

Combinations of Soul Rays And Personality Rays

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The following ray combinations are meant to be indicative only. There are many ways of thinking about how a particular soul ray and a particular personality ray interact. A great deal could be written on each combination, and many important traits associated with each ray have, necessarily, been left out, but enough has been offered to help the reader think intelligently about how the rays of his soul and personality may interact with each other and modify each other.

The personality and soul rays must, at length, adjust to one another. In the life of the spiritually minded person, there is a long period when these two rays are locked in conflict, and do not function on a cooperative basis. The following list of ray combinations will not deal, primarily, with this phase of conflict, as important as it is. A later paper will explore this matter in great detail, when the processes of Integration and Fusion are examined closely. What is being offered here is more of an ideal. It is possible for the soul and personality ray to cooperate in full harmony--the personality ray subordinating itself to the soul ray. Once the soul ray has subjugated the personality ray, the personality ray has become a sub-ray of the soul ray. The following list of ray combinations are intended to offer an idea of such an ideal combination. Using these few suggestions as a start, the reader will be able to enlarge upon these ideas.

Only forty-two combinations will be given rather than forty-nine. Seven relationships will not be listed, as they would be examples of pure ray types (at least, relatively pure), the soul and personality rays being identical. For example, we would have a R2 soul and a R2 personality, or a R3 soul and a R3 personality, etc. The Tibetan seems to imply that this condition of identity is quite rare (he mentions it in *Esoteric Psychology*, Vol. II, and only in

connection with the R1 soul [and R1 personality] at a very advanced stage of development). Also, among all the Tibetan's more than forty disciples, whose instructions appeared in the two volumes of *Discipleship in the New Age*, by Alice Bailey, not one of them had identical soul and personality rays.

One more point. When thinking of the relationship between the soul and personality rays--the soul can be considered the end and the personality the means. The soul is the subject, quality or energy to be expressed, and the personality is the "persona:" or mask, through which the expression occurs. Of course this type of dichotomizing is an oversimplification, and the mixing and blending is extensive, but this is still a useful way of understanding the difference between the soul and personality centers.

These paragraphs can be useful as you, the reader, think about the significance of your own soul and personality rays. Please do not feel limited by the few suggestions offered. Using these thoughts as points of departure, many new significances will begin to occur to you.

Soul and Personality Combinations for R1S

R1S/R2P—Dynamic will is expressed lovingly and with wise understanding. The tendency towards detachment masters the tendency towards attachment, and yet, attachment is used effectively. The law always prevails but is mercifully applied. Truth is never compromised but is expressed with tact. The individual can have a strong attitude of impersonality and yet be well-endowed with the personal touch—this is the art of being impersonally personal. The iron fist in the velvet glove.

R1S/R3P—Dynamic will is expressed with

creative intelligence and adaptability. The purposive attitude masters the tendency towards dispersion, busyness and diffusion, and yet becomes all the more effective through versatility and expression through many lines of activity. Powerful intentions are executed adroitly, with strategic skill. The preservation of power is served by the ability to plan. Survival and victory are achieved through intelligent change.

R1S/R4P—Dynamic will is expressed harmoniously. A firm attitude masters the tendency to compromise for the sake of comfort. Purposeful self-discipline controls the tendency to waste energy in purposeless combat. The achievement of unwavering intentions is furthered by the ability to establish rapport, relate effectively and compromise when needed, but spiritual purpose is always preserved, and principles are not compromised or weakened. This combination expresses the union of power and aesthetic sensibility: for instance—the ruler who is a patron of the arts. The peace-maker.

R1S/R5P—Dynamic will is expressed through a mastery of concrete fact, and a practical command of material energies. The ability to rule and govern is served by an utterly clear comprehension of technical details, so that the most well-informed decisions can be made. The leader with true common sense. The urge toward power is served by technology. Ability to see the "big picture" masters the tendency to specialize and get bogged down in the details of form.

