

# The Healing Of The Nations

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*In world events, is it not possible to perceive the manifestation of Fire? Observe the relationships of nations, the magnet of ideas, the dissemination of thoughts, and all the signs of public opinion. These flashes of flame are not caused by any means of communication, but by something else, which stands beyond. (FIERY WORLD 1, 55)*

## Russia: Its Ray And Astrological Influences

"It should be remembered that each ray embodies an idea which can be sensed as an ideal. The rays in time produce the world pattern that moulds all planetary forms and thus bears witness to the inner potency of the evolutionary processes. This pattern-forming tendency is being recognized today by modern psychology in connection with the human being and his emotional or thought patterns are being charted and studied. So it is with the nations and races also. Every ray produces three major patterns that are imposed upon the form nature, whether it be that of a man, a nation or a planet. These three patterns are: the emotional pattern, embodying the aspiration of a man, a nation, or a race; it is the sum total of the desire tendency at any one time; the mental pattern, emerging later in time and governing the thought processes of a man, a nation or a race. The emotional and mental patterns are the negative and positive aspects of the personality of a man, a nation or a race. The soul pattern is the predisposing and spiritual goal, the ring-pass-not or destiny that the spiritual principle succeeds eventually in imposing upon the personality of a man, a nation, or a race. This soul pattern eventually supersedes and obliterates the two earlier pattern-producing processes." (Bailey, 1949,57-8)

In this essay the intention is to work with an attitude of synthesis, connecting and linking ideas and facts in one meaningful and coherent whole. The impinging energies that give rise to the world of outer appearances and phenomena will be recognized. The soul and personality energies of Russia will be explored from the angle of ray and astrological influences and within the general framework of past, present and future of the nation. The initial impact of a ray or astrological energy, its distortion and the process of gradual refinement will be identified as the national psychological entity grapples with conflicts generated through the interplay of soul and personality energies, integrates personality and soul and evokes greater soul contact in response to inflowing energy, natural predisposition, and psycho-spiritual crisis.

### Governing Energies:

**Soul:** Ray 7, Ceremonial Magic, Ritual and Organization

**Astrological sign:** Aquarius, with its rulers Uranus, Jupiter & the Moon, transmitting Rays 7, 2, 4, and 3.

**Personality:** Ray 6, Idealism & Devotion  
**Astrological sign:** Leo, with the Sun ruling the exoteric, esoteric, and hierarchical life; and its planetary rulers, the Sun, Uranus and

Neptune, transmitting rays 2 (love-wisdom), 7 (organization, ritual & magic), 6 (idealism & devotion).

### **Past**

In order to explore the influence of the soul and personality ray and astrological energies, major national psychological and social patterns, themes and trends and focused areas of significant activity have been identified. Through this process it may be possible to recognize the modes of impact of the rays and astrological signs, energy distortions and their effectiveness to date in the spiritual integration of the nation.

### **The Soul**

In this section I will explore the national life from the angle of the major energies influencing at the level of the soul: ray 7, the zodiacal sign of Aquarius, and energies making themselves manifest through archetypes, symbols and images of significance in the national life. The soul gives the national entity its spiritual purpose and quality, keynote, its source of joy, and meaning.

### **Synthesis**

Synthesis, unification, and integration are key words indicating purposive energy, process and consequences for the planetary life in the New Age and the 7th ray is "programmed" to transmit these energies and ideas to human consciousness. Russian planners have long thought in larger terms than small individual units. Their society is based on large economic units and groupings, and planning for the whole. "The idea of breaking things up into smaller units for greater efficiency not only runs counter to all Soviet doctrine, but is alien to the most basic Russian feelings about themselves, their country and society." (Binyon, 1983, p.145) So there is a strong emphasis on thinking in terms of the larger whole, and subordinating the individual unit to

the larger group, in tune with the universal consciousness, the humanitarianism and idealism of Aquarius. The Aquarian energy is involved in relating and binding all together in one synthetic cooperative whole (Bailey, 1951, 137). The 7th ray also conveys a sense of the pattern of the whole and how the parts within the whole might best be related in order to actualize the greatest potential of each and all. The Tibetan also notes that the tendency to fusion, blending and amalgamation must be connected with a strong Leo influence (Bailey, 1951, 286), which in Russia, is influential at the level of the personality.

### **Sense of Grandeur**

Russian architecture and construction reflects their innate sense of grandeur and love of grandiose structures. "Russians are impressed by roads that are up to 16 lanes wide, by city squares where whole army divisions can assemble, by war memorials that reach up to the sky, as Mother Russia does at Volgograd, by gargantuan meals that take a whole day to eat. Even in Tsarist days they were producing bells so big they could not be rung, cannons so cumbersome they could not be fired..." (Binyon, 1983, p.145) Smith (1976) also notes this infatuation. Size, magnitude and quantity is equated with power whether it be in relation to statues, economic growth and planning, trucks, industrial plants, or military technology (137-8). This emphasis may be related to the 7th ray, its sense of nobility and the larger whole, its creative power, interest in structures, building, and its capacity to act as a vehicle for 1st ray energy which has a definite inclination towards exaggerated impact. This may also reflect the influence of Leo energy. Also, in tune with the 7th ray soul, is an emphasis on large statues of political and archetypal figures, and the prevalence and use of religious icons. Sculpture is the 7th ray mode of artistic expression. One of the 7th ray archetypal expressions is as "the designer of beautiful

forms." Robbins (1988, vol.2) remarks, "the aura of sacredness is evoked in contemplation of those forms (divinely created or man-made) which perfectly embody some aspect of the Universal design. No ray is more 'object conscious' than the 7th. Seventh ray souls are particularly drawn to an appreciation of sacred objects as symbolic precipitations of perfectly organized subjective potencies."(308)

### **Interest in the Supernatural, the Magical**

The 7th ray with its sensitivity to the unseen worlds evokes a strong interest in the spiritual realms. In its lowest manifestations this is expressed through an attraction to psychic powers, the supernatural, spiritualism, and extra-terrestrial visitation. Russia has long had a reputation for its parapsychology research and popular interest in the paranormal. Robbins (1988, vol.2) points out that the 7/6 ray combination can express itself through extreme superstition. Binyon (1983) comments, "Russia has a long tradition of untrained miracle workers of whom Rasputin was by no means the last. Tass news agency has carried stories about workers who are able to detail your medical history without touching your body, and the Academy of Medical Sciences has long been carrying out full-scale research into para-psychology, telepathy and biorhythms, a favorite topic of popular scientific journalism." (p.53) In its higher aspects the 7th ray is connected with the archetype of the occultist and spirituality in its broadest most inclusive connotations, rather than simply a narrow emphasis on the lower psychic powers and odd supernatural phenomena. The Aquarian soul with its scientific bent is therefore being appropriately applied to this field. Through research fact will be discriminated from fantasy, and the scientific truth of the subtle realms of spiritual energy may be substantiated. The humanitarian outlook of Aquarius will also

facilitate recognition of the connectedness of spirituality with right human relationships, human rights, and the orientation to serve. The nation's sense of the spiritual dimension will also be evidenced through spiritual psychology and white magic and is captured in the symbol of the Russ~Byzantine double-headed eagle. Moscow was historically viewed as the "3rd Rome" and the tsarist autocracy utilized the symbol of the double-headed eagle which was also associated with the Byzantine Empire and the Greek Orthodox Church in Constantinople. Hall (1977) describes it as an ancient emblem of equilibrium, completion and androgyny, the Philosopher's Stone, the ultimate soul condition, the fullest unfoldment of the latent potentialities within. The double-headed eagle certainly carries 7th ray themes of blending the opposites, resolving conflict, uniting intellect and intuition, masculine and feminine energies, making inner and outer one. These are themes of the universal soul in its evolutionary journey. According to orthodox astrology, Scorpio is prominent in Russia's chart. The eagle is actually often associated with Scorpio (Aquila the eagle, the bird out of time and space, the spirit aspect into which we seek liberation through the air, the mental nature). Hall (1977) also notes that the double-headed eagle is actually a double-headed phoenix, and "to all initiates and philosophers, the phoenix is the symbol of the transmutation and regeneration of the creative energy commonly called the accomplishment of the Great Work. The double headed phoenix is the prototype of an androgynous man, for according to the secret teachings there will come a time when the human body will have two spinal cords, by means of which vibratory equilibrium will be maintained in the body." (XCI) These ideas seem peculiarly relevant to the psyche of Russia with its 7th ray soul emphasis on spiritual magic and its 6th ray personality goal of finding balance and moderation.

