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The Aura

What is the aura?

The aura is a result — the result of a condition existing within the entity. By “entity” we mean not just the physical being or body; but the whole being, including the mental and spiritual being. The activities of the physical being, we know, are controlled to a great extent by the mental; and the mental activity is that which builds or retards the spiritual being, the soul. The aura therefore is a result, and not a cause of the whole condition within the individual self.

Before trying to define the aura, we should explain from what premise we are reasoning, or what is assumed to be true without question. That premise is: All force is a manifestation of some form of life. The four elements—air, earth, water, fire- are composed of various forms of life and we depend upon them for physical existence. We are assuming, therefore, that these elements are an expression of creative energy, since life as we know it in this plane consists of these. These elements are a form or portion of creation. We as human beings or finite minds react to these various forms that make up creation; creating within ourselves, as we react, that which emanate from us—the aura.

For instance, we call light a form of fire. And no one knows what electricity really is; we only know some of the things it will do. We know it takes on various forms, according to the

number of unit which build or comprise the form visible to us. There are many forms of electricity invisible to us, which we depend upon every day, for our very existence. Electrical force is just one of these creative elements.

We ourselves come into existence in the earth, as a portion of those elements constituting the whole human being. According to the way we react upon all these elements, there occurs an individual variation.

The triune entity - a spiritual-mental-physical being — exists throughout creation. It changes or alters itself by its reactions while in various states or forms in which it finds itself. As we react to various conditions, we emanate or send out certain vibrations.

A good illustration of this process would be radium. It throws off energy, and in the state or process of doing so, the wave lengths act upon whatever objects are around the element.

Now we ourselves throw off energy, since we are constantly building and have built within ourselves. Our reactions are radiations which form themselves into colour That which we as individuals radiate, or throw off as energy, is the aura.

Then what produces the aura? The reaction in each of us to all forces in nature comprising what is creative within. The creative portion reacts. Then we are able to see the reflection of this

reaction—the reflection of creation, or of the Creator Himself!

In other words, each individual's reaction to his own creative processes reflects through the physical- it shows the spiritual element that is Creation itself. This is a reflection of what we really are. It is the spiritual self within, manifesting a reflection or vision of the individual life, in a spiritual sense. This is the aura of an individual. We carry our aura around with us every day, and whoever is able may read it. The aura declares the character of the individual. It may become so clear that, as the Book says, "He who runs may read" it, if he himself is in attunement. Man's mind is only able to perceive or understand a thing by comparing it with something else in nature. As the old coloured minister once said, when he was telling how Adam named all the animals: "When Adam looked at the sheep, it looked so sheepish he just called it a sheep; and when Adam looked at the fox, it looked so foxy he just named it a fox!"

Similarly, we have given names to various things we see manifested in nature, Sometimes we see a manifestation through an individual which we are unable to describe except to say that he has a wonderful personality. What has made that personality? What makes beauty in personality?

I remember hearing the evangelist, Sam Jones, tell about a very ugly man who "got religion." He got it so strongly that his face shone and he became one with a beautiful countenance. The spirituality - whether we have it or haven't it — is certainly expressed in our faces. It is stamped there because what we think constantly gradually takes form and shines like a

halo around the person. Such a halo exists around each and every person. It is a part of, a phenomenon of, the psychic force of each person. This psychic force is the relationship of each man's mental being to his soul being.

A few years ago, I went through a series of experiments pertaining to the aura, under a man who was studying psychic phenomena. He told me that he knew from his experiments that there was such a thing as an aura, and he had a theory about it. His theory was that the blood coursing through the veins runs in the form of a figure eight throughout the whole body; and sends a constant vibration to all the outer portions of the body—a vibration which we call the pulsation. That pulsation is brought about by the circulation between the portions carrying the blood flow to the heart and away from the heart. As the pulsation goes in and out, it resembles heat waves or the pressure on a barometer—or the ocean tide as it falls and rises by the motion of attraction pulling to and fro. And as this pulsation keeps occurring. it throws out from the body a vibration pattern of what we really are!

By this theory, then, what we build within our bodies is the result of our manner of living, and not a cause. The force or power-in-motion gives off that which to our senses is colour. Beginning at the lowest colour in the spectrum, there is leaden grey or misty colour; then comes orange or dull red; then comes a glow when we reach the higher vibrations, or levels. If you follow this same sequence of vibrations in electro-therapeutics, you find that the low forms of electrical forces are those which are incapable of being felt. They are very much like that found in lead, or that which comes from the low, baser

metals. When we come to the colour red, we find the more penetrating vibrations that will go deeper and deeper into tissues. As the vibration gets higher and higher, the colour becomes orange, then yellow, then green; then gradually goes into blue, into purple—and finally into white. These are the colours you may expect to see around people, these shades or tones found in the spectrum itself.

