

FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lesson 11 – The Thinking Self: Rational Thinking, Part 2

We left off last Sunday with analogy. (Referring to) The one who was in the motion picture show (as the English people say, “the cinema”) who understood that there is nothing but shadows on the screen and never lost his consciousness for a moment. There is nothing but shadows. And as he maintained that understanding and never lapsed from his understanding of how the picture was made and nothing but shadows there on the screen, he looked around him and there they were laughing, they were crying at different times, they were mad at the villain, and they were happy and elated, you know, over certain scenes. He came out of the picture show (that was hypothetically you) and you were buttonholed by a Socrates and you were asked a question. Were those people rational? To give those values to the shadows? And to react so violently or happily? Was that rational? No! You said they were crazy! Just plain crazy. There was no reality in it at all. Now there is where we left off last Sunday.

We see through a glass darkly. Now the glass through which we see is the inability to see (to register) the rapidity of wave-frequencies by which each of these gradations of energy, mattergy (coined word: energy converted into matter, matter reconverted into energy, mattergy), the inability to register the rapidity of frequency – wave-frequency by which each gradation of the substance of the Mother, the substance that we label the Mother, the Negative Substance.

Now there are many illustrations that were given at the beginning of this course. As I look around and see the new faces, I don't know how they're going to catch up with all of the background and preparation up to this point. But catch it the best you can until the course can be repeated. And remember – I'm recalling to your remembrance at this point, the multiplicity of illustrations that were given to show how the structure of our neural system, as it operates through the sense faculties, cannot register the rapidity of the wave-frequency registered. And in that inability to register the waves and frequencies as discontinuous, the neural system blends them all together as continuous and makes an image, makes these images, pictures. And then identifies the picture with that configuration of mattergy from which the wave-frequency was received. See? Now watch that identification.

Now when that is identified with the configuration from which the wave-frequencies are received, with no sharp differentiation between the image in the mind and the dynamic process (the configuration), then many will deny the reality. Now those who can separate the image abstracted from the reality from the dynamic process itself will never deny the reality. And that's where we stand in the School of the Natural Order.

Now by the way, this is the crucial turning point between metaphysics and non-metaphysics. The teaching of the School of the Natural Order is *not* a metaphysical system. You first have to have something called 'physical' before you can have meta- (under, back of, behind) physical. If these images abstracted from the dynamic reality is not understood and then identified with the reality from which the image is abstracted, then you can use the word 'physical' – not because it's a reality. Now let me say that the other way. If one can sharply differentiate between the image abstracted and the reality from which the wave-frequency was received, he never, then, can call the dynamic process 'physical'. That is, he has no 'physical' world and if he has no 'physical' world, he can't have a meta-physical world. Get it? It's a very crucial thing. It is extremely crucial.

India has gone down into squalor and poverty because of one simple little thing. They could not sharply differentiate the image in the mind from the dynamic process from which the wave-frequency was received! And clear offside. If the Christian Scientists in this country were as logical as the Hindus were (no reality, no substance in matter), instead of turning around and denying it by trying to demonstrate it, now if they were consistent it would have reduced every Christian Scientist to the situation and the status of India. All maya, all maya, throw it all away, all maya, all illusion. But it's not illusion! Because analyze any given 'this'. Just analyze it to its ultimate reality and you will find units of energy in a configuration, a dynamic thing, a dynamic process. And when we 'thingify' it, objectify it, make a static creation, that's just in our image-making. It is not in the reality. Hmm? Therefore, we have no 'physical' basis to try to get other than or behind it to a metaphysical. We're trying to see *this world*, right around us, and each other and ourselves, as we are in a functional reality state, therefore no flights from reality, no trying to get 'up', you know, in the stratosphere. Just trying to surmount the images that we abstract and see it here-now. Here-now. The living, vibrating, wonderful, brilliant world in which we live, move, and have our existence and our being. Therefore, no metaphysics.

Now we have built up until we want to see this reality around us, the reality of every so-called 'thing'. We want to begin to develop a system of values based upon the reality, not based upon the images. And that system of values based upon the reality is called rational thinking. Now that's our label for our description for the meaning for those terms, rationalism or rational thinking.

