

## The Spiritual Hierarchy and the Masters of Wisdom

### INTRODUCTION

According to the Ageless Wisdom there is a Spiritual Hierarchy of seven Masters with the Christ at its heart centre. Above this Hierarchy, and also part of it, is Shamballa, the 'Centre where the Will of God is known', under supervision of Sanat Kumara. Who are the Masters; what is Shamballa; who is Sanat Kumara; which original wisdom is He representing; what are the consequences of the direct impacts of Shamballa for humanity; what is the role of Humanity in the externalization of the Hierarchy; and what is asked of us to become a more suitable channel for our Soul and the Masters?

### THE MASTERS

The seven Masters of the Spiritual Hierarchy represent the seven rays, or seven emanations of Divine energy with each their own specific quality. These Masters, in sequence of the rays, are: Morya, Kuthumi, Paul the Venetian, Serapis Bey, Hilarion, Jesus and a non named one of the seventh ray. The Christ is at the head (or better: at the heart) of the Hierarchy. He, together with the Buddha, embodies the heart centre of the planetary Logos. Then there is also Master Djwhal Khul (often abbreviated as DK) who works together with the Master of the second ray Kuthumi.

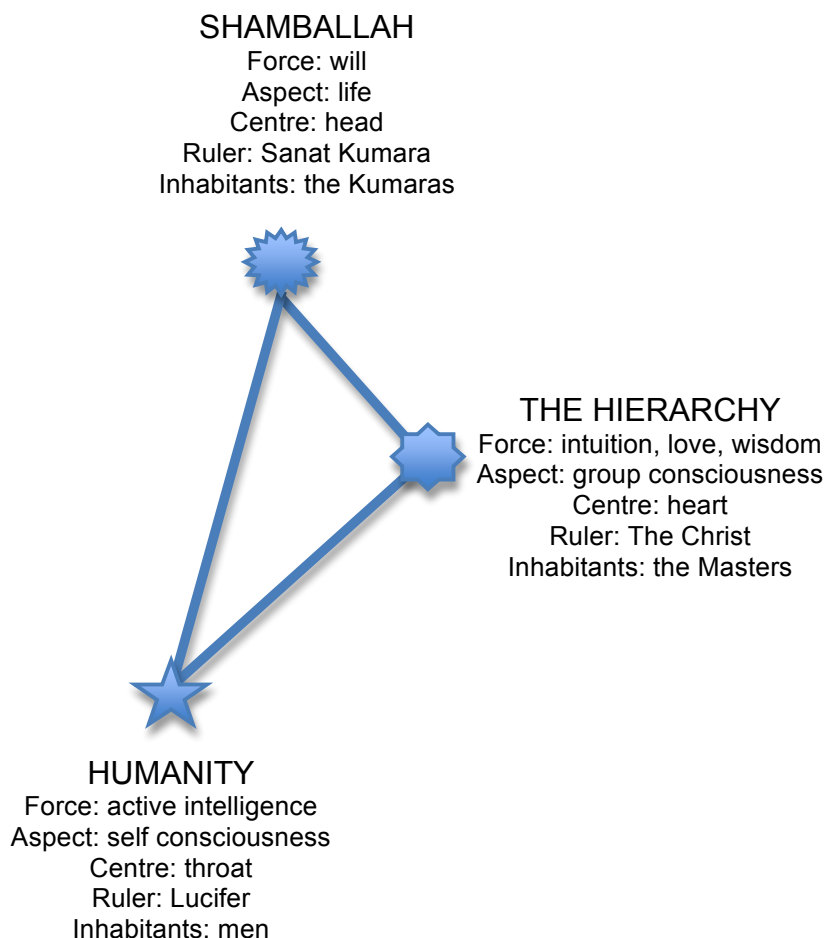
Some of the mentioned Masters are claimed by channelers which gave their names a somewhat dubious taste. This is unfortunate but also often justified. Unless the undoubtedly well-meant and pure intentions of these channelers they don't represent the real energy and wisdom of the Masters. Their so-called channelings stem generally from their own subconsciousness that makes emotional projections of the Masters on the astral plane. This colours the 'messages' by the emotions of the channelers who unwarily forward what they like to hear themselves. "These messages are normally innocuous, sometimes beautiful, because they are a mixture of what the recipients have read and gathered from the mystical writing or have heard from Christian sources and the Bible. It is really the content of their right thinking along spiritual lines and can do no one any harm, but is of no true importance whatsoever." (Alice Bailey, *Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle*, p. 76).<sup>1</sup>

