

Pathwork on
Seeing Grave Faults in Others

A beautiful and practical quote from Pathwork Lecture 42 *Christmas Blessings – Objectivity and Subjectivity*. This applies to situations when I see a grave fault in another. This quote also gives a useful practice for working with such energy within oneself.

12	<p>Let us first take the common phenomenon that what you see as a grave fault in others you often do not see in yourself. It makes no difference whether the fault is exactly the same or whether it has a slightly different and modified form. Your objection to the faults you observe in others may even be correct. Yet, you are in half-truth when you judge others and fail to see where you also deviate from what is right and good in a similar way. Furthermore, the fault of the other may coexist with good qualities you yourself do not possess. Thus your judgment is colored, for you concentrate your objection on one sore point, while you leave out of sight many other facets that would complete the picture. So, my dear friends, whenever you resent their faults, please ask yourself: "Don't I, perhaps in a different way, have a similar fault? And doesn't the person whom I judge so harshly have some good qualities that I lack?" Then think of the good qualities the other possesses and you lack. Remember also to ask yourself whether you do not have faults that the person you judge and resent does not have. This will help you to assess your anger at other people's faults more objectively. And, if by chance the outcome of the evaluation turns out to be that your faults are indeed so much less than the other's, and your qualities so much superior, that is an even greater reason to cultivate your tolerance and understanding. If you do so, you are indeed in a higher state of development, which means, above all, the obligation to be understanding and forgiving. If you lack that ability, all your superior qualities, your lesser faults mean nothing! But if you make serious endeavors in that direction, God will help you to be more objective. You will thus definitely have more peace, and that which now bothers you so very much will cease to upset you.</p>
13	<p>Whenever you are upset about another person's faults, there must be something in you that is not right either. You know this, friends, but you forget it again and again when opportunities come up to examine yourself. Again, if you truly wish to find out what is in you, God will help you! You should not be concerned with the fact that the other person may be so obviously in the wrong, so much more wrong than you are. Try to find the little grain of imperfection in yourself instead of concentrating on the mountain in the other. For it is your own unhealthy grain of untruth that robs you of peace and never the mountain of wrong in the other person!</p>