

HOW TO TAKE THE JOURNEY

Lesson Four - CONSCIOUS FUNCTIONING

I am trying to crowd into these lessons as much as I can about the basic fundamentals (and the reasons therefor) upon which this system of thought is based and out of which it is developed. There are a few salient points that have not been thoroughly developed in previous lessons. I am going to try to get these points into this lesson and in doing so it may make this lesson seem like a hodge-podge and not a carefully constructed build-up to the denouement. You will notice that I will be presenting one salient point after another.

With this explanation I want to take up a point that was left open some time ago: Why, after the Power-to-be-conscious achieved its complete emancipation from the Mother, even on the highest level of the Mother Substance, Light's Regions, Light beyond Light, pure Light that is incomprehensible to our sense method of registering, even beyond that highest level of the Mother, did it ever again enter into unity with the negative pole of the cosmic process? That is, why join again with the Mother and begin another cosmic cycle, a mahamanvantara? To try to illustrate this point, I used a glass of water, and I said it was out of the overflow that the new creative effort developed.

Here is the point I left out, the best analogy which illustrates that point. It is one that we can observe all the time if we want. Occasionally we can more specifically observe it in a thunderstorm. Or we can use the example of a battery, like the battery in your car. Tension is built up, which means a positive charge is built up and built up. In some way that positive charge has to discharge itself. In the case of a thunderstorm, tension is built up in a certain cloud. The tension is the positive charge. The positive charge is built up until it will discharge itself to another cloud or to the earth, a fence post, a tree, etc.—to a point of least resistance for the energy to follow. We call it lightning. That lightning is a discharge of a high-tension build-up. If you carry that thought to the level where the Positive Power has emancipated itself from the Negative Substance and in itself it builds up such a positive charge—it is no longer now in polarity with the Negative. By and by that positive charge builds up to such a tension that it has to discharge, and there isn't anything else in the whole cosmos except Mother. So, Mother gets it—the Negative gets the discharge. And what does that do to the Mother, the Negative? It sets her into tremendous activity so that in a scriptural statement it is said: "Darkness was upon the face of the deeps and worlds without form and void." Darkness is galvanized into terrific activity. That activity we call waves-frequencies having bands or octaves, seven octaves in all. As the frequencies become higher—that means the waves are shorter—the Mother is thrown into terrific activity and a new creative process begins.

Think of that analogy. Think of the build-up of the positive charge which has to be discharged. By its nature it has to discharge—not by election. Tension, is built up until it has to go somewhere. This might seem high-level thought, even the use of the analogy—but it is not. Do not allow your thought to go ‘out’ and ‘away’. Turn it on yourself, because this principle, like all fundamentals in the cosmic process, infinitely repeats itself, from the very unimaginable heights to the lowest level. The fundamental is infinitely repeating and repeating on so-called lower and lower levels and you can bring this process right down to yourself, because you are more familiar with yourself than with concepts in your private world about others, about the cosmic process, etc. Bring it down to yourself.

Allow an emotional tension to build up, in you. There is going to be a discharge somewhere. With no exception, when the build-up of energy takes place, that discharge must be directed, channeled. It must be directed in the natural order processes into the channels, the *nadis* (a Sanskrit word for the channels) that are provided in the structure or the representations of that structure. As the build-up of the tension is under way, if the discharge is not channeled—let us say to the higher level, to the Father in Heaven (remember our description for the term Father in Heaven—the Higher Self, the Individualizing process on Mind level), it will go to the lower, elemental self and the psyche. If the discharge is not channeled or directed, it will go into the line of least resistance and the line of least resistance can be described as the quality of your habits. What is the quality, *guna*, of your habitual feelings, habitual desiring, habitual thinkings? Those will form contact points and channels for a discharge of a build-up charge. So contrary to many opinions, the charge that is built up will create evil just as quickly as it will create good. The charge does not know anything about good or evil, because good and evil pertain to private world concepts and to the race into which you are born, even the group into which you are born, which includes all of your race psyche and provincial evaluations. It is power. If it is not channeled it will go in the line of least resistance. Habitual feelings, desirings, emotings, thinking will channel the power. So one can be ‘evil’ (according to our racial values) and have great power; one can be ‘good’ with great power according to the way he channels the power; but it is *up to the individual to channel it!*