Now comes another vital point. How? It's all very well. We can very quickly and readily catch the intellectual, the mental picture of the process. But how to actually and really function in it? And therefore we have put up this chart. Because you cannot function on any level unless you have the energy with which to function. And so we focus the attention upon the energy which does its *own* configuring, develops its *own* faculties of perception. Now note how carefully I said that. If it

develops its *own* faculties of perception, it doesn't come to you, you know, out of the blue. There aren't any bright angels that just come down and hand it to you. It's a growth, it's a development, it's a process. The only part that a given person can play in that process is to understand it and intelligently cooperate with it. The process will go on whether he understands it or not. But if he understands the process, and intelligently cooperates with it, he immeasurably shortcuts the duration (time). He immeasurably shortcuts the duration with which, in which, the process is consummated.

Now I'm illustrating what I just got through saying. I have often said to these brilliant intellectuals, like the humanists that have very fine and brilliant developed intellects, and then they say, "Now, God..." (whatever you want to label that Power-to-be-conscious that's carried us up this far through the ages). Now the brilliant intellectual humanists will say, "Now, God, just move over now. We'll run it with our brilliant intellects." Get it? That's called humanism. "Now, God, get over. We'll run it." And I have often said to these brilliant intellectuals, as occasion requires or has required, I've often said to them, "Who took care of you down the eons, down the ages, or up the evolutionary stream (down or up). Who took care of you and developed everything you have before you had a mind with which to think? Do you not suppose that that Power-to-be-conscious emerging cyclically (paligenetically) in its own rhythm, in its own way, out of the unconscious into the conscious, out of being buried, entombed in the Mother and being born, self-born, now don't you now suppose that that power that has taken care of you down through the eons and the ages will still continue? It's not going to stop suddenly now that you've got an intellect." Elementary, my dear Watson, elementary!

And then when we watch them take over, move God off of his seat, you know, and take over, how long is it before everything is chaotic? As soon as they try it. Off the deep end or in the ground or somewhere. As soon as anyone tries it, in your personal life or in the large world sense. A case in point. Look at that gang in the Kremlin. Shoved God clear off his seat. "Now we'll take over." History is the determinative factor in dialectical determinism. "And we will follow and guide it now. We'll take it over and guide it." Guide it where? Into chaos and destruction and nothing else.

But now come back. That power that has developed the mind with which to think will also develop *other* faculties in due course. And it's the understanding of the *way* in which these instrumentalities function that we call faculties, it's the understanding in the *way* in which they were developed that enables us to intelligently cooperate with the further development – and there's where we stand in our school, trying to understand that process so that we can cooperate with it instead of ignorantly and sometimes with the best of intentions, thwarting it and going against it. Somebody has recently written a book called *The Harm and Trouble that the Do-gooders Create*. And the harm and the trouble and the destruction that the do-gooders create, with the best of intentions, going against the

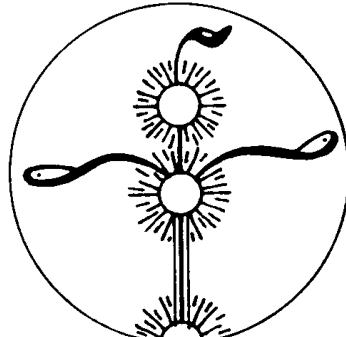
natural order process. So behind these charts here, “With all of your getting, get understanding.” Then we have the lamp in our hand and can walk in the light of understanding. So we come back now to the emphasis of that point. How to get that understanding, particularly the development of the higher faculties (higher than the intellect) and the mental and the cortical, how to develop those higher faculties. It is done just like those intellectual and mental faculties were developed. by the energy in our members. Let us come right down specifically. Here is four circles on this chart – four divisions of the soma – the ‘body’, the structure, the somatic divisions of ‘man’. Now here we have four divisions. They are symbolized: earth – the configuration, water – the psychic nature, air – the mental, the intellectual, fire – the fundamental, Autonomous Field, the Higher Self and its radiance. The fundamental, Autonomous Field, the Higher Self symbolized by fire.

