Pathwork Lecture 212: Claiming the Total Capacity for Greatness
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This lecture is given in an expanded poetic format, what I call a Devotional Format of the lecture, and in that sense this is my interpretation of the intent of the lecture. I may have interpreted portions differently from you, and I ask you to ponder the words for your own interpretation. I did this Devotional Format so I can take the words into my heart, phrase by phrase, much as I would in reading poetry – that is, devotionally.

The blessings to me in developing this format have been truly profound, and my wish is that this Devotional Format will be a blessing to others. I invite you to slowly read and ponder this format of the text – with an open heart to experience the Guide’s Presence and Love emerging from among the words such that the wisdom comes to LIVE you.

For clarity: The original text is in bold and italicized. [My adds of commentary/clarification/interpretation are in brackets, italicized, and not bolded.] To learn more of my Devotional Format and see the lectures I have done in this way, go to https://www.garyvollbracht.com/pathwork-lectures/pathwork-lectures-devotional-format/

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Again

a working season draws to its end.

But

• each end
  is a beginning, as
• each beginning
  is also an end.

These are the endless cycles,
the waves
of the infinite flow
of the river of life.
If you are within the flow, you
• grow and
• expand
more
and more
into
universal oneness.

If [on the other hand] you obstruct the flow, you accumulate [rather than let flow through you] the
• force and
• energy
which [i.e., which force and energy thus accumulated] manifest
as blocks
of
• pain and
• suffering.

At each
• beginning and
• end
of a working season
I give something like a
• map or
• bird’s eye view
of the phase
you have left behind,
to make you ready for the phase to come.

These maps give you a better understanding of the progression.

• No new phase is possible without the preceding one.
• No step can be skipped.
Year after year
of our cooperation
these maps
have proven to be
• exact and
• timely
for most of you,
while others
may catch up later.

But that [i.e., But catching up later]
is all right.

Always, of course,
a few
• fear and
• resist
so much
that they
• deliberately
obstruct
their
• progression and
• natural organic movement
• and therefore experience
unnecessary
• fear and
• pain.

But on the whole,
this [i.e., this year-after-year of our cooperation, using the maps I provide]
is the way we work together.

At the start of this working season [that we are now ending with this lecture]
I announced that the winter
would be dedicated to
the beginning
of "transforming work."
Transformation of negative consciousness and energy becomes possible after you finally allow your negativities to surface, accept them, and take full responsibility for them.

A vague and general awareness of destructive and evil intents does not suffice for the transformation work to take place. [Rather,]

- The negativities [including the destructive and evil intents] must be fully seen, in all their details;

- fear and shame of them [i.e., fear and shame of the negativities and evil intents] must be overcome;

- hiding and camouflaging or whitewashing [of the negativities and the destructive and evil intents] must have stopped;

- exaggerated self-blame [for the negativities and evil intents] must be relinquished.
What is necessary [for the transformation of your negativities and evil intents] is to

• simply and
• honestly
  own up
  • to the full force
    of devilish attitudes and
  • to all their [i.e., to all the devilish attitudes’] puny details.

Only this act [i.e., Only the act of honestly owning up to the full force of the devilish attitudes in you and all their puny details] will free you.

The act is by no means a
• morbid or
• self-negating
  process,
  however.

Some of you may still wonder why
  so much emphasis
  on the negative
  is necessary
  for genuine spirituality
  to be reached.

Some of you may have tried other approaches, hoping to bypass this highly unpleasant task [i.e., the unpleasant task of facing your negativities and your negative intentionalities],

• but real solutions cannot be reached,
• nor can integration occur in those other ways.
The fruits of your hard work in this first unpleasant phase [i.e., this first unpleasant phase of facing your negativities and your negative intentionalities] are beginning to be reaped.

A number of you have succeeded this past year, after arduous work with negative matter, to effect true transformation.

The founding of the Center has helped greatly in this particular aspect of the work.

The phases of transformation are not exactly divided.

[Rather] They [i.e., the phases of transformation] overlap.