## Order

Under the influence of the 7th ray, the Russian people evidence their need for, and the importance of living in accordance with, law and order. In Russia this has been taken to an extreme. The society has become over regulated, a tight and restrictive order has been imposed from above by the Party hierarchy. Some writers have attempted to relate this to a need for emotional and physical security in response to old memories and to fears generated by repeated invasions by European and Asian powers, peasant revolts and civil wars, royal intrigues and political assassinations. (Shipley, 1983, 308-9) While these factors may contribute to this need they seem inadequate as a total explanation. Recognizing the 7th ray influence encourages us to look deeper than superficial emotional and behavioral responses to external and environmental events. Shipley talks about the "low threshold of uncertainty, the fear of what cannot be controlled" (325) present in the Russian psyche. Even "the very word for order, 'poryadok,' has a special mystique. Language dictionaries render it as 'proper order, procedure, sequence.' To Westerners, putting things in order, tidiness, neatness, organization is an understandable rendering. To Russians it can simply mean that things are OK, hunky dory. But just as often 'poryadok' carries the firm undertone of law and order: things going the way the authorities, the bosses, prescribe - usually the political bosses, but just as easily the factory director, shop foreman, school teacher, even the parents. The echelons above. It is not a frightening word, but a strict one. It conveys a sense of someone standing over you or somewhere unseen but nonetheless keeping an eye on you to make sure things go as they should." (Shipley, 1983, 312) A 7th ray archetype is "the conformist" and its shadow side has the quality of over-emphasis on rules and regulations, formalities, clinging to the security of established forms and programs, attachment to structure rather than the spirit that informs it. As Robbins (1988, Vol.1) notes: "Divinity needs scope to

express its endless fecundity. The seed of spirit within the human being demands freedom above all, and will induce violent rebellion if confined by artificial patterns of conduct (i.e. spiritually repressive laws, rules and regulations) the construction of which was motivated by fear, and the purpose of which is simply to "keep people in place". (143) This 7th ray energy can eventually be wielded appropriately, in the light of the real needs of the people rather than in order to preserve some fixed ideal of social, political and legal rectitude.

## Words of Power, Incantations, Sloganeering

Shipley (1983) describes Russia as having characteristics of a "synthetic world created by the sentences that Row endlessly from newspaper columns and radios, from toasts and speeches, from the banners and signs that deface streets and factories like some state-subsidized graffiti. All carry a unanimous, heroic, self-congratulatory message that all is well and getting better." (252) Excessive political sloganeering has been evident in Russian life, appealing to the collective conscience and political and social will of the people to support the economic Plan and Party political orientation. This quality could be associated with the 7th ray and its emergence through words of power, slogans and catch phrases. (Bailey, 1949, 131) The 7th ray energy gives rise to the archetype of the magician, using incantations to influence consciousness. This is magical work, in the past distorted and used in service of the needs of the Party political elite, but later on can be employed to serve the soul purpose and in understanding cooperation with the Plan.

## Ritual & Ceremony

The 7th ray archetypes of the ritualist and pageant master are invoked through the emphasis in politics and religion (the Russian Orthodox Church) on great pomp and ceremony in processions, festivals, ritual performances and celebrations. The themes of

ritual and ceremony are also reflected in the pronounced routine style and standardization of many aspects of Russian social life.

### **Group Life, Community, The Kollektiv**

"The Russian language does not have a word for privacy. In the natural order of things, the individual simply takes second place to "kollektiv" (Shipley, 1983, 376) While Western life has emphasized individuality and personal freedom, the Russian is closely tied to his kollektiv and to his nation. This group and collective focus influences patterns of leisure: group vacations in sanatoria, organized excursions, clubs and groups for a multitude of activities from chess to philately, music to sport. The group life also involves enforced, imposed participation in "voluntary social work," such as giving talks on Lenin, and unpaid non-official political duties. This orientation of the individual to sacrifice self on the altar of the life of the larger group and nation is a wonderful ideal - the collective is seen as a potent force for good, as capable of evoking the very best qualities of the individual - however its distortion has resulted in group conformism to the point of stifling individual creativity and difference. The 7th ray emphasis is on group living and coordination - its shadowy distortion is conformism. This enforced group conformity may also be connected with the misuse of Aquarian soul energy. The energy of Aquarius can be applied coercively, particularly if the self-will of a Leo personality is not fully attuned with the refined and higher vibration of the transpersonal self or soul. This energy can be used to force people to conform to a personality's idea of what's right. "The worker for whom the revolution is fought is coerced into a behavior pattern and a life in which he has not a jot of freedom - to pursue either his own religious inclinations, his own creative enterprise, or his own freedom of speech. Yet the battle was fought for his freedom...Now the hypocrisy of the Aquarian shadow isn't deliberate ... this strange shadow side appears

because he's so rigid in his expectations of himself and of others." (Greene, 1980, 373) The Aquarian can be insensitive to real needs, human limitations and psychological status, stubbornly fanatical and inflexible in adapting and translating the ideal to the practical reality of group and interpersonal relationships. Conformism thus has operated to reinforce the power of the Party and higher authorities who may not always be acting in accordance with the greater good. As Robbins (1988, vol.1) notes, "many of those upon the 7th ray spend their time in rigid conformity to an inadequate pattern." (146) The energy of Taurus, governing the soul of the nation's capital, also transmits much will energy to the national life and psyche. A statement made by the Tibetan concerning the use and misuse of this will energy seems appropriate here: "Owing to the world glamour, the true purpose and ideal set before our planetary forces by the all-creating Will becomes distorted by many people. They are not polarized in the divine will but are as yet centered in their personalities and hence only the few appreciate the beauty of the intended group life, group purpose and group fusion. Group living tends to the fulfillment of free will in service and a free subordination of the lower will to the higher purpose in group formation. Through the glamour contacted, however, this group activity and life becomes twisted into the imposed will and the concept of the super-state. This produces the imprisonment of the mind and the curtailment of all freedom, all free thought and free will. The man becomes the captive of the man-made state. This gives a clue to much that is happening today and to the headstrong progress of the glamored peoples, to the stiffening of individuals in their separative wrong idealisms and to their acceptance of the imposition of a rule of life and an order of living which is imposed upon them by force and which is not the free expression of a free people." (Bailey, 1951, 384) The ideal form of group life finds some resonance with the Slavophiles (a Russian nationalist group) notion of the commune (the

peasant mir), which to them represents the fulfillment of the principles of Christianity in Russian life: " ... The commune represents a moral choir, and, as in a choir, an individual's voice is not lost, but subordinated to the general pattern, it is heard in harmony with all the voices. Thus, the individual is not lost in the commune, but renouncing exclusiveness for harmony with the whole, it finds itself...in harmony with equally selfless individuals." (Aksakov, Sochineniia, cited by Pushkarev, 1963, 81)

