

## THE AXIS OF GOOD

It is now the time to align with higher principles. Only principles greater than personal concerns can unify a world in which there is increasing polarization. As US president Bush has identified an Axis of Evil, I suggest that we identify an Axis of Good.

An Axis of Good need not be identified with any group of countries, individuals or political/religious groups. Since it is a set of principles, it can be found everywhere within all countries and individuals. It unites us all.

These four principles or qualities may be GRATITUDE, OBEDIENCE, ORIENTATION AND DISCIPLINE. The numerical value of these four words is 2: the number of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ray of Love/Wisdom.

**GRATITUDE:** Gratitude flows from the heart. As such, it shares space with love, wisdom, freedom and understanding. It is a blessing which in pouring forth heals the one who is grateful and also the one who receives it. Our true self is grateful for each moment and for all it contains. (In contrast to the personality which separates from the moment and judges it as good or bad). “Gratitude is the hallmark of an enlightened soul and a basic releasing agent from an occult and scientific angle”. (1)

The enlightened soul is freed from pain and suffering and free from separation. “Gratitude is deeply scientific in nature and closely related to the Law of Karma”. (2) Its scientific nature allows one to see as the soul sees thereby negating ignorance. The effect is that the pattern of the life is adjusted to a truer pattern and Karma is fulfilled.

IMAGINE A WORLD IN WHICH GRATITUDE WAS A NOTE SUNG IN EVERY NATIONAL ANTHEM.

**OBEDIENCE:** Most people can understand the value of taking their dog for obedience training: it trains the dog to respond to the commands of the owner and thereby grow and harmoniously conform to a pattern. Many do not realize that our soul is training us to obey and thereby become more effective in serving others. The ability to obey grants individuals and groups greater power and freedom. “Obedience is potent in evoking the response of the two head centres to the impact of soul force and in unifying them into one field of soul recognition”. (3) Obedience, therefore, is what awakens the recognition and linking with the Will. The individual or group becomes a willing participant in the working out of evolution. “Obedience is the intelligent response to group soul and Hierarchy”. (4)

IMAGINE A WORLD IN WHICH THE NOTE OF THE SOUL WAS HEARD AND EVOKED THE AUTOMATIC RESPONSE TO LOVE HUMANITY AND AID IN THE UPLIFTMENT OF THE PLANET.

**ORIENTATION:** The dictionary defines this as facing the East or setting a direction for progress. We could say that facing the light of the Soul or Group Soul sets us on a course of identification with the Soul. It is through this orientation that the personality is gradually trained and slowly infused by the Soul. A still higher orientation to the spiritual triad brings an end to all separation as one becomes the One.

IMAGE A WORLD SO ORIENTED TO THE TRUTH THAT ALL SENSE OF SEPARATION WAS BLOTTED OUT BY THE RADIANCE OF THE GREATEST SELF.

**DISCIPLINE:** All spiritual paths teach the value of discipline to tread that path. Ultimately all disciplines are self imposed and come out of a sense of

limitation. Through discipline skills and awareness are gained which free one from the limitation. Freedom comes from the imposition of self imposed limitations.

The whole of our spiritual journey is the process of training the material at one level of our being to conform to the pattern of a higher level. This is the path of discipleship.

IMAGE A WORLD IN WHICH HUMANITY WAS THE WORLD  
DISCIPLE.

At this time in history, we must look at our deepest fears which have an embodiment in the propaganda concerning an Axis of Evil. But, that must not be our orientation. By seeing the Axis of GOOD everywhere around and within us, we can in fact be the world disciple oriented to the common good.

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