

Service

Lesson 4

I ask you how often during the day, during the hour, do you as an individual and as a member of the group, working within the effort of the Hierarchy, give light, love, and spiritual power to the human beings with whom you come in contact? Particularly would I speak to you of giving spiritual power. Have you considered this? In your contact with others, many who manifest need, have you considered the giving of spiritual power to them? Do you follow my meaning? It is necessary to invoke into your own instrumentality and attempt to wield spiritual power. It is likewise necessary and important to invoke into your instrumentality and endeavor to wield Divine Love, Divine Law and Order, or any other of the energies which are yours for the taking. It is of vital importance and necessary for you to give these energies, give freely and continuously to the humanity, individually and collectively, who you seek to serve.

Any higher energy which could be of use to you could be of just as much use to any other member of humanity, to any other human being. In other words, what spiritual power will do for you, it will do for anyone else. If the individual with whom you come in contact has a problem (and who does not?), that problem is an evolutionary one, always. Every problem has behind it the Divine Purpose of aiding the evolutionary growth and development of humanity. Realize this: with every problem, whether it is your own or another's, spiritual power would aid you as a disciple in working through one of your problems. So will it aid any other human being in working through one of his problems. In fact, it is the right synthesis of Light, Love, and Power which will help the immediate problem of a vehicle now, today, and aid the manifestation of the Divine Plan as it relates to that particular individual, as it relates to his point of evolutionary growth and development. By giving him this synthesis and (in those cases where it is obviously seen that a specific energy is needed) focus the attention on the giving of that energy, you aid, you serve the consciousness, the evolving consciousness of humanity. You can appropriate the energy that your brother does not even know exists. This you can do because you are disciples; because you cognize that energy, you are aware of it.

Appropriate it then. Do not use it just for yourselves. Do not use it just in the working out of your own problems. Give it first to those with whom you come in daily contact. Realize that that contact, because you are disciples, is for a specific reason. You have so placed yourselves in relationship to the Christ that you ask to serve. You are given daily the opportunities to serve particu-

larly in your contacts. Every moment of time that you spend in appropriating energies and wielding them in some activity, whether it be personal or group, but having to do with yourselves, spend the same amount of time in working for others in transmitting the energy and giving it specifically.

Always give the synthesis, realizing that that synthesis is the coming together of these three energies in that perfect synthesis which is the precipitating agent of the Plan. Then, for those who perceive, who are aware of a need within any situation for a specific energy in addition to the synthesis, appropriate and give that Divine energy to your brother.

Always qualify all activity in Divine Law and Order.¹ This protects the individual. Understand that any higher energy which you appropriate and give to another individual can only be used by that individual according to Divine Purpose so long as he is unconscious or unaware of that energy. When he is aware, when he is conscious of it, then he himself is capable of appropriation and can then appropriate and direct it as he so wills. In such an instance, it is important to qualify, to direct, to place the energy, so to speak, in the jurisdiction of the Soul within the instrument. In such a case, one should visualize the alignment between the Overshadowing Soul and the incarnate consciousness within the head. For those daily contacts that you make with average humanity, individuals who are unaware of the existence of such energy, it will follow the Divine Purpose for which it was intended.

Master John:

Service does not mean to forget your problems, only to detach from them long enough to establish the strongest, most powerful focus as a Conscious Soul Incarnate of which you are capable and direct your attention to the service of humanity, away from and apart from your personal problems. You would be amazed to see how many disciples during these kinds of times (and I speak now of the trials, the troubles, the tests of Initiation) even though they meditate perhaps one, two, three hours daily—what is it that they are focusing their attention upon? Their personal problems.

Now, liken this to a soldier on the battlefield who stops in the middle of the battle to think about himself or to write a letter to his wife. This does not mean that the disciple should not meditate in order to resolve his problems; he should, but never should that meditation take away from or impinge upon the service which he renders to the consciousness of humanity. The meditations for the solution of his personal problems should always be in addition to the service meditations. And if he is just too worn out when the time comes, let him then simply align his problems with the Divine Plan for humanity

¹ See also: *The Nature of the Soul*, by Lucille Cedercrans, p. 266

and ask the Christ to please take care of them for him.

You are working the moment you become a disciple, the moment you make your dedication. You really sign a contract with the Divine Plan for humanity. This is the organization, you might say, for which you are working. You have said to those who are (if I may put it that way) in charge of the manifestation of the Divine Plan, “Here I am, as a Conscious Soul Incarnate. I like your organization. I think it is better than any other one, and I want to work for it. Will you let me?” And always the organization, those in charge, consult with one another and they say, “Yes, you may work, and this is what you can do, now, where you are”. What you can do may not seem to be a great deal to you, perhaps an hour of concentrated and directed thought every day, going out and not even creating effects which you are able to see with your own eyes or to hear with your ears. This may not seem very important. It may seem so unimportant that (in the face of what appears to be as more important issues, like what am I going to eat for dinner tonight or how will I pay my rent tomorrow) you let it slide so you can give attention to these other things. Well, you see, the Divine Plan for humanity has its relationship to every state of consciousness, every individual and every happening, every event within the life and affairs of humanity.