In one area [of your life] you may have
  • faced the negative aspects,
  • removed blocks,
and be ready for
  • transformation work,

while in other areas [of your life] there is grave
  • distortion and destructive ness
untouched so far by your conscious awareness.
In still other areas [of your life] you
  • have gained full purification and
  • are clear and free.

This [i.e., This being at various stages of purification and transformation in different areas of your life] is why it is difficult to judge whether total self-purification has been achieved or not.

Only
  • complete dedication,
  • watchfulness,
  • awareness,
  • readiness to
    • dismiss wishful thinking and
    • restrain pride
will protect you from
  • illusion –
and [from]
  • the pain of disillusionment.
The specific manner of
the pathwork
offers
wonderful protection.

• The closeness
  you have developed,

• the intimate knowledge
  of yourselves
    that you share with each other,

• the perceptiveness
  so many develop
    increasingly
    as a result of your progress,

• the greater
  • honesty and
  • courage
    that gradually become
    second nature –

  all that
  is
  indispensable help.

One important gauge
of the pathwork
can constantly be used
to determine your state:

• what is your
  life manifestation
  telling you?

• How
  • rich and
  • full
    is your life?
• How much are
  • joy,
  • peace, and
  • abundance
  increasingly open to you?

• How much
  less
  are you
  • afraid and
  • reluctant
    to
    • meet and
    • expose
      the deepest regions of
      your innermost self?

• When you encounter
  inner blocks
  in momentary crises,
  how fully
  do you
  travel through them
  to find yourself
  more fully you?

These questions
  when honestly probed,
will lead you to
  the truth
  about your progress [on the path of transformation and your state].

They [i.e., These questions, when honestly probed]
will tell you
• whether or not
  you are
  stuck,

• whether
  you deceive yourself –
  perhaps hoping that
  you can avoid dealing with
  certain unpleasant inner material.
On the whole,
all of you
have traveled far
since last year.

You are
in a different
inner place
and
you know it.

Many of you
find yourselves
for the first time
connected
in a way
you
• never believed possible and
• doubted could really exist,
in spite of having given lip service
to the words
you have been hearing from me for years.

Many of you
believe
• truly and
• deeply
for the first time
that
• inner problems
can indeed be
fully resolved
and
• the problematic self
can become
• healthy,
• whole, and
• renewed
in a vital way.
The number of friends reaching these stages increases steadily and they [i.e., those reaching these stages of development and transformation] help transmute [i.e., help raise to a higher state] the energies of new friends joining the pathwork.

- Momentum,
- courage,
- faith,
- proof and conviction are vital components, affecting those who
  - witness what is happening to you and
  - bathe in your environment.

When you reach stages which heretofore you have only heard described, you also gain courage to go deeper, into still hidden layers of covert evil.

There is always the spiral configuration:

level upon level, until
the circles in the spiral become smaller and smaller.
As they [i.e., As the circles in the spiral] become smaller and gradually converge into one point, the way becomes increasingly simple.

The simplicity at the final turn of the spiral is love.

This simplicity [of the final turn of the spiral – love] means little when the circles in the spiral are still large.

Then [i.e., When the circles in the spiral of development are still large] everything is complicated by the multiplicity of the ego's separation from the oneness.

In that state of separation, the word "love" is empty of feeling and experience, [instead, the word “love” remains] a word merely bandied about.

Worse, it [i.e., the word “love”] is misused and one speaks about love when many other things are meant that have little or nothing to do with real love.
When you experience fully the inner meaning of love, you will know that everything is contained in that word.

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To recapitulate briefly:

previous phases of our work [i.e., the phase of the work prior to this year] dealt with your ability to face

• negative attitudes,
• faults,
• distortions,
• destructiveness,
• impurities.

Last year was the true beginning of [i.e., the true beginning of the next phase of the work, namely,]

transforming

• negative substance –
  • energy and
  • consciousness –

into

• positive substance.

