

The Subjective Work of Discipleship

Lesson 2

In this lesson, we shall consider the way in which the Divine Plan is contacted by subjective workers.

The Divine Plan is not an intangible something which may or may not be a reality. It is a substantial reality, and this must be realized by all disciples. It is the thought which is held in focus by the Planetary Logos, as He has received it from the Solar Logos, and constitutes the Plan the Masters know and serve. It is impregnated substance held in solution by the directing Will of the Logos, made magnetically attractive by the Divine Love of the Logos, and swept into activity by the controlled intelligence of the Logos. These three principles, working through three centers in the Planetary body, give it form.

The three Planetary centers are:

1. Head Center—Shamballa—Christ
2. Heart Center—The Hierarchy of Masters
3. Throat Center—Humanity

The Divine Plan is then:

1. Contacted in the Planetary Head Center by the Christ; interpreted and impulsed as Divine Will by Him, to:
2. The Planetary Heart Center. Here it is contacted and interpreted by the Masters who give it abstract form as Wisdom. They in turn radiate it to:
3. The Planetary Throat Center where it is contacted, interpreted and given concrete form by humanity.

The Divine Plan, as it streams into a Solar System from a Cosmic Entity, constitutes His intended Divine Expression, which in the case of our own Solar System is the Cosmic Ray of Love-Wisdom. The Divine Plan for this system is, then, the perfected expression of Cosmic Love or Cosmic Reason.

The Solar Entity divides (a poor word but it will have to suffice) the Cosmic Ray into seven lesser expressions of Divinity, which pour forth into His system reaching the Planetary entities as:

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1. Divine Will and Power
2. Divine Love-Wisdom
3. Active Intelligence
4. Harmony through Conflict
5. Concrete Knowledge and Science
6. Devotion to an Ideal
7. Ceremonial Magic or Divine Law and Order.

These seven Solar Rays constitute the seven sub-rays of the Second Cosmic Ray of Love-Wisdom. They are seven Solar expressions of one expression of a Cosmic Divine Plan.

The Divine Plan for humanity is then, in essence, the intended Divine Expression of the ray upon which it is found, that being, in the case of earth humanity, the Fifth Ray of Concrete Knowledge and Science. This is extremely important and reveals the function of humanity within the Planetary body to those who can intuit the meaning underlying words. Actually, humanity is the brain of the Logos, and acts as the intermediary between his lower and higher states of consciousness. The evolution of humanity furnishes the clue to the evolution of our Planetary Logos.

I realize that the above is over the heads of many of you, but I also realize that there are some few of you who can grasp the import of these words; therefore, they are included in this lesson. Those who do not understand are advised to maintain their stability by going on to that which they do understand and allowing time and evolution to reveal that which is occult.

The subjective workers must realize the reality of the Divine Plan. It is impregnated substance, having perceptive weight and body. While it lies out of the frequency range of the greater portion of human awareness, it can nonetheless be contacted, interpreted and known by those who are willing to increase their perception to higher frequencies.

There are three Universal Laws which must be utilized if one is to consciously increase one's own vibratory frequency. These Laws are:

I. THE LAW OF SACRIFICE

There is a price to pay; a sacrifice must ever be applied when one is seeking gain, whether that gain be for the separated self or for the entire human family.

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The Law of Sacrifice is the Cosmic Law of Order. It is that which establishes and maintains order within the manifest Cosmos, regulating energy movement in ordered cycles, establishing lines of least resistance as the directional flow of that energy, and becoming the link between Cause and Effect, so as to make appearance possible.

Sacrifice is, in essence, the ceremonial aspect of the Seventh Ray which results in Law and Order. It is manipulated by the First Ray and is, in its form aspect, a reflection in time and space of a directing will.

Disciples wield this Law from a head polarization, as they seek to intelligently cooperate with the Forces of Light. The Divine Will, which is the motivating impulse to *be*, is brought to bear upon any and everything which is no longer essential to evolution. This has been called the Destroyer aspect of the First Ray and is made manifest as sacrifice. Its symbol is the sharp two-edged sword of discrimination, which cuts away illusion without hesitation.