### **Rule Bound, Sense of Propriety**

Shiple (1983) noted the loss of integrity associated with being rule-bound (pg117). Much energy used to be put into maintaining an appearance of living up to the Party ideals, eg: in education (with grading procedures), politics, the fulfillment of the economic Plan (Shiple, 118). Smith (1976) noted that "a quintessential Russian scene (is) an unnecessarily complex set of rules laid down by...authorities, (and) ordinary Russians engineering ways to beat the system" (182). They seemed to acquire an acute sense of what is or is not socially appropriate (a 7th ray skill par excellence), and develop the capacity to play out private and public/official and personal lives of alternating conformity to group norms and standards and freer individual expression. Shiple (1983) noted the rule-bound quality of the education system, drawing parallels with the Catholic education system. (p.97) As DK reminds us, the Catholic Church is influenced by the 1st, 6th, and 7th rays - rays also influencing the Russian psyche. The inhibiting self-censorship of most Russians regarding the state of their own society was a habit born from fear of and loyalty to the political regime. It also "springs from a national mania for dressing up reality at all costs and covering up the secret vices and virtues of Russian life or the awkward truths that do not square with Communist propaganda." (Smith, 1976, 31) It is common for many nations to play down the negative aspects and problems of their national life in

order to make a good impression on other countries and focus on potential for betterment, but in Russia this seems to have been taken to extremes. "Under the czars this was called "Potemkinizing," after the prince who erected fake villages along the highway used by Catherine the Great to impress her with the wealth of his region. Nowadays, Russians call it Pokazukha, for show. (Smith, 323) The 7th ray is the beautifier of the form and this emphasis on appearances, on making things look good on the surface could be considered a distortion of this energy quality. Where there is attunement to inner purpose and de-identification from the form, then that which needs to be changed in order to free the indwelling life can be clearly visualized and the old swept aside to make way for the new, without any apology. The entity lives according to its best ability and continually seeks to improve the form in order that consciousness may shine through with greater freedom beauty and radiance.

### **Government**

Russia's ray make-up predisposes it to strong political interest and emphasis given that the Tibetan has indicated the political field will attract workers mainly on the 1st, 6th and 7th rays. The archetypal influences of the political ideologue, revolutionary, and reformer are well represented in the nation's psyche life. Russia, as well as its 6<sup>th</sup> and 7th ray, is also responsive to the 1st ray via Leo and Taurus (soul ruler of the capital, Moscow), and the 7th ray itself is a powerful conductor/transmitter and grounder of 1st ray energy. Aquarius and Leo with their keynotes of synthesis and integration can have a significant impact on the government and politics of a nation. "Leo is the polar opposite of Aquarius, and the interplay of energies between these two is far more potent than at any previous time in racial history...It is because of this fact that you have the appearance of the various dictators in different countries at this time...an attitude...which has real racial value. It is the attitude that leads to a synthesis of the national life, aims and

intentions." (Bailey, 1951, 285) A tsarist autocracy ruled for many centuries even while more democratic systems were developing rapidly in Western European countries. There were some experiments with limited national assemblies (the Zemskt Sobor (1866) and Duma or council of nobles (1906) and constituent assembly in 1918), however in the 1800's the problem of serfdom and the State's obligation towards political and social reform received greater recognition. The State came to be regarded as a trust with duties and responsibilities concerning the national welfare and interest. (Sturley, 1964, 103) The powers and privileges of the nobility were diminished as more power was accorded a growing bureaucracy. This indicates possible infusion of 7th ray and Aquarian energy responsible for the political reforms and the initiation of the diminution of class privileges, so too the emphasis on responsibility, human welfare and duty. Bureaucracies are also large hierarchical organizations and thus would be greatly influenced by 7th ray energy. Interestingly, the October manifesto after the first Russian Revolution, signifying the end of absolute monarchy was dated 10/17/1905.  $1+0+1+1+9+0+5 = 24$  and 24 is the number of Shamballa ( $1+8+1+4d+1+3+3+1$ ). This probably signified a moment of contact with the spiritual will of the nation, bringing about closer soul alignment and major shifts in its political and social life. It is interesting too that the current Russian revolution, perestroika, was initiated in 1987, 70 years after the October 1917 revolution. That is ten, 7 year cycles later. Ten is the number of perfection, the number seven is keyed to the note of the soul, and is a number associated with grounding, anchoring, bringing heaven or soul impulse to earth. The cycle of energy release and grounding through form has reached a state of completion. This crystallized form which is no longer useful, is now being shattered by the spiritual will of the nation in order that the nation's consciousness be released into new and improved forms which better reflect its current evolutionary status.

Russia is ready for a continuation of the revolution and further transmission of the spiritual energy released in 1917, this time on a higher turn of the evolutionary spiral.

Since a nation's flag carries symbols of relevance to the national life it might be of interest to explore the possible significance of the Russian flag that has a red background, a 5-pointed star, and a hammer and sickle. The 5-pointed star is a familiar symbol that can be associated with perfected humanity, the NGWS, the 5th initiation, the 5 major planetary centers. It may be that Russia has the potential to be a cooperating agent in those planetary processes contributing to the great expansions of human consciousness predicted for this Aquarian age. The 5 pointed star could also be connected with the 5th sign, Leo, which rules its personality. The hammer and sickle at one level represents the union of the peasants and proletariat. It also conveys a vision of a new order, and an idea of the tools required to both destroy the old (the sickle), and help shape/form the new (the hammer). The idea of a process of breaking down old structures that inhibit the new life and of a reconstruction of a new order are easily associated with the energies of the 7th and 1st rays and the planet Vulcan, the molder and shaper of forms in line with the spiritual will. The color red is connected with the 6th ray, religious aspiration, desire, and duality; and also with the 1st ray of will/power that the 7th ray so easily can act as a channel for. The Russian word for "red" (krasny) is of the same root as "kraisvy" (beautiful). In antiquated usage, krasny itself meant "beautiful." Traditionally Russian Orthodox families had a "red corner" for religious icons, oil lamps or candles. The connection between red and beauty is interesting, bringing to mind the 1st ray Master Morya, who often highlights and emphasizes "beauty" in the Agni Yoga series of books. The 1st ray Master is also connected with the global political field which is most strongly influenced by the 1st, 6th and 7th rays according to the Tibetan Master, D.K. With the suppression of religion, the color red

is now mainly used in association with political idealism, e.g., a room called the Red Corner is set aside for Pioneer and Komsomol (Young Communist) meetings at schools; and the red granite Lenin mausoleum.

### **Economy**

The economy, in keeping with the 7th ray holistic and synthetic orientation, is coordinated by the State through a highly centralized bureaucracy in Moscow; and the national assets are state-owned and operated. The State controls the economy through the instrumentality of "the Plan" which is actually a complex of plans directing the setting of production targets, prices, allocation of materials and labor for all state enterprises. The Economic Plan might be viewed as an ideal blueprint to inform the scientific management, coordination and organization (words describing 7th ray activity) of human and material resources, a method for achieving optimal growth and productive capacity. The centralized bureaucracy can operate to mobilize power, resources and vital services to distant parts of the immense land while it simultaneously stifles creativity, initiative and innovation. It makes available average quality services to a large number, while the highest quality service is available for the political, social, and bureaucratic elite. (Shipley, 1983, 216) Along with dramatic growth, it has spawned rigidity, waste, and lopsided development, (Smith, 1976, 26 & 9) inappropriate, rigid goals and targets in relation to demand; deception at all levels regarding the fulfillment of Plan quotas - quality has been overlooked, and standardization has been favored over innovation. Once again the 7th ray capacity for conformity, rigid planning and routine is highlighted.

### **Culture**

Russia has had a rich culture represented by such great persons as Tolstoy, Dostoevsky, Chekhov, Pasternak, Solzhenitsyn, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Stravinsky,

Nijinsky, Pavlova, Diaghilev, Roerich. "Soviet citizens are the world's leading cultural consumers. More books are published, more film tickets are sold, more theatres and opera houses and dance companies maintained in the Soviet Union than in any other nation... perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this culture is its achievement of such greatness and popularity in an environment hostile to individual creativity" from the time of the tsars to more modern dictatorial oppression. (Dyker, 1987, p.117) The 7th ray energy is associated with spiritual culture, the fostering of the creative arts in many forms as they house the inner subjective aspirations and beauty of the Russian psyche. With the Russian emphasis on athletics, gymnastics, ballet, the 7th ray is also implicated in physical culture through the development of grace, rhythm, physical discipline, and coordinated activity.