Now relative to our objective state of consciousness, the earth, the generative force, now we’re converting it from the symbol earth, water, air, and fire, and these are ancient symbols for the four divisions of ‘man’. Now we’re converting it into the functional energy processes, or the way the functional energy operates. The generative force, the navel, is the center as a symbol of the water element, the psychic nature, and the heart is the symbol of love, functionally speaking, and the head, like the head of an organization, like the head of a movement, like the Logos of the whole creative process, the head. Now come down and make your objective identification, if you need, if you wish – the genital, the solar, the heart, and the head.

Now there is a creative power emerging and operating through the foci (the focuses) through the foci of these departments of man’s nature, of the structure of the total ‘man’.

The Four Somatic Divisions of 'Man'

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(head)

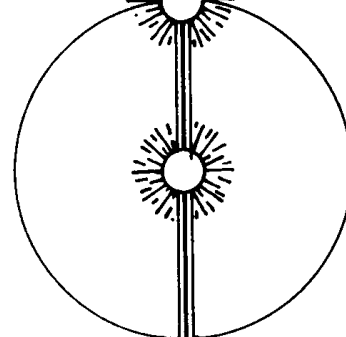


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Sun in Leo

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Moon in Cancer

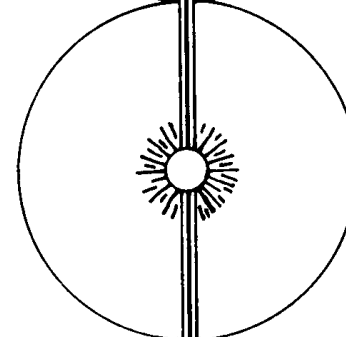
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Mercury in Virgo

AIR
(heart)



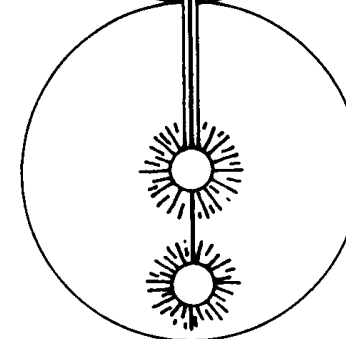
♀ ^ ♎
Venus in Libra

WATER
(navel)



♂ ^ ♏
Mars in Scorpio

EARTH
(genital)



♃ ^ ♐
Jupiter in Sagittarius

♄ ^ ♑
Saturn in Capricorn

'Man' is triune, every man is triune. What we see with our sense is only a fraction of the total man. What we see with our eyes and hear with our ears of any given person is like looking at an iceberg in the ocean. There's only about 1/6th or 1/7th of the total mass that can be seen. The other 7/8ths is beneath the surface, beneath the surface of our sense faculties only. But man should think of himself as not only the configuration (you can label the physiological organism) but he should think of himself with all of the combinations and blending of his feelings, of his desirings, of his emotions, of his loving, of his thinking. He doesn't do any one of those last enumerated functions with his 'body'. There is only one thing that anyone can do with the 'body' and that is act, strike attitudes, poses. You can act with it, but you can't feel with it. All right. Now you doctors (and there are several of them here right in this room) say, "All right, I'd like to get up there, Vitvan, and stick a needle in you." All right! Give me a local or a total anesthetic; stick a needle in me. The 'body' doesn't feel a thing. Put a person under some sort of a cryptomnesia, in a state of cryptomnesia (that means hypnotizing), stick a needle in him, 'body' doesn't feel anything. Story is told about an American dentist that traveled in India just here recently. There was a group of students around a teacher (guru they call them over there) and the group of students persuaded their teacher, their guru, to get his teeth fixed when this traveling American dentist was in their neighborhood. And so he consented. And the dentist says to him, shall I give you a local anesthetic? "Oh, no," he says. "I'll just transport my consciousness to some other part of the universe while you work on this part." They've been developing this ability. That's wonderful, you know. They've been developing this ability. So he transported his consciousness to some other part of the universe and he worked on his teeth and drilled them and filled them and he never felt a thing. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Just withdraw your consciousness. And then the 'body' doesn't feel. It only acts. But we have another part of us that we live in far more than we live in the physical consciousness, and that's our psychic nature. The average person that doesn't consider himself developed at all cannot live 10% of a given day in his objective, physical consciousness. Because even when he's doing things with his hands, he's feeling, he's thinking, he's emoting, he feels love, he's got a lot of desires operating and he's living in all of those and not in the objective. So much so that when he's driving an automobile at 60 miles per hour, he's got to begin to focus out of all that psychic activity and keep his mind on his driving or on the job. But the average person cannot live 10% of any given day in the objective. It takes a highly trained athlete to do it beyond 10%. The majority of the time, you are living in your feelings and your desirings and your thinkings, and in your lovings. And then beyond the triune self, now, beyond is the Power with which you act and the Power with which you feel and the Power with which you think and so forth, the Real Self.

