

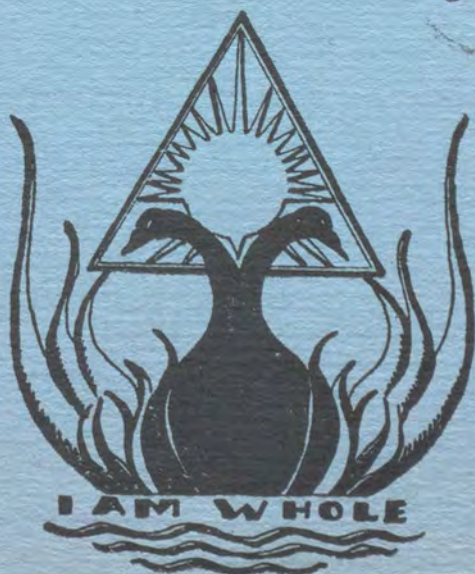
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From Seed-Ideas to the Living Seed

IT is exactly seven years since the idea which was to produce the series of booklets called "Seed Ideas" took form in our mind. After much deliberation we chose the term HAMSA to characterize the movement and the work which then was shown in no uncertain way to be the one object of our life-dedication. HAMSA is a great and powerful word, bequeathed to the original Sanskrit by a still more archaic tongue. As we often have explained, it symbolizes the vehicle of the Creative Power of the universe, the mystical Bird upon which the Creator rides while performing His cyclic task of world-creation. It represents the original group of pioneers that embody a new Race-impulse, the one Ray of Companions that radiated forth from the Father, entrusted with the projection of the Archetypal Form of the future creation into the cosmic womb of matter. It stands for the ever-renewed nobility of Spiritual Workers who, self-dedicated to the task of regeneration in the spirit of compassion and selflessness, stamp upon the earth the Image of the ever-youthful, ever-changing yet ever the same Power, that sacred books have named: the *Living God*.

In the first draft of the project for the HAMSA Publications we emphasized first and last the need for building a new Western Civilization, free from the poisonous and materializing emanations of Europeanism, free from dogmatism, scholasticism and in general from feudalism in all realms. We extolled the central meaning of the American State and of spiritual Democracy; we called for a new Declaration of cultural and spiritual Independence from stifling traditions and race thralldom.

A few answered the call in the West: practically none in the East. The very term "Civilization" was laughed at. Who cared about civilization? Artists and writers shrugged their shoulders. Students of occultism, theosophy and the like were not interested in culture or in the arts.

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In the four years that followed the mind of America changed appreciably. International matters came to the fore. The books of Spengler, Keyserling and others, stirred discussion. Culture and Civilization became featured performers in the mental Broadway of the intellectual class. In June 1928 the opportunity came to publish a series of booklets dealing with the fundamental dilemma which confronts every creative person today.

The first series of "Seed Ideas"—now published in book form under the title "Art as Release of Power"—took the various phases of creative living as well as of artistic creation and showed how a definite choice was being forced upon the human race. Two types of social organizations; two types of musical organization; two opposite attitudes towards space and in general toward the relation of the artist to his creations; two opposite directions in the very desire to live and to act; magical art versus esthetical art; synthesis versus analysis; sacrificial creativeness versus intellectuality, etc.: all fundamental dualities between the terms of which Man must discriminate, before any attempt at synthesis is possible.

The second series of "Seed Ideas" dealt with the basic problem of the relationship of individual man to life and destiny. The central keynote of our philosophy was reached in the essay "The Will to Destiny", and the pamphlets on Harmonic Astrology which followed worked out, in a more specialized way, some of the main ideas in the former essay.

With the year 1931 a new period of world-activity opened. This period forces upon those who by spiritual birthright belong to the pioneer-group which can be symbolized by the term HAMSA a new responsibility. The forty years that will follow (the number is symbolical rather than chronological, though it may be both) will correspond to the forty weeks of embryonic development. Humanity has become God-pregnant. The task of spiritual and cosmic motherhood is upon those who have felt and will feel in an increasing manner the Presence of the Living God upon them. Out of their own inner substance is the shrine of the new divinity of Man to be built.

