Grace of the Spirit, and to prepare the instrument for the Great Work of Mastery.”

“By using the identity affirmations, you can begin to recognize the Monad within you. By asking within to have the Divine Will revealed to you, eventually, you will have a clear sense of what you need to do each day, both in your personal life and in meditation.”

Meditation on the Identity Affirmations

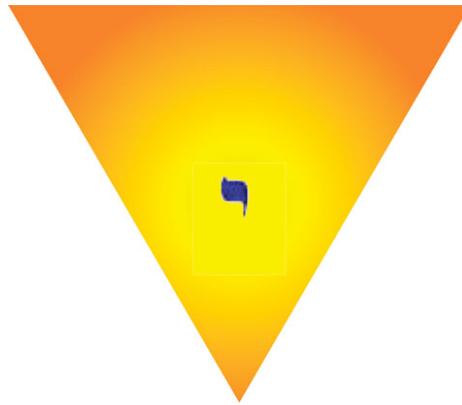


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Inner Centers Where the Divine Will Can Be Accessed

You can contact the Divine Will as it is anchored in specific centers. The Divine Will can be known on the Buddhic Plane, the Manasic Plane, and the Solar Angelic Plane. The Holy Spirit can also communicate the Divine Will to the Moon Soul during the First Planetary Initiation.

On the Buddhic Plane, the Divine Will appears as a golden triangle with the Hebrew letter, yod, in its center.



On the Manasic Plane, the Divine Will appears as a current of Light passing from the overshadowing Initiate in the Planetary Hierarchy, to your Monad, to your Soul, and it is anchored in your Manasic Vortex in the thalamic center (point between the eyebrows).

When this alignment is established, the disciple receives **Agya**, the command or direction of the spiritual Master directly. When your Manasic Vortex is activated in this fashion, it is referred to as the Agya Chakra.

On the Solar Angelic Plane, current of the Divine Will appears to pass from the Central Sun to the Ascended Master who supervises your spiritual development—this Ascended Master makes a direct connection to your sacred heart center, the Mighty I AM Presence.

The Divine Will whispers through the Holy Spirit when it is anchored in the receptacle of the Moon Soul nucleus of identity.

Is the Will of God Contextual?

Each different religion reveals a different set of commandments through its scriptures. Does this mean the Will of God is variable and context specific? We contend that this is true under certain circumstances, and we will explain how this works.

In the article, “Understanding the Personal Octave of the Divine Will” on page 104 to 113 of *A Mudrashram Reader: Understanding Integral Meditation*, we note that will of God consists of seven aspects. The first five are immortal, transpersonal aspects. They are:

1. Alaya – this gives life to the Soul
2. Agya – this confers discipleship and reveals the commandments of the Master
3. Hukum – this gives purpose and calling to the Soul
4. Guru Kripa – this balances the four poles of the Soul; this is coordinated with Initiation
5. Shaktipat – this confers Initiation, burning away the karma between nodal points

These five immortal Rays are attuned to the cutting edge of spirituality. The two other aspects are personal.

6. Dhana – a commandment given to the attentional principle or the spirit to render service.
7. Dharma – moral guidance given to the personality.

Most religions use their scriptures, via clergy trained to interpret these scriptures, to access levels of 6 and 7 of the Divine Will. These inform the personality to live according to the values dictated by the religion, to carry out practices condoned in the scriptures, and to do service within that spiritual community.

We note that each band of the Continuum, and each path that tracks along the Continuum has different morality, different prescribed practices, and a different vision of service.

We may say that these two personal elements of the Divine Will are subject to each religion's "cultural diversity"—whereas the immortal elements are not subject to these cultural factors, when the individual does spiritual work at the cutting edge of spirituality.

Changes Occurring with Work Outside the Cutting Edge

When an individual takes up practices outside the cutting edge of spirituality, the individual develops another aspect of being other than the ensouling entity, spirit, and vehicles of consciousness that dwell at the cutting edge of spirituality. When this occurs, there is a shifting of the context of the five immortal aspects of the Will of God to accommodate this alternate spiritual tract.

Alaya, the life giving Ray that gives life to the Soul, is replaced with the Light of the Path, which emanates from the Divine at this level, or alternately can come from an angel or an Initiate.

Agya becomes reframed as the commandment of the Master of that Path. Discipleship upon this other Path is bestowed at this level.

Hukum appears at the inherent purpose embedded in this path, e.g., to liberate the spirit, or to liberate the nucleus of identity or ensouling entity upon that path. It also mirrors the form of Mastery at this level.

Guru Kripa will balance individuals at that level, but they will be out of balance and alignment with their cutting edge of spirituality.

Shaktipat is bestowed to grant Initiation on this path, but this Initiation occurs outside the cutting edge of spirituality.



Scenarios for Spiritual Development

Spiritual development can follow four different scenarios; depending on the alignment of the immortal and personal aspects of the Divine Will.

1. **Correct path and correct personal alignment** – Here the individual works at the cutting edge of spirituality and personal guidance and direction are informed from this source.
2. **Correct path but incorrect personal alignment** – The individual is doing spiritual work at the cutting edge, but this is veiled by a belief system of a religion or influence of a powerful individual or group that convinces the individual to follow the values and practices of that religion. The individual here is cut off from the Soul and identified with another essence such as the nucleus of identity.
3. **Incorrect path but correct personal alignment** – Here an individual does spiritual unfoldment outside the cutting edge of spirituality, but continues to be guided by the Soul to carry out right activity. The individual is connected to the Soul and experiences conflict or dissonance with the inner changes wrought by their spiritual development outside the cutting edge. This type is often accompanied with psychological turmoil and energetic imbalances.
4. **Incorrect path and incorrect personal alignment** – This most common pattern moves both spiritual development and personal direction outside the cutting edge. Here the individual is alienated from the true spiritual core and does something else entirely.

The Diversion of the Alaya Current

When an individual is shunted to an incorrect path with incorrect personal attunement, it diverts the Alaya current. Alaya normally connects the individual with Satchitananda. When an individual is overshadowed from an alternate current of Living Force, this connection with Satchitananda is circumvented—this subjects that individual to control and influence from that alternate Source. The native Satchitananda attunement can be shifted to the following alternate currents:

1. **Devonic current** – here the attunement comes from a form of God on the higher Planes, or can arise from a selected god or goddess in a pantheon. Most religious and spiritual groups lead their followers to this type of immersion by using prayer, chanting, or mantras to invoke this Being and to unfold a nucleus of identity, ensouling entity, or spiritual essence to draw closer to this aspect of the Divine.
2. **Angelic current** – here the attunement comes from an angel. This occurs rarely. It is seen in certain prophets, channels, or messengers.
3. **Initiatic current** – here the Light and energy is sent through an Initiate established in the Presence of the Divine. This appears as the Wheel Attunement, where the Initiate overshadows the spiritual development of the individual. The individual is often imbalanced in this state, which leads to interference with personality functioning and kundalini syndromes.

To return to our initial question regarding the contextualization of the Divine Will, we can say: If the native Satchitananda attunement is sustained, the immortal aspects of Alaya are not diverted into an alternate path. In this case, the Will of God is not contextual. When Alaya is shifted to one of the alternate currents, it does become contextualized.

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