Both these aspects of the work [i.e., Both the aspect of FACING and ACCEPTING negativity and also the next aspect of TRANSFORMING negative substances into positive substances]

will, of course, continue.
The second phase [i.e., TRANSFORMING negative into positive substances], now increasingly possible, will lead
• to claiming your own:
• to claiming your
  • full,
  • total,
  • unique self,
  your
  • hidden greatness.

Tonight’s topic is about claiming your full, total, unique self, your hidden greatness.

In a recent lecture I outlined some typical manifestations of states and experiences in which the little self merges with the divine self.

[In that lecture] I observed that there are many other such manifestations [i.e., other such manifestations of states and experiences in which the little self merges with the divine self than just those I mentioned in that lecture], some of which I would discuss at later periods.

This is one of them [i.e., This is one of those periods when I will discuss other experiences in which the little self merges with the divine self].
It may seem peculiar, 
but it is a fact 
that
human beings
have a reluctance
to let themselves
• truly be
what they
• could be.

Of course,
an overgrown ego
makes its claims [for greatness]
constantly,
• overtly or
• covertly.

But
when it comes to
your
real
greatness,
you become
• inhibited,
• ashamed,
• afraid –

you hold back
what you
• could be,
what you
• sense you already are.
What is this strange wall that holds you back from being who and what you are, from being your best, your greatest, most wise, generous, loving, creative, self-assertive, unfolding, aware, courageous, humble self, with all its innate dignity and nobility?

You are all of this and more.

You have your own specific turn of mind, talent and intelligence;

you have something utterly unique to contribute to life and creation.
God manifests
• in
and
• through
you
in a
• special and
• individualized
way,
totally different from
all others.

Now what makes it seem so difficult to claim your greatness?

When you become your full self, in the best sense of the word, you are apparently two opposites at once:

• you are
  • unique and
  • special,

while at the same time
• you are
  • not at all special.

You are like everyone else in the sense that each one of you is a divine manifestation.
All of you have
• fundamental divine qualities

and also [all of you have]
• faults that obstruct them [i.e., faults that obstruct your divine qualities].

The faults
may vary in
• intensity and
• emphasis.

You
may differ
• in your
  • development,
• in your
  • openness and
  • willingness to be in truth.

But
all of you
• manifest as
  egos and
• must go through
  the same fundamental struggle
to transcend
  the ego.

You are
unique
in the way God
can manifest through you
when you
• remove
  your obstructions,
when you
• allow
  your specific greatness
to come forth.

Everyone
is a genius,
for everyone
is God.
For the little ego that claims ego specialness this [i.e., this news that everyone is God, that no one is special and above others] is not welcome news.

The little ego wants to be • superior, • above all others.

The Godself [on the other hand] makes no such demands.

What obstructs real greatness from flowing forth [naturally from the Godself] are the claims of the little ego which wants to tower above others, • needing admiration; • needing to • compare and • compete and • subdue others to prove itself superior.

This [i.e., This little ego and its need to tower over others, to compare, compete, and subdue others] is the particular evil that has to be ousted.

This particular evil brings a Pandora's box full of many other attitudes which create • shame, • suffering, and • many other destructive evil patterns.
You may well say,

"I only wish to be more than others because I feel less than nothing."

But how about trying to reverse this premise?

Would you really feel less than nothing if you did not need to be so superior?

I venture to say, no.

Would you be
• envious,
• jealous,
• petty,
• self-serving,
• spiteful,
• manipulative,
• malicious,
• denying others their own Godself – in short,
• loveless – if you did not wish to set yourself above others?
• Your God-consciousness

and

• the other person's God-consciousness

are

never

in conflict.

Only the ego,

in its separated state,

is in conflict

because of

• blindness and

• limitation.

The ego

is

• not one,

it [i.e., the ego]

is

• divided,

and often

• in

• conflict and

• contradiction.

The God-consciousness in you [in contrast to the ego,]

is

One.

The Godself [in you]

does not

push for recognition.