Thus Seed-Ideas must become focalized henceforth into the Living Seed. The abstract Idea must incarnate into a concrete Prototype. The City of Peace, the New Jerusalem, must become manifest on a sacred spot of the earth. The real "New World" must actually emerge out of the present chaos of America. The Living Civilization must grow out of the debacle of the dead civilization forced at the point of bayonets by European imperialism and its gigantic and top-heavy outgrowth, Wall Street imperialism.

Theosophists, spiritualists, mystics have talked a great deal about the "New Race" to be formed in America, about the new World Teacher or Avatar. Much confusion has ensued. The minds of most students, not to mention casual readers, reel under the conflicts of doctrines and claims. As usually happens, true spiritual concepts and occult facts have become almost hopelessly materialized by the three-dimensional intellect. A great abyss lies between making an Idea *concretely alive*, and materializing it. The task which confronts the pioneers, the new nobility of the Mothers of the Living God, is to accomplish the former and avoid the latter.

Man must recognize himself as a Creator and choose the fundamental type of creative impulse, or technique, which he wants to follow. This refers to our book "Art as release of Power".

Man must recognize his true cosmic relationship to life and the cyclic wheels of the universe. This refers to the "Will to Destiny" and "Harmonic Astrology."

Man must make God concrete in himself by acting as a power of cosmic Integration, as a Synthesizer, as an exemplar of the Law of Operative Wholeness. This is the task that lies ahead of us. This is the essential work of every one who knows himself or herself as a "Hamsa", as a temple of the living God—and knowing it, *acts as such*.

This new duty requires a new method of work and a new instrumentality. We are dealing now with "Persons". The Living Person in us is to speak with the Living Person in others, vitalizing the *God-seed* that is latent in every human heart and

soul. This means a much more *intimate* kind of contact. It will eventually necessitate a new type of organization, an *organization of intimacy*. But the time may not be entirely ripe for this—and so, for the present, HAMSA will be the vehicle for an intimate contact between a few Persons, striving to demonstrate their “living-ness”, and the many friends who have come, and whom we can see coming in increasing number, to ask a drink of Living Waters.



The word “personality” has been very much abused and outrageously misused, of recent years. But, if we do not want to run counter to what now has become a sort of tradition among students of occultism and higher knowledge, let us use the term Living Person to represent that which once was called personality, the supreme attribute of God. A Living Person is a man or woman in whom God has become concrete, one who speaks and acts from the center of a *wholeness of being*; a whole being, and not a part-being.

To think, feel and act as whole beings and no longer as part-beings, this then is our task. In order to give birth to the Living God within, we must be whole. For the Living God is the very power of Wholeness operating in and through a form. Thus we must become *living exemplars of wholeness*, centers of integration, synthetists, compassionate Lovers of the Universal in all particulars.

This means that no one aspect of life, no one phase of being, no one Ray or Master, no one system of philosophy, no one religion or truth, is to claim us any longer exclusively. We may work in and through all, or we may radiate in outer isolation the fluidic power of all-encompassing Love that will energize in every one the *Will to Wholeness*. In any case we cannot be the devotee of any one particular God at the exclusion of all others. We cannot hold any particular truth and reject contemptuously or fanatically all others. To be whole is to realize that opposites are complementary phases of the Universal Wholeness which

encompasses all; that all colors must be synthesized into White Light; that Mind can unite as well as divide, that Mind must needs integrate all things once it has become the vehicle of manifestation of the Living Wholeness—Atma, Christos, or by whatever name men may call it.

The Will to Destiny leads unavoidably to the Will of Wholeness, just as the Will to Create sacrificially and magically leads to the Will to Destiny. The three wills are but one WILL. This WILL is what we already named: the *Living God*; for God is perpetual creation, perpetual fulfillment and eternal consummation. Let us demonstrate that mighty yet loving, that powerful yet tender, that heroic yet infinitely peaceful WILL—in our thoughts, our feelings, our deeds.

