



Religious Gatheka – Hazrat Inayat Khan

3. Religion

This Month's Concentration:

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks
Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: Religion

Reflect and Practice Daily on the Following:

Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan in the lecture says:

- 1. In the ancient Sanskrit language the word for religion is Dharma, which means duty. Now, there are two things in the world, one of which we may describe as free choice of action and the other as duty.*
- 2. The divine life has a certain capability to give life, and it gives this life as teaching to the children of earth, and this teaching is called Dharma, religion.*
- 3. Religions are many and different from one another, but only in form, for water is one channel which holds it and which it uses for the accommodation; and so the name water is changed into river, lake, sea, stream, pond, etc. So it is with religion; the essential truth is one, but the aspects are different.*
- 4. The divine message is the answer to the cry of souls, individually and collectively; the divine message is life, and it is light. The sun does not teach anything, but in its light we learn to know all things. The sun does not cultivate the ground nor does it sow seed, but it helps the plant to grow, to flower, and to bear fruit.*

We might consider,

1. In contemplating Pir-o-Murshid's definition of Dharma, what are those things in my life that I consider my "duty"?
2. In the context of the divine life – that which is life giving and which comes through the teaching of Dharma, religion, may I reflect on the life giving sustenance I have been blessed with on the Path.
3. Reflect on the inner truth of all religions beyond all external forms and ideologies.
4. How has the divine message answered the cry of my soul? Do I the equanimity of the light (as the sun) of the divine message?

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