### **The Personality**

In this section I will be exploring the personality of the national life that is ruled by the energy of the 6th ray of idealism and devotion and the astrological energy of Leo. The personality, whether it be of a human being, a group, a nation, or a larger entity, gives the entity a sense of self-hood (id-entity) and integrity, coordinates the body, emotions and mind, and acts as the vehicle of expression for the soul on the physical plane. It can also be the major way of obstructing the inspiration of the spiritual self, and of limiting soul unfoldment through maintaining the focus on personal ideas, values, needs and desires disconnected and divorced from those of the larger group, the environing whole, or the one soul.

### **Religious Aspiration, Mysticism, Sense of Reverence**

In the early stages of the national life and throughout the period of invasions, the Church was reported to have had a unifying effect (Sturley, 1964) representing and helping focus the 6th ray personality energies, giving the nation some sense of integrity while its social



and political fabric was being threatened. The Russian Orthodox Church has for long been the guardian of Russian culture and ceremonial life. To Christianity, Moscow has been like the 3rd Rome. Smith (1976) remarks that there are twice as many church adherents as card-carrying communists. (21) The attraction to the Church, to religion, seems to reflect a deep psychological need in, or intrinsic quality of, the Russian character, to have some inclusive truth, belief, or system of thought to explain and make sense of life. Both communism and religion "provide an anchor against a swirling sea of terrifying ambiguity and doubt, both can soothe the spiritual hunger for awe and reverence, once filled by czars and saints and then by the figures of Lenin and Stalin as more than earthly beings." (Shipley, 1983, 268) Their sense of religion and devotion is so strong that political leaders such as Lenin have been venerated, as a religious leader might be, and communism made a form of secular religion (Smith, 1976, 337-9). Typical 6th ray activities and interests include political work through idealism (Bailey, 1962, 173), religion, Christianity and organizing the mystical aspiration of the emotionally polarized masses (Bailey, 1955, 221). The 6th ray qualities of devotion, single-mindedness, love, tenderness, intuition, loyalty, reverence (Bailey, 1962, 208) are also strongly evident in this pattern. So too, are the 6th ray shadow qualities of dependence on others, blind faith and sectarianism, rigidity of self around an ideal, belief, or person.

### **Extremism, Emotionalism, Sentimentalism**

These are all clearly 6th ray qualities. Binyon (1983) has noted the tendency of the Russian to emotional extremes. "Russians deliberately court excess: when hospitality is offered it is overwhelming, with no thought for expense, when Russians are happy, they display an exuberance and uninhibited enjoyment of life that sometimes verges on the manic - one thinks of all those stereotyped revelers dancing on the tables; when they are sad, they weep

unashamedly and seem cast in the depth of despair. And typically, they often display both emotions in extreme at the same time." (p.151) Smith (1976) has commented on the great personal affection shown by the Russian people: "the effusive emotional outpouring that occurs when Russians greet or part at a railroad station." (134-7) While Russians are often seen as cold and impersonal in public, they can be warm and generous in private (Smith, 1976, 136). Smith also describes the maudlin sentimentality of Russians, which he relates to the great suffering which they have endured which has not only produced a nation of stoics but has also helped fashion a nation of incurable romantics. (143) "Russians are like Italians in their love of strong emotions and undiluted heroics. In spirit they are the most northern of Latin peoples." (Smith, 145) The Tibetan has informed us that Italy is a nation with a strong 6th ray influence (Bailey, 1949). This emotional consciousness also reveals itself in erratic work practices known as "storming the Plan" (shturmovshchina). "Storming to fulfill the monthly, quarterly or annual Plan turns every month into a sort of crazy industrial pregnancy, sluggish in gestation and frenzied at the finish...(production) can only begin on the 15th or 20th when all materials have been received. So factories must fulfill about 80% of the Plan (quotas) in the last 10-15 days. No one cares any longer about quality. Volume is the main thing. (Shipley, 1983, 26~7)

### **Adversarial Consciousness, Militarism**

Some say that the lack of an ice-free seaport and unrestricted trade route access was a big incentive to the expansion of Russia's borders via military conquest with its consequent of continual wars and political discontent. (Sturley, 1964, p.8) However, a 6th ray personality could also predispose to militarism, combat and a tendency to interfere in the life of other nations. The Russia of the past had a very competitive relationship with America; world events were viewed in terms of an

adversarial consciousness. This attitude required preparedness and readiness for armed combat and conflict with the externally perceived enemy, hence was a type of psychological fuel for the arms race. Now the concern with power over is giving way to an interest in the power to promote right human relationships and an emphasis on expressed goodwill and understanding. The Leo energy can promote an awareness of aloneness, isolation, independence, egocentrism, and the selfish, ambitious display of power. Unless sensitivity is developed to other people's abilities and capacity for self-knowledge and a self-directed life, much enmity and antagonism can be cultivated. With evolution this egocentrism can shift to a focus on the enviroing group, its purpose and needs. Taurus is the astrological ruler of Moscow and Vulcan is the esoteric and hierarchical ruler of Taurus - "the forger of metals, the one who works in the densest, most concrete expression of the natural world (from the human angle), the one who goes down into the depths to find the material on which to expend his innate art and to fashion that which is beautiful and useful...stands for the soul, the individual, inner, spiritual man, rules the inner man and his fashioning...also rules nations at an embryonic stage of soul expression...governs their activities, fashioning the instruments of war when war and conflict are the only means whereby liberation may come ..." (Bailey, 1951, p.386) So while the Taurean energy may initially predispose the nation to the settling of differences through physical plane battle, eventually the conflict is shifted to a higher level for psychological resolution. All crises are transformed into opportunities for spiritual illumination and growth of understanding through the activity of the lighted mind and a changed perspective.

### **Trust**

In a nation where suspicion has been widespread due to the presence and activity of KGB informers, it is little wonder that qualities such as trust and loyalty are highly

valued by Russians. (Binyon, 1983, p.151) Smith (1976) also commented on the Russian search for deep intimacy in relationships, the value placed on commitment, loyalty, trust, bound up with their need to be able to discriminate between true friend and potential political informer, their tendency to directness and openness "that makes Americans feel Russians are like them in temperament, more so than the complicated French or the restrained British and Germans. Russians call this openness their broad spirit, shirokaya dusha, and they pride themselves on talking openly dusha-dushe, heart to heart, or literally soul to soul." (143) The recognition of similarity by Americans may also be a sensing of the 6th ray personality energy quality of both nations.

### **Idealism**

The national idealism has been focused since early this century through socialism. This was meant to be a steppingstone for the national sociopolitical life on its way to communism, the breakdown of class distinctions and privileges, the abolition of capitalism and "bourgeois property." Soviet ideology was meant to be flexible and pragmatic, adaptable to meet the needs of the time. As with many ideologies (e.g. democracy), ideological debate has been suppressed through emphasis on economic pragmatism, and crystallization into a particular view of how the ideology takes form. The party has moved from being an agent of social change to guardian of the status quo, and conformity to human law. This shows the influence of conforming 7th ray energy and also the 6th ray tendency to rigidify around an ideal.

### **Present**

While in the immediate present the national focus is undergoing a temporary shift towards a more authoritarian approach, the nation's recent major themes are "perestroika," "glasnost" and "democratization." In these three themes it's possible to see the workings of the rays and astrological influences: the 1st

and 7th rays in the destruction of the old forms and the process of restructuring; 2nd and 6th rays in openness and tolerance of many voices, opinions and perspectives; 2nd ray and the Leo Aquarius influence in democratization. It is possible to see many parallels between the changes recommended by Gorbachev and the ideas outlined in Medvedev's (1975) book "On Social Democracy." This is a critique written from within the system by one who remains a professed Marxist. He believes that change has to come from within the current framework, and that socialism can be viewed as a flexible system able to adapt to current needs in a more growth oriented fashion. He considered that "the founders of Maoism always stressed the continuously creative character of their doctrine, that it was incomplete and would have to be constantly perfected and developed." And in Lenin's words: "We in no way regard the theory of Man as something finished and inviolate; we are convinced, on the contrary, that it only laid the foundation stone of that science which socialists must develop further in all directions if they do not want to be left behind by life." (Medvedev, 1975, p.323) And of course the changes being introduced also reflect in part the years of work of famous dissidents such as Sakharov, who strived for a system which gave recognition to individual freedoms and rights, demilitarization, detente, greater democratization, media freedom, decentralization of the economy and increased privatization and free enterprise. The change process has also been catalyzed by such representatives of Russian culture as Solzhenitsyn and Dostoevsky who highlighted the ethical and moral dilemmas facing the country, the flaws of the system, and revealed something of the country's mystical heart. Over the next few pages recent changes and events will be explored under the broad themes of perestroika, democratization, and glasnost and in the light of the soul - personality integration process and the ray and astrological influences current.