It [i.e., The Godself in you]

• recognizes itself and

• is sufficient unto itself.
Another obstruction
to the realization of
  * your own ultimate unique
  * beauty,
  * greatness –
  * your
  * genius –

  is your
  fear of
  still existing
  evil
  within yourself.

All fear
  is ultimately
  the fear of that [i.e., all fear is the fear of the still existing evil in you].

When
  the real nature
  of this fear [i.e., When the real nature of this
  fear of this still existing evil in you]

  is
  • denied and
  • projected onto other persons,

outer events
  begin to manifest
  that seem to justify
  one's fear of others [rather than realizing that fear is of the evil in you].

The nearer you come
  to transcending fear
the more you have to
  • meet the self –
  and
  • overcome your reluctance to do so [i.e., your reluctance to meet the self].

The fear [i.e., The fear of the still existing evil in you]
creates
  a tremendous wall [around you]
and [your fear of the still existing evil in you]
  is a much greater obstruction
  than the evil itself [i.e., than is the evil itself that still exists within you].

I have said this many times.
This kind of fear [i.e., the fear of the evil that still resides within you] has much to do with wanting to
• rise above [others] and
• shine in the eyes of others.

The claim
of the little ego,
translated into words,
cries out:

"Admire me,

I am so much better than you.

Love me for it."

Which, of course, is

the ultimate folly.

The fear of evil within is superfluous, because the evil is really distorted
• beauty and
• love.

The devil that resides in everyone was initially an angel.

How can you confront this devil?
All of you have made substantial progress in this respect [i.e., in respect to confronting this devil within you].

You
• reveal,
you
• expose,
you
• admit,
you
• acknowledge,
you
• take responsibility to an ever greater degree.

This [i.e., Because you do all this revealing, exposing, admitting, acknowledging, and take responsibility to an ever greater degree for the devil within you] is why
• transformation [of this devil within you] occurs
and [why]
• the
  • deepest,
  • most persistent problems
    become resolved
    with ever greater frequency.

But wherever there is still fear [i.e., wherever there is still fear of the evil that is still within you], ego-pride is always partially responsible [for this fear of the evil that is still within you].

This ego-pride is connected to your ignorance of the nature of the devil in you.
Not only do you believe that this devil is the
• final,
• real
you,

but you also believe that the devilish part of the self is
• intrinsically foreign and
• other than divine.

This is ignorance.

I would like to invite you now, my friends, to make room in your consciousness for the idea that this very same devil, with all its
• cruelty,
• malice,
• dishonesty,
• pettiness,
• hate and
• fear
is essentially an angel.

• Allegorically and symbolically, Lucifer was an angel of light.

He [i.e., Lucifer, an angel of light] turned into Satan.
It is the evolutionary task of all separated entities to bring about a re-transformation:

• from Satan to Lucifer,

• from darkness to light.

*This process [of re-transformation from darkness to light, from Satan to Lucifer]*

takes place within your psyche,

my friends.

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The devil is your fear.

The fear is guilt

• for the
  • hateful,
  • malicious,
  • cruel
  ways of the mind,

• for feelings
  that always in some way are expressed also in actions.
Only

• when this guilt [for the hateful, malicious, cruel ways of the mind and for the associated feelings and actions] is faced,

• when the pain of it [i.e., the pain of this guilt for the hateful ways of the mind] is
  • fully experienced,
  • not rejected but traveled through,

  can
  • guilt and
  • fear
dissolve.

Then

the angel reveals itself.

Then

you are infused with
  • warmth,
  • love,
  • confidence,
  • soft flow,
  • joy, and
  • creative expansion.

This process [of re-transformation from darkness to light, from Satan to Lucifer] takes place,
  again and again,
  until
  all
  evil matter is transformed.

You will then no longer believe that you give up anything –
  except [to give up] the struggle when your mind still wants to hold onto being negative [and separate].
The illusion is that you lose something [in this process of re-transformation from darkness to light, from Satan to Lucifer].

I often have said that so much energy is trapped in evil, an energy that you do not wish to be without, even though you do your utmost to
- squash and deny it

in its present [negative, evil, separated] state.