R1S/RGP—Dynamic will is expressed with one-pointed ardor and fervent devotion. Firmness, coolness and absolute self-control, master the tendency towards emotionalism and excessive zeal. The highest purpose is upheld with no thought of compromise. High-minded conviction is sustained with unshakeable faith. The goal is achieved at all costs. Impersonal self-sacrifice is ardently pursued.

R1S/R7P—Dynamic will is expressed rhythmically and appropriately, with complete regard for laws, rules and social conventions, and with exquisite timing. The freedom and spontaneity of spirit master the tendency towards formalism and the habitual following of precedent. Powerful intentions are perfectly

and practically executed. Sweeping changes are skillfully administered. Pioneering initiatives are resourcefully structured and excellently organized. The reformer; the practical revolutionary.

Soul and Personality Combinations for R2S

R2S/R1P—Loving understanding is expressed with power and firmness. The union of love and will, with love preponderating. Wise and gentle understanding is conveyed with strength. Comprehensive studies are relentlessly pursued. The most benevolent motives are powerfully carried into life experience. Deep love is expressed without a trace of sentimentality. The tendency towards attachment masters the tendency towards detachment. The "heart of gold" is found beneath an often-distant or somewhat forbidding exterior.

R2S/R3P—Loving understanding is expressed with great activity and intellectual resourcefulness. A multitude of ways are devised to express a deeply-felt humanitarianism. Wise, intuitive insights are creatively communicated—the versatile educator. The scholar with a penchant for philosophical expression. The teacher who possesses the business and financial skills to see that his message is widely distributed. The wise use of slow action masters the tendency towards excessive activity and wasted motion. The heart masters the busy intellect. Benevolence and loving kindness are expressed with ingenuity and savoir-faire.

R2S/R4P—Loving understanding is expressed harmoniously and beautifully, with complete skill-in-action, Radiant serenity and confidence master inner and outer conflict, fret, turmoil, and the agony of dissonance. Many conflicting personal and environmental energies are wisely and gently fused into a whole. Love is served, and love is expressed through the ability to end conflict within (and bring peace and equilibrium to) the inner and outer environment. All things and people are unified into a whole through the power to build bridges of rapport. The teacher teaches through his aesthetic sensibilities. A wise understanding of human nature is expressed

through drama or through dramatic action. The one who seeks to save and salvage finds success through his understanding of, and identification with, the "human predicament."

R2S/R5P—Loving understanding is expressed scientifically, or with solid common sense. Preoccupation with quality, essence and the subjective reality, masters preoccupation with form. Seeing the whole pattern, and the multitude of interrelationships, masters the tendency to see just the detail of the part. Compassion and mercy master the tendency to sit in judgment. The heart masters the concrete intellect. Love is expressed through research and discovery. The way of wisdom and divine understanding is supported by a practical comprehension and technical mastery of the facts. Humanity's religious and spiritual impulse is shown to be supported by scientific fact and natural law.

R2S/R6P—Loving understanding is expressed with complete devotion and self-sacrifice. Broad inclusive love masters narrow, emotional loyalties and attachments. The love of the heart masters the emotion of the solar plexus. Impersonal love prevails but a personal, feeling-sensitivity is still preserved. The pursuit of wisdom and the detailed pattern of pure truth are aided by unflagging zeal. The expression of love for all becomes a passionately pursued ideal. Deep humility is supported by a willing, self-abnegation. There is total emotional commitment to a life of salvage and redemption.

R2S/R7P—Loving understanding is expressed in group "movements" through well-structured programs, and with real attention to, and an understanding of, the group spirit. Loving energies are perfectly instituted through right practice. The urge to unity is expressed in action (appropriate action) upon the physical plane. The wisdom of the heart masters the supposed rightness of method and outer techniques. The inner work is seen to be more important than its outer expression—at least it is seen that the heart must be in all acts before these acts can embody spirituality, no matter how rightly or perfectly they are executed. Essential love triumphs over and expresses itself through perfected form. The love which brings healing is applied with consummate

skill.

