

5 - Being and Having, Reality and Appearance

O brother, you have vibrated with the four great lessons given to your personality. A subtle current flows in you. A transformation is happening. The flow of Life becomes more intense. The desire of acting rises in you. The inner maturation of the winter period is seeking out its way of expression, through the awakening of spring. Words still are still heard in your ears:

“O brother, listen! in your heart rises the “Feeling”, so sweet, so subtle, that the slightest breath of disharmony veils it. In your heart, it emits its beneficent music, its clarity so pure. In its presence all is transformed, all is beautified. In its presence a new ardor animates you and all becomes clearer.

The “Feeling” is as a warm protection, enveloping you with an infinitely sweet Presence. Indeed brother, it is the rise of the “Feeling”. Remember also about guarding the threshold of the Temple.

Be firm, be firm, brother. Ever will you be not a too firm guardian of the threshold of your abode.

Have the confidence of perfect certitude. Go to the threshold of your abode, and act the part of your labor, which is pure and firm guard.

Other words resonate:

You become what you contemplate.

Where you pay your attention is to where you are drawn.

Indeed brother, it is the “mastering of attention” and the control of the need:

Brother, when you direct your gaze and attention on something, it means that this thing responds to a need in you.

O brother seeker of light, know that you master the attention by controlling your needs.

Then it is Christmas and its Love lesson:

He said, the Being of Love: You shall love...

And of this Love result all Law and the Prophets.

Christmas, birth of the Christly consciousness:

Child of the Light, I Am the Temple, the Sanctum, I Am the Feeling, I Am the Guardian, I Am the Door.

Child of the Light, I Am the Light, I Am the Life, I Am the Plenitude in all things.

Child of the Light, I am the divine Child that is born with the Messiah. I Am the Christ being born in you.

Then it is New Year, the passing, the renewal:

As the sap of spring manifests the new Life, as the bud expresses the nascent flower, so the Child of Light blossoms in you, becomes yourself, you, the child of Light.

In your new awareness all things are made new.

In serene Joy and in deep Peace you accept the passing, and you realize it. Before, you thought “I am becoming that”, and now you affirm “I Am That”.

Hence would not you come back on a past action, hence would not you come back on a committed error or a realized gift.

You do not seek to make the good better nor correct the error. For the Perfection is not the correction of evil nor a product of the good. The Perfection IS, the rest derives from it. The good is its reflection, evil its absence, values are relative and illusory.

What remains is the Perfection.

To live New Year is to abandon the past, to drop one's charge.

To live New Year is to blossom in the present.

Brother, live New Year consciously, in each Age, each year, each day, and each instant.

Celebrate in you the celebration of the Joy that creates...

Indeed brother, here are the four fundamental lessons for your personality:

With the rising of the Feeling you find the blazing light that illumine your path.

Through mastering the attention you re-establish order in your temple. With the birth of the Christ consciousness, the Sanctum of your Temple has found its Master. And in New Year, all things become new: the Christ consciousness, the consciousness of I Am grows: it becomes active in you.

Personality has found its Master, and you understand the song vibrating in you:

In you rises the sap of Hope,

In you blossoms the Joy,

In you sings the Consciousness,

In you opens your Path.

In you the Joy is broad, for in your sincere heart you realize that these four lessons give what you need for your quest. Harmony enters your Life. You conquer your mastery step by step.

However... driven by uncertain feelings you still seek. You have a premonition of a following. Some words are coming back:

Brother, have you well meditated upon what you just learned?

Have you discovered the broad horizon opened by those few words?

If you had done it, you would have had the answer...

Brother, learn to find all in the simplicity of the facts.

Again and again these words return, they present themselves as if they meant to snap open the circle limiting your consciousness, as if they would take away the veil of complexity marring your vision.

O brother, keep a sincere heart, a clear thought, a pure vision. Be receptive, be awake!... Learn to find everything in the simplicity of the facts...

Have you discovered the broad horizon opened by those few words?

Brother, now is the time to see better, the time to widen your consciousness. The veil of analysis still throws its haze upon your horizon. Learn to replace it by the clarity of true synthesis, your vision of Oneness.

Each lesson is a key providing access to the Divine, the infinite...

Each paragraph is a key providing access to the Divine, the infinite...

Each word is a key providing access to the Divine, the infinite...

Learn to perceive it...

Learn to sense it...

Learn to experience it...

Learn to realize it!..

Each word is a limited or partial vehicle of an idea, of a vibration far broader. Learn to find reality behind each word. Learn it now!