Now that psychic nature is divided into the lower half and the upper half. The lower half – water, the upper half – air – symbols – as symbols. Now how do these functions operate? They can't operate without energy. They've got to have some motivating force and power. And there's where we come to the Power-to-be-conscious as it focuses its Power in the centers, the seals, according to the apocalypse of our Christian Bible. Five of these centers belong to the psychic nature. Two of them, the one (objectively speaking, at the base of the spine) and the one at the top of the crown of the head, those two do not belong to the psychic nature. It belongs to that Autonomous Field, the Real Self and its radiance, the (single quote) 'spiritual' and this is called the sacral-conarial axis of the field in which and upon which the physiological organism is built (the configuration) and out of which the psychic nature is developed. And when the psychic nature is sufficiently developed, the Power-to-be-conscious, on its own level, focuses the Power through these centers. During the process of developing the psychic nature, refining now the process of developing the psychic nature, that simply means this. Refining and refining your feelings, refining and refining your desires, refining and still refining the character, the quality, the guna, of the way you love and refining and still refining the character, the quality of your thoughts. Now this process of refining the character, the quality of feeling, desiring, loving, thinking is the development of the psychic nature. That's the way it is developed. And we could put that in a broad, general way that we exercise ourselves to feel and desire beyond the animal to a more human man state and beyond – beyond the human man state into an aesthetic, superior man state. That's a process of refining feelings, desires, refining our love nature, refining our thinking. As that process of refinement goes on, the psychic nature is developed.

But now. It cannot function in feeling, desiring, thinking and so forth and it cannot refine feeling, desire, thinking and so forth, without the energy with which to do it. Therefore, if we could focus upon the energy and direct it from a relative lower to a relative higher, the refinement will take care of itself. Because a higher level is always superior in power, in refinement, and so forth, to the relative lower. Therefore, it is not something that we have to acquire. It not something we have to get. It is something we already have and lots of it – some of us. And we have to start with a simple recognition. I have to control and direct this motivating, functional power – or it'll run me ragged. It'll motivate me.

Now let's start that simple little thing. Because it is obvious, all you've got to do is look around you, all you've got to do is look at yourself. It's very obvious that if you do not control and direct that power, that power is going to go willy-nilly along the lines of least resistance like a current of electricity that will track itself according to the lines of least resistance and by and by, you're in a

chaotic condition through lack of control of the energy by which you function in the psychic nature, in the feelings and desirings, and the thinking.

Now this is not as formidable as it first appears. You know, in this course, this is the first time that I have introduced this. You ones who have taken the previous work and the lessons I've gone through it, you know. But in this course of lessons, this is the first time that I've introduced this. The motivating force in the centers and the reason I had to introduce it at this time was because how are we going to surmount the image-making and begin to function in building a system of values by which we are going to live, building that system of values upon the reality in the absence of all the images. Well, we cannot do it intellectually. We only can get a mental concept and build more images. And we could even, out of the whole functional process, we could make a mental or intellectual image out of it and then we're still right back in the image level. We haven't progressed any beyond the image-making. And by the way, that's a treacherous little trap, because there are so many that will learn the jargon and can reel it off, you know, rounds and races and levels of evolution and the whole road map, you know, make a beautiful road map, and they haven't stepped out and taken the journey one little bit. That's a subtle trap, to fall into the intellectual understanding and mistake the intellectual understanding for the process. It's like mistaking the road map for the journey. Now, no matter how perfect and wonderful your road map might be, you still have the journey to take. And that journey is what we call the functional side, not the mental or intellectual side.

