

## **PURPOSE OF LIFE: Comment on Plotinus 3.8.6: 7/15/83**

**3.8.6 Action, thus, is set towards contemplation and an object of contemplation, so that even those whose life is in doing have seeing as their object; what they have not been able to achieve by the direct path, they hope to come at by the circuit.**

The purpose of life, according to Plotinus, is the acquisition of true knowledge and the individual's life in the sensible world is for that purpose. The astrological chart can and does reveal the specific ideas being manifested by that life and assimilated by the individual mind towards that goal. This is the fundamental spiritual nature of astrology. There are many levels of meaning from the ideas hidden in the symbolism of the degrees, which we have referred to as the basic presuppositions and attitudes that are the person. These basic ideas orientate a person towards certain goals in his life and this activity furthers the contemplation carried on by the mind. This contemplation or "in-seeing" is the silent assimilation of those reasons which the second soul is garnering from the experiences in the sensible, because it could not achieve it directly in the Intellectual realm. Plotinus goes on to say that the purpose of the journey through the cosmic circuit is to acquire some good. What possible good could this be? It is the acquisition of those ideas by the mind--the second soul--to complete the vision resident in the logos. So it is rather a straightforward affair to discern that the purpose of all this activity is to ultimately possess the object of contemplation, the ideas or reason principles that are being manifested by life. This understanding will eventuate in the fulfillment, the peaceful smile of a Buddha. [c.f. Astronoesis, pgs. 282-283]]

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That traversing through the realms of nature is going to develop and unfold that consciousness, bring it out more and more. In other words, the very experience of the world forces the consciousness of an individual to evolve, the faculties to get developed. The richness variety and incomprehensibility of the world idea will satisfy individuals at every level--the deepening inwardization and widening comprehension of the world idea will develop the unit of life to sagehood.

"The evolving world idea of our solar logos, our Sun, in its totality, is the stage upon which the soul's unfoldment occurred, the womb within which the gestation and birth of the sage is finalized."