I have been intending for some time to give a lesson on the reverse side of the Great Seal of the United States of America. You carry it around in your billfold. Look at the symbol on a dollar bill. Note the base of the pyramid; note the three layers to the base of the pyramid. It fits in with the three original colonies out of which the great government of the United States was formed. But that is not the real symbol of these three layers to the base of the pyramid, because there are twelve great Powers which the awakened Be-ing controls and directs and develops, like the Master plus his twelve disciples (13), which story is only

an allegorical representation of the basic fundamental fact of the cosmic process—that every individualized Be-ing, after he has completed his individualizing Process on the Mind level, has acquired thirteen powers.

As you look at that symbol on the reverse side of the Seal notice the gap between the base of the pyramid and the apex. One side of the apex of the pyramid that is above looks as if it is floating in the air, because it is not connected with the base. The gap signalizes, or symbolizes that man has to fill in the sections of the pyramid (levels of development) between the base and the apex. That is not true of any other level in the great cosmic process. It is not applicable to any line of evolution on this planet except 'man'. 'Man' represents one of nine lines of evolution that are simultaneously going on, over-lapping and paralleling on this planet. One of the nine lines of evolution on this planet is what we call human beings, mankind, man in general. This symbol of the gap is only true of man for this reason: It is as though the higher archetypal gods had said, "Now we will bring man up from the animal state, or from the instinctive state. We will bring him up through the thirteen steps until he can understand, or at least get a mental concept of, or some inner response to, the Shining Light of all Existences, the Central Sun, the Immortal Self, the Logos. At that point man must cooperate with the creative process. He must become a partner and a cooperator with the Plan, the Design that underlies, is behind, all Existence." That there is a Plan and design 'behind' all Existences is called teleology. Man is brought up from the animal state step by step until his sensibilities, his faculties become opened, developed, unfolded and he glimpses or sees the Plan. From the very moment he glimpses or grasps it, he is then responsible for his own development and he has to suffer or enjoy according to his compliance with or defiance of the Plan. Man becomes responsible not only for his own development. A little later on he becomes responsible for the development of the little one placed in his hands, or whom he may contact. Take no advantage of them; do not exploit them. Help them, guide them, and direct them, but don't cross over and coerce them into anything. They must be absolutely free to follow directions or not. They suffer or enjoy according to whether they comply, cooperate with the great cosmic process or deny and defy it.

The most important point is the gap—the responsibility which falls upon man when he begins to glimpse and see the battle. Then he has to fill the gap between his own evolutionary past which has brought him up to that point and its fulfillment, symbolized by the apex of the pyramid. That apex is the Triune Self on Mind level— the Atma, the Buddhi, the Manas—the will, the joy, the ecstasy and the intelligence which inheres in the Be-ing when one becomes conscious of a Be-ing. Then he fulfills. Man closes the gap, and herein he exercises what is called free moral agency, self-responsibility, etc. So, it is up to each man and woman to choose.

Let an Aristotelian come into work of this nature. Little by little he begins to glimpse the Plan and understand it. He may not have any idea (concept) in his private world that he is assuming any responsibility whatever. He will use this School for what he can get out of it for himself (and he should at that state), just like he will use a doctor or lawyer or automobile mechanic. He uses them for what they can do for him. So, many use the School—and I want them to use it—for what they can get out of it. In that process they have no idea that they are assuming a very grave responsibility that accompanies their understanding. One day they wake up and find, “Why, my understanding brings with it a responsibility that I didn’t figure on! I just wanted to use it (including the School) and still wanted to be footloose and free!” But there is something that sneaked up on their blind side! They have to assume responsibility for gaining understanding, and that responsibility overtakes them. Each one is up against that something in himself, because he will never be at peace, never be at rest—he will be a lost soul—until he complies with the responsibility that is assumed with understanding. Sometimes in the face of all sorts of accusations, we have to comply with the responsibility that comes with this understanding. “You are another so-and-so, you don’t belong. What do you think you are doing? Going to redeem the world or something?” You are called a character, an egghead, a queer, etc., just because you have glimpsed a larger vision and you are responsible for maintaining it and representing and living up to it. So, one is held in the Inner Orders. Even in the psychic world, one is held.