## **1. Perestroika**

Robbins (1988, 2) suggests that in the initial stages of the 7/6 soul-personality integration, the entity will be focused on developing "a rigidly ritualized, tightly ordered life conducive to physical plane safety and security as well as the uncompromising satisfaction of the ideals and goals to which the personality is passionately devoted ... wants, primarily, to lead a highly predictable (hence, relatively risk free) life, to avoid having to think for himself or act upon his own initiative" (748-9). From the advent of Stalinism up to the present day reforms it has been possible to observe the 7/6 ray energy distorted in the form of the national entity as a "routine oriented" person, irrevocably attached to a certain form of procedure, rigidly conditioned to conform." The emphasis on perestroika reflects the energy of the soul of the nation influencing its personality life. Gorbachev (1987) described perestroika as "restructuring, a policy of accelerating the country's social and economic progress and renewing all spheres of life" (p.10). The 7th ray we are told is one of the direct lines along which the 1st ray can travel, and thus helps with the release of consciousness from form and the release of life into new and improved forms, when the old ways of living, of culture and of civilization have to be destroyed or modified (Bailey, 1949, 121). It is apparent that the 7th ray therefore, as the soul ruler of Russia, and as it increasingly influences the planetary whole as we move within the influence of the sign of Aquarius, is responsible for much of the present social and political upheaval and the present process of reform and restructuring taking place in Russia and the whole Eastern bloc. Russia is developing a social and political system that more truly reflects the ideals of the Aquarian age of group living and coordination and the innate need of the 7th ray soul for law, order and pattern and practical action based thereon. It is involved in the creation of new forms to house the new spirit of the times and bring through the subjective synthesis of the one humanity to the physical plane. It was an interesting metaphor of

national process that in 1989, while the Russians were exhuming remains of bodies of those shot by Stalin's secret police and exposing the worst of their brand of politics to the light of day, the nation was facing its past, its impact on the present life of the nation, and its implications for the future. This psychological perestroika is the necessary inner process to accompany and precede any changes in the socioeconomic life of the nation, or its extroverted expression. And it is a mark of the spiritual aspect of the 7th ray to work with the link that connects the inner subjective realms to the outer world of organizational and structural change. The restructuring that has recently been initiated will no doubt require many years to work through. And in the working through we may find the nation swings between an over-emphasis on the form or structures it operates through to an emphasis on the subjective life and inner process that informs those structures. To Gorbachev, perestroika means "unceasing concern for cultural and spiritual wealth, for the culture of every individual and society as a whole...the elimination from society of distortions of socialist ethics...the unity of words and deeds, rights and duties..." (p.34-5). In this the Aquarian soul energy and the 7th ray are creating an emphasis on human rights and relationships, duty and ethics.

A major area for reconstruction is the economic field. And one way in which this restructuring is being forwarded is through demilitarization. Soviet armed forces are being cut and the military budget is being slashed. At the Eastern bloc summit of Warsaw Pact nations (Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Romania) on 7/8/89 the major focus was on ways to ensure stability throughout the world without nuclear or chemical weapons, and cutting back military forces and spending. This seems to indicate that the strong Martian influence on that national grouping is waning, the 6th ray of militant idealism and fanaticism giving way to the cooperative, integrating and economic emphasis of the 7th ray. With

regards the economic problem the Tibetan noted many years ago that: "In the USSR you have the problem of the leveling of the masses in all classes; this leveling has produced a low standard of living and the work to be done is to raise more than to bridge. This leveling produces serious conflict...a conflict between the mounting human spirit and the force of the totalitarian regime that seeks to hold it down, killing individualism. The innate strength of the human spirit to rise has never failed, and this conflict will prove the agent in harmonizing many factors." (Bailey, 1960, 633) So while the economic conditions are difficult, they also present a challenge and opportunity for the evocation of the soul of the people. A major focus of this economic effort is decentralization - a 7th ray theme. Of course, so far economic reform has been inadequate in comparison to the need. Standards of living are not just stagnating but deteriorating. The old habit of authoritarian centralization is proving hard to break through and replace with a more decentralized democratic system. The task is gigantic. With Gorbachev's recent election to the Presidency his major promise has been to focus on economic reform. It is interesting that, regarding the rights of nations to self-determination, and secession from the union, "Lenin insisted that this right must be retained after a democratic and even after a socialist revolution in order to make it clear that membership in the union of socialist nations was equal and voluntary. At the same time, Lenin did say that, while defending the principle of national self-determination and opposing any attempt to exert pressure by force or unjust means, the Bolsheviks were primarily concerned with the unity and solidarity of the proletariat of all nations. According to Lenin, Bolsheviks should only in certain circumstances support demands 'aimed at creating a new class state or a single political entity with a weaker federal one. The important thing for Bolsheviks was that the right of self determination be guaranteed, not that self determination actually be put into practice." (Medvedev, p.279) Perhaps this

should be kept in mind in relation to the various republics' current demands for political separation. A key issue here seems to be the need for a voluntary union rather than the coercive one of the past. The interplay between the polar opposites of Leo-Aquarius brings about a deepening of the qualities associated with each sign; e.g. individuality/universality; selfishness/ sacrifice and selfish service/ group service. We can witness some re-balancing taking place between the opposites; e.g. individual and group needs, the rights of the individual and group law and order, the rights of the republics/rights of the USSR, privatization versus collective/public/ state ownership. Initially this energy interplay can foster personal competitiveness, self-interest and dominance for personality objectives. Rampant individualism or collectivism can turn to dictatorship. This dominance of the group by a powerful minority has certainly been evident in Russian social and political life until very recently. Ultimately this interplay leads to a dynamic and progressive balance between individual and group/universal, whole and part, motivated by the good of the whole and service of the Plan.

## **2.Glasnost**

The "lifting of the iron curtain," the opening up of society is further evidence of a freeing up process and spiritual transformation at work. The Tibetan has noted that, "the major sin of Russia, and that which has prostituted and warped the initial divine impulse underlying the ideology of that country, is the determination she demonstrates at this time to be isolationists and to shut the Russian people away from world contact, using the implements of deception and the withholding of information. It is not the totalitarian nature of the Russian government that is the prime disaster; it is the refusal to develop the universal consciousness. Many governments today are totalitarian in nature, either openly or subtly, but - at the same time - their peoples have free access to press and radio and are not kept in ignorance of world events. Russia is

drifting into a pronounced expression of the great heresy of separateness. There lies her problem." (Bailey, 1960, 595) The Tibetan's comments identified a shadow side of the 7 & 6 ray combination - crystallization of a particular interpretation of ideology, program or organized way of carrying out the national planning process. In order to maintain obedience/devotion to the chosen ideal, the nation's leaders were prepared to remove essential political and social freedom. Of course a major motive for restricting communication between Russia and the world (East and West) as well as within the nation, was to prevent "contamination" by Western economic and cultural materialism. However, as Medvedev noted, the best way to counter such nefarious influences is to so strengthen and make attractive the national life by applying with creativity the principles of socialist democracy, and Manicism-Leninism that the citizenship willingly accept their political system as a desirable, viable and constructive alternative. This would enable the assimilation and non-rejection of some of the many attractive technical advances and cultural values of the West. In the opening up process of glasnost, it's possible to see the activity of the 1st ray, with its emphasis on truth, honesty and directness, the 3rd ray with its capacity for intellectual freedom and abstraction unfettered by matter, or crystallized thought, and the 6th ray with its capacity to penetrate through to the idea behind the ideal and to pierce through the glamour of imprisoning mental and emotional thought forms and shatter their hold. The 7/6 archetypes and sub-personality types of the "fanatical revolutionary, and "idealistic utopian visionary" may have been more in evidence around the time of the Russian Revolution. Those high communist ideals aspired towards were fanatically imposed on the people without real regard for its appropriate adaptation to their needs. It was a great vision but many of those in leadership seemed to have little sense of the enormous changes in society that needed to exist before it could be realized. The system that did develop