The doctor who experimented with me found that he could actually measure the colour of the aura. You may ask what good that accomplishes. Just this: what do we wish to carry around with us as our ideal, our idea of the Creator? If we are carnal-minded, we may literally stay "in the red" a long, long time – and any businessman knows what that means! Those who are spiritual minded will reflect or radiate what is of the spiritual forces, the continuity of life itself.

The ability to carry on, not only in

this life but in the life to come, depends upon what we have built within our inner selves. Not that we should build just to have a beautiful aura, but so that we may have a beautiful life!

The aura, then, is the result occurring as we go along in life; it is self-created. As we alter our life, as we think differently, as we are carried closer toward the mark of the higher calling which is set in Him; we carry along with us that higher attunement which others may see. We constantly reflect our conception of the Creative Force—and not just our conception, but what we are doing with that Creative Force belonging to us. For it is the gift to each man from the Creator Himself.

We create within our own beings not only health, not only life, not only a beautiful aura ; but what may be given out to others to make life more worth living for them as well as ourselves.

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FATE

Throughout the ages and from time immemorial, man has studied and wondered about fate. It is one of the primary considerations in most of the great philosophies of the world. Attempts to label and define fate have brought into being the world's religions. Just as the understanding of fate has changed time after time, so men's whole process of thinking has changed. In the present age in which the study of universal laws of the material realm has progressed so far, new fields of vision have been opened and man's control of material forces has been vastly enlarged.

The "fate" of the Dark Ages was

one of superstition, fear and ignorance. All this has yielded to a clean cut, definite, immutable system of laws. But in spite of all our material knowledge, do we really understand the meaning of life and destiny?

With the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, followed by the Christian era, there came a change in the whole concept of "fate." One of the greatest differences between the teachings of Jesus and many of the other great teachers in the world is found in the concept of fate which He showed - through His manner of living more than by anything which He taught.

At this point, let me remind you that it is unwise to feel we can ignore the precepts of great teachers who are not connected with the religion which we profess. Just as many people avoid the study of religions other than their own; so also they avoid the study of the influences of the planets, of numbers, of the power of thought - and other forgotten sciences. Remember, it has not been too long ago that men refused to accept - even scoffed at - the idea of the influence of heredity and environment. But we must learn to recognise that many and varied are the forces which act upon man and in a measure control him.

Let us take the concept which was expressed through the life of Jesus of Nazareth and see if it does not answer many of our questions about fate. In every individual soul lies a force which is a part of all the forces outside of it. If we understand this relationship and awaken this latent power, fate will come to mean something quite different from its present meaning. Simply put, it means that the Kingdom of God is within us.

As the Readings have given: when the worlds were set in motion, the forces also came into being which later were to become the directing and controlling tendencies in man's life. For example, the moon became the directing force upon the tides; and since the tides affect man the moon indirectly came to affect man. Everything which exists in the world is bound up with and related to man, indirectly if not directly. We may even go as far as to say that a portion of everything that exists is embodied within the living human organism. The living one, not a dead one!

When the human body passes through the condition which we call death, in so doing it loses many of the

elements of the earth and it returns to the earth. In a far more terrible sense, an individual becomes dead when he ceases to think and begins to drift with the stream. Like a sheep, he is willing to be led this way or that, influenced and controlled by people and forces around him.

A vital, living, thinking person comes to know the true meaning of the statement, "your fate is in your hands." Not only can he understand his own tendencies and control them, but he can also help others to direct their lives into channels where the stream of life is flowing strong.

Too many are attracted by the life of ease, beside the dead and stagnant pools along the way; and we turn aside for a prolonged rest. Look around! Life is movement, vibrant aliveness. You can tear away the layers of protective covering from that inner creative spark which lies deep within you. You can realise your relationship with the Creative Spirit moving through all that is! Your entity, your soul, takes on a physical form in this earth - a physical body which is subject to the laws and directing tendencies in all things material. Your body is influenced by the laws of heredity and environment. Planetary conditions have an influence; numerological conditions affect in a certain manner. Indeed all the laws governing matter influence you, in a ratio proportionate to your personal relationship to them. Then how, you may ask, can we control our lives? Are we wholly subject to these various conditions which are predetermined?

No! For each of you has a will capable of choosing your path through life. By this I mean you are capable of choosing what you will do with what you have in hand. As you use your ability

and your knowledge, day by day, you will be directing the trend of your life. By choosing, you exert your will.

