



**Religious Gatheka – Hazrat Inayat Khan**  
**19. The Message**

**This Month's Concentration:**

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks  
Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan's lecture: The Sufi Message  
Reflect Daily on the Following Points in Gatheka 19

1. *Hazrat Inayat Khan: "In the first place we must see whether it is an affair of individuals or a work that can be done collectively. To see the truth as a whole is beyond the power of the generality... The ordinary point of view of life would be like that of a man in an forest, who would see horses running about, one to the North another to the South. If one could see the purpose of things behind things, every little coincidence in life proves this, that man often thinks about his free will and sees a kind of freedom and pride in what he calls free will, and the more he deeply thinks about it, the more he finds that 'man proposes and God disposes'.*

**Contemplate:** In my own life, in what ways has "free will and pride" prevented me from a greater experience of Divine Will?

2. *Hazrat Inayat Khan: " But the more one studies life, and the deeper one sees into life, the more one sees that all things adjust themselves. "*

**Contemplate:** What is my experience? Do study life and see deeper into life?

3. *Hazrat Inayat Khan: "Jelaluddin Rumi says: " The fire and the water and the earth and the air are as dead things to every person, but before God they are His living servants, who work according to His command. "*

**Contemplate:** Do I experience the elemental world as a living reality?

4. *Hazrat Inayat Khan: " But to avoid complications and make things simple, as is always the tendency of the mystic, I would say: " What determines one piece of wood to be made into the floor under one's feet and another piece of the same wood as the ceiling over one's head? Or if the keys of the pianoforte complained of their unequal places in the octave, what would you answer? "*

**Contemplate:** Do I make things simple, as is the tendency of the mystic, or do I make things complicated?

As always - love, only love....

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