

Program of Orientation

Lesson 2

The first service potential to be considered in this series is the individual potential as a subjective worker. A subjective worker is one who works from the inner world, with cause, to the outer world and its effects.

Webster defines subjective as being “of the mind”. We know it as the inner reality taking form: first on Soul levels as an abstract concept, secondly on mental levels as thought or a state of consciousness, next on astral levels as a condition, and finally on etheric levels as the directional flow of energies. When we are consciously working for the betterment of mankind on any of these levels, we are subjective workers.

The probationer must recognize his power potential as a subjective worker. This he does gradually as he realizes himself as the subjective cause of all that happens to him. When he can observe his outer life and affairs as an out-picturing of himself on the four levels mentioned above, he begins to awaken to the tremendous subjective power which he carries. This power, he knows, can become a power for so-called good or bad, according to his own choice. By an act of the will, he directs that power to good and begins to take his place in the world as a disciple of the Christ.

His “will to good” unlocks his power potential as a subjective worker and gradually his every idea, thought, and emotion becomes a power for good in the world in which he lives.

The disciple works always from above downward. Therefore, the probationer seeks to do this in the following manner: He meditates, abstracting his consciousness as completely as is possible into the Fifth Kingdom, the world of the Soul. Here he contacts the Divine Plan in its abstract form. He knows that that Plan is in essence the evolution of consciousness of the “One in Whom we live, move and have our being.”

This, however, is an abstraction which holds little meaning for the probationer. He is concerned primarily with the evolution of the human kingdom into the Fifth Kingdom of Spiritual Souls. To arrive at any practical understanding of this, he takes it into meditation, not once but many times, until at last his consciousness becomes enlightened upon the subject.

He begins to grasp with his awareness an understanding of what is actually taking place about him, of what all manifestation means in relation to the over-all concept of an evolving humanity. He sees the reason for all of those

experiences which he, as a part of that evolving consciousness, has undergone; and he finally sees humanity where it stands upon the ladder of evolution.

The disciple who gives much time to meditation upon the Divine Plan, finally becomes deeply conscious of the great need within the human family for the quickening or lifting of its own consciousness. He cannot escape this realization, for he gradually sees all existing world conditions as the reflection of the overall mass consciousness of the race. He sees the fulfillment of every existing world need as the same, for every need demands an enlightenment of the consciousness which is its cause.

World conditions such as war, poverty, famine, disease, etc., can only be eliminated as the state of consciousness responsible for them is enlightened by the Soul and seeks to eliminate them within itself rather than without. We cannot blame one group, or one individual, for any one of these existing conditions. The dictator cannot be the cause of his dictatorship. He is, after all, only responding to the will of the masses over whom he dictates. To rid the masses of one dictator will only bring on another one, until the mass itself wills some other form of government.

This, my brothers, is one of the basic laws of the evolution of consciousness. The over-all state of consciousness builds its own forms of expression, its own world of effects.

One man, imbued with the great desire and will to relieve the suffering of humanity, let us say in the area of hunger, could do nothing to relieve that suffering one iota by working from without, not until the condition of spiritual ignorance which is its cause is removed, and replaced with spiritual Wisdom.

If the probationer does not proceed with care in his observations at this point, he can become overwhelmed with the enormity of the situation and so fall heir to the sense of futility which negates his power for good.

My brothers, you can help to relieve these conditions by bringing light where there is darkness. Remember the need is to enlighten the consciousness aspect of humanity. You need not concern yourselves with the forms it builds, not at this point. Simply recognize every manifesting condition as an effect of spiritual ignorance or spiritual Wisdom. Seek to eliminate the one and to cultivate the other.

Look about you, first at your own manifestations. Are they caused by a consciousness which understands spiritual values? Do they convey Divine Will Impulse as it seeks to manifest the Divine Plan for humanity? Are they qualified by Divine Love, which works out as brotherhood in the world of men?

Have they been consciously created as an act of service to the race, thereby manifesting Divine Intelligence?

Then, my brothers, look a little further. Extend your awareness beyond the periphery of your immediate environment. With what world conditions do you daily come in contact which are a manifestation of the mass mind? Put these to the same test and realize how, where, and when you can be of service to the race.

As an assignment, write up a list of negative world conditions with which you daily come in contact. Explain what opportunities for service are presented via these same contacts.