



ALONG THE WAY: I will contribute to a harmonious mood.

THIS MONTH'S SHATTERING THOUGHT: Who cares?!



SCIENCE OF MAN: (Lesson thirty-one):

Many methods of Teaching have been used to bring to awareness, to each student, that various things that they felt they had accomplished were not completed, by any means, yet. One of the very common ones, was to give a series of instructions as to behavior. And then, put up the challenges so that the person would very quickly have an opportunity to see if they could live up to all these things that they felt they could. Now, of course, vanity, that false picture of self, always tells self that one can behave any way one chooses. The old story of the people as they faded away from the Teaching was, "Just tell us what to do and we will do it". And, of course, they usually wound up not being able to do it. But vanity stays in us, many times, for a long time. The great student of the Christ known as Peter, one time allowed that he would never deny the Christ, even if it should mean death. And the Christ said to him, "You will deny me three times before the night is over". And, of course, we all know the story that some little girl began to come around and in a certain tone of voice said, "You're one of those Galileans". And she said, "You're bound to be with Him because you speak with a Galilean accent". And each time he denied. And on the third time he heard the rooster crow. In other words, his vanity took a mighty blow. He realized the vanity that was still within him. Because he had something that he wasn't even given to do, but he volunteered that he could choose how he would behave. But, you see, there are little bits of conditioning that lurk around in dark corners. And while it doesn't show up in the ordinary circumstances, it shows up in very unusual circumstances, sometimes. Now such an event will be portion of a parable that we will discuss for a moment. This is found in Luke, in the 6th chapter, and starting at the 27th verse. Some rules of behavior are given. It is told about how a person in a state of agape, one who had grown in agape, not just have experienced in the little bit, how such a person would behave. Such a person is described. And, of course, most of the disciples, no doubt, felt that they could carry this out. So, let's listen to see what it says and as long as we're going to use it, and we practice our assignments, we might as well take this one for a personal assignment. It will tell us how far in agape we have evolved, how much of it we have really experienced, and are experiencing at this time. It says: "But I say to you who are listening. Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who slander you." You think you can do all those things. We can easily think we can until it happens. So, this is why that we do everything in relationships. Somebody, somewhere, in the next few days will hate you. Hiss about what you're doing. And that they



may even curse you in one form or another. And say very naughty things about you. And they may slander you in one form or another. And then we will find out, will we not, as to whether we have experienced this degree of agape that the Master Teacher was speaking of. He continues. "And to him who strikes thee on the one cheek, offer the other also. And for him who steals thy overcoat, do not withhold thy suitcoat, either. Give to everyone who asks of thee, and from him who takes away thy goods, ask no return." Don't try to call the police to get it back, or anything. After all, where did the goods come from. And even as you wish men to do to you, so also, do you to them". Now, of course, this is called the Golden Rule. Did it ever occur to really think how we would have men do to us that we would do to them. Obviously, it is not talking about, if you like rare steak, that everybody you would give a rare steak to. Cause some of them wouldn't like it. So, possibly, in agape, as understood and experienced from a deeper level, it might be that we would consider other people and that's what we really would like for them to do is to think about how we like things, our tastes, our viewpoints, etc. And we would like them to be harmless to us. Not necessarily do us so much good, but to be harmless. And that they would make a contribution to the environment, to all the things around life that would make it, shall we say, more livable and more worthwhile for everyone concerned. So, possibly, if we consider these three, we would be considerate toward all; harmless toward all; and make a contribution to Life in a broad sense. Not to any given one, but what benefits all mankind that lives on Earth. That is something to think about as to what is meant by the Golden Rule.

#### A STORY:

How would I act if I really believed that I am at a Party? What would my inner state of being be if I really knew this Truth--that I am a privileged invited guest on Planet Earth at an incredible Party - given by Life, the Host?

This is probably the reality of it. I have been checking it out for several years, and can find nothing to disprove the evidence that I am at a Party. And even if somewhere down the road I find out that this is not a Party, what have I got to lose? Nothing. I will have had a wonderful, delightful experience. This seems like a lot more fun than some of the other ways that I've considered living this span of years on Planet Earth.

So, how would I chose to act at a Party?

I would be a considerate guest. I wouldn't start any fights or arguments, or be ugly to any of the other guests. I would contribute to a pleasant mood and be vitally interested in what was going on.

I went to several parties over the holidays. The atmosphere was great. Everyone was smiling or laughing. I didn't see anybody crying, complaining, sticking up for their rights, or feeling sorry for themselves. Everyone was totally present. The dead past was just that - dead. There was no fear for the un-lived future. Each person, including myself, went to the party intent on having a good time, enjoy the other guests, and relish the refreshments. And when the evening was over, we thanked the host/hostess for inviting us.

If I really knew that I was at a Party, I would wake up each morning anticipating having a good time all day long. I would lighten up, instantaneously, and drop all the worries, the grimness, the hurts, the fears, the resentments, because, after all, it's party time.

And sometime during the day or before I fell asleep at night, I would have had such a good time all day, that my heart would overflow with gratitude that I had been invited to this grand and glorious Party.

I will remember what I am, where I am, what is going on what I can do!

#### Teaching Ideas to check out:

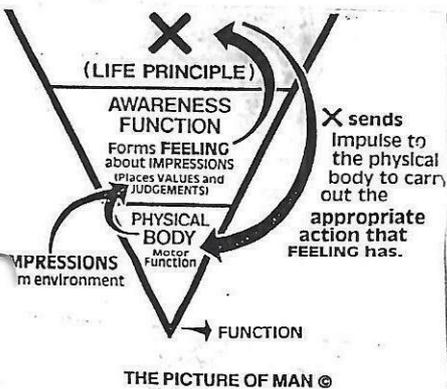
- 1) The purpose of studying the Teaching material is to provide us a road map so we can go from lower states of consciousness to higher states of consciousness. This is the beginning of being alive. This is going from death to life. We don't have to stay in lower states of consciousness. We can go to higher states, which are available to everyone.
- 2) The greatest obstruction to achieving a higher level of consciousness is to believe we already have it.
- 3) Fear is when we paint a picture in our head and get frightened by the picture.
- 4) As long as our purpose is to be non-disturbed, we are going to complain, stick up for our rights, blame, believe our authorities, please people and try to improve ourselves. This is living in constant conflict and misery.
- 5) When we're vitally interested in another person, a situation or whatever, our attention is turned outwardly. We no longer have unpleasant feelings inside. We forget about being non-disturbed and are probably more non-disturbed that we have ever been.
- 6) As we act, we will feel. If we have the inclination

to take charge, we will choose the way we want to feel and take the appropriate action. This principle is simple, not easy. It takes some effort. However, we do that which we put value on.

- 7) We simply cannot afford to stay in lower states of consciousness--unless we put value on being miserable and in conflict. How much value do we put on feeling good?

HEADLINES (page 18):

The idea of an experiment as used in the Science of Man is an experiment in creating one's world.



It would be rather interesting if everyone would ask himself what he is doing here, besides spending his nickels.