Soul and Personality Combinations for R3S

R3S/R1P—Intelligent comprehension and creative activity are expressed with dynamic power. Creative plans and large projects are executed with unfaltering one-pointedness. Mobility masters immobility; adaptability overcomes inflexibility. Intelligent manipulation supercedes willful insistence. The ability to undertake many things successfully is well supported by personal strength. A person who can be eminently reasonable and forceful at the same time. The ability to travel and "go here and there" as needed, masters the tendency to remain firm and immovable at the center. The love of creative thinking and doing master the love of personal power. Complexity is executed with simplicity.

R3S/R2P—Intelligent comprehension and creative activity are expressed lovingly, sensitively and with heart. An intelligent comprehension which is detached and objective masters an approach that is too soft and kind to be effective. A good business head masters a well-meaning but misguided heart. Speedy execution of responsibilities wins out over slow movement and the love of comfort. One who has accumulated much money through great financial skill shares it generously and wholeheartedly with others. An abstract orientation is well-conveyed by someone who has the "personal touch" and a love of teaching. Others might sometimes say of this individual: "I have a hard time following his thinking, but he's such a "nice" person. An individual with great creativity and mental resourcefulness, who has the patience and interpersonal skills to make his innovations clearly understandable.

R3S/R4P—Intelligent comprehension and creativity activity are expressed in the spirit of interplay and compromise. The elaborately thought-out plan is effectively implemented because of a well-developed ability to "give-and-take". The tactician masters the instability of personal vicissitudes. Many creative abilities are expressed colorfully and in an entertaining manner. A facility for creative, verbal expression is expressed in an

aesthetically pleasing form--a very imaginative combination. The power to stay in motion and act continually masters the tendency towards vacillation and spasmodic, irregular action. An excellent combination of business and artistic aptitudes. Philosophical abstractions are presented in a delightful and engaging manner.

R3S/R5P—Intelligent comprehension and creative activity are expressed with complete respect for accuracy. Theory is well-supported by fact. Broad conceptions are reinforced by a mastery of detailed particulars. The ability to speculate about the future is supported by a head full of reliable data. The ability to see the abstract blue-prints and significant trends of any issues masters the more narrow, empirical, observational approach. Ideas for many utilitarian inventions can be made into technically workable actualities. The power to analyze is exalted. The extremely and flexible thinker who knows exactly what he's talking about.

R3S/RGP—Intelligent comprehension and creative activity are pressed enthusiastically and zealously. Intelligence and thought master ardent devotion and the unthinking pursuit "causes". The rational masters the irrational. A reasonable approach moderates the tendency towards unreasonable and loyalties. Theories and systems are promoted with zeal. May be a tendency to believe too completely in one's own Theological thinking is supported by great faith. The wide, and sophisticated view masters the narrow, simple-minded The "many" master the "one". Much extroversion is possible with this combination, and a tendency to overtly impress ideas upon others. One may love one's own ideas greatly, and think everyone else should, too. Positively, it is a tremendous combination for communication. There is a pronounced ability to project and adapt many ideas in the most convincing (and self-convinced) manner.

R3S/R7P—Intelligent comprehension and creative activity are expressed in a precise and organized way. The organization-spirit serves the execution of creatively conceived plans. However, a looser, more free-form type of creative thinking must master a more rigid, sequential, procedural approach. This is an

excellent financial combination. The most intelligent solution or arrangement is executed with detailed exactitude and excellent timing. The power of brilliant conception is served by the power to manifest the conception. The love of the idea itself, however, must master the love of how the idea will appear in form. Ideally, the intelligent essence of any conception will be perfectly expressed in form. The magical potential of this combination is very great: R3 is often called the "magician" and R7 the "ritualist."

Soul and Personality Combinations for R4S

(As this ray is not presently in incarnation, and as very few souls are found upon R4, these combinations must be taken in a more speculative manner, and applied very infrequently, if at all. Examples of such individuals will be more historical than contemporary--though after 2025 A.D., they may be encountered more often).

