

A LONG THOUGHT ON PURPOSEFULNESS

Purposefulness is firmness, unshakableness, unyieldingness. It is also will to live, which is necessary for self-realization. It says: “I can, I will, I dare, I shall”. It is courage and staying power. It is freedom from thoughtlessness and self-defeat

By being purposeful we learn the most, we reach the farthest, we succeed the best.

Consciousness development is called the “path of liberation” by the planetary hierarchy, liberation from the lower to acquire the higher, the path of self-realization. If the individual having one-pointed purposiveness wants to develop in the most rapid way, then this implies hard work. That is the first thing inculcated on the aspirant to discipleship of the planetary hierarchy.

During his education, the true seeker assimilates the collected experience of mankind. He does not stop there, however. He realizes that nobody has reached the limit of the possible exploration of reality. He tries all paths and finally finds his own. Pursuing this path he acquires self-reliance and self-determination, the courage to stand alone, the courage to say and do what needs to be said and done. It is a razor-edged path. Many people have missed it by leaving a word unsaid, an action undone, by trying to escape from difficulties or disharmonious circumstances, by leaving such problems unsolved as must be solved.

The fabulous animal the unicorn originally referred to the Capricorn of the zodiac. The symbol (one horn) meant that one-pointed purposiveness to which there is only one goal that also shall be achieved. According to the legend, the unicorn with its horn pierces the lion (self-glorious man), which means the final fusion of the greater and the lesser causal envelopes, in which process the individual becomes a causal self.

Before the individual may count on “assistance” from the planetary hierarchy for the purpose of a more rapid development, he must pass a series of tests which the life-ignorant immature man fails in, complains about, and finds unjust, thereby proving his immaturity.

The purpose of those tests is to bring up into the waking consciousness whatever remains of repulsive qualities, egoism and egocentricity (making it impossible for the self to enter the collective consciousness of unity) as well as to ascertain the percentages of the twelve essential qualities among which are firmness, strength, staying power, loyalty. Before the monad is able to reach essential atomic consciousness (46:1), these essential qualities must have been acquired one hundred per cent.

The planetary hierarchy has no more use for drones than fanatics but only for workers having common sense and a full understanding of the art of possibilities. It demands no absurdities but just purposiveness, steadfastness, and perseverance.

The two greatest shortcomings in most aspirants are perhaps their lack of courage to dare and their psychological misjudgement of people.

We want to be good and think good of everybody. But that must not imply that we trust their loyalty before we have made sure that they are dependable, are truly worthy to be trusted, have passed the tests. As a rule this is not the case until they have reached the higher emotional stage.

Even that aspirant, who has reached so far that he cannot for any great length of time lay aside his decision purposefully to strive for discipleship, often lacks that courage which is one of the most important conditions of success.

He must have courage to decide to tread the path, to break with his past and everything which that implies in terms of personal interests, habits, people's altered attitudes, to sacrifice it all for the one essential thing. Even if the disciple would stand alone, he has not got time to feel this, for he has not got time to think of himself.

One of the strongest of those forces which impel the individual to self-realization is the experience of the higher, the vision of it, or whatever you call the contact with that higher state. The difficulty lies in retaining the contact. A magnetic link has been established. The inexperienced easily believe that this subsequently runs by itself. But if those forces, which unknown to the individual are always streaming down through his envelopes, are not put into practice in a life of service, then the contact with these are broken and the individual imperceptibly relapses into his old condition, deceiving himself by falsifying his motives for action. This is the explanation for spiritual hypocrisy, an all too common phenomenon. The understanding of life will increase only by the direct and practical application in life of insight gained and must be continually practised if not to be lost again. Qualities such as single-mindedness, perseverance, and refusal to let oneself be hindered by circumstances and conditions are required of anyone who wants to reach higher.

Our planet holds a special position, not just in our solar system but also in the greater globe comprising seven solar systems. Nowhere has such a mass of monads of repulsive basic tendency been gathered, nowhere has the tendency to selfish individual character been so intense, nowhere has mankind incurred such a bad reaping by bad sowing as on our planet. Our planet is the star of sorrow in our cosmic globe.

However, this has eventually its own compensation as well. When mankind has acquired common sense with a higher mental consciousness, has assimilated the knowledge of reality that always exists (in the world of ideas), then evolution can progress with giant strides. For the qualities that the individuals have acquired with so much suffering are the more concentrated. They enable the individuals to develop a one-pointed purposiveness that makes it possible for them to reach ever higher levels relatively quickly.

We are not alone. We are not the sports of Fortune. Augoeides represents "divine guidance in human life". Our lives have a meaning which we do not know more of save the fact that we shall become second selves some time. It is up to ourselves when that incarnation will be possible: whether in twelve, or one hundred or one thousand incarnations hence depends on our own purposiveness, the interest and work we devote to it. Our path is called the path of service.

My Augoeides: Lead me from unreality to reality, lead me from darkness to light, lead me from death to immortality.