

Lesson 1: The State of Consciousness Necessary to Healing

This series of instructions is being written for all of those aspirants upon the Path of Initiation who have definitely felt the call of service and are seeking sufficient knowledge with which to answer that call. They are those whose feet are well placed upon the Path and whose next step forward is into the realm of discipleship. This stage of evolution presupposes a certain unfoldment of Soul consciousness, which I shall endeavor to explain.

1. Right motive.

The aspirant has traveled the path of experience sufficiently long to realize his essential relation to all other persons. He is a Soul, related to all other Souls, being therefore, a brother of all men.

He recognizes the fact that he can have no purpose, no motive, and no goal, which is not the motive, purpose, and goal of all men. It would be impossible for him to acquire anything for the separated self, for his very nature demands that he share that which he is with his brothers. He has had a glimpse into the Kingdom of Heaven, he senses the beauty of the Divine Plan, he has, in a greater or lesser degree, achieved rapport with the Soul of all things. All of this serves to stimulate his aspiration to the Soul, but that aspiration is characterized by its inclusiveness. He aspires for all men, realizing that he cannot know complete peace until it has been attained by the entire human family.

Could a man be content to eat his fill and see his brothers in need of food?

2. Selflessness.

As a result of his realization of brotherhood, the disciple is enabled to put all thoughts of self aside in order to serve. He, as a separated personality, becomes a nonentity as he loses himself in service to the Plan. The petty desires, selfish aims, the dissatisfactions are not known by him. His vision sees so much farther and includes that which is so much greater, that things of the personality become insignificant in comparison, and are eventually forgotten in service. To others it would appear that his entire life is a great sacrifice, but to his consciousness, service itself is its own reward.

My friends, look beyond the outer appearance, observe the beauty and the perfection of God's Plan on earth. Realize that you are a part of that Plan and the unhappiness, the constant strife and turmoil, will drop from you as an old worn out cloak. Yours will be the joy, the inner peace, and the strength of the divine Soul in action!

3. Sensitiveness to world need.

This, of course, is dependent upon many factors: the type and quality of the equipment with which the aspirant must work, his karmic obligations, etc. It is also dependent upon the degree of discrimination he has developed. He must be able to discriminate

between true world need and astral glamour. It is this discrimination which differentiates the true disciple from the would-be disciple. Many of the difficulties apparent in the world today are a direct result of individuals and groups registering what they think is world need. The "isms", separative organizations, etc., are manifestations of sensitiveness without discrimination.

The true disciple is nonviolent, noncritical, all-inclusive in his recognition of brothers, ever loving, kind and considerate. His is not the activity of destruction, for he knows that destruction is an inner activity. That which is no longer included in God's Plan destroys itself. This is a basic law and must be realized before a true field of service can be entered. There are no disciples who are concerned with the work of conscious destruction. The concept of such a work is astral glamour, a distortion of true need. The disciple transmutes, synthesizes, and builds. He leaves such things as destruction to the Universal Law and is not blinded by this type of glamour.