Ray Five. The Energy of Concrete Science or Knowledge.
To understand this expression of the divine will, the student should bear in mind the occult aphorism that “matter is spirit at its lowest point of manifestation and spirit is matter at its highest.” Basically this is the will which produces concretion and yet at the same time constitutes the point at which spirit and matter are balanced and co-equal. That is the reason why human perfection is carried forward consciously upon the mental plane, the fifth plane; this is brought about by the fifth ray and upon this plane liberation takes place at the time of the fifth initiation. This is the will which is inherent in substance and which actuates all atoms of which all forms are made. It is closely related to the first solar system even whilst liberating members of the human family who will constitute the nucleus around which the third solar system is constructed. The energy of this ray is intelligence; it is the seed of consciousness but not of consciousness as we understand it; it is the inherent life of matter and the will to work intelligently; it is that living something for which we have no name which was the product of the first solar system. It is one of the major assets of God, the Father and also of the human Monad. This is the Will to Action. Today, as regards humanity, its highest expression is liberation—through death or initiation.

Esoteric Astrology, p. 599

Ray Five - Vices and Virtues

The energy of ignorance.
Criticism.
The power to rationalise and destroy.
Mental separation.
Desire for knowledge. This leads to material activity.
Detailed analysis.
Intense materialism and temporarily the negation of Deity.
Intensification of the power to isolate.
The implications of wrong emphasis.
Distorted views of truth.
Mental devotion to form and form activity.
Theology,

leading to

A knowledge of reality.
The realisation of the soul and its potentialities.
Power to recognize and contact the Angel of the Presence.
Sensitivity to Deity, to light and to wisdom.
Spiritual and mental devotion.
The power to take initiation. (This is a point of real importance.)

Esoteric Psychology II, p. 42
Glamours of Ray 5

The glamour of materiality, or over-emphasis of form.
The glamour of the intellect.
The glamour of knowledge and of definition.
The glamour of assurance, based on a narrow point of view.
The glamour of the form which hides reality.
The glamour of organisation.
The glamour of the outer, which hides the inner.

_Glamour: A World Problem, p. 122_

Ray Method of Activity
(These are 21 in number, making in their synthesis the 22 methods which are the expression of the Great Law of Attraction.)

V. The Ray of Concrete Knowledge.
   a. Correspondence of forms to type, through group influence (13)
   b. Stimulation of logoic dense physical body, the three worlds (14)
   c. Manasic energy or impulse (15)

Ray Method of Teaching Truth

Higher expression
   The science of the soul. Esoteric psychology.

Lower expression
   Modern educational systems and mental science.

Divine principle
   Higher knowledge. “God saw that it was good.”

Planet
   Venus. The Lords of mind came from Venus.

Day
   Friday

Exoteric color
   Yellow

Esoteric color
   Indigo

Human principle
   Higher mind

Element
   Flame

Instrument of sensation
   Astral body

Plane governed
   Lower mental plane

Sense
   Consciousness as response to knowledge

Bodily Location
   Brain

Nations
   France (soul) “I release the Light.” (personality: 3)
   Austria (personality) “I serve the Lighted Way.” (soul: 4)

Esoterically, this principle of sentiency is seated in the solar plexus.