Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Way. In My last Discourse I spoke to you about the current Teaching about Initiation as part of the New Living Organisms of Group Formations and how each level of understanding and exposure to the Truth will offer new opportunities to expand one’s awareness further. This movement towards Greater Co-operation and Participation in Group Activities shall continue to strive for Greater Unity in Synthesis of the Divine Will and Purpose for the Evolution of humanity to work with a greater confluence between lower and Higher Mind, objective and subjective use of the emotional bodies and the application of the Laws that influence every action within mankind, both positive and negative. It is not the Laws that are positive or negative, but the interpretation and misunderstanding and use of the Truth and Immutability and Undeniability of such Laws. I say, not the will and purpose of the personality be done, but that of the One in Whom We Live and have Our Being!

But now I wish to open your minds in planting another Seed of Consciousness, so that one cannot misunderstand the relationship between Disciple or Initiate with the Master, whose Influence they are Unifying, Merging and Assimilating with.

Within this Directive of this Discourse, I will very briefly outline for you some of the new developments which are becoming a New Reality if the Disciple or Initiate will rightly focus and orientate themselves with the Work of this Divine Plan. There are within latent potentialities in all here who are reading this, the possibilities are great indeed. If you will pause and consider what I am going to say and ponder a little more deeply, you will realise that the task of the Master in the past, as He sought to prepare the Disciple for Initiation, was largely concerned with awakening him or her to the need for occult Obedience, for right Orientation, for Persistence, and for Devotion to his or her Objective.

But all that now lies far behind the true present-day Disciple and Initiate. Today, in the Era of the New Golden Age, the Age of Aquarius, the Master indicates to the Disciple or Initiate, the overshadowing cloud of Knowable things; The Master assures him or her that he or she has within them undreamt Powers which will, when brought to the surface of consciousness, demonstrate to their own Essential Adeptship and enable them to share in the Great Hierarchical task of Illumining, Precipitating, and Lifting others through Visions, Ideas and Ideals for Higher Consciousness to be Understood and Accepted as Real, no longer illusory or unattainable.

Today the Master, having done the above, leaves the Disciple to Work through to Knowledge and Cooperative usefulness. He neither pushes the Disciple or Initiate into premature action nor constantly Supervises them; He surrounds them with the Aura of His Presence and the Protection and Stimulation of His Ashram; He gives them occasional hints, and as the Disciple Acts and Works upon the hinted suggestions, the hint becomes a Clear Direction and a Luminous area of Enlightenment.
Therefore, even though the following text is repeated from My Book with Alice Bailey, “Discipleship of the New Age Volume 2, Part V”, it has impelled the action after my suggested hints, to provide the very message that is required at this time to offer firm and fixed guidance to all who may read it. At the same time, like all instruction, it leaves all to the imagination and ability of each Disciple and Initiate to use, apply and integrate in accordance to their own free will. The point I am making here is the Law of Synthesis in Action is as much part of the interaction and alignment between Master and Disciple as it is between Planetary movements, Shamballa and the Hierarchy, Hierarchy and Humanity or Shamballa and Humanity.

This instruction then, My Brothers and Sisters, is to make certain suggestions to you about the approach to Discipleship that humanity is making and the approach to Initiation which Disciples in every country and of all schools of thought and of religious persuasion are today making. I have told you in many places that the techniques for training Disciples are changing in order to conform to the rapid progress being made in mass orientation, and that a New Light upon the entire theme of Initiation is imminent. I would like, if possible, to be somewhat more explicit. You, at least, after these years of training by Me, should be susceptible to some increased Realisation along these lines.

Humanity, as has often been said, is now the World Disciple. Why is this? Primarily for two reasons:

1. **Men and women are rapidly awakening mentally.** The whole world is thinking, primarily along political lines and along lines of current ideologies. Even people's long dormant thoughts are now convulsed by mental processes. This shift in human consciousness involves a rapid focussing of human intention on mental levels. This mental polarisation is essential to Discipleship. It is as yet a general trend, but much progress has been made as a result of the tension of chaos and environmental disturbances, especially wars and world conflicts.

2. **Men and women are rapidly developing and understanding goodwill.** The world is full of movements for relief and for the amelioration of human distress, and this from the point of small and large communities and also nationally and internationally. To this, many analogous charities and well-intentioned affiliations of men and women everywhere bear witness. This indicates not only a mental polarisation, but responsiveness to the Love Nature of God; these together indicate a fusion and a sensitivity which is new in human history and which is most encouraging, testifying as it does to the success at last, of the Evolutionary Process.

