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Literature, supporting the study (on Sunday, December **18**, 2022)
of the lecture of Erwin Bomas (on Sunday, December **11**, 2022)

Series: **Peace, freedom and free will**

Lecture: **Karma and free will**

Gottfried de Purucker – ‘Free Will’

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The chela's devoted love for his Teacher, devotion to the point of utter self-forgetfulness, is so illuminating, opens the mind so wonderfully, that knowledge, light, comes. Knowledge enters the mind from oneself, from one's inner god – and not after the manner of ‘blocks of teaching’ passed from one to the other. Transference of ideas is but a method of description. Actually ideas are not transferred in that way. Impressions are made, which set up the corresponding vibratory chord in the recipient's psychological apparatus, and instantly the corresponding knowledge flashes from the recipient's own mind above, from his own inner god. This is an interesting subject of thought; but please do not think of knowledge or wisdom or love passing from one to another in ‘blocks.’ What one receives from outside in the way of transference of ideas, of thought, is merely the outward stimulus or stimuli arousing the inner vibration preparing for the reception of the light within.¹³

The neophyte, I repeat, has a free will. Having this free will, it is the traditional teaching in our School that it is his bounden duty to exercise it; and in exercising it, he is bound to exercise it always in impersonal ways and for impersonal objects; and the greater the degree in which the disciple can do this, the more quickly does he advance along the pathway of Initiation.

It is only the personal self, the lower self, that hinders progress. Remember! Think about it! Reflect upon it! It is the veils of selfhood, the selfish longings, the selfish impulses, the desire to be and to achieve for self, which hinder progress. Have no desires! Do not even long to succeed! Be crystal-clear in your minds, as impersonal as the spirit, which is the root of you.

There is unwisdom and lack of spiritual penetration, in a concentration of thought upon the personal individual's seeking his personal rather than spiritual freedom, all which does not bear the stamp of spiritual truth.

footnote 13. Cf. footnote by H. P. B. in *The Theosophist*, Vol. III, No. 8, May, 1882, pp. 197-8; [in H.P. Blavatsky, *Collected Writings*, Vol. IV, p. 101-2]:

“ . . . In the normal or natural state, the sensations are transmitted from the lowest physical to the highest spiritual body, i.e., from the first to the 6th principle (the 7th being no organized or conditioned body, but an infinite, hence unconditioned principle or state), the faculties of each body having to awaken the faculties of the next higher one, to transmit the message in succession, until they reach the last, when, having received the impression, the latter (the spiritual soul) sends it back in an inverse order to the body. Hence, the faculties of some of the ‘bodies’ (we use this word for want of a better term) being less developed, they fail to transmit the message correctly to the highest principle, and thus also fail to produce the right impression upon the physical senses, as a telegram may have started from the place of its destination faultless, and have been bungled up and misinterpreted by the telegraph operator at some intermediate station. This is why some people, otherwise endowed with great intellectual powers and perceptive faculties, are often utterly unable to appreciate — say, the beauties of nature, or some particular moral quality, as, however perfect their physical intellect, — unless the original, material or rough physical impression conveyed has passed in a circuit through the sieve of every ‘principle’ — (from 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, up to 7, and down again from 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, to No. 1) — and that every ‘sieve’ is in good order — the spiritual perception will always be imperfect. . . .”

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