

WISDOM

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Excerpts from the text:

Master K.H:

The disciple who finds his function upon the second ray of Love-Wisdom takes unto himself the responsibility of teaching the Soul of man his identity, of revealing that identity and expanding it into the potential of its awareness. This we call the Wisdom. In the total population of humanity, it has few custodians. As you receive it, let it be with that understanding which will not tarnish or alter it. Let it be with that humility which makes of it a trust, and let it be with that intent which gives it embodiment. The teacher of the Wisdom is the love of God for man, the love of God for he who is blind and deaf and dumb. ...

You cannot expect to become practiced and adept and have all knowledge until you have put into use that which you have. Do not any one of you think, for a moment, that you do not have a concept of truth that humanity today is much in need of. In your consciousness is a vast wealth of wisdom. Humanity seeks that wisdom, and give it to him. It is that simple. This is true of each of you. That consciousness which is at the level of your awareness, in comparison with the consciousness of the average man, is a storehouse of wealth. Give it. Share it with those who are in need of it.

Teacher Training, Lesson 30

Knowledge is the product of the Hall of Learning. It might be termed the sum total of human discovery and experience, that which can be recognised by the five senses, and be correlated, diagnosed, and defined by the use of the human intellect. It is that about which we feel mental certitude, or that which we can ascertain by the use of experiment. It is the compendium of the arts and sciences. It concerns all that deals with the building and developing of the form side of things. Therefore it concerns the material side of evolution, matter in the solar systems, in the planet, in the three worlds of human evolution, and in the bodies of men.

Wisdom is the product of the Hall of Wisdom. It has to do with the development of the life within the form, with the progress of the spirit through those ever-changing vehicles, and with the expansions of consciousness that succeed each other from life to life. It deals with the life side of evolution. Since it deals with the essence of things and not with the things themselves, it is the intuitive apprehension of truth apart from the reasoning faculty, and the innate perception that can distinguish between the false and the true, between the real and the unreal. It is more than that, for it is also the growing capacity of the Thinker to enter increasingly into the mind of the Logos, to realise the true inwardness of the great pageant of the universe, to vision the objective, and to harmonise more and more with the higher measure. For our present purpose (*which is to study somewhat the Path of Holiness and its various stages*) it may be described as the realisation of the "Kingdom of God within," and the apprehension of the "Kingdom of God without" in the solar

system. Perhaps it might be expressed as the gradual blending of the paths of the mystic and the occultist,—the rearing of the temple of wisdom upon the foundation of knowledge.

Wisdom is the science of the spirit, just as knowledge is the science of matter. Knowledge is separative and objective, whilst wisdom is synthetic and subjective. Knowledge divides; wisdom unites. Knowledge differentiates whilst wisdom blends. What, then, is meant by the understanding?

The understanding may be defined as the faculty of the Thinker in Time to appropriate knowledge as the foundation for wisdom, that which enables him to adapt the things of form to the life of the spirit, and to take the flashes of inspiration that come to him from the Hall of Wisdom and link them to the facts of the Hall of Learning. Perhaps the whole idea might be expressed in this way:

Wisdom concerns the one Self, knowledge deals with the not-self, whilst the understanding is the point of view of the Ego, or Thinker, or his relation between them.

In the Hall of Ignorance the form controls, and the material side of things has the predominance. Man is there polarised in the personality or lower self. In the Hall of Learning the higher self, or Ego, strives to dominate that form until gradually a point of equilibrium is reached where the man is controlled entirely by neither. Later the Ego controls more and more, until in the Hall of Wisdom it dominates in the three lower worlds, and in increasing degree the inherent divinity assumes the mastery.

Initiation Human and Solar, p 10-12

We have said that initiation is a new beginning, a new birth in awareness. The test of any initiation, whether of an individual in the past, or of a group in the present, or of the mass in the future, is the ability of the consciousness involved to use that awareness to the betterment of those within the entire sphere of influence.

You are in the process of initiation. Your consciousness has been initiated into a new field of awareness that concerns the whole of humanity. You have been taught to think in terms of the One Life, to consider the Good, the True, and the Beautiful as it applies to that One Life. While you have been totally concerned in this study with The Wisdom, you are still within the Hall of Learning. Yet, the passageway which connects the Hall of Learning with the Hall of Wisdom lies straight before you with its doors wide, its light clearly showing the marked path, and many brothers awaiting your entry.

Wisdom is more than knowledge. It is more than the contemplation of Truth. Wisdom is “Love in Action”, the application of all that is known for the love of humanity.

In the Hall of Wisdom, the student becomes the accepted disciple. His school now becomes the school of service, the new school for humanity, and his teacher is The Christ. His heart is filled to overflowing with the love Christ knows for humankind; and as it spills out into the world, it brings healing, life and restoration to an ailing humanity. Such a one becomes the custodian of the Law of Grace, wielding that law with an exactitude which surpasses even the exacting nature of karma. He is a giver of peace in the midst of conflict; he is food for the hungry, pure water for the thirsty, and ease for every pain.

He is all of these because he has become them himself. He no longer hungers, or thirsts, or cries out in the bitterness of pain. His gift is of himself, therefore it is one of Peace.

All of this is Wisdom.

The step from one Hall into the other appears great, as if over a chasm, yet when the passageway is seen, it is clearly one of light, which bridges that dark space between two worlds in the space between two moments. In the twinkling of an eye is a man reborn and transfigured into the appearance of Christ.

The Soul spends eons developing within the womb of matter, and is born forth into the world of Spirit after the pain of labor has subsided. Love gives birth after pain has done its work, and Love is born.

The Soul who stands ready upon the brink of the chasm, fearful for himself, trembling before the awe he senses, but cannot yet see, receives this encouragement:

“Dare to drop your conflict. Dare to become filled with Love. Dare to stop all thought and receive the Spirit of God. Dare to take the step with the eye lifted away from the chasm, fastened upon the Light.”

If I speak to you in symbols, it is because they convey the simple truth. The way is always hazardous right up until the last moment — and that moment is in the heart, not in time. The path of initiation appears to increase the conflict, to sharpen the pain, to increase the burden, yet the Final Glory blazes forth in that moment when the life is filled with peace.

The applicant has within himself the Power to bring an instant cessation to pain and conflict. His choice it is, and this is the final choice, yet the one always before him.

It makes little difference what his circumstances in the body, that body will become filled with peace when the consciousness enters the final act and wields the power of decision.

While all of the above describes the final act of initiation, and the state of consciousness of him who is initiate, and while this act awaits only that moment of fearlessness in the heart of the applicant, still it has to be approached. The student disciple who has yet to build in his strength of decision does so via a clearly marked path of approach that is characterized by positive action in service.

Nature of the Soul, p 489-491