

Glossary of Terms

The terms defined below represent some of the esoteric terms you will find in your initial study with the School for Esoteric Studies. Additional terms and definitions can be found at the end of two of the Alice Bailey books (*Initiation Human and Solar*, and *Letters on Occult Meditation*) or on the Theosophical Society website at <http://www.theosociety.org/pasadena/etgloss/etg-hp.htm>.

Abstract mind	Manas, the lowest aspect of the Spiritual Triad
Active intelligence	The energy that animates the form aspect; the Third Aspect
Adept	A Master who has taken seven of the nine initiations
Akasha	Vitalized matter, or substance animated by latent heat. In it we live and move and have our being
Anima mundi	The vast intricate sensory system of the planet; the consciousness or Soul of substance itself; the World Soul
Antahkarana	The energetic link or bridge between the higher mind (Manas) and the lower mind, between the Spiritual Triad and the threefold personality
Ashram	A Master's spiritual group
Astral	Emotion; sentient reactions
Astral plane	The sum-total of sentient reactions, of feeling-responsiveness, of the emotional substance that humanity has created
Avatar	A Being capable of reflecting some cosmic principle or divine energy in order to evoke a particular reaction from humanity
Black magic	The forcing of an issue or bringing mental pressure to bear on another so that that other individual or group is helpless to resist
Causal body	The sheath of the Soul
Chohan	An initiate who has taken more than the five major initiations that make an initiate a "Master of the Wisdom"
Concrete mind	The form-building faculty
Deva	A celestial being, or angel
Dharma	Awareness of the Soul's perfect line of development
Ego	Soul
Ether	A generic term for the ocean of energies
Etheric body	The true substantial form to which the physical body conforms
Evil	What feeds the spirit of separateness, of fear, of revenge, of selfishness
Evocation	A response to an invocative appeal
Fifth principle	The principle of mind, of intelligent thinking
First Aspect	Will
Fohat	The energy of matter; vitalizing force
Great White Lodge	Spiritual Hierarchy
Hierarchy, Spiritual	The group of Masters Who oversee the spiritual development on Earth
Hylozoism	The doctrine that all matter is endowed with life
Idea	The cause of manifestation
Ideal	The manifested idea
Initiate	One who has passed at least four of the nine initiations
Invocation	A conscious focused appeal
Kumaras	The seven highest self-conscious beings in the solar system
Logos	The outward expression, or the effect of the cause that is ever concealed
Lotus	A complex of many interweaving energies
Manas	The mental faculty, the individualizing principle

Master	One who has taken the fifth Planetary initiation & the first Sirian or Cosmic initiation
Master of the Wisdom	One Who has effected the polarization into the Spiritual Triad
Maya	Illusion; the result of manifestation
Monad	The One; the unified triad
Permanent atom	Small force center where information is stored by the Monad
Piscean	Pertaining to the Piscean Age, which was strongly conditioned by the Sixth Ray of Devotion or Abstract Idealism
Planetary Entity	Sum total of the forms that constitute the form through which the planetary Spirit is manifesting
Planetary Logos	The Being Who is the life of our planet
Ray	A particular force or emanation or type of energy, with an emphasis on the quality that the force exhibits
Rays of Aspect	Ray 1 (Will or Power), Ray 2 (Love-Wisdom), Ray 3 (Intelligent Activity)
Rays of Attribute	Ray 4 (Harmony through Conflict), Ray 5 (Concrete Knowledge), Ray 6 (Devotion or Abstract Idealism), Ray 7 (Ceremonial Magic or Law)
Right human relations	The product of goodwill
Ring-pass-not	The boundary or limit of a field of activity; the extent of influence
Sacrifice	To make holy; to accept limitation
Sanat Kumara	The first Kumara, focal point for the distribution of the force of the systemic Kumaras; the personality of the Planetary Logos
Sannyasin	One who has fulfilled other commitments and is freed to become a teaching disciple
Service	The utilization of Soul force for the good of the group
Shamballa	The Center created by the Ray of Will or Power
Solar Logos	The active, directing Intelligence of our solar system
Soul	That entity brought into being when the spirit aspect and the matter aspect are related to each other
Spirit	The One Life back of all forms; the central energy that is the cause of all manifestation
Spiritual Triad	The threefold expression of the Monad, parallel to the threefold personality in relation to the Soul
Sutratma	The life current; the silver thread; upon it are found the permanent atoms
Synthesis	The method by which comprehension is attained
Unity	Conscious adaptation to the greater Whole
Universal mind	The intelligent Principle
White magician	One who is a conscious conduit of Soul energies in the world
World Saviour	Humanity
World Teacher	A cyclical office, held by the Buddha and then the Christ (Lord Maitreya)