



RELIGIOUS GATHEKA
5. The Present Need of the World

This Month's Concentration:

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks
Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: The Present Need of the World

Reflect Daily on the Following Points in Gatheka 5

1. If one truly observes the present condition of humanity, no one with sense will deny the fact that the world to day needs the Religion. Why I say the religion and not a religion is because there are many religions existing today called a religion, but what is needed to-day is the Religion.... I call the Religion that religion which one can see by rising above the sects and differences which divide men, and by understanding the religion, we shall understand all religions which may be called religion.
2. When wisdom has blessed the soul, then the soul has heard the divine music. And the words of Christ: 'I am Alpha and Omega' what do they mean? That it was only when he came as Jesus? No, that music belongs to Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last.... Those who tuned their hearts to listen to music, who elevated their soul high enough, they heard the divine music.
3. Now, therefore, what is needed today in this world is reconciliation between the religious man and the one who runs away from religion. But what can we do when we see in the Christian religion so many sects, one opposing another; and besides the Christian and Muslim religion, the Buddhist, Jewish and many others, each considering their own and thinking the others not worth thinking about. To me these different religions are like different organs of the body, cut apart and thrown asunder. Therefore, to me personally, it seems as if one arm of the same person were cut off and rising to fight the other. Both are arms of the same person and this person is complete when all these parts are brought together; then there is the Religion.