

# Program of Orientation

## Lesson 3

In considering your service potential as a subjective worker, you have become more conscious of the true world need, and its fulfillment. More knowledge is needed, however, as to exactly how your response to the need must be controlled, and its fulfillment assured. You are willing to take your place as a subjective worker in the world group of servers. Now, knowledge of a practical nature must be attained, if your response to world need is to be controlled by Wisdom, and a sane approach made to the solution of the problem.

We shall then, in this lesson, go into more detail insofar as subjective methods are concerned. First, what is the path of approach to the fulfillment of any need? It is from without, beginning at its point of outer manifestation, to within, ending at its point of origin, its cause. Let us take as an example, the condition of hunger which we find manifesting in so many places within the world today. Its point of manifestation is the physical plane where the form has made its appearance—the empty stomachs of those in the world who are hungry. This is the beginning of our path of approach to a solution.

We trace the manifestation of hunger, which is a lack of material sustenance, from the physical into the etheric. There is something wrong here with the directional flow of energies from higher levels, else we would not find a lack in the physical world of food. Remember that all physical form is but energy vibrating at a frequency so slow as to make it appear solid to us. In many areas, then, the flow of etheric energies which would normally manifest food, is directed elsewhere.

Where is it going? We observe it and find, to our amazement, that in many places it is pouring out of the etheric body as waste. In many others it is blocked from passage, taking detours around various obstructions within the etheric network. In other places it is being stored rather than put into right use. We are appalled, and yet had we but given it thought we would have known exactly what we would find here.

It is now time to trace this manifestation of imbalance into the astral vehicle of humanity, in order to find its astral-emotional counterpart. This is more difficult to observe and harder to understand. We find an unfulfilled racial wish-life, compensating for its lack of fulfillment by devouring food. Part of the race is constantly filling itself with food in order to satisfy its hunger for something else. Thus, the flow of energies is taken from one area in order to fulfill a greater demand in another area. We find areas within the astral con-

sciousness of the race which are rampant with uncontrolled emotionalism. These areas scatter all of their energies via violent storms of emotion, causing a useless flow of etheric energies to manifest nothing but waste. Here the desire nature is throwing away its power, using it up, as it scatters its energy to the four winds, and thus the lack of direction on etheric levels, into those areas manifesting lack of sustenance. Other areas of the astral consciousness are so imbued with fear as to shut themselves off from any other condition. The fear manifests as an obstruction, so do such emotions as concentrations of greed, resentment, etc.

We look to mental levels and we find, on the one hand, the state of consciousness which knows only want, and on the other hand, the state of complete indifference. We find hunger for material health, wealth, happiness, and for knowledge, and finally for spiritual truth, or reality. In many areas of mental awareness we find the realization of great need for food; but in very few areas do we find the realization of its fulfillment.

On Soul levels we find the Divine Plan of evolution. We see the fulfillment of hunger on Soul levels, as the abundance of spiritual truth, as light, as Wisdom. Here, then, is our solution; it is brought down in the following manner:

1. Soul levels—reality, illumination of that reality turned downward.
2. Mental levels—understanding of God's Plan and becoming aligned with it (in this case aligning with spiritual values).
3. Astral levels—a calm and quiet acceptance of God's Plan, thus enabling its reflection on the astral waters. In this way can the reflection on astral levels, of the spiritual ideal, take place.
4. On etheric levels—alignment with Divine Will Impulse which manifests the right directional flow of all energies available, to manifest fulfillment in physical form.
5. On the physical plane of appearance—food in the empty stomachs.

As we go back over this, we begin to understand more clearly what is meant by subjective work. For every physical manifestation there is its etheric, astral, and mental counterpart. It is, then, necessary at first to trace the object or effect to its cause, through these three planes of form manifestation, in order to become acquainted with the mental state of consciousness, the astral condition, and the etheric flow of energies, all three of which are the combined subjective cause of the apparent manifesting form.

We then realize the inner reality on Soul levels, finding here our solution; and we proceed to work from above downward, bringing our solution into its

proper form on mental, astral, and etheric levels. From there we know that the physical will respond with a manifestation of the perfected form.

As an assignment, please trace the world condition of war through the various levels, finding its combined subjective cause, its solution, and the form that solution takes on all planes of human endeavor. Hand this in written form to your teacher before passing on to the next lesson.