

# Service

## Lesson 2

Realize always that by your own individual, particular presence within a group effort, you invoke into the consciousness of that group information and instruction and, therefore, a certain area of wisdom which would not find its way into the group if it were not for you. Thus, in your own way you make your contribution, not via words or actions, but via your presence; as an invocative force, you make your contribution to the wisdom of the group.

That which overshadows in specific relationship to you, has to be rightly related to the other members of the group in order to permit or maintain at all times the proper balance of energies, and to the coordinated totality which constitutes the directional factor of the energy, force, and substance of the group into outer objective manifestation.

I realize that these words and this particular concept is somewhat abstract at this time and somewhat difficult to understand in any meaningful way, but it has specific relation to you and for this reason I am projecting it at this time.

I am very much aware of your plans, such as they are, and your consideration in relationship to your training and possible service activity in the future. I say possible because it is yet too early for you to make a decision as to what your field of service will be as you enter into the life of service as a disciple, which will result from the training itself.

Therefore, I should like to make this suggestion at the onset in order to avoid the building either of unnecessary glamour or a thought-form which would later have to be contended with. Upon completion of training and when qualified as a disciple, you have the choice of several rather than one particular service activity. It is important that you exercise your own intuitive faculty, your own ability to make decisions.

Realize that your purpose is to acquire the training, the knowledge, the wisdom, the skills of discipleship; that is, the service of love to the Divine Plan for humanity. Let this be your purpose, and formulate your service goals as you respond to a growing understanding of what constitutes the Divine Plan for humanity. In other words, let your service goals be in response to your own overshadowing spirit rather than in response to the service goals of any other individual or groups of individuals. Then, where you find your service goal is related with those of another or that of another, in such a way as to permit coordination, then by all means, unite with them in order to fulfill your particular individual service capacity and, therefore, obligation to the

Divine Plan for humanity.

Do not then feel in any way a sense of obligation either to the individuals or to those of us who work through them, within the group itself, insofar as your decisions as to service are concerned. Your obligation is to your own Soul and its will to serve the Divine Plan for humanity. This is extremely important as you begin.

Now, as you approach your training and your reorientation to a life of service, your approach will be somewhat different than others in the group, and it is important that this be realized, again, in order to avoid unnecessary building of glamour, illusion, etc. For some the focus in the life of service will be somewhat more positive, more obvious, more complete, than will others, due partly to a difference of interests, of karmic necessity, and of ray energies, as well as to what might be called instrumental aptitudes. Each will find his approach in service to the Divine Plan for humanity to be via service through the larger group or community, while others will find their approach, of necessity in the beginning, as service to the many through the few.

This will be more clearly understood at a later time, but the approach, the right approach, can be established from the onset, even without a great understanding, in order to avoid unnecessary bypaths, misdirections of energy, etc.

In your approach to service, in the beginning, concentrate on how you may better serve the individuals with whom you come in daily contact. Your service will be through the individuality of every one with whom you come in contact. Your service will be to aid in the evolution of that individuality, but particularly in the expression of it or the evocation of it from the individual.

Another's approach is through the mass rather than the individual. His work is not with the specific individual focal point or unit, but with as large a group of incarnate consciousness as can be contacted, and in the contact, included in the awareness.

These different approaches may give rise to friction and disagreement in the group. That is why I bring it up at this time, so that you can understand it and in the understanding, avoid or eliminate friction, disagreements which would otherwise be impossible to avoid.

Some approach service through the few, through individuals with whom you come into daily contact, rather than contact with a large group of individuals who will know you personally as an influence. Your service to the Divine Plan will be to serve the individuality, to serve the growth and development of that individuality, to evoke its expression, its Divine expression from all of those with whom you come in contact, so that in their lives they carry your influ-

ence to the many. Your approach to the Divine Plan for humanity is to serve the spiritual growth and development of the spiritual individuality of every individual with whom you come into daily contact. This is what you will be trained to do. Regardless of your field of service, this will be your approach. You will be trained in the skills of your service as you go along.

If you have read *The Nature of the Soul* individually, I would strongly urge you to wait until some time that you can take it in a class consisting of regular group meetings, under the guidance and direction of a qualified Teacher of the Wisdom, in accordance with where you are, where you happen to be, and the availability of the teacher. You may, and I would advise you to, study in the meantime on your own and to discuss between yourselves the *Creative Thinking* series as a preparation as well as a part of the orientation to this *Thought-form Presentation of the Wisdom*, and for preparation for entry into what might be called the group life, into which *The Nature of the Soul* is a door and an entry.