You know these men—Ben Franklin, Tom Paine, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson. I honestly think they were not only endowed with vision, but were channels for the great vision when the form of government that we have in our blessed United States of America, was formed. When I think of this I get enthusiastic about it. We are in process of filling in the gap, symbolized on the Great Seal, and we walk in the sight of the All-Seeing Eye. We walk in the sight of that All-Seeing-I-Am-That-I-Am (represented in the apex of the pyramid). And we must keep square with it—that is with ourselves, our own secret Self. (I don’t mean objective secrecy. I mean in the secrecy of your own heart, in the inner, inner, deeper Self that you never let anybody in on. We may put forth all sorts of barrages, like the squid in the ocean that exudes a fluid behind which it hides, in order to hide our secret, inner Self from prying eyes. That is legitimate. We have to do it.) But in that deeper secret Self we keep square with our Higher Self, the Father in Heaven, the All-Seeing Eye and then act like the three little monkeys: “See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil.” Another one is not our concern, and we must not cross over no matter what anybody says. If we do not square ourselves with the Self, walk in the sight of the All-Seeing-I-Am-That-I-Am, we are going to be weather vanes and flop around with every breeze that blows and wind up as nothing.

When you bring all this down to just the everyday living level, you will begin to sort friends from the pseudo friends. Friends will strive to understand you and stick with you. False friends will drop away fast, but you haven't lost anything. You just got rid of a lot of 'things' that do not contribute anything to you or to Self-development. If you will hold to this attitude, walk in the sight of that All-Seeing-I-Am-That-I-Am, and keep yourself squared with it, everyone will begin to respect you even though they will hate you and defile you and persecute you, if they can, when you interfere with their darkness. That Light, that Power, that integrity, commands respect and you will never gain respect in any other way. You may curry favor, be kind, "show your teeth," build up a lot of support for evil and secret intentions, but see how long they will stand, will walk with you when the showdown comes. Walk in the Light, walk in the sight of the All-Seeing Eye, your inner Self, your own Higher Self, and you will draw to you everything needful. You don't have to worry. Everything *needful*, every person that belongs to you will be attracted to you—"My sheep shall hear my voice." They will catch your frequency, pick up the wavelengths, even though you may never see them in person. When you get anxious and emotionally involved about a lost project or deal, etc., if you will note those incidents and look back, you will find it was a blessed thing that that particular deal did not go over. It was not needful for you at that time, because when it is needful it will be there. When the seeming need does not come, the time is not ready, conditions are not propitious. Wait, be peaceful and quiet, learn to wait upon the Lord—the workings of the Power from the Higher levels. In the name of all the Blessed Powers that be, I am beginning to learn that lesson—to wait. I have been a man of action, and it has been a most difficult lesson for me to learn. The involvement of the whole world, of the cosmic power, of the whole operational situation in the integrated Organism-as-a-whole has to be propitious, has to resolve into the harmonic rhythm and then it comes. That is the Lord working. How hard it is to learn that lesson! We do that when we keep in touch, in contact. Do not lose contact with that Father in Heaven. If you get cut off, beat a retreat quickly and build back that contact. Walk in the sight of the All-Seeing Eye, and then you are safe and secure.

