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Preface

The idea for this book came one day during a telephone conversation with a dear friend. We weren't even meditating, just chatting away, when Melchizedek, the Universal Logos, popped into our conversation on the inner-plane level. He said, "Joshua, this is going to be one of your next books."

As our conversation came to a quick halt, I asked him what he was referring to. It seems we had stumbled upon the word "leadership" during our talk, and Melchizedek then reaffirmed that the masters wanted me to write a book on this subject. Melchizedek rang my inner bell with this idea. Here was a subject I was very interested in but had never written about. The excitement I felt was overwhelming. I asked Melchizedek what I should entitle it and he said, *The Manual for Planetary Leadership*.

I immediately wrote this title down. My friend and I thanked Melchizedek and finished our conversation. It is with great excitement that I now begin this book.

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Spiritual Leadership in the New Age

Self-Leadership

One of the first prerequisites to becoming a leader among people is to become a leader within your own self. Each person's own personality is a government that must be led in and of itself. The president of the United States is the leader of the Senate and House of Representatives and people of the United States. In a similar vein, each of us is the president of our inner constituency. Our inner constituency is comprised of our mental, emotional and physical bodies, personality, chakras, desires, instincts, feelings, thoughts, intuition, sensations, subpersonalities, past-life aspects, inner child and subconscious mind. If one does not know how to govern oneself, it is not possible to effectively govern another. If you are not a strong leader over yourself, your inner constituency is victimizing *you*.

The first key quality to becoming an effective inner and outer leader is the quality of personal power. This also might be called the integration of first-ray energy. El Morya is considered an expert on leadership and is one of the trainers of the world spiritual leadership community because he is *chohan*, or lord, of the first ray.

The first ray is the will, or power, aspect of God. Personal power is a most important quality in achieving psychospiritual health. Without personal power you will become completely victimized by your energies. Your personal power is your will. Personal power translates into self-mastery, self-discipline, and the ability to remain focused and committed at all times and being the cause rather than the effect of your reality. It translates into being master of your self and your life rather than victim. It also translates into having the spiritual-warrior archetype readily available at all times, being incredibly persevering and relentless in one's efforts.

In my opinion, personal power is the number-one key quality for becoming an effective leader. Most people own their power as long as they have physical energy, alertness and wakefulness. As their physical vitality

goes, so goes their personal power. The key to understanding personal power is not to give it away to anyone or any aspect within yourself—ever. The key is to always remain in your power. This takes great mental discipline and training. You do not want to give your power to your thoughts, feelings, emotions, desires, physical-body appetites, sexuality, instincts, imagination, dreams, subpersonalities or any other inner qualities.

Once you have mastered this, work on never giving your power to other people no matter who they might be. True leaders maintain their personal power at all times no matter what the situation. This leads to even-mindedness, involved detachments, divine indifference, objectivity, ability to witness, equanimity, and mental and emotional stability.

The Second Key Leadership Quality

If personal power is the first key quality to being an effective leader, then love is the second most important quality. True spiritual leaders in whatever field always use their power in a loving way. Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, Genghis Kahn and Napoleon all had personal power, but they didn't have love.

First ray blended with second ray is personal power blended with love. This is why the masters Djwhal Khul, Kuthumi and Lord Maitreya are wonderful teachers of leadership. All seven ray-masters are excellent teachers of leadership, though each has a slightly different focus in the way this leadership manifests.

The ideal leader has what might be called tough love. He/she is tough as nails in his focus and discipline but loving and harmless as the Virgin Mary. A true leader never attacks and is never negatively angry. He might have positive anger, an expression of the spiritual-warrior archetype, or great first-ray destructive energy used in a positive sense to destroy outdated form, but he is never negatively angry.

People we respect as leaders have this wonderful combination of personal power and unconditional love emanating from their being. Certain masters are more disciplinary than others—for instance, El Morya, Sananda and Yogananda's guru, Sri Yuktswar. Yogananda and Djwhal Khul, for example, are less disciplinary. Each master has a different style within this understanding. It would make sense that El Morya, being the head of the first ray, would have a little more first-ray energy. To say they are disciplinarians does not mean that they are not loving, for they are. They might just have a little more masculine energy in their personality makeup.

