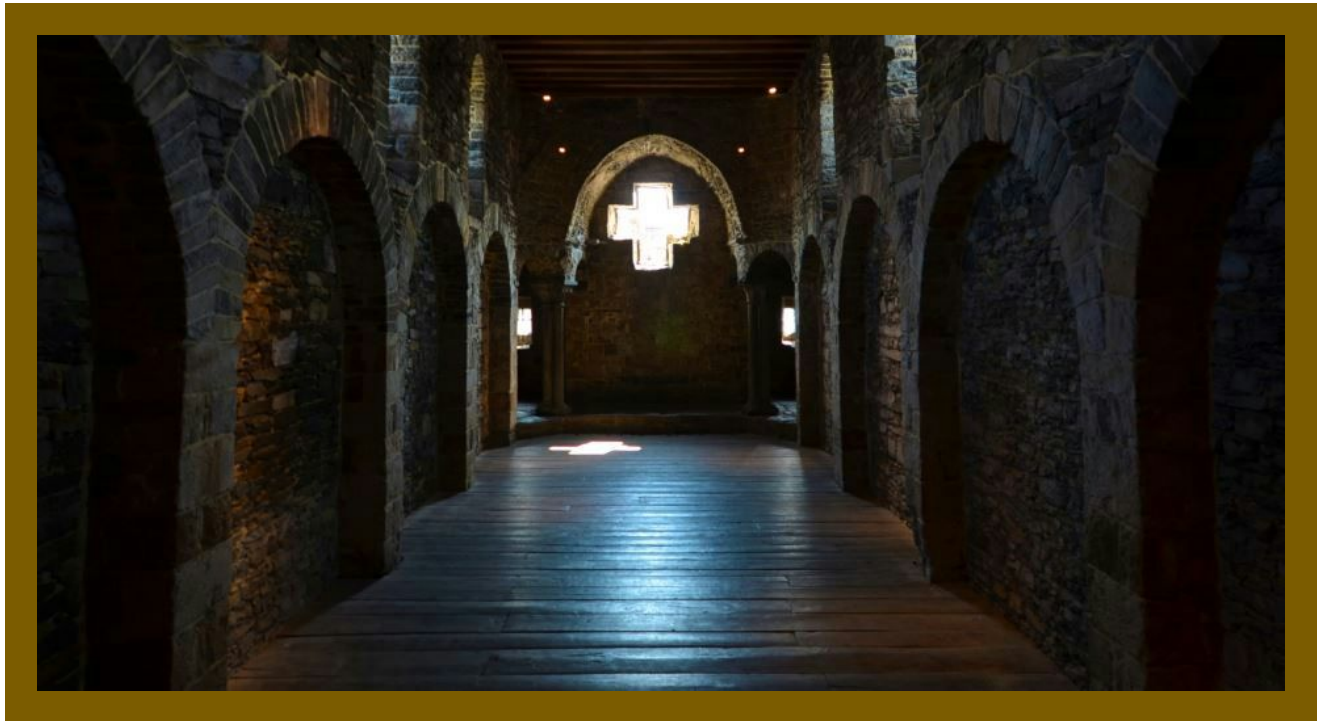


# The Seeker's Way on the Probationary Path



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## Which is the Way to The Way?

The Way of the disciple is not any easy one, it is a way full of test, trials and hurdles to mount. The terrain is filled with surprises and obstacles yet the challenges allow for greater opportunities of self-reflection and personal and spiritual unfoldment. Advancement is consistent with perseverance and a will to strive forward at any cost and the unrelenting ability to navigate through choppy storms. Like the canoe trapped in the sea of chaos, solitary, one must use his remaining tools, a map and courage to proficiency in order to endure. Lost but not alone, weary yet dynamic in spirit, the wanderer must find his way ascending towards the Light of a new day.

Those who seek the Path to Discipleship must first tread the Probationary Path reflecting long in the heart's deep cave. When the torment of a purposeless life has become unbearable, he scours within rummaging for answers to questions plaguing the mind yet stirring the soul. When he emerges with love in his heart for all humanity regardless of who they are, there he finds the correct direction towards the Way. When he understands that his happiness is fleeting and inconsequential and his purpose is to serve the world he knows he has found a glimmer of the Light. He can hear the faint call, see the tumultuous Path yet proclaims to mount upon it, his is

the Way of Brotherhood. Hitherto the germ was implanted, ignored, imprisoned lying dormant, he blindly feels the pulse of the Christ-Light, he marches on.

Only those individuals weighted down with worldly issues, focused in its plight and exhausted by the pleas of his brothers are privileged to knock at the door. Great patience is required to scale the mountain of at-one-ment, capacity to go on after failure married with strong will carries him to his spiritual destination. He battles on to the point of exhaustion, taking the next step even when all strength to do so seems impossible. He is the one holding steady even if defeat lies ahead, enduring whatever may come even though his endurance has been taxed to its limits. Consumed by the needs of humanity, his realization is in the need for the eight billion planetary inhabitants to develop and attain consciousness of the higher self, at-one-ment with the Divine Spirit and understanding of the Plan of Spiritual Hierarchy.

The student on the Probationary Path, for many lives works to know himself by learning of his weaknesses, taking responsibility and correcting transgressions through illumination and transformation. Later his progress may be moved to more selective work, under the care of one of the Master's disciples. Once application for initiation has been silently made let the student consciously withdraw his awareness of the application, in order that the work may proceed. Let his pledge be forgotten and placed on the back burner of thought. Moving forward, reflection of the personality life gradually commences and it seems only little progress is made in the eyes of the servant. The servant must be void of all selfish tendency or desire for accolade of initiation. While his desires turn towards change in the emotional life, reflection on his thoughts, speech and action sit firmly in the mind of the student. Man's courage to bring these under control, even unconsciously, to coordinate and utilize them for corrective purposes gives the student a voice that can now be heard whispering at the door.