Shall we attempt to do it all of us together?

This is the call of HAMSA.

D. R.



The Dream Creative

It is a miracle of Power, the creativeness of the race of Man—dreamers all—unmindful of their dreaming,—yet the Dream and the Dreamer are one—and ONE only!

From the bare face of the earth have arisen cities with towers that seek to pierce the skies,—within them creative marvels spanning time and space—extending the consciousness of man beyond the ken of his forbears! Yet within them is the Dreamer—MAN, the creative genius—unconscious of his dreaming, and unconscious too of the analogy it holds in time and space to the galaxy of stars—empires of solar systems guided by the mind of the greatest dreamer of all—the Living God—the Creative Reality within the Drama of the Dream!

The dream of the night shatters and crumbles at the awakening light of dawn in the sleeper's eyes—it becomes a phantasy—yet within its being and becoming lies the meaning of much of what we call civilization—a dream slowly yet surely crumbling into ruins as Man awakens to his creative heritage. Yet the race must dream on and on—for that is its genius of being and becoming—to create a finer, fairer dream—that seems nearer Reality than all that has gone before!

In the understanding of this lies much of comprehension—both of method and procedure,—for ALL that IS first existed as a dream before it became apparent reality, be it a book, a vase, music, painting, sculpture, or a towering mass of stone and steel—or again within the heart of life—a flower—a tree—a man—a planet! The truer the dream—the nearer the approach to Truth in Reality!

The race of man is passing from the crumbling form of the dream of old, to the greater dream of the finer life that is slowly and surely being formed within the dying phantasy of this day and hour.

That we may consciously and specifically aid and co-operate in the fulfilment of the new-to-be Reality, we must receptively nurture seed-ideas of finer values. This is the mission of HAMSA and others: to reach deep underneath the crumbling ruins and bring to the light of day the fresh life within the growing form that is to express the new age and time.

There is behind all Life a beauty, a grandeur—that civilization knows naught of,—yet it whispers its message to the hearts of men when they wander through the sunlit highlands of the forest primeval—when they venture afar upon the fathomless ocean—when they pause in the silent peace of the desert—when they gaze into the blue depths of the starry skies. Then within themselves and nature—behind the wall of the senses—they perceive the true meaning and beauty of Life, and again the Drama unfolds of the coming Dream when the High Gods shall again walk with men upon the earth as of yore.

Let us speed the day of Their Coming!

R. VON H-G.

The Eternal Voice Calls

O Exile, come . . .

Long have I waited, holding out empty arms
to enfold you, (empty, even while they embraced
the many)—through countless eons.

Come . . .

Calm your weary head upon this breast, at last.
Hear the heart's strong jubilation,
its ebb and flow of limitless compassionate Love.

Come . . .

There is no hate—how could there be for you,
the well Beloved of that First Dawn,
O Ancient Rebel!

O Exile, come . . .

My eyes (even tho' they have gazed within the orbs
of numberless human souls) have dreamed
to dwell within your own in all these aching aeons.
Look long and deep so as to fill your very Soul
with the completeness of one ineffable smile.

Come . . .

There is no hurt within mine, no accusations.
Look deep, so deep within Me, this Me that has
no End and no Beginning.

Come . . .

Quench your burning thirst within my living starry pools.
Let the electric flame of my free Being
strike from your weary eyes their granite bleakness!

O Exile, come . . .

The barriers you yourself have built are broken;
shattered are the chains that held you bound.

Come . . .

Think you in all the dim back aeons you walked
alone, O Child, you, who are a part of this vast
Wholeness that am I? . . . Time 'tis you tear
and break and burn no longer . . .

Come . . .

I Am That I Am, the Name and the Nameless—
Lord of unboundable Fire.

O Exile, come . . .

Rest in that repose of mighty action—
inseparable in Being and in Doing—
thro' all past aeons and those to come . . .

