

## **COURSE SYNTHESIS NO. 13**

### **THE RAY OF CREATION THE LATERAL OCTAVE**

The word “cosmos” means order, in contrast to the word “chaos,” which signifies disorder. The creation of worlds and of the different creatures follows a certain order and respects certain laws. Two laws are present in all creation and give to it a certain order: the laws of the triad and the octave.

The law of the octave describes a process of creation comprising seven different stages and including two delicate passages which we call intervals. The creation of the different worlds took place according to the law of the octave, and the cosmos was twice obliged to find a means of pursuing this creation. To this end, two shocks were necessary.

Our ray of creation can be described as a succession of notes – DO-SI-LA-SOL-FA-MI-RE – with two intervals – DO-SI and FA-MI. The first interval is said to have been bridged by the Love of the Creator. The shock that permitted the second interval to be bridged is none other than organic life. Organic life is responsible for the fact that the earth was able to continue its evolution and to enter itself into the movement of the planets and worlds, since at its level the Absolute is too distant to act directly. Another form of love, SOL, also had to offer its aid, playing in a certain measure the role of the Absolute. SOL serves as a new DO, the first note of a new octave that acts upon the MI-FA of the first octave, bridging the interval. This is organic life, the vegetable, animal, and human elements that act as a sort of thin film covering the surface of the earth. This organic life is what allows the energies originating in the Absolute to continue the creation beyond LA down to MI, the earth, and then to RE, the moon.

Thus the role of organic life and man is to allow the creation to attain its goal. We are therefore the connecting link between the macrocosm and microcosm, between the higher and the lower. We owe our life to SOL, to the solar entities. And we serve the ray of creation, which we permit to descend to the mineral realm, thanks to which this realm has the possibility of evolving as well.

At each level of the octave, there exist beings capable of thought. The further we descend along the octave, the less clear this thought becomes; at the highest level there is absolute consciousness, and at our level, we have quite a dim and shadowy capacity for thought, with an occasional spark of consciousness.

The solar entities that created man had an intention in doing so; they created an imperfect being, but a being that contains their own substance and is accordingly capable of evolving to a level much higher than the level of a being who simply serves to fill up an interval.

It is important to understand that it is this very imperfection that enables man to evolve, since if he were perfect and completed, he would remain merely a simple tool in a particular part of the ray of creation. But since he is as he is, he is capable of ascending the octave and raising himself toward the solar forces. This is the chance that is given to man, and his possible destiny.

For man there are two possibilities: he can either simply serve organic life – in which he is born, lives, suffers, and dies – or he can serve his own evolution and raise himself to a much higher level. But this evolution is not intended by nature.

In the same way, man can either nourish himself exclusively with material, terrestrial influences, accordingly developing what is lower in himself, or he can seek spiritual nourishment and develop what is higher in himself, since for something to grow, it must naturally be given the appropriate nourishment.

The energy required by the ray of creation to bridge the interval is provided by birth, ordinary life, suffering, and death. But man has another possibility of producing this energy, by his work and efforts on a path of evolution. This means that if there were more men and women on a path of evolution, there would be less death and suffering, there would be fewer catastrophes and less torment and oppression in the world.

Psychoanthropology does not just seek to help man evolve for himself alone, but seeks to help the world change for the better. We cannot evolve unless we take other people into account; our evolution is only possible when we recognise that we are a part of humanity, a part of the earth, the planets, and the galaxy. The Path can only begin here.