But note this. In saying that, we are not disparaging the mental and intellectual side, not disparaging it at all. Because I think that the keener and the finer the road map, the easier the journey is going to be. But I'm just on my guard not to fall into that error, into that trap of mistaking the intellectual understanding for the journey. I still have the journey to take. Well, the journey is the first step now, I'm going to reiterate it. Recognize that there is a creating force, a dynamic energy functioning now in you, in your psychic nature. Now just recognize that. That there is a dynamic force that's right here. Boy! It's going, trying to create, see, trying to do things, trying to create all the time, night and day, never stops. Now give that recognition to yourself.

Now the second step. Sharply – and, oh boy, I can't emphasize this strong enough – *sharply* differentiate between the energy and the forms of expression which the energy motivates. Now you have no idea the slough of despondency that so many will fall into after they hear this and hear it reiterated over and over and over. The reiteration. Still they cannot separate the energy from the form of expression which the energy motivates.

Now I'm going to bring it right down plain and I'll show you the error that hundreds and hundreds of brilliant men and women fall into it, particularly when they begin to study this tough sort of work.

The motivating energy in the genital center, now the motivating energy in the genital center, there's a form of expression called sex. Now that is a form of expression. Therefore, they think that sex is a secret to development. Brilliant men and women will then go into all sorts of experimentations and investigations and what-have-you until there's an entire cult. The psychoanalytical cult has been built up on it and thinks it's the repression of your sex force and it's (to me – I have to qualify it before I get dogmatic, because I get a little warm under the collar about it) – to me it is idiocy! And the whole psychoanalytical fraternity has done more harm and damage than they ever will do good – ever!

Now that sounds like a terrible dogmatic statement. But it's based upon this. They cannot separate the energy from the form of expression! If once you do that, it's simple. It is unutterably simple. The ordinary person wouldn't have any difficulty in separating the current in the motor from the functions of the motor or the gadgets that motor runs. Let us say we have just a common electric motor hooked up with all sorts of gadgets. Turn the current on in that motor and the gadgets all run. Now another point in passing. Don't fight the gadgets to stop them. See? Don't fight yourself. Don't say, "I'm a sinner", and implore and pray to be delivered, and emote all over the place. You know, you're fighting the gadgets it's running. Think! That first step – recognize that there is a Power – and boy, what a Power! And direct the current out of that motor to another motor, to another motor and then the.... Elementary, my dear Watson, but it's the hardest thing to get ahold of. See?

Focus your attention upon that energy. It's a powerful thing. It's a dynamic thing. And it's a pure thing. See? Pure! Now, what is pure? The energy! If we had a motion picture projection machine, the light, the film, the image on the film, the screen, the shadows cast upon the screen... It'd be too puerile. It'd be too simple for words to say, "See the light, how pure and bright it is? No matter what kind of an image on the film it is shining through. See the light? It's pure and beautiful." Hmm? See the light? Now put your thought on that light. That's the energy, not the color or the image or the color of the image through which it is shining. The light, the energy, directed out of that motor, directed out of that film. Hmm?

But I'm talking about that pure light. I'm talking about that pure energy. – not the image through which it's shining. The pure energy directed to the next motor. And pretty soon all of the functional processes relative to that level will be operative and then when you've finished with that phase, (now, not before, because you'll come back to it if you try to do it prematurely). When you're finished with that phase, direct it to the next – and the next – and finally the last one in the psychic nature, in the forehead (objectively speaking), ajna. It is the pure sight in the psychic light that opens.