When you go through the process of the genuine transcendence of evil, you gain back all the forceful vitality that you had to inactivate in order to avoid the evil.

You lose nothing [in this process of re-transformation from darkness to light, from Satan to Lucifer];

the gain [from this process of re-transformation from darkness to light, from Satan to Lucifer] is enormous.
If you can learn to open wide your
  • arms,
  • consciousness,
  • positive will to the devil in you, in
    • faith and
    • fearless confidence in the inner guidance,
you will
  in reality dispel all fear.

There is
  no illusion here of
    • escaping and
    • cheating.

You do not
  • overcome,
you do not
  • oust or
  • separate yourself from anything in you.

[Rather.]
  You meet your demons full face.

Then [by meeting your demons, your devils, full face]
  • they will dissolve and
  • their original nature [i.e., their angelic nature] will be revealed.

Fully embrace this devil in the idea that the devil is an angel.
The

• power and
• vitality
  of this devil

can indeed,
  by your own
turn of
  • mind and
  • consciousness,

become
  a glowing light force
  of
  • beautiful creative verve
  • love and
  • energy,
  of
  • supreme wisdom.

The

• puny,
• jealous,
• separative
  consciousness
  of the devil,

  constantly battling against
  the beautiful laws of life,
  will spread wide open.

And I say to you:
  the stronger
t  the devil,
  the stronger
t  the angel.

For
  the strength in essence [i.e., For the strength in essence of both devil and angel]
  is the same.
Allow this thought [i.e., allow this thought that the strength in essence of both devil and angel is the same] to take root in you, and

• you will
  fear much less.

• You will
  be less inclined to
  • hide and
  • whitewash and
  • be a-tremble
    of your own
    • evil or
    • devil.

Approach your devil
  with the ultimate of
  • courage and
  • faith and
  crystallize out of it [i.e., crystalize out of your devil] your beautiful angel.

This is the transforming work [i.e., the transforming of Satan into Lucifer, of darkness into light].

It [i.e., this transforming work] will take place in ever-increasing measure.

No one can
• claim his or her
  • birthright and
  • genius, and
• make a unique contribution to life,
who does not fearlessly
• meet the inner devil and
• expose it [i.e., expose the inner devil].
Only in this way [i.e., only by fearlessly meeting the inner devil and exposing it] can you
- reconcile opposites,
- transcend dualities.

Each duality,
each mutually exclusive opposite you meet as an obstruction, is a sign that
- you are still divided.

You are split off from your deeper consciousness, split off in
- fear,
- pride,
- self-will,
- ignorance,
- greed, and
- hate.

These same aspects can be reversed:
- fear becomes faith and trust;
- pride [becomes] humility;
- self-will [becomes]
  - a
    - supple,
    - resilient,
    - flexible
    - giving-in
    - going-with attitude; and
  - a finely attuned flexibility to flow with your rhythm of life.
• Ignorance becomes
  • awareness,
  • perception,
  • understanding and
  • wisdom;
• greed [becomes]
  • a special kind of trust
    that lets you
    • reach out and
    • know there is abundance for you
      in every way.
     And you will have abundance,
      so that greed
      will be ludicrously superfluous.

Most significantly,
  • your hate will turn into
    • your power of love.

No one finds
  • peace and
  • inner fulfillment,
  • joy,
  • wholeness,
  • security, and
• the intrinsic genius [required in order]
  to add to creation
who is
  not dedicated to
    a cause outside the self.
This [statement that no one finds peace, inner fulfillment, joy, wholeness, security, and intrinsic genius required to add to creation who is not dedicated to a cause outside the self] is not therapeutic ploy;
you must not
force yourself in a dutiful way to be • dedicated and • selfless, in order to collect desirable rewards of • glowing health and • fulfilled living.

But it [i.e., But this statement that no one finds peace, inner fulfillment, joy, wholeness, security, and intrinsic genius required to add to creation who is not dedicated to a cause outside the self] is something you ought to • understand clearly and • use as yet another signpost to where you are.

