

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,  
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,  
To whose temple the Moon goes every month  
And brings the message out every full-moon,  
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,  
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,  
His name I utter, His glory I live in.  
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,  
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

*These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya give the note for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps experiencing the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.*

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## VISTAS OF WISDOM 1: THE DEVAS

### Worlds of Light

When a cow eats grass, it transforms the grass to milk. The cow doesn't know how this alchemical transmutation happens inside. The wondrous process is guided by intelligences of nature. Everywhere in nature we see these intelligences working; they take care of highly complex processes and sustain structures and patterns in an appropriate manner. The modern scientists don't accept the existence of these subtle beings; Master EK calls it a question of maturity for which science still has to wait. The spiritual science calls them *Devas*; in the west they are called spirits of nature, angels and archangels.

We can imagine the *Devas* as energy centres which work out the different states and planes of creation. In Sanskrit *Divi* means radiant and therefore the beings of light are called *Devas*. There is a vast number of cosmic, planetary and micro-cosmic intelligences working in us and in the different kingdoms of nature. Teachers are also called *Devas*, *Guru Devas*, enlightened beings that keep teaching others so that they find the Light, too. So the Masters of Wisdom are humans who have reached the status of *Devas* and they thus become sources of worship. An individual doesn't become a Master because others have given him the title "master" but because he is impersonal and can inspire like a *Deva*.

*Devas* don't grant personal favours; they work in an impersonal way like the functions of our body or the planets. In their essence they aren't mental and thus work for the plan of the earth. When we rise to the buddhic plane and also work in an impersonal way, we can link up with the *devic* activity and become part of the team.

All *Devas* emerge from *Devi*, the original Light of the World. It is worshipped in a female form, as a female energy, because she is the first emanation or transformation of eternal existence. That is how the tradition of the worship of the World Mother has come about. In the *Vedas* she is called *Aditi*, the Light beyond darkness, which isn't visible with the eyes. Any light is a part of that Light; no light is independent of it. Even the enlightened beings pray to her because the various lights emerge from this Light.

*Aditi* is represented as a circle with a central point. It is recommended to meditate on this symbol, to remain in the centre of the point and to feel the circle around us. When we regularly see the circle through the screen of our mind, a circular door opens. The light of *Aditi* is the light of occult sight; it is also called the all-pervading Light which lifts the veil of nature and thus makes us see the Light behind every form and activity.

### Adityas, Rudras, Vasus

The original Light subdivides into 12 qualities of light. They are called the 12 *Adityas*, the sons of *Aditi*. These are the *Devas* of radiation or of consciousness. They are the soul aspect of the solar being that expresses through the 12 months of the year as the 12 qualities of the sun signs. In our body we find the 12 sun signs located from head to the feet. The *Adityas* work in us as awareness, instinct, intellect and intuition, as thoughts and actions. They are represented by the symbol of the dodecahedron and form the first of three major groups of *Devas*.

The second group of *Devas*, called *Rudras*, contains the Lords of vibration. They create vibrations in the *Akasha* and thus disturb the original Light, like a pebble thrown into a lake. Through this “roar of the *Rudras*” the light is multiplied into 7 lights and the primordial sound into 7 sounds. *Rudras* are first ray energies; they can create and destroy. They destroy unity and create multiplicity; they also destroy multiplicity to lead back to unity. Therefore they represent the will aspect of the soul and help us to destroy obstacles. There are 11 *Rudras* who transmit their force through the ether. They work with processes of pulsation like respiration, with movement and electric functions.

The third group of *Devas* are the *Vasus*, the *Devas* of materialisation. The 8 *Vasus* enable the material manifestation; they govern the evolution and the functions of creation and enable the beings to enter it and to develop. The atom gains its power through the *Rudras* and its density on the material plane through the *Vasus*. Together with the *Ashvins Mitra* and *Varuna*, the principle of the left and right energies, of male and female, there are 33 major groups of *Devas* (12+11+8+2).

Without the physical body we could neither feel nor realise the existence in us of the *Deva* groups working in us as a unity. By connecting with them and by visualising their work in the etheric centres we begin to realise their activity in us. Their ability makes us see and hear inside and outside or use the other senses. This way we slowly become aware of the connection between the physical and the subtle worlds.

## The Human Body

We didn't contribute anything for the *Devas* to be with us. It is their act of impersonal love and compassion. The intelligences working in us suffer immeasurable pain when we abuse them and act irresponsibly with our body and the senses. The *Devas* in us function in a rhythmical way and, consequently, our body remains healthy. If, however, our way of life cuts across their rhythm, they slowly recede; then they feel that the body is no more a safe place for them. When, for example, they recede from the digestive system, we feel it as indigestion. When the *Devas* in the liver abandon their work, we say, “My liver doesn't function well any longer.” The *Devas* stay away until we correct our behaviour. If they don't return anymore, we have to think of a transplantation. When we behave well, they continue functioning. They regard the light in us as their saviour and find, “We feel the Light and hence we can remain.”

Our body is the result of a very long work of the *Devas*, who have created a beautiful abode for the indwelling soul, so it must not be misused. In the eastern scriptures it says that with the human body prepared by the *Devas*

creation has reached its highest point, for with this body we can experience all the 7 planes of existence. Hence man is considered the image of God. He is greater than the *Devas*; they need a human body to come down to earth. The angels need the cooperation with the human beings to be able to carry out the divine plan upon earth. The beings of the lower kingdoms cannot create a conscious contact with the *Devas* and ascend to them. We have this possibility through the facility of our human body. But when we don't know how we have to behave with the body, we imprison ourselves and suffer from problems.

The work of the *Devas* in us can be increased if we consciously link up to them and act from this consciousness. This way the food we eat can be taken as a gift for the *Devas*, so that the fire of digestion burns well and they can support us this way.

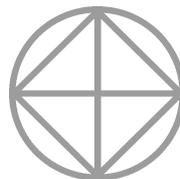
## Cooperation with the Devas

*Devas* are pleased by rituals; therefore healing rituals or invocation hymns have come about to ask for healing with incurable diseases or to ward off the spell of ill-health. We invite *Devas* by keeping the space and nature around us free from impurities, decorate them with pure and fine things and sanctify the atmosphere with candles and incense. The various herbal gifts used in the fire ritual are energetically related to different cosmic intelligences. The *Devas* are pleased when we offer through fire food which is energetically agreeable to them and they are invoked through the right sounds. So mantrams are chanted and prayers are offered, and then the *Devas* help us with acts of good will. In *Sanskrit* it says, “To invite the *Devas* and expel the devils invoke OM.” Particularly on the days of full moon and new moon we can deepen the relation with the *Devas*. If we always do the rituals at the same time, they are even more effective.

The *Devas* like to cooperate with those who perform acts of charity; we receive their blessings when we help other people or at least give water to a plant or some grains to the birds. In India clothes are distributed to seek the protection and blessings of the *Devas* for a person.

With daily worship and charity there will be two angels who protect us the whole time. They assign themselves to guide, protect and also enlighten us. They make visible our personal follies and instruct us how to rectify. The work of the *Devas* is to help us in the direction we should progress. For this we can ask their cooperation and support.

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