Now we don't stop there, because just as soon as that has been accomplished, a Power descends and awakens the power at the base of the spine, relatively speaking, the sacral center. And the real fire

is released. Now this is all given in your Christian Bible, allegorically. Now you say why did they do it allegorically Well, listen. To you who are in the Father's house, the understanding, this is all plain. But to those who are without, it is not given except in stories and parables. That having eyes, they see not, and having ears, they hear not, and having understanding, they don't understand nothing. (Pardon the paraphrase.) You see? That is why it is given allegorically. To lift the creative (now remember the genital, the generative force, the generative power) to lift the generative power from the 'lower' (relatively speaking 'lower') to a relative 'higher' center. To lift the generative power 'up' is allegorically portrayed by John the Baptist, the one who baptizes with water. Now as we are immersed, as we are buried and then lifted up out of the waters. So John the Baptist came baptizing by water – to lift you up out of the waters of light. The true baptism and then the promise that he gave. "There is one who cometh after me who is greater than I and he will baptize thee with fire and with spirit." So John the Baptist must go ahead and prepare the way. It would be disastrous if the fire came before the John the Baptist prepared the way and developed all these faculties and functions on the relative higher levels – absolutely disastrous for that fire to come before the preparation for it has been gone through and through and through and over and over because we don't go right along straight up. We go up and fall back and then we go up and fall back. And we fall back and we fall back and we strive and fall back and we strive. Oh! After about seven incarnations, we'll get it. See? Now after we get the whole thing put together and we have a real picture of it and we're entering upon the journey, we have to settle down and make it a way of living. Now just make it a way of life. Just settle down and reconcile yourself. You're not going to do it in a year or two or one life or two. Just settle down and make it a job. And make it a way you live. And the process will go on immeasurably faster when you do that, that is, cooperate with it. And keep the direction, keep the forces directed. Keep them directed. That's our job. The force will do everything else if we will keep it directed. Now don't overlook that one. The force will develop the faculty with which it functions just like we talked about a while ago. The force developed the intellect with which we now think because no one developed it by conscious effort. It's the force itself that does it. Not by election, not by human determination, that means, but by the grace of God we are saved.

Now take that word *grace*. And equate it with this dynamic creative force of the god within you, the God-Self. See? The dynamic creative force of the God-Self within you because that's the only place he is. He's 'within'. Now equate that dynamic creative force with the word grace. Now it's the dynamic creative force, the grace, that does the work in your little..... See? In your little think-box. You didn't do it. You didn't do it! Yeah, I know, we just shake our heads, you know. And in spite of everything, we want to get in there and do it. See? Our job is to keep the force directed. The force will do the

work. The grace of God, the grace of the creative power that is within us. It will doeth the work – if we'll only let it! If we'd only get out of the way! and let it.

Now when that creative power... (now I go ahead and come back here to the finishing of this particular phase of the course on rational thinking). Now when we have directed the force to the head centers, these centers begin to develop and open. Because before the force is directed to them, they are like a bud, all closed up and as the bud begins to open and the leaf and the flower begins to come, so as we direct the force, the buds begin to open and the flowers begin to come and then the fruit, that is, the functional faculties are developed. Then, with the functional faculty in the highest center of the psychic nature, we can see the configurational reality as representation of the causal knowings and determinative fiat in Light's Regions. Now please catch that. We will be able to see the configurational world as it is without any images, without seeing through a glass darkly. As Paul said, we see "face to face" free and clear of all the image-making – intellectual images particularly.

We can then develop a system of values based upon the reality as representation of the determinative ideational factors, Be-ings, in Light's Regions. But now watch. We didn't go to Light's Regions and become an Archetypal God. We only saw the reality – here-now, all around us. When we see the reality as representation of causal determinations in the consciousness of those who function in Light's Regions, then we have the real basis for real development in addition to being able to think logically and rationally. See? Rationalistic thinking no longer based upon the image-making world. We're anchored where? Upon the firmament below the waters. You remember the lesson now? We have to get the firmament, the reality, below the psychic waters in order to use that as the foundation to achieve the ultimate reality, Light's Regions. See?