The real Masters dwell in the Buddhic and Atmic planes, far above the astral plane, and are unaffected from any emotion. Their energies and wisdoms are of an abstract, higher mental quality, fed by the spiritual triad (abstract mind, intuition and spiritual will). Master Djwhal Khul took up the task to transfer these wisdoms to Humanity for which he used Helena Blavatsky (1831-1891) and Alice Bailey (1880-1949). They were able to receive his messages by higher mental telepathy. You can draw your own conclusions by studying their books in which Master Djwhal Kuhl speaks and compare the used language, content and vibration with the more popular channeled books from the astral field. Take your time for this because it is not an easy walk in the park.

## SHAMBALLA

Above the Hierarchy, and also part of it, is Shamballa, the 'Centre where the Will of God is known'. This great centre is the planetary head centre (as the head of the body) and it contains the force of the will. It is heading the Planetary Hierarchy which in its turn supervises and safeguards Humanity.

Graphically the order of these three planetary centers can, strongly simplified, be pictured as follows:



## SANAT KUMARA

Shamballa is under supervision of Sanat Kumara who is mainly occupied with the highest plane of the seven cosmic physical planes, the Logoic plane. Sanat Kumara is the Master of the Masters. In the books of Alice Bailey (e.g. *"A Treatise on White Magic"* (TWM) and *"A Treatise on Cosmic Fire"* (TCF)) He – as a dedication to His Work – is also called the Lord of the World, or the Great Lord, the Lord of Shamballa, the Ancient of Days (also used in the Bible), the Logos of our Earth scheme, a planetary Avatar, Melchizedek and the incarnation of the Ray Lord. This great entity speaks through Him. He is the one to whom Christ (embodied by the Master of the sixth ray, Jesus) spoke when saying: *"I and my Father are One"*. We become conscious of the Presence of the Planetary Logos through contact with our own divine Spirit.

Sanat Kumara is an embodied principle and incarnated in a physical body, but dwells in the etheric part of it and works in the vital etheric levels. He is therefore not visible for the ones who cannot look into these levels. Therefore, "*Sanat Kumara is the planetary logos yet He is not.*" (TCF, p. 753). Also his abode Shamballa exists only in the etheric part of the physical plane and is not visible as well. This is why this 'Holy City' is such a mystery and cannot be found by the normal observer.

#### WHICH ORIGINAL WISDOM IS SANAT KUMARA REPRESENTING?

Sanat Kumara represents the Ageless Wisdom. This refers to very old (in fact ageless) teachings about the nature of the cosmos, how this arose from the 'One Life', the laws that regulate the cosmos, and the evolution of humanity in the greater evolution of the planets, the solar system and the cosmos. These teachings are the source of all religions without being a religion itself, and originate from the Masters of Wisdom who belong to the Spiritual Hierarchy. They offer very rich knowledge which gives answers to the big questions: who are we; where do we come from; where are we going to; what is the meaning of life; and what is the origin of the earth, humanity and the cosmos?

The Ageless Wisdom offers very interesting answers on these questions. Summarized in an extremely compact way these answers are: we are monads, divine sparks of consciousness, who come from a long way downwards from an unconscious divine and high vibration to an unconscious very dense vibration (involution) and are on our way back upwards to an all-knowing divine very high vibration (evolution); we originate from the appearance of 'the One Life' that with the transition of the cosmic night (pralaya) into the cosmic day (manvantara) exploded into countless divine sparks or monads; we are on the way to an all-inclusive divine consciousness with total bliss and cosmic omniscience (this may still take a while but is the inevitable destiny for everyone); we are preceded, only in this earth scheme of evolution (there are more schemes), by many races and subraces.<sup>2</sup> Humanity, as a species with a thinking mind, is 18 million years old.