Do not think that the will and the soul are one - any more than a husband and wife are one. Each of you has a soul which you are carrying back to its Maker. Dare to introspect for a moment, and gaze upon that which you intend to present to that All-Creative Power! In each of you there is a spark of that Creative Power, Arouse it and make your will one with it, for in so doing you will have strength. And we all need that strength—for it is a long journey.

Each day is important, for we are today what we did and thought yesterday. With each act and each thought, you build another quality into your very being. Thus you are a total of these collected qualities. Then one day we look at the total combination of these qualities and we may say, "This was my fate." But have you not built this fate, day by day, by the use of all these forces which affect you?

There is a very good example of this in the life of Moses. You could say he was raised up for a special purpose. Remember the long period of training in the house of Pharaoh, and then the second long period of forty years in the wilderness? In one day, you could say, he changed his whole environment and entered upon the second period which ended in his leading the people out of Egypt. Why was Moses raised up for that purpose? Because of the need of the people. Moses lived up to the fate created for him.

When we cry out for something and call on God for it, we get it - provided our lives are in accord with what we want, for prayers are answered from within. Certainly God is within each of us if He is everywhere else. By

praying we awaken, within, that which we desire and so build our lives towards the thing desired. Thus a man literally becomes that which he prays for, with - in his heart.

We come then to the question of faith as it influences fate. Again, Moses is a good example. After going into the wilderness, Moses determined within himself what his work would be. God was able to speak with him, saying, "Use that thou hast in hand." Here is profound advice for each and every one of us. To guide our own fate—to meet and understand the various conditions that arise in our lives—we must use that which we have in hand!

Don't forget what was said even of Him: "Though He were the Son, when He came into the earth He learned obedience through the things which He suffered."

What is the meaning here? Well, if we believe in the orthodox teachings, we say, "Why, He was the Son of God—He was raised to be the Son of God—He couldn't be anything else!" But so are we children of God; we can't be anything else, either, though perhaps not in the same manner. Then if our soul is the gift of God, and if we are no longer aliens - no longer cut off as He has said: then we are heirs and joint heirs of the kingdom. The world lies within our own grasp, when we have awakened to our possibilities and our ability to be one with the whole Divine Force.

What have you in hand, then? Your fate consists of what you will do with it, how you use it. Do well what you know to do—now, today; then tomorrow and each day as you go along. As the Book says, "Here a little, there a little, line upon line, line upon line." (See Is. 28:10-13) The little steps accumulate, to build your understanding and to make

your fate. God has said that He calls on men everywhere to know themselves and to become one with Him. We must use our own abilities, not someone else's. For our soul is our own, and nothing in this world can keep us from God but ourselves. Whatever we may call hell; if we stumble into it, it will be over our own selves.

It will be through the misuse or the misunderstandings that we have crested within our own selves. Our own fate lies within the use of what we have today—not what we're going to have tomorrow. Most of us are inclined to feel that if we had had other surroundings and if things had happened a little

differently, we would be entirely different. But would we? "If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." The greatest world teacher said that, and it is true. Then let us not say that if we could have this or that or the other experience, our lives would be marvellous. If they are not a marvel already, no matter what has already happened, they wouldn't be marvellous then. How we use what we have in hand, right now, makes Fate.

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*Cf. Hebrews 5 :8



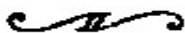
ONE NEWLY DEAD

Riding the wings of the wind,
My soul goes out on the blast,
And the things that were once so dear to me
Are only a dream that has passed.

Riding the wings of the wind,
I come to the infinite throng
Of the souls who pour their mounting joy
In a paeon of love and song.

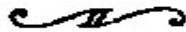
Out of the host without end
I was sent to an earthly span,
And now I return to those who watch
The triumphs and griefs of man.

The ones I have left behind
Will come in a little space.
I will take their hands and lead them home
To the light of God's sweet grace.



REBIRTH

Yea, I have been dead for a thousand years; but the wind
blows through my hair,
And I watch the moon as a golden orb which climbs a golden stair,
And I hear the curlews' thin, light cries through the portals of the air.
There are those who do not heed the tides that break from an endless sea,
And their hearts forget the other years that flow to infinity,
And they do not mark the faint, small signs which tell what they used to be.
God in His wisdom made us new to follow each span of life,
That men might strive to their utmost strength, and the husband
cleave to the wife,
That a purer soul might rise to Him from the bitterness and the strife.
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And I hear the curlews' thin, light cries through the portals of the air.
—Juliet Brooke Ballard



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