Once again, you should admit honestly whether you still see fulfillment in life as a totally • selfish and • self-serving enterprise in which everything is supposed to be geared to suit you.
If you explore your fantasies in this respect [i.e., in respect to seeing a fulfilled life as one being a self-serving enterprise in which everything in life geared to suit you] you will see exactly where you are.

It is important that here, as in all other matters, you be completely honest.

If you see that there is no genuine desire in you as yet

• to serve a larger cause,
• to forget the little self-interest,
  at least some of the time,
  for the sake of larger issues,

then you should understand your

• loneliness,
your
• disconnectedness,
your
• fear and
• guilt and
• inability
  to realize your talents.

You must know that

• you have the innate capacity to be self-forgetful,
  but that
• your little ego thwarts this natural state [i.e., this natural state of being self-forgetful].
Maybe you hold onto misconceptions that will prevent you from wanting to go beyond yourself.

Perhaps you believe that dedication to a cause beyond your little ego implies

- masochistic suffering and
- deprivation,
- poverty, and
- frustration of personal
  - fulfillment and
  - needs.

As a matter of fact it is the other way round.

Only

- when you can truly give to creation,
- when you make your unique contribution in a selfless spirit,

can you also feel entitled

- to be fulfilled,
- to experience abundance in all ways.
If you feel
• inhibited and
• reluctant
to claim this
full self-expression [of your unique contribution to creation],
it would be good to look at
• your selfishness,
• your lack of interest
to add to the universe.

You may conceal
this inhibition [against giving your unique contribution to creation]
under
a pseudo-selflessness
which may, in fact,
be more selfish
than
overt selfishness.

It [i.e., this inhibition against giving your unique and best
ctribution to creation]
may be part of
• your mask [that wants to appear to be a certain way],
• your need to appear good
in the eyes of others [but yet hold back your unique and best
contributions to creation].

Many of you
have begun
to dedicate yourselves
to a greater cause.

It is an organic process
that develops
as you face the
• self-serving opportunism and
• vanity
of your little ego.
[In this organic process of coming to serve a cause greater than yourself]

You
  • grew into
    a more developed state
  and now
  • feel the fulfillment
    that comes from
      • giving to creation or
      • serving a spiritual cause.

You may not
  have specifically
  connected
  • your increased
    • peace,
    • joy,
    • liberation,
    • creativeness,
  with
  • the fact that
    you are
    more interested in
    giving something of yourself
    to the cause of
    helping other souls
    advance to higher states
    of inner truth.

Perhaps
  by making this connection [i.e., the connection between your increased
  peace, joy, liberation, and creativeness with the fact that you are
  more interested in giving something of yourself to the cause of
  helping other souls advance to higher states of inner truth],
  now you will be further encouraged
  in the right direction.
Once again we can observe two circles, one vicious, the other benign.

When you stay in fear and hide from the inner evil, you cannot claim your total, wonderful, egoless self.

[Instead of claiming your total, wonderful, egoless self.] You remain selfish, concerned only in a negative way with little ego interests, puny advantages, and unwillingness to give to life.

Thus you become more and more impoverished, unhappy, embittered, and feel justified to withhold, give nothing – and the vicious circle continues.
As you transform
• the vicious circle
into
• a benign circle,

almost inadvertently
you are led naturally
to an attitude of
selfless giving.

It [i.e., this selfless giving]
is never
a sentimental giving in to
• neurotic and
• unhealthy
  demands.

[Rather,]
It [i.e., this selfless giving]
is true giving.

And
in giving to others,
you cannot escape
giving to the self.

For in reality,
as you find out increasingly,
the attitude to
• the self

can be no different from
the attitude toward
• others,

and vice versa.
Thus
giving to a larger cause
is
the greatest
self-enrichment
imaginable.

Life cannot be cheated.
Your life
speaks the truth to you
about this
and other matters.

Giving to a cause
beyond the little ego
is the
supreme satisfaction.

