

# Program of Orientation

## Lesson 4

In this lesson we shall carry out the assignment given in the last one, in order to draw a comparison between your understanding of what has been presented, and the condition as it actually exists.

We begin with the physical plane of appearances, where men fight to kill. We do not care now, why. We look only at the effect—men and nations in a battle to the death, until such time as one or both call it to a temporary halt.

On etheric levels we find our directional flow of energies manifesting a like condition. The energies of men and nations pitted against one another in such a way as to manifest discord, depletion, and destruction.

On astral levels we discover all of the baser emotions of greed, lust, unbridled desire for pleasure, fear, hate, resentment, jealousy, pride, etc., holding full sway. Thus, the power factor of manifestation is being unconsciously loosed upon the race in such a manner as to destroy its physical form, via war. All of this combined force has coalesced to produce a giant thought-form entitled war.

On mental levels we find the mental counterparts of the baser emotions, plus complete separativeness—the little “I” inflated beyond all proportions into a false god, ambitious for a kingdom and sovereign reign. Not one false god, but many we find here; each one pitted against the other; each one seeking dictatorship.

On Soul levels we find the reality, the Oversoul of humanity: one entity composed of many parts, one body composed of many members, one life in which we live, move and have our being.

The light of illumination is then turned downward into the mental body; and the solution on mental levels takes its own form as recognition of brotherhood, of the Divine Plan, resulting in peace of mind.

Reflected into the astral waters, the solution takes form in the recognition of brotherhood as a manifestation of its quality—Divine Love. Compassion reigns in the hearts of men, and the power factor of manifestation is brought into harmony with the Divine Plan. The astral body reflecting the Plan is tranquil, serene, at peace within itself.

On etheric levels we see the manifestation of right relationship between the

parts and the whole. The energies are being directed throughout the network into the manifestation of Divine Plan activity. Here there is harmony.

On the physical plane we see the actual manifestation of brotherhood and the end of war, men cooperating with one another to bring God's Plan to Earth.

How is the solution actually brought into manifestation on the various levels of human endeavor by the subjective worker? It is not only realized, My brother; it is embodied and brought into manifestation via the disciple acting as a focal point. This is an important point. He does not serve simply by saying the words.

The disciple realizes two things of vast importance:

1. That he is a focal point through which Divine energy can be channeled to humanity.
2. That he qualifies that energy according to his own inner quality, and directs it into manifestation via his subjective life. The thoughts he thinks are the patterns, the blueprint, of the forms his energies will take as they manifest in the outer world.

He must, then, consciously work to become a focal point through which the Forces of Light can work. He colors those energies which are directed through him with Divine Love as he practices brotherhood in the world of men. He directs the energy into Divine Plan activity, as he thinks in terms of the Divine Plan. He does not become a focal point through which the Forces of Darkness can work, by manifesting negativity within himself.

One of the most important characteristics the probationer is trying to cultivate, as he nears the test of discipleship, is self-less-ness. He knows that he will be tested and tried for this quality, and that if he cannot serve selflessly, he would be useless to the Hierarchy. To orient the consciousness, not only to the concept of self-less-ness, but to the activity of it, certain steps are taken. One of the first and perhaps the most difficult step is that of turning the attention completely away from the self, both higher and lower, and directing it to that which cannot possibly bring measured or obvious results.

For a certain period of time each day, the probationer disciple enters into the activity of subjective work directed outside of his personality sphere of influence. He thinks outwardly with constructive thought, qualified and colored by Divine Love, toward a situation or subject which has no outer relationship with himself. He will deliberately pick something which is neither of interest nor benefit to him personally, as the subject for his meditative help. He cannot possibly benefit from, nor ascertain the results of his work. He is outside of it. He is then selfless in that one act.

As an assignment, pick such a subject for your meditative service and carry it out at least ten minutes daily. Keep a written record of your work and hand it in to your teacher.