

## **Personality**

A function of relationship to life; acquired; 1<sup>st</sup> education.

Center of gravity will be according to whether #1, 2, or 3 man.

Personality is kept active by 1) Imaginary I, 2) False personality, 3) Mechanical attitudes/beliefs, habits of thought/judgments, 4) Sensual thinking – think only from their evidence.

Part of personality called Imaginary I will do its best to prevent transformation.

False personality belongs to personality, guiding devil of personality.

Life is neutralizing force for personality. Life and the world act as neutralizing force to keep personality active.

There is no ascent in the Scale of Being through personality. It did not descend into this Earth life as Essence did, but was made by life.

Personality becomes passive is a great task and cannot be done until you can observe Personality to some extent and see where it impedes and drains force.

Help is necessary to make Personality passive.

Go inward and get behind oneself little by little, so one sees Personality acting and does not agree with the way it acts. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> step.

With inner feeling and self observation, we realize the personality makes us feel very uncomfortable because we are being used by something.

Energy in personality must be substantially transferred to essence.

Personality can be used if one can make its power negligible at will.

Surrounds essence like flesh surrounds nut. Increasing flesh will not make a tree.

## **False Personality**

Composed of pictures of yourself; gives a wrong feeling of I of yourself; causes you to put yourself into situations that do not belong to you.

## **Essence**

Essence comes down from above and is clothed in a body which is built out of materials obtained from both parents and limited to them.

Through the body, essence gets in contact with the world.

Though intimately connected with the body, is it not the same as a body. Body perishes, but essence does not. When we take ourselves as our bodies, we get a wrong impression of ourselves. One result is we cannot remember ourselves.

One cannot see essence – to some essence is non-sense.

Nor can the sensual mind grasp that essence enters and leaves by a dimension not accessible to our very limited senses. Psychological thinking can grasp this.

Because essence descends from a higher place, an ascending octave must exist in Man connected with this descent. (Prodigal Son).

Grows only through becoming more and more conscious of personality and slowly, gradually what personality is in you.

Can only grow through truth.

Lies kill essence.

Esoteric teaching must reach essence. Esoteric teaching is always about “The Kingdom of God.” It is always about inner development possible to Man – namely, the growth of essence. Essence cannot grow unless it is fertilized by the Word of God.

You must not think that the dramatic moment comes in which your essence suddenly becomes active and personality passive. It is gradual.

Metanoia – change of mind

Essence must develop in us for Real I to come – this is the goal. When it comes, we become it.

Growth of essence means an eternal change and not a temporal change. Essence is deathless and so not in time as are body and personality.

## **Real I**

Only part of us that can get in touch with Real I is essence, not personality.

Real I/Master is fully developed.

When Real I becomes Master in you, what happens in external life would have very little effect on you, your center of gravity would be in yourself.

Only Real I can love consciously.