Enter the gates of my high Energy
which you have sought so long and all in vain.
'Tis the End from whence you first began—
now the one open road of all Life's great Companions.

Come . . .

Lone wanderer, enter within Me, at last,
Become what I have been these aeons past . . .

The No-thing-ness that is All Thing;
the Form-less from whence all Forms begin;
Darkness that is the Way of all true Light!

Come . . .

Let the Fire of my Immensity beat You clear
as You build within your Soul the Rod
that for'er holds the gigantic God of Compassionate Power.

O Exile, come . . .

Die and be reborn from me . . . for this New Age,
become the MAN of the ONE LONE DESTINY . . .

Luminous Half of my great Vastness,
who am Lord of the Nameless Names.

Come . . .

Know, O Rebel so beloved, where lies the one Stability
your boundless freedom seeks.

Come . . .

Within Me, at last, where all past, all present,
and all future are lost, and Change and the Changeless meet!
In Me who am Maker of Avatars, Fire of mighty Suns and
Stars—

Space—Lord of all Burning Grounds!

Malya R.

The God Within

The World is in a state of unrest. A sense of disturbance, depression and uneasiness seems to have settled down on the whole of civilization. Old standards and ideals have gone and humanity is awaiting new visions to bring fresh inspirations and ideals of greater urgency.

There is a seeking in every department of activity, in social and political life, in art, science, music as well as religion and philosophy. The unevolved man is looking for salvation to come from without, by some divine interference, circumstance or happening. Surely much knowledge is needed to evolve Order again out of the Chaos prevailing in the world to-day. There is a curious sentence in our Bible which speaks of a time to come "When the Earth shall be full of Knowledge of God, as the Waters cover the Sea"; and some of us watching the Signs of the Times seem to see a great tidal wave of knowledge approaching shore.



Is there any real plan in the universe, and if so, what is the Plan? These are questions that every thinking soul is seeking to solve. All life is a series of groupings. From the animalcule to the man, each organism, each individual group, is a group of a distinct pattern in the universal scale of living substance, each brought into form by its own peculiar rate of vibration.

There are groups within groups from the individualized groups of a solar system to the divisions of an amoeba, but always the groups are distinct,—that is, they each have their marked peculiarity. Where do these patterns come from? Every physical form or material manifestation was originally built on the perfect pattern form which was projected from the Mind of God at the beginning of each cycle of manifestation.

As these ideal types descended through the various invisible worlds into physical manifestation, they first became mental, then ethereal patterns before they became embodied physically.

The Perfect Pattern, the first reflection of a form, is indestructible. In the Bible it is spoken of as "God made man in His Own Image." It is the outline of the body of the soul. The Cosmic Law throughout the Universe proceeds from the invisible to the visible, or, in other words, from within, outwards; from the invisible pattern, or Image, to its materialized expression upon the lowest plane—the plane of matter.

Investigation into the field of physics is bringing to light many of the long lost connecting links between the different orders of life, and the deepest thinkers in all branches of science are practically united now, as occult scientists have always been, on the great Truth of the Unity of all life.

We find every seed in the vegetable world and every germ in the animal kingdom reproducing its own kind all according to a particular plan or pattern belonging to that species. Everywhere we see this inner pattern-idea moulding the outer manifestation, gradually unfolding itself by the projective power of the spiritual LIFE-FORCE—the Power of God—pouring through.

This pattern in man we speak of as the soul; and the life force pouring through the soul, we speak of as spirit. Once this life-force is withdrawn, the physical form disintegrates into its chemical component parts, for the centripetal, cohesive force which held the form together is no longer present.

Death then is due to a lack of control of the life-force. As long as the life of man is bound up in the gratification of his objective senses and he is unable to grasp the reality of individual consciousness in Unity, will he be unable to discover the power he has so long been seeking—the power to extend his life indefinitely.

And so man must learn to seek for God within himself. He must learn to recognize the fact that his LIFE-POWER is the God Power within himself.