spawned many "organization men," "rigid conservatives" "attached to crystallized forms, and patterns" who aided the process of imposing the political system on the masses and "maintaining law and order with the use of military might." So, "social and political forms were maintained without regard for their continued usefulness." (Robbins, 1988, 749) The economy reached a state of breakdown before the need for change was given public recognition by the authorities. The 7th ray soul seeks to ground the astral 6th ray personality through moderation and balance, divine materialism and practical mysticism (Robbins, 751), devotion to carrying through the divine order rather than a program based on a crystallized ideal, grounding the Plan which is universal through a national plan suited and appropriate to the needs of the people. It is likely though, that there will be alternations between flexibility and rigidity in government planning before the right balance is struck. The Tibetan comments that, "this ray of order and its incoming is partially responsible for the present tendency in world affairs toward governmental dictatorship and the imposed control of a central governing body." (Bailey, 1962, 26) "Much of the untimely and over-emphasized expression of the Will aspect of certain nations and individuals is connected with the coming into manifestation of this 7th ray and the passing out of the 6th ray. The problem is greatly increased by the fact that there is apparently a pronounced affinity between the fanatical idealistic will of the 6th ray - with its crystallized, directed, unwavering, emotional emphasis - and the will force of the untrained magical worker who is influenced by 7th ray energy, working through the center at the base of the spine." (Bailey, 1970, 623)

Perhaps one area that the impact of glasnost has been most evident, in a country where speech and the written word have had to be subordinated to the Party line for years, is in the media. "Ogonyok" editor, Vitali Korotich has commented: " ... something has changed in our society. Fears do not come true

as inevitably as they used to. The machine that used to subjugate by crushing rather than persuading is worn out...We are learning to say out loud words we were afraid to voice for decades...There is a very special feeling about being part of a process that is of your own making, rather than one that is imposed upon you. This feeling multiplies normal human powers." (TIME, April 10, 89) This emphasis on speaking the truth fearlessly is evidence of the soul energy beginning to manifest, the 7th ray acting as a channel for 1st ray energy. The assertiveness of the Leo personality is being allowed to express itself more freely. Leo also acts as a transmitter of 1st ray energy, so too Taurus, influencing the soul of the nation's capital. As Gorbachev notes "we stand for a broad dialogue, for the comparison of views and for debate and discussion. This stimulates thought and prevents people from falling into the conventional ruts of thinking...Dialogue between people from different worlds, people of different walks of life and with different views, is especially important. If they are united by a common concern for humankind's future, the disputes and numerous controversies between them do not prevent them from finding points of contact and coming to terms on the main issues. This is a good example for the whole world." (p.152) Of course, it's not always easy to put theory into practice. The new openness is generating so much debate and criticism of the status quo that it is proving difficult for many to find the points of unity that would ensure some measure of political and social stability. It seems though, that openness has a special role to play in dissipating international tensions. With openness, honesty, there is less room for suspicion and mistrust since people know one another's intentions and clarification of what is not understood can take place through communication instead of by guesswork and supposition, which usually adds up to the attribution of wrong motives through misinformation and projection. Gorbachev states, "Moving from suspicion and hostility to confidence," from a "balance of fear to a balance of reason and goodwill, from

narrow nationalist egoism to cooperation - this is what we are urging. This is the goal of our peace initiatives." (p.253)

In the field of religion, glasnost demonstrates in a new religious tolerance, in what has been an officially atheistic nation. In 1988 the 1000th anniversary of Christianity was celebrated, and greatly enhanced the acceptability and privileges of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Jewish community opened its first school for rabbis in 60 years in 1989. Lithuania had its first full line-up of Roman Catholic bishops in 40 years. A similar renewal is taking place among the 55 million Muslim population. According to a Time magazine report, much of this new-found religious freedom can be related to "awareness inside the Kremlin that economic and cultural stagnation stems largely from the Communists' dogged policy of repressing religion and other forms of independent thought." (April 10, 89) The work of the spiritual aspect of the 6th ray is evident here, with its emphasis on tolerance of different views and appreciation of religion. Ray 6 conveyed to men the ability to recognize the historical Christ, and to organize the Christian tradition (with its tendency to militancy and idealistic fervor and often times emotional and devotional interpretation of the great principle of Love which Christ represented). Ray 7 will reveal the Christ as the universal consciousness, an archetype, principle, presence, person and the fusion of science & religion in the Light of revelation. So while in the past the nation has had a strong emphasis on orthodox Christianity (Moscow, the 3rd Rome) the crisis and opportunity now for the nation is to recognize the wider connotations of spirituality as the broadening and deepening and grounding of the spirit and soul of humanity through new forms that contribute to evolutionary change and progress.

### **3. Democratization**

Gorbachev states that, "Perestroika can only come about through democracy. Since we see our main task as unfolding and utilizing the

potential of socialism through the intensification of the human factor, there can be no other way but democratization..." (p.32) More socialism means more democracy, openness and collectivism in everyday life, more culture and humanism in production, social and personal relations among people, more dignity and self-respect for the individual. (p.367) Medvedev also considers that socialism cannot exist without democracy, it must be an extension of democracy, with the existence of the basic democratic rights, and a place for dissent and opposition. Recognizing the problems associated with a disregard for the ethical side of socialism Medvedev notes that while Lenin recognized the need for temporary curtailment of individual freedom in the light of overall state social needs during times of revolutionary turmoil and conflict he also realized the need to reduce such restrictions with the triumph of socialism. As Lenin himself said: "The victory of socialism is impossible without the realization of democracy." (Lenin, cited by Medvedev, p.74) As the Tibetan noted, "The true communistic platform is sound; it is brotherhood in action and it does not -- in its original platform - run counter to the spirit of Christ. The imposition of intellectual and formal communism by a group of ambitious and sometimes evil men is not sound; it does not adhere to the true communistic platform, but is based on personal ambitions, love of power and on interpretations of the writings of Lenin and Man< which are also personal and run counter to the meaning of these two men." (Bailey, 1960, p.680) One of the issues currently being tackled and brought into the light through the process of democratization is that of the social, cultural and racial conflicts within the dozens of autonomous republics of the Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic (the largest of the 15 republics that make up the USSR). Binyon (1983) noted that given the great variety of peoples and races and lifestyles, without a very firm structure and tight control at the centre, there is the potential for fragmentation into separate competing units since many

suppressed tensions and quarrels exist beneath the surface. (p.205~) This is a current crisis. Where Ray 6 tends to separation, division, nationalism, Ray 7 energizes fusion synthesis, internationalism; Ray 6 fosters the sense of duality, Ray 7 integration and unity; Ray 6 the spirit of individualism, Ray 7 the group spirit, rhythm, objectives and ritual-working. So while different groups within the nation and the USSR may promote cleavage and conflict through focusing on their differences of opinion and utopian vision in comparison to the central government, the government will be working towards group cohesion and consensus in the light of the good of the whole of the nation and federation in the Eastern bloc. The tightly centralized governmental control may have kept the lid on the conflicts a little too long and in the process of conflict resolution the initial expression of previously repressed feelings and thoughts may seem more divisive than constructive and healing, but this is just one step along the way to reconciliation.

