



Religious Gatheka – Hazrat Inayat Khan

10. The Way How the Wise Make Life in the World

This Month's Concentration:

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks

Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: Religion

Reflect Daily on the Following Points in Gatheka 10

1. *Hazrat Inayat in the first four paragraphs of this teaching lists a number of attitudes that are possessed by so many in the world, and He states, "This attitude, I have not spoken of someone in the world, but every individual. The world is a place where every individual wishes to be king, so many kings and only one Kingdom. The whole tragedy of life is accounted for by this.*
2. *The wise out of Wisdom make life easy. But among the wise there are two categories, one is the Master, the other is the Saint. The attitude of both in life is quite contrary. The attitude of the Saint is to feel sympathy for the others and to see the difficulties of the situation in life of others as of himself and to sacrifice his wants for the need of others, realising that he knows that life is difficult, and those who are void of wisdom have more difficulties as they know not how to surmount the difficulties in life. Out of his love, mercy and compassion he thus sacrifices his life to the service of his fellowmen by making life easy for them.*
3. *Then there is the way of the Master which is quite opposite. He conquers himself, he battles with life, he is in war with destiny, he invades all that seems wrong to him, he finds the key to the secrets unknown to him. Instead of being resigned to all conditions, all things, all people, he turns them to the shape that he wishes and moulds as he likes the personalities which come in touch with him. He turns personalities in the tune which would suit his orchestration.*

He has command over objects, he produces effects in objects which naturally are not there. He can even rise to a state where he can command nature. The spiritual hierarchy is made of Masters, for the world is ruled, it is governed. Although outward governments are different, inward government is the spiritual hierarchy. In the East such one are called Wali, whose thought, whose feeling, whose glance, whose impulse can move the universe.

4. *There is a beautiful simile known in India, that it is the empty vessel that makes the noise, when it is filled with water it makes no noise. In short sincerity is the principal thing to attain in life. What little is gained sincerely and held unassumingly is worth much more than a great gain void of sincerity, for it is a hill of sand, once the storm will come and blow it away. Verily, truth is the treasure that every soul is seeking.*

Let us consider, and share our thoughts with each other over this month's lesson....

1. What are my attitudes in life and toward others? Do I create tragedy inwardly and outwardly through my attitude/s?
2. How can I make positive change in my attitude/s? By doing so, how can I through developing Wisdom like the wise, make life more easy for myself, and others?
3. Do I take the Path of the Saint, Master, or Wali? How can I take measures to develop the attitude of the Wali in my life?
4. In what ways can I practice whole heartedly sincerity and, by doing so gain the truth which is the treasure that every soul is seeking?

With loving regards,
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