The disciple willingly sacrifices from his life and affairs all that which he knows does not conform to his highest ideal. Discipline is the form his sacrifice takes as he exchanges the old for the new.

I seek here to warn all students anent this aspect of the Will, for there has been much misinterpretation of its purpose and function by those who are somewhat intuitive, but lack interpretive ability.

As stated in another lesson:

“The true disciple is non-violent, non-critical, all inclusive in his recognition of brothers, ever loving, kind and considerate. His is not the activity of destruction, for he knows that destruction is an inner activity. That which is no longer included in God’s Plan destroys itself. This is a basic Law and must be realized as such, before a true field of service can be entered. There are no disciples who are engaged in the work of conscious destruction. The concept of such work is astral glamour, a distortion of true need. The disciple transmutes, synthesizes and builds. He leaves such things as destruction to the Universal Law, and is not blinded by this type of glamour.”

We see then, that this function of the Will, which has been labeled the Destroyer Aspect of the First Ray, is not really destructive. It has been called the destroyer because it is responsible for the constant change the form aspect undergoes, including its eventual dissolution, which appears outwardly as destruction.

Disciples who are equipped with First Ray energy have a problem in that they often misinterpret its Divine intention and tend to superimpose their

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will over that of another. As a result, their influence is harmful. The disciple must ever be harmless; therefore all aspirants aspire to harmlessness in thought, word, and deed.

As stated previously, the Law of Sacrifice must be exercised whenever one seeks gain. It is impossible to “have your cake and eat it too,” as the saying goes.

The aspirant is seeking to become a Conscious Soul Incarnate. He cannot, then, expect to continue being a personality of the world. Jesus said, “I am in the world but not of the world,” and this is true of all real disciples.

In this instance the sacrifice is attention to form. The student is attempting to increase his perception to include planes of mind that are much more subtle than those to which he is accustomed. He must, then, attend to them, which means he must attain that meditative state of mind which sees through form to the inner reality. This does not mean that he does not perceive the outer world with his five physical senses, but that he does not stop there. His attention is not focused on them. He does not view any manifestation as disaster or as a triumph, but rather looks through the form as one does through a door to the inner world of reality. He does not say it is bad or good, his attention simply is not caught by the appearance of things.

II. THE LAW OF CYCLIC OPPORTUNITY

This is a basic Law governing manifestation and must ever be applied by the one who initiates activity. Disciples must learn to manipulate this Law, as well as be rightly affected by it.

By now, if you have absorbed well, you understand the fact that all of your manifest experiences follow definite cyclic patterns. These have been set up by:

1. Your own higher consciousness, working under Law and with Law.
2. Your integrated response to life in form.
3. Your adjustment to the cyclic pattern of the environment.

You as a conscious thinking entity have had little to do in awareness with the activity of initiation. Now you are in a process of learning to become the initiator, to manipulate Cause and Effect, to consciously determine your own experience. You will, then, not only take advantage of already existent cyclic trends, but will set up new rhythms, new cycles, and thus produce new experiences.

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The Law of Cycles is, in essence, the activity aspect of the Third Ray. It is intelligence in controlled motion and is wielded, as is the Law of Sacrifice, by the First Ray. The disciple, polarized in the head, focuses his directing will upon the available intelligent substance within his own aura, and thus initiates the activity which produces manifestation.

We know that everything manifests in ordered cycles. We know that energy set into motion moves in rhythmic patterns which cannot be altered except by the impact of other energy. We know also that energy follows thought, and it is with thought that we are vitally concerned now.

I have reiterated over and over the importance, the power, of your thought life. I shall now presuppose that you have recognized this fact and are attempting to reorient your thought life to the world of reality.

The disciple initiates the desired experience as he builds, with great care, his thought-form, and sets certain energies into motion. He sets these energies into proper motion by establishing a definite rhythm, thereby producing in time and space a cyclic opportunity.

