

The determining role of the spiritual and moral potential of a person in the process of rational choice

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Abstract: *The ratio, mutual influence and interdependence of the most important elements of the human potential and the HIGHEST SPIRITUAL principle of a person are considered in this paper. The importance and role of the human potential in achieving the UN sustainable development goals. Potential of a HUMAN and its perspective use in the implementation of INDUSTRY 4.0 achievements.*

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1. Introduction

It is natural and normal to identify from time to time the disputability or doubtfulness of certain knowledge, which objectively confirm its transient nature. The truth is that we have the ability not only to approach the reality as such, but also to master it to a great extent.

In that context, the statement made by the UN SDG that the importance of "personal fulfillment is objectively even more important than the sustainability of the global economic growth, taking into account the preservation of natural factors of the human society (environment, climate, etc.)" and is of a *universal nature*, represents an outstanding event [Report on Human Development in the Russian Federation, 2016. Sustainable Development Goals of the UN and Russia]. All the more so as with the exponential distribution of INDUSTRY 4.0 achievements in the world, which are becoming part of our daily routine at an incredible speed, *personal fulfillment* will be probably comparable to overcoming the sound barrier in the atmosphere, enabling us to escape at an incredible speed from the "trap" of the economic slavery of the Kingdom of Necessity, explored by K. Marx, to a different social space being the supra-economic environment developing under the fundamentally different social laws. The UN Report describes how the most important areas of the human life may change by 2030 in accordance with the set sustainable development goals and how our "common" home on this planet should look like.

However, we have only very rough information about those, who will live in this world and effectively use their spiritual, moral and physical potential representing, in fact, an infinite ocean of the human wisdom, knowledge and abilities, which the society will master to achieve the goals set by the UN SDG and even see new horizons, more monumental and dramatic goals: about the *HUMAN*, who owns this wonderful tool. In addition, his nature, designation, self-consciousness and, of course, the goals of his evolutionary and cyclic development should be undoubtedly consistent with the fundamental existential goal!

In the end, it is about the way a person uses this unique tool (his own potential) in his "journey" through the fields of space and time. Its components in combination with the internal and external world in the "apartments" of our future "common" home. After all, seventeen sustainable development goals of the UN are only the basis, the "foundation" of the house, the beginning of the way, if you like, which starting point lies in more and more complete satisfaction of continuously growing and steadily rising *HUMAN* needs!

The upcoming studies of the human potential and identification of the ways for its effective use, which is still a very rough idea, will hopefully reveal the secrets of our present and, to some extent, our future!

The human consciousness being the spirit, sense and will of each person, is inaccessible to physical experiments and mathematical calculations. Its investigation lies beyond the limits of physiological and mathematical paradigms.

In the infinite objective reality there are cognitive objects inaccessible to physical experiments and mathematical calculations, as the physical, experimental studies cannot even cover the material substance of the existence, let alone its fundamental spiritual nature. Moreover, "Exact experimental science has nothing to do with

public morals, virtue, philanthropy... It is an even-handed classification of facts outside of the human, existing before and after him..." [1. Mahatmas: Legends and Reality. M., "Sphere", 2001. p. 277]. That is why, we first need to study and understand not the physical phenomena, but noumena. In order to understand the former, we must first understand the latter. This is a "very old principle": "Ideas rule the world" and "no matter how wonderful a physical phenomenon is, it cannot explain to a human his origins, the relation of the mortal to the immortal, the temporal to the eternal, the finite to the infinite." [2. Mahatmas: Legends and Reality // M., "Sphere", 2001, pp. 242, 273].

