

Group Consciousness

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About: In one sense, humanity is a field of consciousness wherein individual points of consciousness are moving through the stages of mass consciousness, individual consciousness, and on to group consciousness. These quotations were compiled to help us bring into our brain consciousness concepts that help align with this progression. Group consciousness is best explored as a group, and this group is dedicated to that exploration.

Availability: The facilitators will provide the text.

Course Status: We meet weekly on Thursdays at

9:00 am Los Angeles, 10:00 am Denver, 11:00 am Dallas, 12:00 noon New York, 1:00 pm Sao Paulo, 5:00 pm London, 6:00 pm Rome, 6:00 am Honolulu, 2:00 am Melbourne (Fridays).

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Excerpt:

As the personality, as the brain awareness itself, and the indwelling incarnate consciousness is expanded by the infusion of the Spiritual Soul—the consciousness of the One Life—that individual begins to establish on a horizontal level the relationship or relationships which are reflections of the field of relationships within the One Life.

This concept may be somewhat difficult at the onset. Therefore, relax, and yet alert the mind in receptivity to it.

In the One Life, all factors are known. All aspects, all qualities, attributes, etc., are known and related in a unity of relationship. As this consciousness of the One Life comes down into the brain awareness, the individual in the three worlds establishes his relationships on a horizontal level, which are a reflection of that unity of relationships which is being made known to him via his vertical alignment with the One Life. This field of horizontal relationships is actually group consciousness.

Now, let us be very, very clear in our understanding of what constitutes group consciousness. It is not limited to a small group of individuals. This is the most important concept, and the one which is so little understood by those who are aspiring to attain group consciousness.

The individual who is group conscious has made his atonement with humanity. He is capable of, and does, establish according to karmic necessity group relationships with whatever individual or group of individuals to which he is karmically related.

Please consider: most of you have thought of group consciousness as constituting a group of individuals who were somehow related with one another in a relationship which was defined as group consciousness. This concept is limited and somewhat distorted.

Group consciousness is the consciousness attained by the individual who has achieved a realization of the One Life and who is establishing his horizontal relationships according to his realization of that One Life.

Group consciousness, then, refers not specifically to the group, but to the individual because he is group conscious. The group, in the term group consciousness, is humanity.

Forget organizations, groups, or any grouping of individuals, and think only of one group which is humanity. As group consciousness is attained by the individual or group of individuals, this then, will be the consciousness which has been attained, the individual's relationship with the body of humanity as a group consciousness.

Group consciousness cannot be attained via either an attention given only to a vertical alignment, or the attention given to a horizontal alignment. It must be the even balance and the equal distribution of the energies via the vertical alignment and the horizontal alignment which will result in the center of the cross—what is referred to as the Conscious Soul Incarnate—who is within himself group conscious. He is related to humanity as a member of that group.

It may be of great advantage to you, if you have the time and the opportunity (in addition to whatever other meditation work you are doing) to meditate upon the cross with a small sphere at the center of that cross, realizing that the vertical line relates spirit to matter, and that the horizontal line relates consciousness to both. The sphere in the center represents the Spiritual Soul Incarnate, the Conscious Soul Incarnate who is group conscious. That sphere, then, represents two factors, the Overshadowing Spiritual Soul and humanity.

You could say that the ultimate in group consciousness would be the ultimate awareness of the greatest number of relationships in the body of humanity. In becoming group conscious, the individual becomes conscious of the relationships within the One Life and then seeks to establish them on earth. In this respect, he is externalizing the higher etheric network into the lower etheric network.

Where does this leave us? First, it makes it possible for us to destroy whatever glamour we may have built up around the concept of group consciousness, in that we must realize that group consciousness is not confined to a small group relationship. The individual who has attained to group consciousness may or may not be a member in the outer life and affairs of a specific small group unit.

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