

# The Subjective Work of Discipleship<sup>1</sup>

## Lesson 1

The following lessons are written for disciples who are presently engaged in subjective service. While the lessons are advanced in a sense, they are nonetheless basic in that they sum up and present, in understandable form, the prerequisites to and methods of subjective service.

To all those who have selflessly served in this way, against the tremendous odds of little or no true understanding of how to work, and the inability to note immediate results, I, on behalf of My Brothers, wish to extend our gratitude. Your work has not been ineffective, nor has it gone without notice. In one sense, these lessons have been made possible of externalization as a result of your efforts. May knowledge of this strengthen your faith and renew your efforts during this time of world need.

I shall begin by defining subjective service, since there are few, even among those who consider themselves subjective workers, who really understand the term and its connotations.

The term subjective implies that which lies below the surface, or that which is of the inner, rather than the outer world. Webster defines it as “being of the mind”, and we know it to be the cause underlying effect.

The three lower worlds—mental, astral, and physical—are an effect of the Oversoul as it contacts, interprets, and gives abstract form to the Divine Plan.

Manifesting conditions within the three lower worlds are an effect of the incarnating entity (personality consciousness) as it consciously or unconsciously contacts, interprets, and gives concrete form to the Divine Plan as ideated by the Oversoul.

Cause takes abstract form on the abstract plane of mind as an idea, concrete form on the concrete plane of mind as thought, and conditional form on the astral plane as directed energy or force.

Man himself creates the form his manifesting energies will take as he accepts as his own the thoughts existent on the mental plane. He may consciously or unconsciously accept them, but as he gives house to them within his own

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mental vehicle, they will manifest outwardly in his life and affairs.

Race mind consciousness is an aggregate of all the thoughts entertained by humanity as a whole, and is the cause of manifesting world conditions. This consciousness is everything from astral glamour to the highest mental concepts known by the race, and is responsible for the many conflicting ideologies and conditions existent upon our earth today.

It can be seen, then, that as far as man is concerned, cause and effect exist simultaneously and cannot be separated by time and space. This is extremely important for every disciple to understand, and should be contemplated. A man is not burned when he touches a hot stove because he touched the stove, but rather because of the causal thought-form which directs fire or intense heat to burn flesh. Always remember that energy follows thought; therefore, all outer conditions are an effect of thought.

Subjective service is the activity of working with cause. The disciple who engages in this service is a world worker. His attention is upon the general rather than the specific, upon the Divine Plan rather than the limiting conditions as they manifest in time and space, upon cause rather than effect. He must have realized Divine Purpose, embodied Divine Love, and become Divinely activated. His is the consciousness which has grasped the essential oneness of the Soul and from that high vantage point includes all in its vision. He must be sensitive in three directions at once and be able to work in all or any of the three directions at will.

1. He must be sensitive to the existent world condition and its relative effect upon his immediate sphere of influence.
2. He must be sensitive to the thought-form causing the manifesting condition and its power over his immediate sphere of influence.
3. He must be sensitive to the Divine Plan and capable of response to its vibration.

This is a difficult development to achieve, simply because its very nature demands utter selflessness. All of the disciple's relationships are of the Soul and nothing remains of the karmic ties heretofore existing in the world of the personality. His detachment from the personality is so great that he can be sensitive to all about him and still remain stable. He can look upon the suffering of the personality, through to its underlying cause, and from his great compassion, work with Wisdom to bring light into the world.

While he seems to serve the few in his immediate sphere of influence, he never loses sight of the whole and so serves the many. He recognizes that all are inter-related and that anything affecting one is having its effect upon all;

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therefore, his motivation is Love of humanity and knowledge of the Divine Plan. Never is he attached to one more than another. His Love includes all alike and cannot be confined to a few nor disturbed by the illusion of evil within the personality. Thus, all negativity is eliminated from the world worker, and he can safely manipulate force.

These groups, while they work with specific portions of the Plan in specific areas of the world, all realize that they work together as one, with one Plan in one area: that of humanity. They are not, therefore, limited by their chosen tasks, and every world worker is backed in his particular effort by every other world worker and all the Forces of Light. It is important that you realize this. You do not work alone. Behind you is the power of Christ and all of His disciples with all of the forces at their command. Learn, then, to enter into your work with this thought in mind, and it will not seem so difficult.

The subjective service groups can be divided into eight classifications for the better understanding of the beginner.

1. Those who stand behind the efforts of the world group as a whole. These disciples are both in and out of the body, and their work is purely subjective; they act as a link between the Hierarchy and the world group, providing workers everywhere with power for the carrying out of the Plan. They are divided into three sections:
  - a. Those who work with Light.
  - b. Those who work with Color.
  - c. Those who work with Sound.
2. Those whose work is with world conditions as they affect the masses. These disciples are found largely out of the body, though there are some who are incarnate. Their work consists largely in providing both the ideas of, and power for, the betterment of living conditions everywhere. They are always found behind such movements as the emancipation of the Negroes, women's suffrage, philanthropic organizations, and any movement which is dedicated to bring freedom and equality to the down-trodden people.
3. Those whose work is with world economy. These disciples are found both in and out of the body. They work largely with First and Third Ray energy and the Law of Supply and Demand. They are a fairly new group and have become increasingly active in the last 50 years.
4. Those whose work is with specific governments. These disciples are found both in and out of the body and their work is chiefly that of bringing Di-

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vine Purpose to the heads of different governments. They work with illumination and love.

5. Those who work for scientific advancement. These disciples may be found both in and out of the body, are often on the Second, Fourth or Fifth Rays of force, and have become increasingly active in the last 50 years. They work with illumination and mantric form.
6. Those whose work is with orthodox religion. These disciples are led by the Master Jesus, are found on the Sixth and Seventh Ray, and are both in and out of the body. Their work is chiefly the precipitation of karma via mantric form and will later consist largely of the radiation of light and love.
7. Those whose work is with modern education. These disciples are becoming increasingly active and will bring many changes to the educational system in the next 50 years. They are found both in and out of the body, usually on the Third and Fifth Rays, though there will be many Second Ray disciples added to this group in the near future. Their work has been largely with form, though it will become a work of radiation later.
8. Those whose work is with esoteric groups. These usually form the nucleus of such groups, are found in the body, and are becoming greater in numbers almost daily. Their work is to provide the conditions conducive to growth for their particular group—if it is a study group—and the realization of opportunity for service if it is a service group. Their work is extremely difficult since they are confronted with the inharmonies of the personality as they work. It is for the latter that these lessons are written.