

## *Eye of the Heart*

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Our human perspective is “only at eye level.”

- World 1      **Godhead** – Holy Absolute, in accessible, unknowable.
- Shock 1**      Energy and Will of the Absolute;  
**Shock points** introduce new energy in order to keep the Ray of Creation flowing, ie, to move up the vertical axis [this chart] to the higher Worlds/realms; shock points are where progression is most vulnerable and most permeable.
- World 3      **Consciousness / God** manifests from nothing into something  
**Law of Three** resolves duality – light *and* darkness *and* God. ~Torah
- World 6      **Eros** – pure creative life force, actual energy stream, pure spirit; consciousness condenses into psychic force; bridge between manifest and unmanifest; pure generativity from which the entire created order emerges; highest realm touchable while still in human form.  
Universe begins.  
[The **Holy Ideas** of the Enneagram touch World 6. Russ Hudson]
- World 12      **Embodied Love** – Christic & Bodhisattva consciousness; fully incarnate and embodied love.  
**Agape** – heart love; rich and luminous love emerging from the fires of Eros W6 to its transfigured fullness in Agape W12.  
Human Jesus W24 + divine Jesus W6 = W12, the middle (shoot high to reach the middle)[see\*]  
The endpoint of the personal realms.  
[Latiaf and the arising of the **Virtues** of the Enneagram. Russ Hudson]
- World 24      **Imaginal** (denoting subtle and fluid) – direct perception thru the eye of the heart, the true organ of spiritual perception and **seat of selfhood**; The Kingdom of Heaven; connectivity; the purpose of cosmic assistance is to guide, shape, nourish and offer course corrections; beginning of **conscious humans** grounded in body, heart and mind; witnessing self; human Jesus; true vehicle of communication between the Worlds; **conscience** as core behavioral motivator; capacity to move against entropy and generate energy rather than dissipate it; synchronicity; circular time; nonduality; the true vehicle for continuous communication between the realms/worlds.  
**Surrendered** beings – in the state of surrender and flow we find peace; we help others transform (not save) others through the fruits of the spirit: love, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, joy, kindness, faithfulness, forbearance, and self-control.  
**Presence** – the outer forms of physical materiality are illuminated from within by the light that pours from W12.  
**Law of Three**: higher blends with lower to activate the middle; 2 steps forward, 1 back:  
Lower 48 + higher 12 = 24, the middle.\*
- Shock 2**
- ★ Conscious labor – intentional effort against autopilot, summoning conscious **awareness** and presence.
  - ★ Intentional suffering – **surrender**; increased heartfulness of that presence, inviting us to willingly carry a piece of the universal suffering, which includes our own; emanates from W12 where it bears the energy of Christic and Bodhisattva consciousness in which the fully awakened heart that knows we are all in this together; it begins to resonate with W6.
- The sufferings of the created order meet their uncreated Holy Absolute W1 in the suffering of God. Suffering is the necessary cost of the “birth of nothing into something,” which is borne directly in the marrow of the divine heart as the Godhead (World 1), allowing itself to be drawn and quartered so that all other worlds may come into being. Intentional suffering is quintessentially **surrendering**, to lighten the sorrow of our Common Father. When you catch the deep love and cosmic sadness flowing through these words, there is no other response than tears.
- We gradually develop the willingness and capacity to sacrifice our self-actualization under the laws of the lower 48 in order that the raw materials of our surrendered will and personal drama can instead be transformed into something of imperishably finer substantiality.
- All things in the created order begin in fire and end in light, teaches the 16th century mystic, Jacob Boehme, and as we are willing to entrust our lives to the outcome of fire, **pain** is not an opposing force, but “**the ground of motion**.” Cynthia Bourgeault, *The Corner of Fourth and Nondual*.
- According to Gurdjieff, we do not arrive with a soul. Soul is rather the supreme fruit of our earthly sojourn, forged in the refiner’s fire of our conscious labor and intentional suffering. ... What is left after the sculptor removes the outer layer to reveal the work of art.

[Surrender is the single most frequently used word among female mystics. Meggan Watterson, *Reveal*]

- World 48      **Egoic** – the world as we know it through the best of human culture; egoic, self-reflective, pre-conscious, still mostly asleep, not yet truly conscious, necessary and sacred; sense of duality and scarcity, either/or, vices and virtues [not the same as Enneagram Virtues]; linear time, sequential causality; my physical body subject to physical laws; sense of the authentic worth and purpose of this earth realm in the cosmic scheme of things in order to fathom the excruciating care exerted on our behalf and tap into the deeper motivations of the heart. The coarse material is our own organic existence and contributes a vital part in the homeostasis that allows anything to be in the first place. Everything has its unique role to play. The coarse material is our own organic existence and contributes a vital part in the homeostasis that allows anything to be in the first place. Everything has its unique role to play.
- World 96      **Personality** – habits, fixations, Object Relations (rejection, attachment, frustration), conditional, artificially acquired; boring, stuck, unstable, moon/lunatics; level of most of humans most of the time.
- World 192     **Hell** realms – deeply disordered, anguished, suffering, distortions, madness, craving, wrath, pride, envy, obsession, self-denigration; self-reflective consciousness turns on itself. The final outpost before consciousness collapses into outer darkness. The collective pain body of humanity and the planet itself.
- ↓ 12,288      Inorganic chemistry; no consciousness.