2. Results and Discussion

The *HUMAN* being the great mystery of the infinite cosmos and nature is "the product of cosmic deities and spiritual entities (beings), and each such deity or spiritual being expresses itself through the human, who is a temporary home that they have built." [3. Mahatmas: Legends and Reality // M., "Sphere", 2001. p. 370]. Due to his dual (spiritual and material) nature the human first manifests the abilities of his material, *carnal* nature being the repository and conductor of his instinctive "*animal soul*" of the human, his "lower Self". The instinctive "*animal soul*" "refers exclusively to the lower *psychic* mind, which develops into intelligence as a result of the quantitative growth and improvement of brain cells, their enhanced sensitivity." [4. E. Blavatskaya - Black Magic in Science. Amrita-Ural. Magnitogorsk, 1996. pp. 104-105]. At the same time, only the drivers of the conscious human activity can make any use of these abilities beneficial or harmful. That is, the powers and abilities of the animal (instinctive and psychic, "lower Self") nature of a human can be used with equal success by honest, unselfish, upright people, whose consciousness is dominated by their *SPIRITUAL HIGHER "SELF"*, and by people, who fail to have sufficient will to fight against their desires and lust of their "lower Self".

But what is the "Higher Self", its role and importance in our life? This is the presence in each person of an immortal "Divine Mind", a principle designated by the dedicated as the Higher *Manas* or *Hous* (Supreme Intelligence or Ego) "with its pale and often distorted reflection being called "the Mind" and intelligence of a human: *Kama-Manas* meaning a rational, but earthly (physical) intelligence enclosed in the material shell of our body and constantly experiencing its influence. Whereas the Higher Self is the source, the "*guide*" of the *intellectual element*, the lower self is the source of the *psychic*, or earthly "*wisdom*" exposed to "*carnal*" *desires* always inherent in the living body." [5. E. Blavatskaya Black Magic in Science. Amrita-Ural. Magnitogorsk, 1996. pp. 127-128].

A curious reader will certainly ask about the essence of these components of the human, and then many questions arise: "self" and "Self" are united, but what is this uniformity about? Is it the unity of soul and body? But what is the body and what is the soul? What are their origin and purpose? How do they interact? Who or what directs the human action and what is the meaning of human relationships?

For example, the structural "Self" is believed to be a very complex notion common to all people in both psychological and ontological dimensions, enabling us to speak about the "psycho-physiological "Self" and the "ontological "Self": while the former is rather "that

internal self-directed force that makes a person overcome the obstacles" than an object of the psycho-physiological science, the latter is a philosophy (more precisely, Theosophy, the Divine Spirit). It is impossible to reach the "ontological "Self" based only on the diverse phenomenology of psycho-physiological states of the organic human life, interacting exclusively with the molecule movement in the brain, which "... is an inexhaustible producer of the most subtle quality of cosmic energy from the low brute energy of the Nature", the organic human life, and "this is the key to the mystery of its ability to project onto and materialize in the visible world the forms that its imagination has built from inert cosmic matter in the invisible world", the key to understanding the evolution of "the conscious life from the inert material". [6. Letters of the mahatmas // Samara, 1993. p. 34].

The activity of self-consciousness and its unique tool being the *Human Mind* cannot be addressed relying only on the psycho-physiological basis: the nervous system and the human brain. The latter as the producer and supplier of the "most subtle quality of cosmic energy" representing the result of the organic human life, "feeds" the mind, which has risen to the supersensitive *wisdom* emanating from the "*DIVINE HIGHER "SELF"*" of the human. "The thing that manifests directly to itself in the form of the consciousness phenomena and indirectly to others in the form of the body activity constitutes the Mind (*Manas*). It is the Mind who produces all mental phenomena demonstrating its nature through its actions." [7. G. T. Ladd "Elements of Physiological Psychology".] It is no longer a secret for those who have devoted themselves to the study of the human, his role and place in the universe that the dual (spiritual and material) human nature, human *self-consciousness*, rooted in the Universe and being its continuation here, on the physical level for the majority of people "...today is the same as millions of years ago; prejudgement based on selfishness, general