R4S/R1P—The urge to create harmony and beauty is expressed forcefully and, frequently, may be imposed. The individual desires peace so much that he may try to make it happen by the force of his personal will. This is potentially a very temperamental combination--the temperamental artist who egoistically insists upon his own means of expression. The urge to seek a "righteous compromise" eventually masters the tendency to impose the will. Strength and steadfastness serve the task of revealing beauty and creating loveliness. The strong individual is able to endure and persist in his soul-appointed task of creating harmonious linkages between diverse individuals. The linkages may be within the psyche as well, and much personal strength will also be required if the task is to be completed.

R4S/R2P—The urge to harmony and beauty is expressed serenely and lovingly. The struggle, stress and strain incident to the process of harmonizing situations and relationships prevail over the tendency to "be nice,"--a tendency for which the motive is "the love of being loved." Friction is endured, if friction is the only way to achieve peace, unity and true interplay. The "give-and-take" involved in the

process of equilibration masters a pleasant contentedness. Kindness, and personal pleasantness serve the at-one-ing process. Magnetism serves a refined aestheticism.

R4S/R3P—The urge to harmony and beauty is expressed with creative intelligence and adaptability. This combination yields the artist who can express himself along a great diversity of channels. Righteous compromise masters manipulative tendencies and slyness. The urge to create beauty masters the tendency towards economy, expediency, efficiency and mere utilitarianism. The task of linking many elements can be achieved innovatively, and in a great variety of ways. The love of beauty masters the love of business, and then uses business abilities to further aesthetic aims. The ability to devise many stratagems serves the urge to achieve conflict resolution.

R4S/R5P—The urge to harmony and beauty is expressed with considerable technical "know-how." The sense of drama masters "matter-of-factness." Perfect knowledge of the technical means of expression serves to enhance the quality of that which is expressed. Technology serves art. Art and machine are united. Peace, harmony and mutual interplay are served by the fruits of scientific enquiry and technical innovation. Intuitive, buddhic consciousness is supported by hard-headed, rational-mindedness.

R4S/R7P—The urge to harmony and beauty is expressed fervently and zealously. The expression of beauty becomes one's greatest ideal. The artistic urge expresses itself through religious themes. Aesthetic pursuits become a passion. The spirit of accommodation for the sake of harmony, masters one-pointed, conflict-producing narrowness. Ability to compromise, and see the other's point of view supercedes separative emotional loyalties. The ability to be bipartisan prevails over partisan devotions. Everything is given or sacrificed to serve one's art, or one's conception of beauty. The devoted person who becomes a martyr in the cause of peace.

R4S/R7P—The urge to harmony and beauty is expressed through an exquisite sense of form. The love of color masters the love of structure. Beauty is expressed in perfect form—art. Peace is made manifest and is perfectly instituted

and administered. This combination brings perfected interplay, and harmoniously manifested. The understanding of beauty-i relationships is expressed in concrete symbols.

Soul and Personality Ray Combinations for R5S

R5S/R1P—The pursuit and application of concrete knowledge expressed with power and endurance-relentless research by personal strength. Fortitude and one-pointed, willful, serve selfless scientific enquiry and the urge to discover. The urge towards specific, focused research masters the sense of focused importance. A keen particularity supercedes the desire to see "the big picture." Love of knowledge and its concrete become more important than the emphasis upon one's Identity. Knowledge becomes greater than power.

R5S/R2P—The Pursuit and Application Of Concrete Knowledge are expressed lovingly, responsibly, and with great attention to the human impact of that which is discovered. The practice of pure research masters the love of personal comfort and ease. One who must know the truth no matter how he feels about it, personally. Broad humanitarianism furthers the applications of specialized knowledge for the advancement of the race. A high-powered scientific mind dwells in a gracious person. An expert who knows all the particulars of his field has the tact and loving patience to do an admirable job of teaching what he knows.

R5S/R3P—The pursuit and application of concrete knowledge is expressed with an innovative understanding of its diverse possibilities. "One-hundred-and-one" uses are found for the products of pure research. The researcher with great resourcefulness. Research is valued more than commercial or business pursuits. Discovery becomes more important than utility. Accuracy becomes more important than expediency. Knowledge is valued more than money and business success. Or, a business sense serves the implementation of scientific discoveries. The love of verified fact masters the tendency to theorize and speculate but not confirm.

