IDENTIFICATION

A series of sessions using collaborative group dialogue as a method, and a compilation of quotations on this subject taken from the works of Alice Bailey and Lucille Cedercrans as a focus.

Day of the Week: Thursdays

Time of Day: Noon New York, 11am Dallas, 10am Denver, 9am Pacific, 1pm São Paulo, 5pm London, 6pm Rome. Via Zoom.

Excerpts:

Identification is a focus, a spark or a part, so to speak, in Monadic Energy in accordance with the Plan of the Christ. That identification which is what you are as Soul, as consciousness itself, is a focus of Monadic Impulse.

Teacher Training 2, Lesson 3

You will note how frequently I am using the word *identification* in my various instructions. The reason is that it connotes the goal held before all disciples who are being trained for certain major expansions of consciousness.

Discipleship in the New Age, I, p 648

There is a difference between identification and consciousness. Identity is stationary and consciousness is not limited to the confines either of the identification or the form which houses it. Consciousness is that field of awareness between Spirit and Matter. It houses the identification. The identification makes use of it and it indwells form. Once you can grasp this realization, then you have begun to move in that direction which will bring you into the realization of the one and the many, a realization that the Soul is one Soul; consciousness is one consciousness; you are one with your brothers.

The identification is the focus of the One Life. The consciousness is, in a sense, the reflection of the One Life. The form is a reflection of the identification. Think again of the sphere of consciousness, to a sphere of water. All that is contained within consciousness is contained within each particle of it. The identification uses that consciousness. It is not a matter of lifting the consciousness; it is a matter of its use, of the identification comprehending, taking into account, or utilizing the whole of the consciousness which is within each particle of it (if I may use this analogy).

Not at this point of evolutionary development do you get over identifying as consciousness. You identify as consciousness because only as the focal point of identification is able to take in the whole of consciousness, does the appearance of evolution take place. To achieve full Soul development, you are identified as humanity. Identification which does produce the appearance of evolution proceeds in a cyclic pattern. The identification of focus is directed to and expanded to include, degree by degree, that totality which is consciousness. Therefore, we see it as covering many so-called states of consciousness.

Identification is that which is reflected downward by Spirit. In the case of the individual, it is the focus of the Monad within Substance. It is the focus of the Monad now within the consciousness, because the Monad cannot be brought into direct contact with the form until such time as the substance of that form has been redeemed or lifted up into a harmonic frequency with the Monad, at which time consciousness, so to speak, is no longer necessary.

This is in regard to your meditation effort. In response to those of you who find it impossible to identify with the persona, I must ask—are you becoming crystallized in a new form? So long as you find it impossible to identify as, with, or within the persona or any aspect of it, you are still imprisoned within it. Your liberation from it will be through right use of identification, the identification technique. I would have you consider this.

Consider, again, what is a persona and what are these bodies which constitute the vehicle of that persona? Persona, in the highest sense of the word, and the highest meaning, is the face of the Soul, the outer face, the outer expression of the Soul. To be identified unconsciously as or with anything is to be imprisoned. Liberation proceeds via the use of the technique of conscious identification. Your bodies, the integrated persona, are part of the One Life. As a part of the One Life, it is a part of you. And while you need not be imprisoned within your misinterpretation, misunderstanding, or limitations of it, neither can you escape it. Your evolution will eventually supersede the need for the mediator, the Soul, between Spirit and Matter or Monad and persona, but it will not supersede the need of the persona.

Applied Wisdom, the article, Identification

Let me tell you this—this group now in process of becoming, will in time develop its own "yoga" and school of training which will gradually supersede that of the raja yoga and bhakti yoga schools. The method of training will only be given to those who have trained the mind and learnt to control the emotions. Hence the key to what is now going on. The mode of training will be no easy short cut to the goal. Only the intelligent can attain it and only coordinated personalities will be eligible to the teaching. The keynote of the new yoga will be synthesis; its objective will be conscious development of the intuitive faculty. This development will fall into two categories: first, the development of the intuition and of true spiritual perception, and secondly, the trained utilisation of the mind as an interpreting agent.

... No book has as yet made its appearance which gives in any form whatsoever the "yoga of synthesis". We have had "bhakti yoga" or union through devotion. Raja Yoga is now receiving emphasis, which is union through the mind. It sounds like a redundancy to speak of union through synthesis, but it is not so. It is union through identification with the whole—not union through realisation or through vision. Mark well this distinction, for it holds the secret of the next step for the personalities of the race. The *Bhagavad Gita* gives us primarily the key to the yoga of devotion. Patanjali teaches us the yoga of the mind. In the Gospel story we have the portrayal of realisation, but the key or the secret of identification is still withheld. It lies in the custody of a few in this integrating group of mystics and knowers and will be brought out into manifestation in the furnace of their individual experience and thus given to the world. But the time is not yet. The group must grow in strength and knowledge and in intuitive perception.