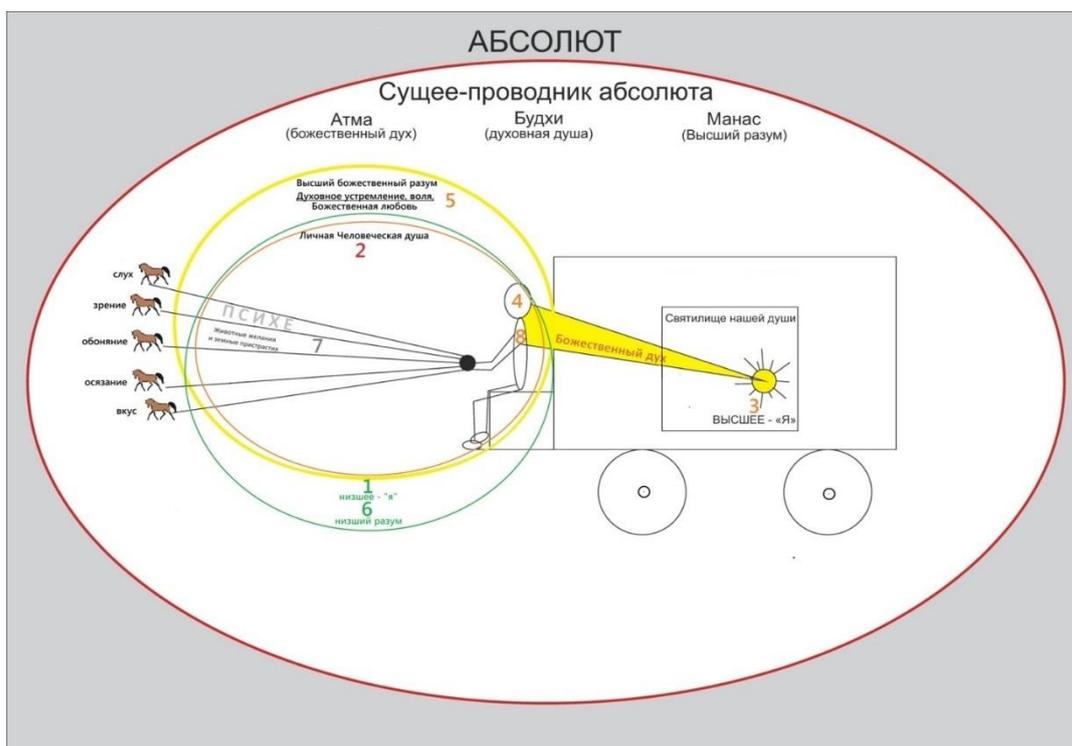
unwillingness to give up the established order of things for a new way of life and thought ...proud and stubborn resistance against the truth, when it breaks previous ideas about certain things..." [8. Mahatmas: Legends and Reality // M., "Sphere", 2001. p. 273].

For the majority of professionals, researchers and simply a wide range of people interested in self-consciousness it has remained a closely guarded secret.

What is the reason for such woeful stability and relevance? Why are we so persistently conservative in our opposition to the truth? Doesn't that patient, irresistible impulse for knowledge, light, justice, and *DIVINE* love originate from the sources of the *DIVINE SPIRIT*? Why are we not in a hurry to apply the *DIVINE SPARK* given to us, the drive for knowledge (light), sympathy, and finally philanthropy in opposition to our own animal-material, selfish nature, obediently yielding to the "*animal*" inside the man?

It is hardly possible to give any reasonable arguments to doubt that the repository (the nest) of *carnal* desires that overwhelm the man is, quoting Elena Petrovna Blavatskaya, the human body (*their carrier*), the instinctive "animal Soul", (1) or the "lower Self". [Fig.1] The latter is certainly opposed to the individual or Human Soul, (2) completely determined by the Mind (4) blessed by the *divine spirit* - the "Higher Self" (3) of the man. (2) "... in its highest aspect (5) [it] consists of spiritual aspiration, will and divine love"; whereas "... in its lowest aspect (6) [it] is comprised of animal desires and carnal passions perceived from its carrier, who is the repository of all these desires and passions" describing its "*psyche*" (7). [9. E. Blavatskaya Black Magic in Science. Amrita-Ural. Magnitogorsk, 1996. pp. 30-31].