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A Philosophy of Operative Wholeness



I AM WHOLE

Civilization, as Europe conceived it, is crumbling because man so far has not been able to embrace its wholeness. We have lived for centuries in part-realizations and in the emphatic proclamation of the separateness of these parts. Machinery has been used by us to strengthen this partitioning, though it could have been the greatest means to our achievement of wholeness. While in many ways it has linked all countries of the world, it has first of all spread throughout the earth the gospel of separateness and competition. It has brought moral and material disintegration.

It is true that the breaking of dead shells and fictitious ideals is a blessing; that wholeness must manifest first of all as consuming fire, as the wrecking force that makes the necessary "clean surface" of which Plato speaks; the desert on which alone the foundation of the sacred City of Peace can be built. But, as the great and perhaps ultimate world-upheaval draws very near and the condemned structures shake in desperate fright, the time has come for a few who have regained some degree of simplicity and purity of heart and mind to sound the tones of the Builders.

This tone must first of all be sounded in the individual life, in our every-day commonplace life. It is a clear tone, a simple and direct utterance: "*I am whole.*"

Unassuming words, yet mighty, deep and radiant words to become pillars upon which will rest the entire structure of the new humanity. Many have read them in the Gospels, have pronounced them, have talked about them. But how few have understood the total significance of this pronouncement as great, and possibly greater, than the powerful mantrams of the ancient Eastern sages!

If I am whole, I must encompass of necessity every condition of being; destruction and decay as well as upbuilding and glory. The human body, which is the patent symbol of our wholeness (yet only a symbol) contains every condition of existence. It harbors all the chemistry of disintegration, produces poison and putrescence as well as loveliness. In a word, "I am whole" means that I am able to correlate and integrate all conditions of life within my boundaries; that I am able to impress my I-am-ness upon all cells and functions operative within the limits of my being; that by doing so, I create wholeness where otherwise disruptive and particularistic tendencies would prevail and chaos would be instead of organic cosmos.

Unfortunately we identify ourselves so exclusively with the material body that saying "I am whole" means for most of us: "My body is in good health." We forget our spiritual organism. We forget that we are not only animals, but organisms of mental substances and energies; that this mind is usually not whole and that our understanding of this inner body-to-be of spiritual forces is very poor as yet. We believe that this mind is the "I am." But, instead, the "I am" is the divine power of integration which eventually will integrate all our chaotic mental-spiritual processes into a real unity; just as in eons past the "I am" did integrate physiological processes into a physical organism. Illness is not due to an "error of the mind," but to the fact that the integrative power of the "I am" is not operating fully in the physical body—often because it is too strenuously focused on the work of spiritual integration; often because it is not operating anywhere at all.

Cosmically speaking, universal Space is the physical substratum of wholeness: It is the body of God. But to the universal Space corresponds analogically and accurately the universal Mind which is the organic spiritual whole, the Mind of God. God is the "I am" operating through universal Space and universal Mind. It is because this divine pronouncement "I am whole" resounds eternally and constantly through the physical cosmos and the universal Mind that both remain equilibrated, organic, perfect and whole.

When this "I am" fails to resonate with all-compelling power in and through mind and body, then the centrifugal forces of the myriad of lives composing both mind-soul and body dominate and illness ensues. Certain parts of the whole forget that they are parts; they forget the existence of that sovereign power which enforces by its very presence the fact of wholeness. As the "I am" resounds to some outermost corner of the realm, the cells in that region experience wholeness. The Master has come and cured. He is physician and king. His presence alone established wholeness. He is the Beloved of mystical lore. There is no ill, no sin, no evil save that some part of the whole race have not yet seen, or have forgotten, the living presence of the "I am."

This occurs because humanity is still very young and pubescent; because the energies of the soul and mind-world of the earth are still intensely self-assertive and filled with the will to power, instead of the "will to destiny" which is the will to wholeness. Our spiritual organisms are but potential entities. They are unorganized, unformed. The Pattern is there; but it is there only abstractly. The form is not yet an actual body, an operating vehicle. We must become spiritually formed. Then only do we function, not as mere personalities, but as Living Persons; for in us then shall have been born the Living God.