The student is taught early on the path the importance and the fundamentals of meditation. He is actually being taught to set up new rhythms which will manifest outwardly as the expression of the Soul. As he meditates, each day on one seed-thought, he brings down into manifestation the energies contacted, incorporated, and set into motion during the meditation. He is establishing a new cyclic experience in his life and affairs, which will continue its outer manifestation in various forms for many incarnations to come, or until he himself changes the cycle.

The subjective worker who is endeavoring to contact and bring into manifestation the Divine Plan works with this Law deliberately and in full knowledge of what he is doing. He sets up a definite cycle of approach, as he attempts to contact the Plan. That is, he establishes a regular period of receptivity in which he reaches for the frequency of the Plan. Through the application of the Law of Sacrifice, he is earning the right to perceive the Plan. Through the application of the Law of Cyclic opportunity, he is establishing the condition or opportunity of contact.

The manifestation in time and space of the actual moment of opportunity will depend upon the:

1. Clearly formulated thought.
2. The strength of the thought which is determined by its one-pointed focus.
3. The cyclic reappearance of the thought.

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It can clearly be seen from the above that the disciple must work to contact the Plan. He must have a definite purpose in mind. His goal must be so clear as to be reduced in symbolic form (usually word form) to its essential meaning. The thought must be held in one-pointed focus, and this must follow a definite cyclic pattern which nothing interrupts.

When the opportunity manifests in time and space, the disciple must recognize it, seize it, and at that moment utilize it by setting up a new rhythm. The Plan is contacted. It is then interpreted, incorporated into a substantial thought-form, and set upon the path of manifestation. In other words, the disciple, when he has contacted the Plan, must continue his work without hesitation, or it will all have to be done over again. He must construct the proper thought-form to clothe or embody the abstract concept, and initiate the activity which will bring the concrete form into manifestation. He manifests another cyclic opportunity in time and space in the same manner as before.

When the opportunity appears, he seizes it through objective activity. It then becomes a part of his experience.

III. THE LAW OF ATTRACTION

The Law of Attraction is that Universal Law which governs the bringing together of substance for the building of a form. It is that, which when wielded by the Soul, produces an integrated etheric body, capable of electromagnetic radiation and therefore of a force called gravity.

It is the Law of Attraction which sets into motion that energy which is the basis of life in form. Every body—whether it be that of a Star, a Planet, a human being, or an atom of substance—is constructed around and held together by a field of life force which we call the etheric network. That life force manifests as radiatory light and is magnetically attractive in the same degree that it is radiatory.

In other words, the so-called secret of life is radiation. We have stated before that all substance is intelligent. We also stated that everything is conscious. It is the consciousness within the form which radiates and therefore builds its form. This is why scientists are baffled by the secret of life. Consciousness is something which cannot be located nor measured by their instruments. Therefore the Soul, its radiant energy, and the mystery of the form, have not been solved.

When the Will to Be acts upon the intelligence of substance, consciousness is born. When consciousness is born, its very birth sets up about it a field of force. This field of force attracts the substance of the three lower planes and so a dense form appears in time and space.

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As the consciousness evolves (becomes more aware of the *Will to Be* and of the *Intelligence*) its field of force increases and so does its magnetic attraction. It attracts to itself those bits of substance which coalesce to produce the form its experience takes. All those things in the outer world which reflect the inner awareness of the consciousness gravitate to it and manifest in time and space within its sphere of influence.

What does this mean to the disciple who is attempting to contact the Divine Plan? It means simply that the disciple must create a magnetic field which will attract to him that which he wishes, in this case knowledge of the Divine Plan. Nothing can come to him unless he himself attracts it into his aura. He has become aware of the fact of the Divine Plan. Now he must become so aware of it as to become conscious of it, and so create, through radiation, its concrete form. The quality of that radiation must be Love; therefore, my brothers, learn to work in love, with love, and for love. Thus will you contact the Plan. Thus will you, through radiation attract it to you, and through radiation give it concrete form for others to see. Thus will you serve the Plan all Masters (who are but elder disciples of the Christ) know and serve.