Here is a further thought. The union of the Father and Mother brings out the Only Begotten, the Central Sun of all existences, which is the third aspect of the Highest Triad. The Greeks labeled it Logos; the Hebrews called it Elohim, Yodhavé, Jehovah. By that union "All power is given unto the Son," but of himself he does nothing: "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." Do you grasp the inner connection? There are three aspects to that Central Sun, the Logos. Back in Vedic times, the pre-Aryans labeled each of these aspects. They called the first Brahma, the second Vishnu, and the third Shiva. Unless you have worked your consciousness into the meaning which those labels represent, they will not mean anything to you. They are more like a foreign jargon. But Mabel Collins did a very wonderful work. She changed the labels and called them three types of persons in the world: the builders, the dwellers and the destroyers.

You always find the builders, the creator types; that is Brahma. There are those types who love to build, but they don't care anything about dwelling. Do not think of this on the objective level alone. You can think of it in all the creative arts, all of the religions, and you can think of that in all of the creative systems of thought and philosophies. Then there are the dwellers, those who come in and occupy what is built, but they cannot be creative builders. They can use the gadgets, they can flip switches, pull plugs, and punch buttons, but they can't build the gadgets; they can only use them. These are the dwellers. When we carry the thought through to the creative arts and religions and systems of thought and philosophies, we find those that accept and believe and become dwellers, but they didn't create them and couldn't, until they have developed on that ray in the palingenetic process.

Then look around you, wherever you might be, whether you own a home or a peanut stand. There are the destroyers. Build up something and there you have the destroyers after you. They don't want it, but they want to destroy it. Today in the international political situation we have the builders and the dwellers and we have the gigantic destroyers who want to destroy all we have been building and building for generations. You cannot help but be aroused when you know the generations of hard work and the tremendous struggle required to build up a civilization. Then we are confronted with demons that want to tear it down and destroy everything! To deal with the destroyers we have to learn the strength of the inner Self. In times like these we need that inner strength.

So we have Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Those are the three primary rays of the seven rays of development. Brahma, the creator, represents Will. Vishnu represents the great power of Love. Do not think way off somewhere in the stratosphere or in the Himalaya Mountains. Come right down here where you live every day. If it were not for the power of love, would anything hold together? I say the power of love holds everything that we have together. Vishnu, the preserver, the power of love, holds our School together; it preserves our homes and our country. It is the power of love that holds anything and everything. Lose the power of love and you have lost everything. We call that power of love Vishnu, the binder, the holder, the preserver. Brahma cannot hold together, but he can create. Many represent Brahma. But the blessed Mother, with the power of love, holds that creation together. You can watch it everywhere. I want to show how this cosmic process works through everything, right here and now. Open your eyes and begin to look around and you will see everywhere the power of love that holds things together in this universe. That is Vishnu.

Now we have disintegration, demolition—Shiva. It is the power of love that holds, until *in* the power of love, Shiva can operate. Sometimes out of great love, the lesser is destroyed in order to create the greater. It is out of love that Shiva must operate, not against the power of love. It is within Vishnu that Shiva becomes valuable. Outside of Vishnu, Shiva is a menace. Love can even punish—out of great love—to bring something through that it loves. There is where Shiva can operate within Vishnu. Otherwise, Shiva becomes a menace.

I come to one more point: This (that I hold in my hand) is called a rock. An eminent physicist told me that there is enough power within this little piece of earth we call a rock, that if that power in it was released all at once it would create an unimaginable crater and cause demolition for many miles around. Are you old enough to remember the period in the development of our civilization before radium and other radio-active forces were discovered? Some of you can remember very distinctly. Transport yourself back to that period (even though you were born subsequent to that time) and then say to an intelligent person, “Intrinsically the fire of the cosmos is in this that we call a rock.” At that time you would have been in danger of being considered insane if you made such a statement. When my children were growing up I used to tell them that the great Power and the great Light we call God is in everything. To the little children I had to say “in.” I could not go into the higher aspect representations; I had to make it simple. My children were raised being told that the great Light and Power that we call God is in everything.

I am trying to illustrate to you what it means to say the dynamic fire of the universe is locked up in this that we call a rock. Before the electronic, radio-active aspects of modern physics was developed, what lack of understanding we were up against! But I am up against the same thing now when I stand before a group or class, the members of which have been hypostatizing and reifying. Do you know what those words represent? To hypostatize and reify is to attribute meaning to a symbol or word or sign for which it is difficult to set up an adequate referent.