"Being in the middle, (2) in its desire to reconnect with the higher divine spiritual nature it always approximates it when it manages to overcome (under the influence of its "Higher "Self") the "*animal*" inside the man" that is its "lower "Self"."



(Figure 1)

The Figure of the **CHARIOT** shows the ratio of all human guides in the Platonic and general ancient Vedic thought: the chariot itself is the body, the horses harnessed to it mean the senses, the driver is the mind, the passenger is the Higher "*SELF*" of the man participating in the conduct of higher energies (inner man) through the manifestation levels.

In the search of the answer to these and many other questions our inquiring "*Self*" is wandering in the maze of its own consciousness, somehow reflecting the reality, eager to learn about itself: who am I, why do I live as a man, as an element of one or another socio-economic system, and what has determined my presence, position,

and role in the system, in this country, in the family, where I was born, where I live, suffer and will eventually end my life?

It is impossible to solve the mystery of the human mind in its highest, spiritual manifestation or rather in its dual aspect (the psychic and intellectual (manasic)) or to understand even the issues associated with it on the material level and its exposure to the

intellectual principle of the man until the existence of this duality, that is the presence of the lower, psychic mind (6) or the thing, which develops into the intelligence in the man, (8) along with the supreme (or *divine*) intelligence (5) is accepted and assimilated. [10. E. Blavatskaya Black Magic in Science. Amrita-Ural. Magnitogorsk, 1996, pp. 104,106].

A synthesizing mind, the mystery of human choice and behavior cannot be explained or justified by the unique thinking ability of the human based only on his physiological characteristics and brain activity, which develops and functions together with the body primarily under the laws of the material world, which has no spontaneity and where everything depends on the needs. [11. Physiological Psychology, G. T. Ladd, Philosophy Professor at the Yale University.].

Our mind is "a rational spiritual principle of a human in its highest aspect striving for the spirit, will and divine love" [12. E. Blavatskaya Black Magic in Science. Amrita-Ural. Magnitogorsk, 1996. pp. 30-31, pp. 30, 31, 123, 124] guided by the "teacher" to the sanctuary of our soul: our "HIGHER "SELF", where it interacts with its material carrier (the human brain) and, quoting Professor J. T. Ladd "...acts and develops according to its own laws, but is tightly bound with the material molecules and masses making up the substance of the Brain." [13. G. T. Ladd]. Although its nature is immaterial, it can be identified and studied through a set of acts (phenomena) representing the result of its interaction with the material molecules of the brain. "...The synthesizing action [of the *Mind*] cannot be explained by any physiological process, and the description of any of these processes cannot be even reasonably associated with this unique thinking ability." While temporarily separated from its material carrier (the human brain), in the process of their interaction, the *Mind*, in turn, becomes the carrier of its higher mental abilities: the source (organ) of the will of the physical, earthly man. [14. G. T. Ladd.]

The use of the unique technical and technological achievements of INDUSTRY 4.0 is obviously under the control of the *Mind*, which determines and has always determined the direction and strength, tools and scale of impact on the world around to achieve its own goals.

This exceptional phenomenon cannot be explained only by the presence, configuration and functioning of the individual nervous system, including the brain, but it brings us closer to the inevitable awareness of the activity of our own actual "Self", which unites and guides all our perceptions, experiences and activities in the right direction, according to each of us, through the *Mind*, blessed by the "TEACHER" in the sanctuary of our soul: our "HIGHER "SELF". Since the driver at the car wheel does not produce the fuel for the engine, can we declare that he does not control the car movement?

The mind captured by the fluids emanating from the "Teacher" in the sanctuary of our soul is the only intermediary between the physical, earthly man and his *SPIRITUAL, HIGHER "SELF"* and the only tool, the key to solving the mystery of the intelligent (mental) activity of the human guiding his energy to achieve its own goals. Even if we take into account that our daily, hourly thoughts and actions are driven by a lust for property and power and persistently follow the range of temporal problems (prisoners of animal instincts, vanity and other "worthy" earthly duties).