R5S/R4P—The pursuit and application of

concrete knowledge is expressed in a colorful, entertaining manner. The artist begins to investigate his medium so thoroughly and carefully that learning all about the technical means of expression becomes almost more important than what is to be expressed. Science masters art. The strictly rational, observant attitude stabilizes a tendency towards emotional turmoil and mood swings. The ability to establish rapport with diverse people furthers the interests of scientific research. Scientific findings are beautifully, colorfully, appealingly expressed. One who can present the beauty of scientific fact. One who can dramatize the story of science--the romance of the quest for knowledge.

R5S/R6P—The pursuit and application of concrete knowledge is expressed ardently, one-pointedly, and with complete devotion. This individual believes in science. The love of science pursued to the exclusion of all else. A narrow area of technical enquiry is pursued passionately. The need to know masters the need to believe. Knowledge masters faith. Realism masters idealism. This is an individual who would sacrifice all to achieve the discovery upon which he or she is intent. Ideally, an individual who has great faith in scientific discoveries and who will promote and defend their value tirelessly and without thought of himself. Science has become his god.

R5S/R7P—The pursuit and application of concrete knowledge is expressed systematically, methodically, and with great organizational skill. Right procedure and exactitude of method and measurement serve scientific enquiry. Innovative research masters reliance upon habitual methods. Discovery and the revelation of *what is*, overcomes reliance upon custom and customary procedures. The researcher who designs the programs of action needed for most well organized applications of his research results. This combination gives the capacity for the perfect material implementation of scientific discovery--consummate engineering skill. The facts and truth—"no matter what"—must master the attempt to "keep up appearances".

Soul and Personality Combinations for the R6S

R6S/R1P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed with great strength and endurance--fearlessly. Personal fortitude serves the achievement of passionately held convictions and ideals. Self-surrender and self-sacrifice master the tendency to self-aggrandizement. Self-abnegation masters personal pride. The soul suffuses the often resistant personality with devoted love. Utter devotion to a cause masters self-importance. Devoted attachment is seen to be more important than aloofness and detachment. The ideal is seen to be more important than the primacy of the one who achieves it. The ideal is the joyous and spontaneous sacrifice of the powerful, personal self to that which is greater than itself.

R6S/R2P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed sweetly, slowly, considerately and in a kindly manner. Intensity of belief and conviction master the desire not to push others, the desire to be loved, and the desire for personal comfort. Personal kindness and serenity, the considerate "go-slow" approach serve the fulfillment of cherished ideals. Passion for the "right:" masters a well-meaning, but ill-advised, indiscriminate tolerance. A passion for the ideal comes first, but there is a real "feeling for people" and a wish to see them not suffer even though the fulfillment of the ideal may require suffering.

R6S/R3P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed intelligently, resourcefully, and cleverly. The sense of righteousness and the purity of motive master expediency and moral insouciance or irresponsibility. The ability to plan, and actively execute plans, serve the ideal to which one is devoted. Sincerity and simplicity master deviousness and complexity. The love of religion masters the love of business. One who can find endless "reasons" to justify his faith, but faith comes first and reason second. This individual may be the businessman who lays his proceeds upon the altar of his church. An individual capable of finding a multitude of ingenious ways to promote his beliefs and convictions. An extremely resourceful proselytizer.

R6S/R4P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed beautifully and harmoniously. Unyielding devotion and commitment to an

ideal master vacillation and pliability. Sincerity and one-pointed loyalty master ambivalence and divided loyalties. Faith and optimism prevail over personal ambivalences, moods and negativities. Perceptive steadiness overcomes personal instabilities. There is often a strong tendency for one to fight to defend his ideals. Once personal combativeness is subdued and transformed into harmony, the ability to function harmoniously with others serves the realization of one's greatest dreams. One's highest ideals and yearnings are expressed through creative living and artistic expression, but the ideas are primary, and art is the form of expression. (In R4S/R6P--one idealizes his art; the art is primary and becomes one's highest personal ideal).