However, I want to say this: At the very base of the whole Triune Man (objectively we say at the base of the spine) the Light, the Fire, is there—not up in the stratosphere, reified and hypostatized. We are not mentalizing about words for which we cannot set up a referent. The fire will purify you. “There is one who cometh after me who will baptize thee with Fire,” John the Baptist said when he was purifying the psyche. The great Fire will baptize you, take you in and bring you out. Where is that Fire? It is at the heart, the base of your existence. Go ahead and reify and hypostatize and spin your squirrel cage! When the psychic nature is sufficiently purified, when you have gone through the baptism by water, then and not

until then the Fire will become awakened, released. It will go through the physiological world, the psychic world, into the Mind—and that creates consciousness on the Mind level.

CONSCIOUS FUNCTIONING IN THE FREQUENCY WORLD

Lend yourself to developing the higher levels of your consciousness. The methodology is taught in the School of the Natural Order and explained in minute detail. There is no mystery about it. Whether a person is conscious of it or not he is functioning by the registry of waves and frequencies. We simply lift our own forces to a higher level within our respective selves. That is true meditation. If each of us will lift his own forces to a higher level, collectively we have established a higher-level field. We do this in preparation for our class work.

We have described in every possible way that we live, move and have our existence in a frequency world, that in the final analysis every so-called thing can be described in terms of waves and frequencies. Octaves of these waves and frequencies, which we label levels of consciousness, rise in an ascending scale to illimitable heights. (The shorter the wave, the greater number of frequencies per unit of time is our referent for the term higher.) This, among other basic factors, establishes the orientation of consciousness in the new cycle upon which we are entering wherein we will learn how to consciously function in respect to the waves and frequencies which we now unconsciously register and which motivate the quality of our feelings, our desires, and our thinking. We will not only consciously function in the energy world; we will consciously control the waves and frequencies by which we function. We will consciously generate the wave and frequency which will become determinative respecting all that we experience. That sets the pattern, the goal, the objectives; etc., of this effort that we label the School of the Natural Order. All occultism, all mysticism, and all metaphysics will be taken out of life-facts or the Wisdom Teachings.

Before one begins to consciously function in this energy world in which he now unconsciously functions, this may seem to some to be too scientific, too cortical, too intellectual, etc. But just the opposite is true. As we begin to consciously function in the wave and frequency—the same wave and frequency which now unconsciously motivates our feelings, desires and thoughts—we will learn very quickly that every wave is characterized by power, that every wave is characterized by consciousness; i.e., the waves and number of frequencies per unit of time which we register, either consciously or unconsciously, are characterized by both power and consciousness. Then there we begin to perceive, consciously apprehend, the illimitable octaves of waves and frequencies which characterize the real world, and that each of those

waves is characterized by power and consciousness. The cold, cortical, intellectual idea disappears in the presence of such mighty power and all-inclusive intelligence. ***

One cannot hold on to the state in which he is now conscious and acquire a higher state. Many approach the Wisdom Teachings with the idea that they are going to get something with which they can operate on the level on which they are now functioning. That idea is self-deceiving. One must let go, surrender self, swing up to a higher state of self-awareness and bring out the representations relative to that level or state. Do not try to reach up to something high and wonderful and think you can use it to gain advantage on a lower level. It will not work, and those who try to work it that way run into inevitable disappointment and the consequences of trying to bring down Light, higher creative power, utilizing it to accomplish the objects of desire. Away with that attitude! Reach up and get up on a higher level. You will have light, you will have understanding, you will have the consciousness of what it is all about. There will be no mystery, nothing hidden to your penetrative perceptive understanding. Then all other 'things' needed will be added; but you won't want them because you will not want to be distracted with them. You will not want them because they take time away from that which is so much more wonderful. So, let us surrender the old state and swing up to a higher one.