On 3/25/89 the world witnessed the direct election by Soviet citizens of 1500 members of the new Congress of Peoples' Deputies - the choosing of a new Supreme Soviet that is supposed to be genuinely open, effective and independent. The Supreme Soviet is an assembly that could be an alternative power center to the party hierarchy. On May 26, 89 the Congress of Peoples Deputies was opened, with its full-time legislature and executive President or head of State - a new parliamentary age was entered. The first steps towards a "state governed by law" (Gorbachev's aspiration) were taken. The new congress was not meant to be all powerful. In Gorbachev's words: "It is the party that acts as the guarantor of the democratic processes and profound changes that take place in society." As the Tibetan notes, "the difference between the methods of the old age and that of the new can be seen expressed in the idea of leadership by one and leadership by a group. It is the difference between the imposition of an individual's response to an idea upon his

fellowmen and the reaction of a group to an idea, producing group idealism and focalizing it into definite form, carrying forward the emergence of the idea without the dominance of any one individual...(this is) the major task today of the 7th ray disciple and to this end he must bend every energy. He must speak those words of power which are a group word, and embody the group aspiration in an organized movement." (Bailey, 1970, 145) In Russia, we can see the first trends in this direction with the current revolution that seems to be simultaneously working from the grassroots up, and from the Party hierarchy down. It could not have taken place unless the people were ready for it and demanding this kind of change for themselves and had a national leadership responsive to them. We can see the white magic of the 7th ray soul coming into play with the soul establishing a better relationship with its personality life. Instead of imposing a program born out of a narrow idealism, the soul is allowing the interplay of ideas on the mental plane of the nation, freeing its citizens of fear through glasnost, and on the physical plane attempting to unblock the circulatory flow of the nation through economic, political and social restructuring. This process is also being facilitated through the energies of Aquarius which is traditionally associated with the "Age of Enlightenment," when the darkness of ignorance is illuminated by the light of spiritual truth. Glasnost and truth revealing go together. We can also see the influence of the planet Uranus in the current change-process. The action of this planet is sudden, unexpected, explosive, transformative and revolutionary. "Uranus is the inventor, the magician, the liberator...(and) symbolizes the strong drive in Aquarius to find freedom." (Greene, 1980, p.370) Certainly Uranian energy seems evident in the current process of liberation from old forms of ideology and social organization. Robbins (1988,1,157) identifies 3 main types of 7th ray soul vision and purpose. The first sub-type focuses on bringing order out of chaos. It is possible to recognize the 7th ray activity in the attempts



to restore the current economic and political and social chaos in Russia to some order, a better order than previously existed, one more in line with the needs of the people and therefore, in true 7th ray fashion, more appropriate. The tendency to conflict and disarray can also be fostered by the Taurean energy transmitted through the soul of the national capital. When the spiritual opportunities underlying the crisis and chaos are grasped, the situation can very definitely be used to eliminate obstacles to soul contact and the grounding of spiritual energy. Through corporate suffering and pain, the desire of the people can be reoriented from materialistic emphasis to the world of spiritual values and awareness. The way out of possession by desires is through understanding and creative power, and through following the underlying plan and purpose. The light of illumination through the single-eye of Taurus can reveal to the nation via its capital and head center, the unfolding plan. Perhaps Russia is destined to reveal to humanity a fragment of the purposes of Shamballa since we are told that the "incoming Shamballa force has established relationship between Taurus, Pluto and Earth, a major cosmic triangle conditioning much that now occurs (Bailey, 1951, p.376). For those with the second 7th ray subtype emphasis, the soul is invoked for the purpose of renovating and reconstructing imprisoning forms (whether they be of beliefs, ideologies, psychological attributes or traits, emotional attachments, or physical forms such as institutions and organizations) so that the subjective spiritual qualities may be more perfectly expressed through external forms. The emphasis on glasnost, allowing freer self-expression of a people previously stifled by a rigid political regime and enforced group standard is helping to liberate the people from old thought forms that have created an ideological prison of a whole nation. Perhaps Russia's famous and also its not so well known political dissidents have kept the flame of this subtype alive in the consciousness of the Russian psyche. For those with the third 7th ray subtype emphasis, "the

conscience will speak when confronted with chaotic or unproductive group efforts - especially those aimed towards spiritual goals. The ritualization of group processes will lead to a coordination of energies, and the creation of an instrument for the invocation of divine energy...the Highest and lowest meet...union of archetype and form." (Robbins, 1988, 307) The creation of a new Congress of Peoples' Deputies can be viewed as the development of an improved government instrumentality for the invocation of energy associated with the ruling of the nation and its organization along more productive lines reflective of the inner order of its soul. The 6th ray type has a need to develop the inclusive love of the 2nd ray type, to let go of the narrow one-pointed attitude which he used to drive himself and others, he needs to welcome all visions, truths etc., if they serve to uplift others' lives. It is quite apparent that this lesson is in process of being learnt in Russia today as they let go of their fanatical adherence to a form of political ideology that has been found inadequate to the needs of the people. For the 6th ray type often "the vision touches but the outer fringe of mystery, and veils and hides reality." (Bailey, 1962, 372) The process of letting go does not mean outright rejection but rather the recognition of the truth, the divine idea underlying the ideology, and its reinterpretation in a fashion that is more appropriate to the time. The Russian people are developing the open-mindedness to draw from other political ideologies that will be useful to the national life. They are also faced with the choice of letting other nations go their own political way or imposing a way of life or political pattern that may be unsuitable for them. As the Old Commentary states: "The word goes out from soul to form: Run not so straight. The path that you are on leads to the outer circle of the life of God; the line goes forward to the outer rim. Stand at the center. Look on every side. Die not for outer forms. Forget not God, Who dwells behind the vision. Love more your fellow men."(Bailey, 1962, 372) With the 6th ray the initial impact on the emotions can be one of turmoil, violence,

fanaticism, then in time serenity, and with the aspirations more controlled, the astral body becomes a better reflector of truth and beauty. Its initial impact on the mind can be a tendency to "the crystallizing of thought, a reaction to imprisoning ideologies and a fanatical mental adherence to mass ideals, with no understanding of their relationship to the need of the time or to their intended creative aspects. Later...(this is) transformed into spiritual devotion to human welfare and to a one-pointed adherence to the Plan of the Hierarchy..." (Bailey, 1960, 582) So we see these transformative processes at work as Russia changes from a belligerent superpower nation on the world stage to one working actively with more humanitarian than nationalistic aspirations and for global disarmament and international cooperation. Their initial fanatical adherence to the Marxist-Leninist ideology is now giving way to a more flexible adaptable version of social democracy, better suited to the time and place.

The Tibetan gives the 3 Decanates of Aquarius, the soul ruler as:

a. Saturn: with its themes of discipleship and opportunity, presenting crises and conflicts requiring discrimination, right choice, initiative, the unfoldment of wisdom resulting in the destruction of hindrances, the preservation of value, and free expression of the soul.

b. Mercury: brings the soul light, intuitive, illuminating situations and events "to interpret for us, through our own illumined minds, the significance of events and to relate the old and the new, the past and the future through the light of the present."(Bailey, 1951, p.149)

c. Venus: fosters the union of heart and mind leading to love-wisdom and brotherhood in relationships. In Russia, the crisis is definitely being faced, the nation's wisest and brightest minds are being brought to bear upon the many issues facing the nation, recognizing the mistakes and achievements of the past, gaining wisdom from those experiences, visioning for the future and determining ways

of grounding that vision in the present and immediate years ahead. Through cooperation and group interplay right relationships are being pursued through constructive social change.

### **The Future**

This section will be kept deliberately brief and abstract since it is not possible to know precisely how Russia's ray and astrological energies will precipitate in the future owing to the factor of human free will. It is possible to outline what seems to be the broad plans of the nation's soul, knowing something of its purposes and psychological qualities and drawing on some of the information given out by the Tibetan master, Djwhal Khul through A.A. Bailey's writings.