At present the "I am" power percolates but very slowly through the confusion of the astral-mental layers of the earth-aura, fetid with disintegrated thought-forms and selfish corruption; thus mental integration (the real power of concentration) is as yet very weak. Our unorganized minds are the causes of our diseased bodies. But it is not the mind which will cure the body. The only healer of both mind and body is the "I am."

Therefore, let the "I am" sound throughout every part of our body and soul. Let this realization of wholeness become an active Presence that is sent daily, regularly to each and all parts, organs and cells of our bodies. Let it flow through all the dissonant and diffident entities of our unorganized minds. Let us repeat: "I am whole." Let us send the "I am" throughout our being as a pulsating tone of compelling, yet gentle, serene and in no way forced power, as we breathe, as our heart beats, as our hands perform the daily tasks of destiny.

As the Hindu chants the sacred word of the Aryan Race "AUM" at the beginning of all great moments of the ritual of living, as the Chinese of old intoned "OMI", or the Thibetan the mystic invocation "OM MANI PADME HUM",—so let us of the New World prelude our deepest thoughts and important activities by pronouncing slowly and with the utmost power of concentration the new mantrams of the western world.

Though the words are familiar let us penetrate into their deepest significance. We want to arise into our new estate. We want to sound the Tone that shall gather to itself the new material to be used for the building of the Temple of the Living Civilization, that shall call to itself those souls who, having chosen the future for their dwelling place, will have escaped the doom of the old roots.

This Tone, this Word of the new God, three-fold and eight-fold, is a Living Power than can regenerate or rather re-create our beings. It can release through us *tonic power*. It can make of us positive, strong and radiant spheres of Love that is powerful and formed; Love that is not storming emotionally in centrifugal desires, but that is the heart of the formative process of being; Love that is the compassionate radiation and the life-giving blessing of wholeness made I.

RUDHYAR.



From "The Book of the Living God"

Strive first of all, O Seeker, to lay in yourself the foundation of a firm and clear "Will to self."

Affirm yourself that you may experience, in the Spirit, that Affirmation which is of Spirit.

Tread with serene tranquillity your path toward yourself. The path toward yourself is the path toward God.

You can never reach God if you do not find him, as he is—in yourself.

Bo Yin Ra.

The Mighty Purpose

An Almighty Benevolent Will is constantly organizing and reorganizing the universe. Its wisdom and ordering power are manifest in the arrangement of the particles of every atom, in the beauty and usefulness of all organic forms, and in the stupendous order of the Cosmos. Only in human society is there disorder and disease.

All through the ages seers and mystics have revealed that aspiring and progressive Immortals have organized heavenly kingdoms in exalted spiritual realms which manifest the wisdom, the harmony, the order of the Creator.

Now the Day long-prophesied in all the bibles of the world is upon us, when the Power of the Government of the Immortals is coming into manifestation to heal this sick and discordant planet, and to restore humanity to their prosperous spiritual estate as inheritors of the harmonious heavens of Love.

The Voice of God is speaking in the midst of the nations. God is being ultimated and made concrete even in the lowest realms of the planet. This mighty power is resurrecting millions of earth-bound spirits, and cleansing the aura of the earth from the accumulated poisons of millenia of selfishness, lust and greed.

We are in the midst of a tremendous process of world-purification. The old order of selfish competition is failing: it is doomed. The new order of cooperative Goodwill is being revealed to all who desire to work for the welfare of humanity.

A mighty Purpose pervades the Mind of the world. It is growing stronger every day. It is a Purpose sustained and concentrated into human minds by a Host of Immortals, who, under the leadership of the World-Teacher, have come to restore humanity to soul-health.

To those who consecrate their lives to the doing of the Will of God, there will come the first fruitage from the out-pouring of the everlasting riches of the Kingdom of God with the wisdom and power to accomplish its mighty Purpose.

WALTER DeVoe.