R6S/R5P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed through scientific pursuits. One's personal, technological expertise is made available to fulfill one's highest dreams. One accomplishes or fulfills those dreams through technical abilities. Utopia is to be achieved through science, but the vision is more important than the scientific application of the vision. Faith becomes more important than verification. Faith masters skepticism; belief masters doubt. This individual believes before he knows, but may be inclined to use his scientific abilities to prove what he already accepts on faith. This is another of the theological combinations.

R6S/R7P—Idealism and one-pointed devotion are expressed practically, through organizational work and in the institutional setting. Ideals are perfectly manifested. Idealism (the spirit of the thing) masters materialism. The love of abstract perfection becomes more important than any concrete expression of that perfection, but the ability to express the abstract ideal is pronounced. Administrative and managerial abilities serve the complete actualization of the "causes" to which one is passionately devoted. A fine sense of form and organization ground and precipitate ideals that might otherwise tend to remain abstract.

Soul and Personality Combinations for R7S

R7S/R1P—The urge to order, structure or

restructure is expressed with steadfast personal fortitude. Right procedure in line with the Plan masters the assertion of concentrated, self-centered force. The law and social propriety are upheld assertively. Strength and endurance help bring about the perfect linking of spirit and matter. Precise arrangement is successfully imposed. The power to destroy makes way for the establishment of perfected form. Renovation and the institution of the new are firmly and forcefully carried out. **R7S/R2P**—The urge to order, structure and restructure is expressed with tact and consideration. The Plan is seen and understood, but it is implemented gently and slowly. Realization of the intended design, in all exactitude, masters the attachments, fears, timidities and personal sensitivities that would keep it from being manifested. The urge to work correctly overcomes a predilection for personal comfort. An appreciation for the impersonal principles of law and proper codes of right action become more important than personal attractions and attachments. Discipline and organized team-work overcome the urge to personal comfort and ineffectual non-assertiveness.

R7S/R3P—The urge to order, structure and restructure is expressed with adaptability and resourcefulness. Order masters disorder; right procedure masters a fluidity and haphazardness. Exact conformity to the design of the Plan, masters individually focused creativeness and manipulative tendencies. Creative, executive ability serves the fulfillment of extremely practical intentions. Resourceful intelligence serves the exact execution of one's sensed place and function within the whole. The need to express the idea perfectly in concrete form masters the tendency to rest content with just knowing about or discussing the idea.

R7S/R4P—The urge to order, structure and restructure is expressed with an understanding of how to maintain beauty and harmony in the intended final arrangement. Stability and right procedure master personal instabilities. Exact conformity to the Plan masters the urge to compromise or appease for the sake of personal peace and comfort. The ability to compromise and seek equitable

solutions aids the implementation or precipitation of the envisioned order. Order is adorned with beauty.

R7S/R5P—The urge to order, structure and restructure is expressed with expert knowledge of all technical details involved in the expression. Technology serves the implementation of the divine order and the manifestation of the Plan. Right timing and the sense of fittingness and appropriateness master mere curiosity seeking. Deep respect for custom, law, social convention and the social order master the sometimes irreverent desire to probe. Positively, the welfare of the social order is seen to rest upon the edifice of scientific enquiry. Exact knowledge serves the optimum structuring of civilization. The renovation of the forms and patterns of human living is carried forth with the help of accurate understanding and common sense.

R7S/R6P—The urge to order, structure, and restructure is expressed as a one-pointed ideal. Certain forms and patterns are promoted zealously and devotedly. Sequential procedure master enthusiastic impulse. The sense of perfect timing masters the emotional disregard for proper rhythm. The individual becomes personally devoted to certain forms of organization, certain rules or protocols. An almost mystical belief in the divine order is found. The mastery of life in matter overcomes the evasion of life in matter (i.e., matter of the lowest plane). Regulation masters passion. One-pointed enthusiasm serves the detailed manifestation of the Plan. The devoted member of an order; the devoted ritualist.