Now get the foundation first! Now there's no flights from reality. There's no running away. It is through a process of the changing of our outlook by the renewing of the mind, to quote the Good Book. The renewing of the mind from values based upon just pure myth and images to the values given to the permanent reality – the configurational world. Now that configurational world is the basis and foundation that *must* be achieved (in my estimation and the way I see it) – that *must* be achieved before the ultimate reality can even be contemplated.

I lose patience with those who are going to jump into Light's Regions and become God-conscious before they have cleared out the images and all of the delusional evaluations based thereon. And instead of calling it metaphysical, we call it metafizzling. See, they're metafizzling all over the place. And they'll just keep on metafizzling until they understand how to get the foundation as representation of the world of the Light, the world of reality.

Now when I come to this point, rational thinking, in the course of explaining the doctrine and the teaching and structure of thought of our School of the Natural Order, many think that I'm no longer spiritual, I'm no longer an aspirant for the world of Light and reality. They say, "Well, you're just going down, you're not going up." There was one woman who came to me after a lecture in New York City. She said, "Vitvan, I don't think you believe in God after listening to that lecture." "Why," I said, "Of course. I stopped that foolishness long ago. I stopped that foolishness long ago. I don't believe in him. I know him." Stop believing. Begin to know the force with which you function right now. Right now! See? You're not going to get something. Just recognize the force with which you function. Are you happy and satisfied with the level upon which you now function? Bless you. Stay right there. Yeah, that's right. Bless you. Stay right there. But the time will come when you're no longer happy nor satisfied for the level upon which you function. All right. Then you're ready. Direct that energy to another level and begin to function on another level, and another, and another. See? How simple!

But I want to direct your attention to the difficulty. Can you folks way back there see this picture over here of a caterpillar crawling on the ground? Now there's two things I want to draw from this. One: We use the label that this whole process we're talking about of self-development is telekinesical. Telekinesical. That is, it goes from the 'within' 'out', not from the 'without' 'in'. This has reference to the classical factors of evolution – survival of the fittest, and adaptation of the species to its environment, hereditary forces, the environmental and hereditary influences and what-have-you – all of the classical factors of evolution, Darwinian, Lemarckian and others. Now I answer all of those classical factors of evolution and at the same time, describe the meaning of this word *telekinesical*. What is there in the environment of a caterpillar that will develop a gorgeous butterfly? But due to the operational, functional forces within itself, it emerges a beautiful butterfly. Now that's one point. Supposing that we endow this caterpillar that crawls down in the grass and on the earth, supposing we endow that caterpillar with the consciousness, objective consciousness that you and I have and take for granted. Now as we endow the caterpillar with objective consciousness, let us tell the caterpillar, "You have to roll up and die, because only as you roll up and be reduced to a pupal mass, can you emerge as a butterfly." Now the little caterpillar down here doesn't know anything about the butterfly. It's only an image in his field that will emerge – the pattern of the field will ultimately emerge. But the caterpillar itself knows nothing about the element, the world of a butterfly, and he says, "Me? Die?" When the only life the caterpillar knows is what it abstracts from its little environment on the ground. And it can't surrender that ground-level environment. But telekinesically, it has to, whether it wants to or not. But it cannot voluntarily do it. Let go of what it knows to try to get something that it doesn't know?

Aren't we in the same spot? How can we let go of all our images? How can we let go of this little personality? Unless ye die, you cannot be resurrected. The transfiguration cannot take place unless we die. But he who giveth up his life (what he's conscious of as his personality) But he who giveth up his life shall find it. He who giveth up his life for my sake shall find it. Find the Real Self – a thousand-fold. So seek ye first the Kingdom within you. And all these higher things shall be added unto you – all. But to let go, just surrender, to give up, that's the winter of our discontent.

But now I'm not asking you to do it. No! Never! I'm saying everyone, sooner or later, will *have* to do it. See? Just like I said about the caterpillar. Sooner or later, it *has* to do it, as the cyclic process in its telekinesical functions requires. So sooner or later we *have* to do it. Why not do it now? See? If eventually, why not now?