### **The Nation**

A hologram is an image in which the whole is written into each of the parts, just as the genetic information for the entire body is encoded in each cell. If the world is viewed as a hologram, then each part of the planetary life can be seen to reflect in some way the whole: the microcosm reflects the macrocosm, as above, so below. So the nations of the world may be seen as anatomical areas of the planetary body, focalizing and emphasizing certain ray, astrological and psychological influences within the planetary psyche; performing certain functions within the whole in terms of anchoring energies of a reconstructive or destructive nature, reflecting conflicts, and esoteric/exoteric group issues of a specific or general nature. Russia is particularly interesting at this time from the angle of humanity because she comes under the influence of both the outgoing 6th ray and the incoming 7th ray, and the astrological signs of Aquarius and Leo, which form two of the four arms of the fixed cross of discipleship. She therefore symbolizes the world Arjuna or spiritual aspirant in a very special sense, mirroring many of humanity's current conflicts and opportunities. In tune with its 7th ray soul, Russia's purpose is connected with discovering and giving expression to the

spiritual law and order underlying the surface chaos and detailed complexity of human living. It has an inner commitment to the spiritual magic of relating the soul and its inner pattern to the form life of the nation. This commitment may be expressed through the promotion of cooperative group endeavor, group living and consciousness, the respect for human rights and relationship that will be keynotes of the Aquarian Age. A group life can be fostered that recognizes the contribution and creative individuality of each unit and attempts to harmonize and blend the creative contributions of all thus channeling correctly the 7th ray and Aquarian energy, qualified by selfless service and humanitarian awareness. An appreciation of diversity and individuality, flexibility and balance are needed to offset the 7th ray tendency to rigidity, crystallization, routinization, materialism and excessive group conformity. A sensitivity to human need and freedom is necessary to offset some of the more dangerously inflexible aspects of the Aquarian shadow. The Leo personality with its drive towards self-discovery and theme of sensitivity can facilitate the emergence of the nation into an era of improved group relationships both within the nation and as part of the world of nations. The Aquarius, Leo combination is in the long run a most humanitarian and nondestructive combination once the most selfish, materialistic and cruel aspects of its shadow are overcome. (Bailey, 1949, p.85~) The soul of the nation may express through the creation, restructuring and reforming of organizations, institutions and group organisms dedicated to grounding the inner vision and light of the nation, that remain flexible enough to adapt to the changing vision, needs and methods of an intelligent and creative people. The nation, given its energy to synthesize, unify and integrate can employ this energy to good end, as long as the process is not enforced but is a natural outcome of political, social and economic planning in tune with the spiritual will of the people, with a sensitivity to the relationship of all the parts to one another and

the greater whole. The national planning, shaping, reforming and development process needs a measure of decentralization, and a dynamic and progressive balance between the individual and the group, to be in tune with the 7th ray method of group working. The 7th ray confers the power to plan and organize, to manifest and work upon the material plane, the sense of synthesis and the ability to work at the level of the smallest details the power to perfect the form; so while the economic crisis is severe, the nation has access to the energy it needs to bring economic order out of chaos. The 7th ray sense of order should come from an internal acknowledgement of right ways of relating and the principles of right government rather than an externally imposed authority wielding power to "keep people in line." The 7th ray soul can impose the order and rhythm of the higher self on the personality, helping it to eliminate its tendency to ideological fanaticism, emotional imbalance, narrow-mindedness, intolerance, and militarism; and to develop confidence, goodwill and reason along with a spiritual devotion to human welfare. The constant change and movement, the heights and depths of the spiritual life experienced by the native of the sign of Aquarius are also ultimately conducive to greater inner stability and flexibility in the face of the sometimes chaotic appearance of world & social events. Aquarian energy will facilitate the move from the blind obedience to authority of the past to active cooperation with the purpose and Plan and unfolding will. Leo energy focused through the personality will promote self-mastery and government, right assertion and creative self-expression, Taurus, the soul ruler of Moscow will facilitate access to and knowledge of the will, purpose and Plan with its 1st ray energy line: 5th ray through Venus, 1st ray through Vulcan, 3<sup>rd</sup> ray through Earth. Through this energy combination, in time Russia will fashion a government that will more truly reflect the will of the people and the good of the greater whole. The energies of the magician archetype, the occult use of the power of speech and the printed word through

the various public media needs to focus on enhancing the good of all and the freeing up of awareness, rather than imprisoning it by ideas or emotional bias or organizational structures. Russia's 7/6 ray combination fosters a continuing devotion to a spiritual culture, political cause, vision and reformation, to the spiritualization of all facets of life, an enthusiastic dedication to the grounding of the emerging pattern of the national life and psyche. The 7th ray and Aquarian energy can combine to create a very powerful spiritual and humanitarian influence on the life and consciousness of the nation fostering a broader understanding of the nature of the spiritual dimension, emphasizing its connectedness with the whole of life in all its diversity whether its presence be known in the midst of human rights issues, religious aspiration, the field of scientific discovery or the just distribution of the nation's resources. The spiritual motto is "I link two ways." Russia's spiritual purpose is connected with the linking of East and West, of religion and science, of spiritual aspiration and understanding with an ability to relate will, love and intelligence to the immediate need, and the capacity to materialize the vision coupled with the sanctity, balance and purity required to glimpse the inner vision and Plan.

### **Planetary Synthesis**

While Bailey (1949) notes that "Russia is as yet embryonic and her part lies more in the East than in the West, provided she follows the indicated lines. Her real function in the comity of nations lies far ahead when the Aquarian Age is flourishing and the Leo control of the Russian personality has been offset" (85-6), there is no time like the present in which to make the effort to foster internationalism and the cooperative spirit amongst the nations of the world.

According to the Tibetan "there are three great fusing energies or vital centers present upon our planet:

a: Russia, fusing and blending Eastern Europe and western and northern Asia.

b: The US (and later South America) fusing

and blending central and western Europe and the entire Western hemisphere.

c: The British Empire, fusing and blending races and men throughout the entire world." (Bailey, 1951, 529) These 3 nations will sound the keynote of human living "because they are in a position to fuse and blend the many types, because they are far-visioned in their world purpose, because they are not basically selfish in their intent, and because the government of the peoples reaches down into the depths of each nation and is fundamentally for the people." (Bailey, 1951, 529-30) "In connection with all the 3 Great Powers - the USSR, the USA and the UK - certain major conflicts are being specifically precipitated; these will fundamentally affect the destiny of humanity. These 3 nations constitute the 3 points of a most potent world triangle of energy, and once there is a free circulation and a true understanding established between them, then world peace will be assured and the Christ can come. This understanding and this free harmony (if I may use such a term) will come as the result of each of the 3 nations arriving at a real measure of internal harmony as a result of their own particular conflict, and then moving forward in an effort to harmonize with each other and the rest of the world. . . .The USSR is also seeking to blend and unite into one great national project many diverse nations and races - European and Asiatic - and the effort is still largely embryonic. In Russia a world ideology is being wrought out which (when proven) can be presented to the world as a model system; this however, will not come as a result of dictatorship, nor can it be presented aggressively to the world." (Bailey, 1960, 632) Russia represents the 3rd aspect (CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE) of the triangle between UK, USA & USSR: the right use of mind, and intelligence (Bailey, 1960, 632) hence its underlying purpose relates also to education. Eventually this orientation might lead to the development of an educational philosophy based on the recognition of the existence of the soul and its potential, and educational methods directed to the evocation of the soul,

relating the individual to the group and larger whole and offering training in right receptivity to and interpretation of the archetypal energies and ideas influencing consciousness. The 7/6 ray combination confers the capacity to use the abstract mind and intuition, and work powerfully with ideas, with single-minded, unflagging enthusiasm and devotion. The 7th ray energy which gives the capacity to sense the pattern of the whole and of how the parts within the whole might best be related in order to actualize the potential of each and all could be well utilized in the educational process. The sense of synthesis and universality can be cultivated with a view to establishing right relationship between individuals and groups within the nation, internationally and globally.

### Concluding Note

Russia is in the midst of a great adventure, that constitutes for it both crisis and opportunity. How the experiment will turn out is hard for anyone to predict, however certain transformative energies have been set in motion in line with the inauguration of a new global civilization and culture. As the incoming energies of Aquarius and the 7th ray are correctly received and transmitted by the spiritual workers of the world, so the current revolution in Russia will be fostered in parallel with the global changes in human consciousness required in preparation for the Reappearance of the Christ and the Externalization of the Hierarchy.

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