Deprive yourself of that [i.e., Deprive yourself of giving to a cause beyond a cause of the little ego]

and
you cannot know
• peace,
• joy,
• fulfillment,
• self-esteem,
• the deep sense
  of deserving
  the best
  that life has to offer.

The correlation is exact:
• to the degree you offer
  • generously and
  • trustingly
    the best you have to give to life,
    allowing God's will to be done,
• to that degree will you
  feel entitled
  to open your arms wide
  to receive the best
  life has to offer.
Conversely,

• To the degree
  you hold back
  in puny fear
  that this [i.e., that this giving to a cause greater than a cause of the little ego]
  might damage
  your self-interest,
• to that same degree
  must you hold back
  from receiving life's riches.

There can be no mistake.

A finely calibrated mechanism
  in the deepest regions of your psyche
  works in
  absolute perfection.

When your
  giving to life
  becomes so whole
  that you
  are deeply willing
  to forgo
  • the little vanities
  for the sake of
  • the greater truth,
  with
  the sense of responsibility
  that this is necessary,
then
  the abundance of your life
  will surpass
  your present understanding.
When this group came together, you were all separate islands, each one
• concerned with his or her own little suffering,
• completely walled off from
  • your inner self
  and consequently, of course, also from
  • each other
  and from
  • life.

You were unwilling to give to life.

Only recently do many of you find that this still holds true [i.e., that it still holds true that you are unwilling to give to life] to some extent.

But you make this discovery [of your unwillingness to give to life even] as you are already devoted to giving of yourself to a cause beyond.

You are engaged in the most noble cause an entity can be active in, the
• purification and
• healing of souls.

In this way do you contribute in the most vital way possible to the great evolutionary plan.
Every single soul who comes nearer to the threshold, who finally passes this threshold, releases untold energies of beauty, wisdom, strength, love, truth, creative resourcefulness, entering into the experience of oneness, and thus affecting, directly and indirectly, zillions of other entities.

Just try to figure out mathematically how each changed attitude in you profits those around you.

Each attitude of constructive giving is an immense, beautiful and vital living force in the universal scheme, affecting endlessly what is.
I once gave this analogy:

If an object is thrown into water,
waves form in circles
spreading wider and wider.

These waves never end.

They only seem to end
where the body of water ends.

But if the body of water were as endless
as the universe,
these waves
would never end.

So each
• idea,
• intent, and
• thought
you form,
• motivated by
unselfish devotion to
universal
• truth,
• love,
• faith,
• expressing
a desire to
contribute to life
according to
the will of the
All-Consciousness
that permeates all life,

is an
endless wave
• that never
never ceases;

• that has its effects
long after you have
lost any remote inkling of it
in your conscious mind.
• You activate
  new creation,
• you set
  new psychic events
  in motion,
  which have
  an inexorable effect
  on
  • life
  and
  on
  • you.

It is therefore
  of utmost importance
  that you know
  what tremendous effects
  your
  • thinking and
  • intentionality
  have,
  • the positive,
  as well as
  • the negative.

• Your
  loving thoughts
  to the universe,
• your
  surrender
  to the divine creative intelligence
  in you

is as
  • real and
  • effective
  as
  • your spiteful withholding
    in lack of trust.
The venture you are now engaged in
gives you a wonderful opportunity
to help others.

The work of purification
you do
must in some way
be transmitted to others.

Your giving
can take
many forms.

You will do it [i.e., you will help and give to others] in your own unique way.

Your inner creative intelligence
must make the decision for you,
for
only you
know
how you are best suited
to contribute.

What you can determine
with your conscious mind
is
• the intent,
• the wish
to surrender your will,
• the desire
to activate
that in you
which is greater than your ego,
in order to
• increase the strength
of your group and
• add to the light
it [i.e., add to the light your group] already is.
The more honest you are
in this respect [i.e., in respect to your intent, your wish to surrender your will,
and activate that in you which is greater than your ego],
the clearer
will the muddy waters become.

If you are honestly aware of
your self-serving [rather than selfless giving for the greater cause of creation],
you are
a step nearer
to truly selfless giving.