Since the source of mental phenomena is far beyond the activity of the brain molecules, the "TEACHER" in the sanctuary of our soul, or "the divine spirit, whose consciousness is based on and entirely determined by the Mind", [15. E. Blavatskaya pp. 30-31] saves it (our *mind*) from the risk of being dragged down into the world of animal desires and carnal passions and swallowed by the gulf of the material "*kingdom*" of necessity.

3. Conclusion

The era of socio-economic formations of K. Marx, which is coming to its end, lacks the mechanism of automatic coordination between *economic* and other social values and *sustainable* satisfaction of human and social needs.

In the era of the dominant and, quoting K. Marx, predetermined (by *whom?*) "material-economic social factors and relations", our self-consciousness forms and supports some kind of *semi-human* existence imposed by the despot and master of the majority: the lower "*mind*" or our "lower "Self".

This disease of our consciousness, CORONAVIRUS, if you like, nestled in the human and public consciousness hundreds of millions of years ago, at the dawn of modern civilization, but only nowadays it has manifested once again in such a devastating manner here on the physical level in our bodies.

Only a *RADICAL* turn of the self-*CONSCIOUSNESS* and the *MIND* granted to us towards the true and comprehensive definition of the *HUMAN* not limited only by his "animal" nature, will be the beginning of salvation (overcoming) from the disease that is killing us.

The foundation has already been laid. Sympathy, cooperation, unity in overcoming the terrible disease, the desire of all segments of the population to be useful, sacrificing their financial fortunes, their health and the lives of our dedicated medical professionals to recover and protect ourselves from the virus: all these are the real life-giving sprouts of the recovering self-consciousness of every individual and the society.

After the victory over the CORONAVIRUS we have no moral right to get back to the "*creeping economism*": bank interests, profits, financial conditions and "pyramids" of speculative and oligarchic nature, various funds and savings, both "necessary" and disappearing as yesterday's news, along with endless and dead-end rhetoric of concern for the welfare of the human and the whole country, fading without any visible positive changes in the people's daily life.

At this critical moment of the objectively required historical turn of our civilization to knowledge, light, sincere love to people and all living beings as a result of dedicated spiritual aspiration, recollection and testing of our moral priorities, our spiritual maturity and historical willingness to make this monumental turn, to step into a different, hard-fought and necessary social space is being verified. To make this step to the space, where the *HUMAN* is the *GREATEST VALUE*, while the *economy* is just a tool transformed long time ago into the social reproduction goal, where the *HUMAN* as the main productive force seeking for the economic profit "*trapped*" himself in the *economic slavery*, which he had personally created.

The extension of the dedicated, inspired aspirations to their "Higher "Self" in the consciousness of people, and most importantly of the ruling elite, will certainly strengthen the material base in the struggle against coronavirus and not only against it, will save many from premature death, and what is even more important, will release the human heart, the human mind from "the golden calf", which nestled there, and from the "*lower*" human, who fell down before it! The *MIND* blessed by the *DIVINE SPIRIT* representing our "*HIGHER "SELF"* is the only tool capable to make an inevitable and reasonably required radical turn of the entire system of reproductive relations under the modern conditions. This would be the turn of all social institutions: health and social security, upbringing and education, training and retraining of the manpower, physical education and public services, cultural and educational services, etc., but above all the spiritual, moral and intellectual potential of a person in their consistency with the fundamental social reproduction goal. After all, our historical retrospective is well known for an infinite number of sad examples, when even ignorance and poor awareness of a *HUMAN as the main productive force of the society* "are better than mental knowledge without Spiritual Wisdom to illuminate and guide it." [16. E. Blavatskaya The Voice of Silence. M., "Sphere", 2001, p. 47].

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