#### DIRECT SHAMBALLA IMPACTS

The force of Will is the strongest force in the world of today. Normally this force is not transferred directly to Humanity and the Hierarchy of the Masters is functioning as the intermediate channel. This is because this force is too strong for Humanity to absorb without damaging consequences. Before the generally known history this force manifested only twice directly on earth. This was during the great human crisis of *individualization* in ancient Lemuria. Animal man evolved at the time (about 18 million years ago) into an individual human soul with a still very limited mental capacity. The second time was during the struggle in the Atlantic days between the "Lords of Light and the Lords of Material Expression". (Alice Bailey, "*Externalization of the Hierarchy*", EXH, p.106-107).

Meanwhile Humanity evolved far enough to handle the direct Shamballa impacts, although still with a fair amount of trouble and risk. In our modern history this little-

known Divine energy made its first direct impact on earth in 1825 after the centennial conclave of the Hierarchy. This was a dangerous experiment because of the necessary stimulation of personalities working along the line of will and power while lacking a sufficient amount of the love aspect. Nevertheless it was allowed because it wouldn't affect the man in the street while it could greatly stimulate the mental and influential type of man. The anticipated and so-called "evil results" of this Shamballa energy on ambitious and powerful personalities were more or less compensated by the growing sense "of relationship everywhere and by the spread of the Christ energy which generates at-one-ment, loving understanding and goodwill." (EXH, p. 108)

The second direct Shamballa impact came about after the next conclave of the Hierarchy in 1925. This energy needs 14 years to completely manifest on the physical plane of earth. Its power expressed itself in 1939 with the start of the second world war. One could justly ask why this force had to have such a horrible and destroying expression. The Hierarchy is led however by the light of the masses and by the inner subjective, often unexpressed, reactions of the majority and never by external events on the physical plane. The fate of the external form life is deemed of lesser importance than the sensed inner spiritual development. Humanity was during the second world war, and now in an even stronger fashion, further developed spiritually than it seems when we look at external happenings. The first effect of the direct Shamballa impact can be the destruction of the external form because of the apparent inadequacy for the pulsating, inner, spiritual life. But this allows the building and development of newer and more appropriate forms. (EXH, p. 108)

The next impulses were already announced by DK in the Alice Bailey Books (written between 1919 and 1949) for the years 1975, 2000 and 2025. These impulses were deemed to be less risky because of the growing spiritual development of humanity. Every time this energy permeates the human consciousness a fuller aspect of the Divine Plan appears and it brings a greater possibility of more synthesis and divine love.

It seems this vision was correct. The effect of the impulse of 1975 was a lot less disastrous than the one of 1925. The most visible, and positive, consequence was the destruction of the Berlin Wall and the falling apart of the Soviet empire and the East bloc fourteen years later in 1989. The impulse in 2000 manifested itself, again fourteen years later, through the commotion of the world order in 2014 with the increased problems in the Middle-East (especially in Syria and Iraq, the fountainhead of our temporary civilization with old Sumeria), the appearance of IS (ISIS or ISIL) the war in the Ukraine, and the exploded numbers of refugees one year later. This is a direct call on the cooperation and compassion of the European Union and the whole world order. How this will turn out is up to us, the planetary center of Humanity.

## EXTERNALISATION OF THE HIERARCHY AND THE ROLE OF HUMANITY

Since 1965 we are in the sixty years "Stage of the Forerunner". In this period the light is strongly intensifying and this will culminate with the Shamballa impulse in 2025, after the next centennial conclave of the Hierarchy. Depending on our progress it is likely that during that conclave a date will be set for the first stage of the externalization of the Hierarchy. (EXH, p. 530) The coming ten years will be

challenging. We, the 'Forerunners', will have to accomplish the task we came for: spreading our light on earth, each in our own unique way, without expecting an earthly reward. "The Path of Discipleship is not an easy one but its compensations are adequate." (Alice Bailey, *"Discipleship in the New Age I"*, p. 742) We are tested for this our whole life and this will not become less. But we are equipped for it and this is what we came for. We will be supported by the Masters of the Spiritual Hierarchy led by Sanat Kumara, at least when we are able to conquer the self-serving focus of our personality. Only then our Soul will become interested in our personality and will He turn his gaze downwards to it instead of keeping his attention in deep meditation upwards to the Masters. This enables us – as a personality – to strengthen our cooperation with our Soul which will make us a more suitable channel for the Hierarchy.