MEDITATION—SERVICE PLAN

Focus the consciousness in the cave and identify as the Conscious Soul Incarnate, linking up with all of your group brothers as you do so. Pause here for a few moments exchanging love throughout the network of relationships with your group brothers... appreciating each one as the Conscious Soul Incarnate functioning within his or her persona within his or her particular set of circumstances... and recognize, then, the service being rendered by the Conscious Soul Incarnate in the very fact of its incarnation. Using the creative imagination, join hands consciously merging the energies of the individual caves to create one group cave... and the individual Soul consciousness into one group Soul focused within the group cave, identified as the Conscious Soul Incarnate within the body of humanity.

Align via the group head center—the head center energy of the entire group—with the Ashramic Group Life and the three Masters who are its focal point. Contemplate here the purpose of the new Ashramic synthesis: its service function in relationship to the overshadowing Christ, the Planetary Logos, the Avatar of Synthesis, and the humanity into which it is externalizing.

Focus the attention upon that part of the Ashramic purpose and plan which has to do primarily with the incarnation of the spiritual kingdom of Souls—with the bringing of the Fifth Kingdom in nature into incarnation within the

three planes of human endeavor.

Now contemplate the service relationship of the incarnate group to this purpose and plan—its function here and now within the world of affairs. As the Conscious Soul, a part of the incarnate group dedicated to serve this purpose and plan, seek within your own consciousness—your own Soul consciousness—your service relationship. Seek to know and understand the part which you can best play in the total group service. What is your role? In what activity can you place your persona to best serve the Ashramic purpose and plan as it is brought into activity by the incarnate group?

Integrate the energy, force, and substance of your instrumentality and direct it through that activity through which you are best fitted to serve, into your outer life and affairs—your outer economy—joining it, linking it to the economic structure within which humanity lives, moves, and has its being.

Invoke the Divine Purpose of the One Life within which you live, move, and have your being, into the economy of that One Life, to manifest that activity through which you are best fitted to serve the Divine Plan for humanity, using all of the material substances and forms in a perfect equation of light, quality, and appearance needed to complete the manifestation and fulfill your service plan, individually and collectively, as the Conscious Soul Incarnate. Sound the OM.²

Opportunity

I wish to take just a few moments to discuss with you the world situation, and to project instruction, which, if carried out, will make it possible for you to serve the Plan as a group unit within the world group of disciples.

During the coming weeks and months, but particularly during the remainder of this year, humanity has entered into a somewhat critical situation, in that the pairs of opposites which exist in the world of affairs itself, have been thrown into sharp relief by that light which is being focused downward from Hierarchical levels, or shall we say, through Hierarchical levels from higher sources even than Hierarchy. As you realize, it is humanity's choice, humanity's right to choose its own particular path, its own way of ascent into the Kingdom of God. But I would have you consider that you are members of humanity, you are a part of that human family which has been given freedom of choice; you, along with many others who, in their sum total, constitute the aspirational consciousness of humanity. There are in sufficient numbers today enough of this aspirational consciousness to make that decision during this crisis of opportunity which is being focused into the here and now, if each

² See also: A.W.—Subjective Work of Discipleship, The

one will speak!

In your own country, you have an analogy, particularly at this time, in which each one of you has the opportunity to vote for the leadership of your country. In the same way, you are being given the opportunity today for the leadership which shall guide humanity along the way to the Fifth Kingdom. You may choose the Power of Light, which will shorten and render more easily tread that path, or you may choose the Power of Darkness, which may lengthen and render more difficult the treading of that Path. Both will lead to the same goal, for it is written into the destiny of man.

Recognize the fact that it is particularly during this period that you are called upon to vote, that you are called upon to make that choice. And again, there are a sufficient number of human beings in the world today, throughout the entire world, who constitute an aspirational consciousness, which, if it speaks, will swing the decision, give the decision, to the Powers of Light.

I ask you to align with all of these individuals throughout the world and realize that they are in every country, in every government, in every walk of life. Align with these and sound your note, which is the word of decision—your note, in thought, in feeling, and in physical actions whether by word or activity—so that the totality of this aspirational consciousness will sound forth. Do not limit this particular state of consciousness to those whom you would consider to be disciples. Realize that every individual, every man and woman, and certainly the children of the world, who would seek a better way of life, not only for themselves, but for others, those who look toward a Divine Being, whether from within an orthodox church form, whether an atheistic point of view, whether from within the field of science, or from within the occult realm, that all of these constitute an aspirational consciousness. Speak out, you who are at this particular time in the position of being representative for this body of consciousness, speak, then sound forth *The Great Invocation* and cast your vote. Do not permit the appearance of the pairs of opposites within world affairs, and the apparent conflict between the two, to undermine your security in a realization of the Power of Light to balance these opposites, the Power of Light to reveal the truth lying between these pairs of opposites.

And in your own life, endeavor to think very clearly regarding all that you might see, to stand midway between these opposites where the truth regarding both is seen.

This is a period in which each disciple is being called upon to dedicate as much of his subjective effort as he has available to the working out of the Divine Plan in world affairs. This is your opportunity to be of service.