A while ago, when a few words of the four lessons were singing in you, you were aware that these lessons were offered in a determined order, with a definite progression. It seems to you that this progression goes from the outside to the very heart of your Being. It also seems to you that as you proceed so you will reach your goal.

It seems to you... however... is it really so?

Brother, in reality, you know well that nothing is constructed from the outside to the inside, save if it is but an illusion!

However, you would say, you sense that you have advanced, you understand better Life, you master yourself better, you feel more harmony, the movement towards Light is increased...

Indeed, this is the result of an effective labor...

So?

Then brother, learn to find anything in the simplicity of the facts!

The apparent work of the exterior consciousness proceeds from out to in. But in order to be possible, there is the real and fundamental work from the deep awareness that prepares the path and then realizes the transformation. It is not the tool, which transforms the worker, but the worker, which prepares the tool.

In those lessons, it is the same. Regardless of the apparent progression from the outside to the inside, destined to render your thought subtler, the real work is done on another plane. Rather listen:

“O brother, listen... in your heart rises the ‘Feeling’, so sweet, so subtle, that the slightest puff of disharmony veils it... In your external consciousness you think that here is an inner movement, the reality is different.

O brother, listen!... sets you in a state of expectancy, of receptivity: ‘in your heart rises the ‘Feeling’ awakens immediately the activity of the heart; ‘so sweet, so subtle’ calls for the most beautiful and noble vibrations of your heart.

Why this affirmation: “you have found your blazing light”, whereas the intellect yet does not see anything? For your heart has accepted the ‘Feeling’ and vibrate to it. And the Feeling vibration transforms all that it touches: here is the real work, here is the simple reality.

This contact with the Christ within you, the I Am, the Christ consciousness, is tangibly given to you from the first lesson, and it is from it that all the construction is done. But, would you say: it seems that this contact with the Christ comes only in the Christmas lesson.

Indeed, it seems... but listen to the words of the first lesson:

“Verily, the Feeling IS the Divine Presence speaking in your heart”.

If you fully follow each lesson, what you perceive in the first lesson is what you realize in the Christmas or New Year lessons. Here is why “it seems”.

Brother, do you realize now the subtleness of a simple expression where each word has its proper value? Do you realize that nothing is hidden, but that your vision is not

always clear? Do you realize that appearance is only a weak expression of reality?

Brother, do you realize?

Brother, have you meditated on what you just learned?

Have you discovered the vast panorama opened by those few words?

Brother learn to find everything in the simplicity of facts...

O brother, now you know how to discern between appearance and reality. However, to discern with certitude, it is you who must know how to do it. Know that the only reality in you is the Being, the one who says: "I Am the I Am". The appearance is the 'Have'. The appearance is the field of activity of the reality. The 'Having' is the field of activity of the 'Being'. Appearance varies, Reality is. 'Having' is a changing multitude; "Being" is a stable Unity. 'Having' experiences the want; 'Being' is Plenitude.

Brother, as long as you have the sense of 'Having', you experience wants. Only the sense of 'Being' irradiates Plenitude. "I Am Plenitude in all things". When you say, "I have found", you might loose. One thing is only fully realized when you can say: "I Am It"

Your exterior consciousness, your personality, the instrument has the sense of 'Having'. It exists to tell you: You, the 'Being', has a need, a want. And you, the 'Being', pours out your plenitude of 'Being' through your personality into this need, this want, until the Plenitude is manifested. The 'Having' is your field of manifestation. You, the 'Being', you transform it into a plenitude of 'Being'.

O brother, meditate, meditate at length upon the consciousness of 'Being' and 'Having'...

It is for you a new step, and if you want to be ready to live Easter soon, this step must be realized.

If this step is new in regard to the necessity of its realization, and if it is not in regard to its preparation, so the teaching be...

Do you remember, brother, in the first lesson:

Whereas almost all feelings bring exterior impressions, a sense of 'Having', the 'Feeling' brings a flow of Divine, a sense of 'Being'.

Do you remember, brother, in the second lesson:

O brother seeker of Light, know that the feeling of need is a feeling of 'Having'; The Plenitude is a sense of 'Being'.

Do you remember, brother, in the third lesson:

Child of the Light, when you say 'I am', I Am in you the feeling of Being, I Am the I Am.

Do you remember, brother, in the fourth lesson:

Behind, you forgo your consciousness of 'Having': in you the consciousness of 'Being' is born...

O brother, you now realize the song which fills you heart:

In the Peace of the Temple,
In the action of the day,
It is the BEING chanting,
Now and ever.