## LIFTING OUR CONSCIOUSNESS

What is asked of us to become more suitable channels for the love and the wisdom of our Soul and the Hierarchy? In general: a dedicated intent, effort and attitude to fuse our mostly selfish personality with our group - and service oriented Soul by regular and consistent study, meditation and service. This will lift our consciousness and enhance our intuitive intelligence and Self-regulation.

Science is picking up on these matters and the amount of scientific studies to the effects on consciousness of relatively new and increasingly widespread techniques like mindfulness and hearthmath are growing. An example of this can be read in the scientific article of Rollin McCraty and Maria Zayas *"Intuitive Intelligence, Self-regulation and Lifting Consciousness"*. This article explores the role of the heart in emotional experience, and the effects on our intuitive capacities and deeper wisdom of bringing the rhythms of the heart into a more coherent state. It is suggested that there are many benefits to be gained by a deeper understanding of the complex interactions between heart, brain, memory, and the energetic heart. Learning to access our deeper innate wisdom can facilitate us in unfolding who we really are and approaching personal, social, and global affairs with increased wisdom, compassion, and positive innovation. This state of internal and external connectedness is called "coherence."

The practicing of shifting to a more coherent state increases our intuitive awareness and creates sustained shifts in our perception and world-views from which we can take better informed and more intelligent decisions. This process elevates our consciousness, awareness of self, our connections with others, and our capacity for self-regulation and corresponding ability for self-directed action. As we lift our consciousness it becomes possible to move beyond our habitual reactive behavior based on automatic responses into more creative, fitting, and effective strategies. When we develop physiological coherence we gain increased access to intuitive intelligence and compassionate empathy. This will lead to an attitude and behavior that facilitate and support altruistic pro-social actions. In short: towards a more group - and service oriented attitude and behavior, which is in line with the Divine Plan of the Masters.

## SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Our planet and Humanity are protected by a Spiritual Hierarchy of seven Masters, each representing a ray, or specific emanation of Divine energy, with the Christ at its heart centre. Above this Hierarchy, and also part of it, is Shamballa, the 'Centre where the Will of God is known', under supervision of Sanat Kumara. This is the Master of the Masters who is incarnated in a physical body, but dwells in the etheric part of it and works in the vital etheric levels and is therefore invisible for the normal human eye. The same goes for his abode, the 'holy city, of Shamballa. Sanat Kumara and the Masters are representing very old (in fact ageless) wisdom which offers answers to the big questions.

The energy impulses of Shamballa were for a long time too strong to handle for humanity because they are always accompanied by a destruction of some form life to allow the building and development of newer and more appropriate forms. But every time this energy permeates the human consciousness a fuller aspect of the Divine Plan appears and it brings a greater possibility of more synthesis and divine love. Since 1975 the direct impulses became less disastrous for the form life compared with the previous centennial impulses in 1825 and 1925 after the conclaves of the Hierarchy. The next impulse is expected in 2025 when probably a date will be set for the first stage of the externalization of the Hierarchy. The coming ten years will be challenging. We, the 'Forerunners', will have to accomplish the task we came for: spreading our light on earth. We will be supported by the Masters when we are able to conquer the self-serving focus of our personality, to lift our consciousness and to enhance our intuitive intelligence and Self-regulation. Only then we will form a suitable channel for the Hierarchy.

Science is picking up on these matters and the amount of scientific studies to the effects on consciousness of relatively new and increasingly widespread techniques like mindfulness and hearthmath is growing. This is in alignment with the development of spiritual consciousness which is further than it seems when we look at external happenings. When we do our job as aspirants and disciples with dedication and consistent effort there is hope for a positive expression of the next Shamballa impact at 2025.

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## NOTES:

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<sup>1</sup> I don't want to indiscriminate all the channelers. There may very well exist quite pure channels who forward beautiful and more or less pure messages from higher regions.

<sup>2</sup> See for further reading 'The Solar System' of Arthur E. Powell.