The time, therefore, when the Hierarchy had to deal almost entirely with the emotional devotee is past, and this has come about far more rapidly than had been anticipated. The task of the Masters before the eighteenth century was to take emotional Aspirants and train them in the technique of mental polarisation, prior to permitting them to enter Their Ashrams. This was the best that could be expected, and in the last analysis was all that was required, because mentally polarised, Aspirants to Accepted Discipleship, would have been of little use in the work of lifting mankind nearer to the Light; the Ashrams exist primarily for that purpose. But the mentally focussed humanity of today
cannot be reached by emotional workers alone. The mental approach is called for and a Higher type of Disciple and Initiate is needed.

The training to be given to Aspirants (and this must be begun in our educational centres) will concern the dual use of the mind, the nature of energy, the indication of an Evolutionary Plan which includes more than the physical forms, and later of a definite and clear purpose for humanity as well as modes and methods of developing the subjective and subtle powers of the human being. This will involve a study of the constitution of man and the relation of its lower and higher threefold nature to the three aspects of Divinity. (Spirit, Soul, Body or Monad, Ego, Personality). You will note how increasingly, with all of you, I am emphasising man’s essential duality and not his temporary triplicity. I would have you try to ascertain and understand my reasons. As this Curriculum and Study is firmly established now, it will Revolutionise the modern Educational Systems upon a Planetary Scale, and then man and woman, the reorienting Aspirant, will become man and woman the Accepted Disciple and Initiate.

I wonder whether you have ever considered the widespread effect of all the reflective thinking, the aspirational prayers and the meditation work, untrained or as the result of training, done by people in their millions down the ages through the entire planet? Its quality is altering; its strength is increasing; its LIVINGNESS is producing changes in the human organism. The tide of Spiritual Life is today so strong and striving that the next 20 to 40 years will demonstrate the factual nature of the Kingdom of Souls or of God. This, as you can surely appreciate, will produce fundamental changes also in the immediate objectives before human progress, and in the Masters’ Plans, in the teaching given, and in the training presented.

This brings me to the objectives which are now before Disciples in training for Initiation. Instead of the past objectives, contact with the soul and entrance into an Ashram, the following might be listed, but must be understood esoterically and not literally.

• **A sense of planetary relationships.** Instead of the emphasis being laid upon the relation of the individual to his soul, to his Master and to the Ashram, his consciousness is consciously expanded (if I may use such an apparently redundant phrase) in order to bring about a realisation upwards into kingdoms hitherto unseen and unknown, downwards into kingdoms which we call subhuman, outwards into the human environment and into the human kingdom, and inwards (a meaningless word, My Brothers and Sisters) toward Divinity itself. This means towards Synthesis, towards wholeness, towards the sense of the entire, towards totality. For all these four directions (of which north, south, east and west are symbols) there are specific techniques, but today I may only indicate direction.

• **A sense of “intelligent supervision”.** This must be esoterically understood. What does this mean? One of the most deeply spiritual qualities which would-be Initiates must unfold is the constant recognition of a focussed control upon daily life, circumstance, the future and fate. This is as yet an embryonic sense or entirely new avenue of perception and relatively close to and an aspect of the Will Aspect of Divinity. It makes man conscious of his destiny, develops
in him predictive power and gives him initiate insight into purpose and its unfolding plan. It is a faculty which you would do well to consider and try to imagine as a step towards development.

- **The sense of orientation to humanity.** I presume you will recognise the Truth of what I say when I express the opinion that your individual or personal love of humanity and the focus of your attention upon human need is very largely theoretical. **IT IS TRANSLATORY AND EXPERIMENTAL IN PRACTICE.** Your intentions are good and fine, but you have not yet the habit of correct orientation and much that you do is the result of imposed sacrifice and at a cost; it is not natural to you; it is still the result of hopeful endeavour; you are still bewildered over the problem of how to be oriented to the Hierarchy and your Soul, and at the same time to be oriented to humanity and your fellowmen. But the time will come when you are personally so decentralised that automatically the sense of “others” is far stronger in you than the sense of personality or of the lower self. Let your imagination run wild for a moment, picturing the condition of the world when the majority of human beings are occupied with the good of others and not with their own selfish goals. Such a play of imaginative thought is good and constructive and will aid in bringing out into manifestation that New World and that New Type of humanity which the future will inevitably demonstrate. On this I shall not enlarge; the practice of goodwill will lay the foundation for this New Type of Sensitivity.

