

Service

Lesson 3

There has been a basic problem since the beginning of the group and contained within it are certain other factors. Not only must you properly relate your function, but you must also understand this function so that you can carry it out. You must know what it is you want to do, how you are constituted to serve in the center and then put your own will, attention, and effort into that direction.

Perhaps it would help you to consider what your physical service activities would be, as you take up center function. For then, if you include this in your subjective effort, you will be setting up that manifestation into which you will be working, individually and collectively. We come again to the basic, basic, basic problem of the group which does manifest outwardly in poor and unhealthy economy. That problem has to do with the inability of each member of the group to establish his own right function in right relationship to each other. This has been the problem of the group from the beginning; it remains so today. There is still too much of the self in each one, so that he does not consider his function in relationship to other functions. He does not consider more adequately how his function relates with the other functions within the group. If each one is focused only upon his particular function and his particular activity without regard to the functions of the other members of the group, then he is not coordinating his activities properly. He does one of several things in his channeling of group energy.

In the circulatory system of the group, if he is functioning in right relationship to everyone else's function, he aids in a right circulation and distribution of group energy and group life. If not, he may, on the one hand, divert some of that circulating energy, force, and substance from the group into wrong channels. Or he may constitute a block in the circulatory system of the group, which does not permit the energies to move freely through the etheric network or web of the group. He may constitute a block, either in the reception of energy or the distribution of energy as it moves into the center and as it moves out from the center. Here are three ways in which he can affect the right circulation of group energy, force, and substance, and therefore effort, if he does not properly relate his function to the function of all other members of the group.

Instruction from Hierarchical levels to humanity cannot be of benefit until that humanity is able and willing to take the responsibility of his own actions, is willing to set forth upon his own planned activity, is willing to make

mistakes and to learn by those mistakes, and to take the responsibility of them. He cannot evolve through placing the responsibility for his actions upon another's shoulders. This is the whole problem and until the group is able to recognize it, and each one resolves it within himself, instruction between Hierarchy and group is of very little use; actually it is a greater hindrance than it is a help.

1. Realize now, as fully as possible, that the disciple's planned service activity is his own responsibility in cooperation with his group brothers.
 - a. A Master may make suggestions, or even call for volunteers for particular assignments, but in the final analysis it is the disciple himself who must choose his own service activity.
 - b. The disciple must manifest his own service condition and circumstance, and precipitate his own opportunities in time and space, through his wise manipulation of energy, force, and substance. If he sits back and waits for the Master to manifest this or that, he will wait forever or meet with service failure. The disciple's own evolution is furthered via the choices he makes as regards service and the way in which he manifests his chosen service. He it is who must tackle the problems precipitated by his service action, and so he it is who evolves and benefits thereby in exact proportion to the service he renders.

I am going to ask you to please apply the following instruction to yourselves individually and collectively when you enter your field of service. It is important to consider the effect of the Soul, mind, and brain alignment upon the instrumentality and the outer life and affairs, particularly those effects which manifest prior to the conscious utilization of the higher alignment.

You must understand and realize, as fully as possible, that as you enter into this particular relationship with another individual that you are, on Soul levels, becoming (in cooperation with the Soul, purpose, and plan of the person) causal, a causal factor in the life and affairs of the other. This is sometimes very difficult knowledge for the disciple in any field of service to accept and to work with in his efforts to serve the Plan. He must be able to stand steady within the light of his own Soul, within the Ashramic Soul Life, and within the all-encompassing light of Divine Purpose. He is taking on that service karma, which means that he is taking on the responsibility in relationship of the spiritual help and welfare.

Master K.H.:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to each one of

you for the work which you have been able to carry out in the face of many problems. I realize, perhaps much more than any one of you, just how difficult it has been for disciples all over the world to carry out a service activity in the midst of their daily living. The impact upon the emotional nature from the astral consciousness of the race has become increasingly great, and regardless of outer appearance, regardless of the many times that each one of you feel a great sense of failure because of apparent instability, you have been able to render a much greater service than any one of you could possibly realize. The very fact that you are so firmly entrenched, so to speak, in this teaching, that you are able to continuously aspire to greater effort, that too is a service. Therefore, I would like to, at this particular time, reassure you as well as extend my gratitude, though the way has been difficult and very often the light has been obscured by clouds; nevertheless, to speak symbolically, there is a lamp burning in each head, and that lamp is providing light to illumine the way for others. My peace is with you.