I relate to this myself, as I personally have a little more of the yogi, ascetic and Buddha-type energy than the average person does. This is nothing that I try to do; it is just there. I have a little more first-ray energy than the average person does, which is one aspect of my leadership ability. A lot of

this has to do with the ray structure in one's monad, soul, personality, mind, emotions and physical body. It also has to do with how God built us! Even though I have a lot of first-ray energy, my actual soul- and monadic-ray structure is second ray. For me, this serves as a good balance since the second ray is the love-wisdom ray and that of spiritual educators of the world.

Leaders can come from all rays and ray configurations. I don't have any first-ray energy in my ray chart, yet that is one of my strongest qualities. So one should not limit him/herself to just that piece of the picture. One could say, however, that all leaders have tremendous first-ray energy as an underpinning of their program.

The need for leadership manifests in all people and all situations. First, it must begin with self, then in family, extended family, church, community, profession and spiritual life.

Spiritual vs. Egotistical Leadership

The next concept about leadership is that it has higher and lower aspects: spiritual leadership and egotistical leadership. Spiritual leadership we have already begun to introduce. Egotistical leadership is shown in those earthly people who have moved into positions of power without actualizing their personalities, souls and monads. They have become leaders in a physical sense, but not in a true spiritual sense. Hitler was the leader of Nazi Germany, but used his position to make himself and Germany superior and the Jews inferior. In truth, he was a leader serving the Dark Brotherhood. Djwhal Khul told me that Hitler was actually a walk-in of the Dark Brotherhood hierarchy.

When run by the negative ego, leadership is used for self-centered, selfish, misguided purposes. Instead of using this position of power to help and serve others, the position is used to help and serve one's own selfish goals and aims. Our history books are filled with such leaders. These examples are the result of individuals, usually men, who were given leadership and power, but were neither right with themselves nor with God. It is the misuse of power. Napoleon wanted to take over the world. The leaders of the crusades wanted to wipe out the infidels. Ayatollah Khomeini wanted to create a holy war. Saddam Hussein wanted to take over Kuwait. This is selfish power, greed and lack of true spirituality. The puzzling thing is that a lot of these people actually believe in God, or Allah, which makes what they have done that much more misguided. It is hard to believe that even Hitler dabbled in the occult.

Another key quality of true leadership is selflessness. A true spiritual leader is the servant of all and totally without ego in focus. Sai Baba comes to mind here. He is a being with such vast powers it is mind-boggling. There has never been a being of this spiritual magnitude physically

incarnated. Yet there is no one on this planet more selfless. He is the embodiment of unconditional love and selfless service to humanity. There is no ego emanating from this glorious being.

The Bible says, “For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?” One of the great tests of the spiritual path as disciples and initiates move into leadership is the test of power. Will the power go to their heads and will it become abused? It will if they have not done their spiritual homework on learning how to control their negative egos within themselves.

Egotistical leadership promotes within the person the need for superiority and self-inflation. True spiritual leaders could care less about this. They are more interested in group consciousness. They recognize the leadership they have been given; however, they not only don't flaunt it but are also incredibly humble, grateful and honored to have the opportunity to serve—which is really the basis of leadership.

Psychological Clarity

In my opinion, the key to effective leadership is not really so much your level of initiation or light-quotient level as your level of psychological or psychospiritual clarity. You can have the most advanced light quotient on the planet or have passed all seven levels of initiation, but not have the necessary psychospiritual clarity to be a leader. If you are not in control of your negative ego, emotional body, subconscious mind and desire body and you have not learned how to parent your inner child, you will not be qualified to lead anything, for you have not learned how to lead yourself.

Clairvoyance or being a clairaudient voice channel does not qualify you for leadership in the slightest. If you want to come into true effective leadership at the highest possible level, then do your psychological homework. This means learn to own your power and never lose it.

Techniques for Owning Your Power

Learn to:

- Maintain unconditional love at all times.
- Never give in to your negative ego.
- Be focused at all times and never lose your commitment.
- Integrate all twelve archetypes, but do not allow one to outweigh another.
- Balance and integrate the twelve rays.
- Integrate and balance all twelve astrological signs.
- Parent your inner child properly with firmness and love.
- Control your astral, emotional and desire bodies.