Why can you
not
claim your greatness?

Because
the little self
is constantly on the lookout
for its own little advantages.

These personal gains [for which the little self is constantly on the lookout]
may be
• material;

they [i.e., these personal gains for which the little self
is constantly on the lookout]
may manifest in
• pride,
the need to
• show off and
• gain admiration from others;
the need to
• look better than you secretly believe you are.
When you free yourself of these attitudes [of seeking personal gains, of the need to show off], it will be easier for you to claim your true self with all its capacities, potentialities and uniqueness.

You will allow yourself the abundance that you now may experience only in limited ways and at the price of guilt.

You will be appreciated, simply because it is no longer your aim to be appreciated.

You will no longer be ashamed of being the best you can be.

Holding back from being your best will loosen as you detach from self-serving, as you release the stingy withholding from life, the spiteful non-givingness, as you come out of the hypocrisy and hiding of the little ego.
You will lose your fear of the evil inside, aware now that the feared evil contains the essence of the good.

Within every devil slumbers an angel that wants out.

If you lack humility you cannot allow your greatness to come forth. But in humbleness there will be no need to restrain your greatness.

There will be no pushing, no proving, [rather, there will be] just a quiet inner knowing [i.e., knowing that your greatness is coming forth in a selfless way for the good of the whole].

It is then entirely unimportant and unnecessary that others recognize you.
They will come to recognize you
when
you no longer
• need it and
• insist upon it.

It is
the little ego
that
• needs recognition and
• has no sense of proportion.

It is
the little ego
that
• gropes in the dark and
• fights in all the wrong directions.

This series of lectures
is coming to a close –
which does not mean, of course,
an interruption of our contact,
now that
your Center
offers
such wonderful opportunity for work.

What I suggest to you, my friends,
is that
you visualize for yourself
a new state of greatness
• in humility,
• without ego,
• without needing to prove anything,
• without comparing yourself
  • positively or
  • negatively
    with others.
**Visualize yourself**  
as 
unafraid of 
the worst in you, 

knowing that 
the worst 
will transform 
into the most  
• beautiful, 
• wise, 
• strong, 
• loving 
force.

**It is in hiding** [i.e., It is in hiding the worst in you]  
that 
the worst in you 
becomes 
• puny and 
• dangerous.

**By exposing it** [i.e., by exposing the worst in you], 
you make it possible 
to envisage 
your new potential.

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**In the next Question & Answer session,**  
we will discuss many important subjects.

Prepare your questions  
about the two topics:  
• children's upbringing, and 
• the prospect of  
  making a sanctuary for  
  • animals and  
  • plant life  
  in the Center.

**The answers will be important**  
beyond the present scope.
I bless you now
and tell you
once again
that
• your work and
• your growth
is an
• ever-increasing
• beautiful
energy form
in the spiritual world.

If you could
see the beauty
you would be
astounded.

If you could
truly perceive the
• value and
• significance
of what
each one of you
is doing,
you would
know
a deep joy.

And you
will know it [i.e., you will know the value and
significance of what you are doing],
sooner or later,
even while
you are
still in the body.

You will
inwardly experience it [i.e., you will inwardly experience the value and
significance of what you are doing]
and it [i.e., this experience of the value of your work]
will make you
• stronger and
• more responsible.
You will become more conscious instruments,

- each in
  - your own
  - beautiful,
  - perfect
    way,
- each
  - being a little piece
    that completes
    the whole.

In this whole
- one does not function
  without the others,
rather,
- each individual
  makes his or her own
  unique contribution.

- There is
  no need for
  jealousy.

- Self-proving
  is never necessary.

When you
  know that [i.e., when you know that space where each is a part of the whole, and where there is no need for jealousy and self-proving],
you will also know your unique
  - greatness,
  - beauty, and
  - wisdom.

Love permeates all your undertakings.

Every step of the way is
  - meaningful and
  - significant.
Your life is very valuable.

You are all blessed.

Be in peace!

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