

# Ray Children

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## Invocation:

Beloved brethren, let us put aside all worldly thoughts which crowd the earthly mind, and open wide the door of the soul to the uprush of the eternal and the divine spirit within each one of us; and as the light shines forth so may the light of the Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent surround us, encompass us, and in that light may the hosts of angel beings draw nigh. O Father God, we aspire to Thy Light; we pray with all our strength for increased knowledge of Thy life and laws, and may this evening prove profitable to all; may Thy children of earth be blessed with the beauty and the glory of the spiritual spheres.

Amen.

Greetings, dear ones. When we meet together like this, we would that all could enter into communion with us. Let not these meetings be formal, but rather a brotherhood of the spirit. When we come to talk with you, we bring not only a message clothed in words, for words are very difficult, but we bring also the spiritual love and beauty and glory of the spheres, and ask you to catch this invisible inaudible essence which the Great Ones, the Wise Ones, the Elder Brethren of your human evolution continually pour forth. They lay a feast of the spirit before you, but as with all spiritual things, one must attune oneself, put aside the mind which is assertive, proud—all must be put aside in order to understand and receive the fruits of the spirit.

Surely there are none here too proud to feel the light within, the light which speaks of gentleness, humility and love? For to understand the meaning of these talks it is necessary to work through the God mind, that part of you which is like unto a little child in simplicity. Ah, when the great Reaper or Pruner comes, the mind of the earth falls back, for there is no substance therein, and the mind of the spirit, the child within seeks God the Father.

Be not ashamed of falling upon your knees, of baring your heart to the Infinite Love; it is better as a child to know the exquisite tenderness of God's love, then only will you readily understand the meaning of Christ's words 'Except ye become as a little child, ye can in no wise enter the kingdom'. You wonder what all this has to do with our subject. Well, it has its bearing, because you will require the simplicity of a child to understand the meaning lying behind the words we shall use. The teacher does not convey by words alone, but through the spirit.

A question was asked some weeks ago on 'What is a ray child?' Many of you understand what is meant by ray children. The scheme of creation is vast, yet is perfect. In pursuance of our plan we have discussed evolution from both the spiritual and the physical aspect and discovered that the spirit, being perfect, is pure. On its descent through many planes of life it created for itself certain vehicles or spiritual bodies, these to enable it to manifest the divine qualities of the Creator. We found that the physical evolution of the body of man moves on different lines from that of the spiritual consciousness. Whereas the spiritual consciousness descended, clothing itself through the many planes of life and ages of time, so the physical aspect of man\* evolved upwards, creating gradually a body fit for the spirit to use when it had descended to that particular level of development necessary for its reception and

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expression in physical form. In this great plan, hold fast to the thought that the spirit has always been divine and pure. Never conceive yourself as inhabiting the body of any lower animal, such as the ape. As physical creation emerges from the slime, so there has been a casting off of physical vehicles unfit for the ever-increasing consciousness of the divine spirit in matter. Therefore realise that new vehicles, new bodies more adaptable for the increasing consciousness of the Creator which must manifest through them, are in process of evolution.

*[\*For editorial policy around gender issues, see the Introduction.]*

Ray children are those beings who came from the divine life spirit, or the Light, pure and fresh rays of light, and the pioneers of the earth cycle of evolution were ray children. The simpler the idea the better, so if you can conceive of ray children being virgin spirits from the divine life or Christ Spirit, you have grasped our meaning.

We would convey no thought of separation, no segregation of the sheep from the goats. Let us rather put it this way—that a cycle of evolution is nearing its apex and there are those who do not come up to the required standard. At the end of term boys and girls are required to pass an examination and some fail, so they do not go up into the next class. We will call these ‘stragglers’.

The earth is working up for this examination—I don’t say it will be held next year, nor in the next ten nor even a hundred years; none know the day or the hour when Christ will come. Do you get the meaning? In the speeding or working up of evolution, some will be unconscious of the Light, unaware of it. They will be the stragglers; consequently, when the great new push comes for humanity to go onward into the next cycle, there will be some left behind.

When the present earth evolution or earth life commenced, pure virgin spirits or ray children came forth from the divine spirit. These are the pioneers of the present earth cycle. There were also those who had to be, shall I say, ‘accommodated’ or received into this evolution, who were stragglers or laggards from a previous evolutionary cycle. These also have a special part to play in this great scheme of human life and progress.

There are many earth people who think that good and evil are divided and that evil is opposed to God—so it may seem! Sometimes it is terrible to witness the apparent triumph of evil. But we would point out that what appears to you as evil is in reality the outworking of evolution to produce growth. Therefore we look upon what man calls evil as a process or instrument used to bring ultimate growth or perfection to human souls.

We beg you to gain a more comprehensive view of the process of spiritual growth in man, remembering always that God’s plan is to bring beauty—I will not say perfection, not in the limited sense in which the word is understood. To us there is no standing still; even with God, we do not see a perfected Being, completely finished and there for ever. We wonder at and worship a God ever growing more beautiful, ever sending forth greater waves of life and light, expressing Himself not only in this universe, but in universes yet unborn. As this growth of the divine spirit takes place, so also, development in each one of the individual life

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spirits of which you are one, the growth of creative powers within you, and increasing harmony and attunement of each individual spirit to the Father-Mother God.

Q.It is possible for a ray child to understand the sufferings of others whom the world calls evil if a ray child does not pass through evil itself?

A.A very sound question. But the process of evolution takes a ray child through suffering which ultimately brings it to a great awareness of God consciousness. Therefore the ray child feels only tender compassion for the so-called evildoer. Do not make the mistake of thinking that a ray child is a perfect child and does not go through the experiences of sin and suffering. A ray child is a fresh spirit, fresh in this earth's evolution, but the stragglers who have come along from another cycle may not necessarily be evil.

Q.Are ray children born under the various rays? I was thinking of your talk on the seven rays, and wondered if ray children could be linked with that in any way?

A.We have spoken of the seven rays being the seven colours, and that they merge and become the one white light, the Christ Light—so there is no separation. I would rather you thought more of a blending. I could not say that in one incarnation you are under one ray, and under another in the next.

Q.Can a Ray Child remain a straggler at the end of this cycle?

A.Yes, it is possible, but we hope not.

Q.Was Joan of Arc a ray child?

A.I should say Joan of Arc was a ray child, because she was a pioneer of spiritual truth.

Q.Are most great geniuses ray children?

A.Yes.

Q.Some children are born out of pure love—is it possible for those who are not to be ray children?

A.That is a very difficult question—we do shrink so much from inflicting any kind of hurt on anyone in answering such a question. When children are born through the pure love impulse and not only the love of the parents for each other but love for God—then such a union would certainly provide a vehicle for a more advanced ego.

Q.I suppose it is our duty to explain these things to our children?

A.Most certainly, beloved. For this reason the teaching is being given to the earth plane by the Elder Brethren of the Great White Lodge. There will evolve more refined physical vehicles to provide a home for more advanced souls yet to be born.

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Q. Will these new vehicles all be Ray Children?

A. Most certainly.

Q. The Aquarian Age?

A. Yes, the Aquarian Age, when physical bodies will be more sensitive, refined and beautiful. Also there will be a full development of the sixth sense which is now beginning to feel its way through.

## Benediction:

Now to the Light, dear ones. Let us give our hearts and souls into the keeping of the Light. May all fears fall away, and may we be conscious of a deep peace. And so may the strength of spirit dwell with us and lead us upward and onward to God.

Amen.

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