

# WILL AND EMOTION

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More often than not I come across magicians and students who constantly state to be carrying out actions “according to their will”, let alone the constant search for the “True Will”, but who chooses what is our will? Is this something “per se” that guides our lives as a holy book or something we can modify consciously ? Modify to conform to what? To another will even more “true”? Or can we choose our most adequate will at every moment according to our objective criteria?

In this article I will try to explore new and interesting possibilities for magicians who are free of dogma and specially for initiates of the Left Hand Path.

The human being acts ultimately motivated by emotions; the intellectual level serves basically to solve the problems that we face in order to reach a desired emotional state (emotions define objectives and the direction of action, intellect takes care of how to get there). This system is basic and viable for the survival of the animal kingdom.

Emotional motivators can be of a high level (prospects of happiness and the satisfaction of basic desires, the carrying out of expectations instilled in the society in which we have been raised, in order to avoid the nasty feeling of remorse) or of a low level (satisfaction and momentary pleasures, running away of unpleasant situations, etc).

Are these the proper main motivators? Are our goals “ours” or the semi-random result of the combination of emotional components created partly by the environment to which we are being subjected?

Will is nothing more than the sum of the (high level) dominant emotional motivators. When we say that we have “willpower” to get over something, what we are really saying is that we have an inner struggle between two motivators and we have been able to change the initial rank of one over the other. In this sense, we are puppets of our passions / emotions / desires, be they more or less “lofty” or well considered.

Most of the higher motivators are related to the basic survival instincts; our conscious mind gets impelled to run in a specific direction dictated by an “emotional background color”. Our higher intellectual observation capacity allows us (if we are careful enough) to become aware of this process, even though sometimes we don't like to admit to it and this is an important factor in “self inflicted blindness”:

We won't deal here with the how and the why of this self-developed capabilities, but on the fact that thanks to them we can tap into levels of comprehension and evolution beyond what we know in all the rest the life on this planet. Even so, the basic motivators

remain the same and this may be one of the reasons for personal and species incongruity that for the moment characterizes us and is the source of so many troubles.

The Left Hand Path initiate focuses on choosing on his/her path of evolution and in controlling his/her microcosm instead of being controlled by blind emotional tides. Reaching a greater knowledge by climbing and self-building from the bottom-up begins a process in which a new reality is created, uniting the denser with the subtler.

Is it possible to choose consciously the motivators that drive our decisions? And if so, how can we choose them? Who chooses them? These questions have deep implications that reach all the way to the core of who and what we are, our personality and the different levels of self.

The traditional answer in the western esoteric tradition is the contact with the Higher Self in order for it to guide us in the path, meaning that knowledge comes from above to below. However, there is great magical knowledge in the conscious construction of the self from the below to above, by the creation and re-creation of personal motivators.

The task is to filter through the intellect, all the emotional components that can become main motivators (our Will).

The capacity to consciously create and modify certain emotional values that drive us means that we stop being bound by them; our conscience becomes expanded and reaches a new level of our psyche, turning us into creators of ourselves and, therefore, of our universe.

This expansion of consciousness in turn grants us access to a more ample perspective, to new knowledge and greater independence. Lastly, this process can be comparable to the traditional contact with the Higher Self or Guardian Angel, with a notable difference: in this case self-deception is not possible, since the new vision can only be reached from the observation of objective changes operated on our own psyche.

Without a doubt most of the configuration of our body-mind complex is defined by the physical setup received at birth and another important part comes from the experiences we have had throughout our life. Nevertheless, two of our innate qualities: our capacity of intellectual association and abstraction together with our dose of curiosity, can allow the initiate of the left hand path to modify some of the higher level motivational factors using the intellect.

The basic process is about:

- Conscious observation of emotional motivators.
  
- Choosing new values to incorporate and charge them up with the necessary emotional component through emotional association with unquestioned existing emotional motivators.

The choice of future motivators to add or to eliminate must be carried out using intellectual criteria, “common sense” based on objective standards. The emotional charge will be carried out afterwards as indicated.

A previous work of internal vision or divination can be useful to identify the proper way to picture the right motivators and to perceive possible implications not detected previously by the intellect.

The removal of unwanted motivators can be carried out by negative association to other unquestioned motivators; for instance, associating them to emotions contrary to satisfaction (unpleasant).

Practical implementation of the changes can be done by magical operations of invocation, having codified the motivator and its associations using sigils and consciousness-focusing methods. In this case the removal of motivators can be done with evocation and banishing.

This is a profound work, related to self-knowledge and its fruits come long-term. This action must be accompanied with objective observation since otherwise it simply will not work.

This action will take the form of new habits and customs in the objective universe and will form the basis for later flashes of comprehension that will be the real symptom of the expansion of consciousness.

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