- **The sense of registered impression.** With this new feeling out towards the unknown and towards that which requires a sensitive Expansion of Consciousness I shall not deal at this moment. It concerns the theme of training in telepathy; I shall deal with it as we consider that ‘Science of Impression’ in due course, *(Telepathy and the Etheric Vehicle, Pages 41-57)*, which will eventually be the major objective of the Educational Systems which will be functioning at the close of the present New Age, *(Piscean Age)* so rapidly approaching. Only now have those forces been permitted entrance into our planetary life which will present the new subjective environment which has ever been there though unrealised. The reason for this new sensitivity being the objective of hierarchical cultural training is that it is realised by the Hierarchy, that man is now adequately intelligent to be trained in Right Interpretation.

- **The evocation of the will.** This is, for Disciples particularly, the new and most necessary development. As I often have told you, the average Aspirant confounds will with determination, with fixed intention, with self-will and one-pointed attention. He does not realise that the Will is that Divine Aspect in man that puts him en rapport with and then controlled by Divine Purpose, Intelligently Understood in time and space and implemented by the Soul as the Expression of Loving Application. The mode par excellence by which the will can be developed is the cultivation of the recognition of the divine Plan down the ages. This produces a sense of Synthesis and this sense of Synthesis ties the man into the plan through recognition of:

  a. Its inevitability, therefore demanding cooperation.
b. Its success, therefore evoking wise activity.
c. Its immediate objective, to which all the past has led.
d. Its rightness, to which the intuition testifies.

It is not easy for the Disciple in training to associate the sense of Synthesis and the use of the will together and to realise that a cultivation of this First Ray perception is a potent mode by which the Highest Aspects of the Spiritual Will (as yet embryonic within him) can be unfolded. Elsewhere I deal in greater detail with the Will, its Nature and what it is.

• The sense of that which is imminent. This concerns the “raincloud of knowable things”. I would call your attention to the word ‘knowable’. It is not the recognition of that which is imminent in man, in nature, or latent in manifestation. Speculation along this line might be and frequently is of no true importance. It is what is spiritually imminent which concerns the True Disciple or Initiate, if I may be permitted this play on words. One of the first lessons in the esoteric field is the sense of timing, with which that which is imminent or impending is connected; the Disciple has to Awaken to that which is on the very verge of Precipitation into human thinking, life and circumstance; he has to take those occult steps which will enable him to recognise not only that which is hovering over humanity on the Point of Revelation or of karmic usefulness (note the phrase), but also enable him to handle himself so correctly and wisely that he becomes a Co-operator, step by step, in the process of aiding in this task of Revelation.

More light on this subject will come as we study the ‘Science of Impression’ another time. The point, however, I seek to make here is that sensitivity to the overshadowing cloud presupposed the subjective existence of a Power or Divine Faculty hitherto not consciously used by Disciples, but which can now be intelligently developed, producing more rapid vision and a more acute revelatory perception. That power has always been present; it is an aspect of the Force of Evolution and has led man on from one point of revelation to another, from one power to another, one sense to another, and from point to point of understanding. It first of all produced the physical senses; it led man on to emotional expression and to mental development; it is the ‘Secret’ behind Spiritual Understanding, but it has never yet been consciously employed. It is to the mind what the mind, as the common-sense, has been to all the five senses. That is now changing! Ponder on this and you will discover the very Purpose of why you are here reading this!

This raincloud is hovering, heavy with phaenomenon, portent and knowledge, over a New World in the 21st Century, in a Process of Reorganisation and Regeneration. The Masters are seeking to hasten in Their Disciples this recognition of that which is imminent, so that they can be the Intelligent Agents whereby the needed Precipitations can be brought about. There is a definite Technique for producing this peculiar form of cooperation, and those Techniques as you will find here in these Studies have arrived and it shall be those who see and acknowledge this who will save themselves a great deal of time in making their ways forward into Higher Realization and Purpose of their Life here upon the Planet at this most Auspicious time.
I close here with one final comment. The Rules for Group Initiation offer the Disciples and Initiates alike, a modem of Awareness and Instruction that is not available in such a concise and expansive nature elsewhere. Foundations, Institutions and Organizations of the past will slowly collapse under the Pressures of the New Consciousness. We knew that in time the Precipitation or the New Living Organisms would begin. Please do not underestimate or give insufficient due diligence as to the reason why you have found your way here.

You are all part of the Synthesis, Attraction and Economy of Force, that is the very Key to God Life here on Earth. As Above so Below!

I Am Your Brother Djwhal Khul at your Service.