

## Initiation—by Jane Hart

We are wired for spirituality. Initiation is the process that rewires us to increase our capacity for more energy, light, spiritual current and flow. Just as upgrading our household electrical circuit from 110 to 220 allows us to do more—to run an electric range, dryer or furnace—so our spiritual circuits are upgraded through the means of initiation, permitting us to do more spiritually. Just as the wiring is not the same thing as the electricity that flows through it or the appliances you can then run, so this initiation process is not to be confused with the information and energy that can be attained through it. It only “marks a point of attainment. It does not bring about that attainment...” (Alice Bailey, Ponder on This, p. 198) It truly allows you to evolve from the dim glow to the bright light! And once you are rewired, you never need to go back to the lesser ability that once limited you. Every particle within you gets charged in preparation for this upward thrust. The brain must be opened up to receive this new energy—rewired and upgraded to take in the new energy that is coming through.

Another good analogy is this: when you graduate from one school to another, you receive a diploma and go through a ceremony that signifies graduation, which then enables you to do certain new things such as getting a desired job. But graduation should not be confused with all of the learning and effort made to get to that “point of attainment” marked by graduation, nor is it the same thing as the work that can be done afterwards. Similarly, initiation gives you the capacity to do greater spiritual work and allows for the capacity to hold more spiritual energy. It is not that energy itself, nor is it the capacity for the new work that can then be done with it. It is simply a new level, a new dimension or plane of expression. Once you move up to this new level, it can never be lost! Initiation marks a new level of understanding that propels you into a progressive process of education, similar to the stages from elementary school to middle school, high school, college and then on to graduate school.

Everything flows and moves in upwardly progressing cycles, according to a mathematical plan. There are rhythms and cycles to everything, from the tiniest particle to each individual soul and on up through the whole universe. The piano keyboard provides a picture of how this works. You start at a lower octave, and, note by note, gradually gain the capacity to play more and more of that octave’s keys, until you reach the uppermost note. At that point there is a tremendous surge of energy that thrusts you into a higher octave.

Once that new octave has been attained, there is a period of time in which you vacillate, moving back and forth between the two octaves. Finally, the door closes on the lower octave, and you no longer can go below your new, higher octave—nor would you want to. That would be like going back to baby formula after eating solid food for a while. It simply would not appeal to you! That point of no return, beyond which you would not be able to (nor would you even want to) drop back below that new point of attainment, is called initiation. You must complete each cycle, or octave, before rising to a new one. There is no skipping cycles. This process of soul evolution all builds on itself, step by step and layer by layer. And it contains many steps and stages, similar to the notes in each octave.

On the cosmic level, this is a dance with the rhythm of the universe. Everything, including you, flows in perfect harmony with the rhythm of this universe. All this universal energy is stepped down, as it were, from the level of the cosmos, to the universe, the galaxy, the solar system, the planetary system, the group and finally the individual.

Now is the age and time of group initiations. This is important, because the ego wants to make itself special and say “I got an initiation and aren’t I wonderful?” But you remain humble when you are in a graduating class, such as is experienced here at Renaissance Unity.