## **Destruction of Hindrances through Tests**



The inauguration of the destruction process issues forth and the power, desire and design to destroy those qualities setting him back from his heart's desire springs forth. He must truthfully assess his lack of self control in any and all forms. Failure to control the physical body is failure to establish right relations with its development. For he learns that when the physical body is

ready and capable to house the Christ principle, the transfiguration unfoldment begins and Christ overshadows his temple, making his form vibrant and sustaining. As the lower life personality is illuminated, emotions centered, mental body calmed his tools become polished giving him access to building a relationship with the Spiritual Hierarchy.

Harmlessness becomes the route while the destruction of violent emotional reactions dies out and compassion is the key-note of his life. Evening reviews help the student assess patterns, corrections and tools in forward progression. Making the way of peace in thought, to be brought about through controlled speech. Harmlessness in emotional reaction can be gained through the recognition of working as a channel and conduit for the love outpouring from the soul. Harmless in behavior or action, one produces a poised skill in action and releases a dormant creative will. Through focus on personal development and self-assessment produce effects upon self, others and environment are inevitable.

Destruction of feelings of revenge, hate, acquisitiveness are essential to the spiritual unfoldment of the servant. It will benefit one to place effort in the removal of hindrances within oneself, kill out desire, and kill out the desire to have them removed lest you prevent contact with the soul. Let the student remember in his daily life the process of renunciation which entails the crucifixion of the lower self. This is accomplished by the practice of detachment in his regular task throughout his daily life. One must become accustomed to suffering with detachment, as he learns the soul suffers not at all, and that there is no pain or agony for the Master who has achieved liberation. Though it is difficult for the student to remain impersonal where his own spiritual unfoldment is concerned, non-attachment is essential even in his search for illumination. Non-attachment to all forms of sensuous perception must be cultivated.



Tests associated with the personalities cultural, national and racial affiliation with any group is chosen by the soul. It has been ordained before incarnation, a certain measure of growth should be attained. Therefore a certain degree of detachment from form should be achieved or certain preparations undergone leading to liberation from that form life ought to be sought. Man is equipped with the exact type of body and physical conditions where divinity can be best expressed and known. We have the exact contacts in our environment necessary to take the next step forward upon the Path, the next step to God. Some feel a better life would lead to better occult circumstances, this is far from the truth. A test grades our strengths to see what degree or level it is, the first lesson upon the path is the lesson of sacrifice.

Divinity must first be known and expressed in the home with family and amongst those we know so well. This little known truth holds the secret to the initial service in sacrifice. Tests call forth that which is in one and reveals where one is weak and where one fails. Disciples must be dependable and when tested must not break or crack when difficulties, real or perceived, arise. It is the exact circumstances and environment in which lessons of obedience to the highest in man can be learnt and experienced. What one has is what one is meant to have. What one needs is placed at his feet for the purpose of survival on the Path. All the tools possessed will equip one to maneuver through the struggles of his destiny. Once the disciple knows this truth in his being and recognizes this truth and settles to a life of service, lovingly and giving in his family life, community and nation, progress will be difficult. Until life is trodden happily, silently with no complaint or self-pity in the home and amongst his myriad of responsibilities no other learning for advancement is given.

## **Transmutation through Self Control**



The process of transmutation and release is of major importance to the disciple and in this process he will experience much growth. In this process the attitude of the personality to the soul is self control, and the attitude of the disciple to the Hierarchy is intuitional sensitivity. While the attitude of the hierarchical worker to the Plan is selection of activity. Haste is needed in the transmutation process when discarding impediments upon the way, the study of soul contact helps in this evolutionary continuum. There are five Commandments that will be most auspicious in his time of change and transformation they should be studied precisely.

### *Commandments and their Oppositions:*

- ❖ **Harmlessness cultivated instead of Harmfulness**
- ❖ **Abstention from theft instead of stealing**
- ❖ **Truth instead of Falsehood**
- ❖ **Self Control instead of incontinence**
- ❖ **Contentment instead of Avarice or Covetousness**

Let there be no excuse, denial or repudiation allowed to seep into the the conscious mind. Only truth in the transgression of the Commandments releases the servant from pain, ignorance and delusion . The self is clothed in form and that form is deluded in ignorance and illusion.

Each time a thought surfaces in opposition to the Way, Commandments are consciously avoided, self is emerged more into the delusion, it increases and expands the veil of ignorance. Every time attention is taken away from the world of the not-self (the unreal self) illusion is lessened. Delusions lose vitality and ignorance is superseded by knowledge that transforms into love and wisdom, the hallmark of the disciple.



There is a need for tested instruments for those Who guide human evolution, one must be ready and fit for service. Certain aspects of the character must be transmuted before he can be used as a reliable instrument. Transmutation is the gradual passage from one state of being to another through the agency of fire. As the aspirant ascends the Probationary Path he identifies his earthly activities in terms of the world of desire or astral plane. The actions initially taken originate upon the astral plane and give deeds meaning, value and purpose. Later he enters into a higher world of meaning, this kama-manasic impulse is slowly mastered as he learns the process of desire. This process is triggered by the mind and implemented by the personality where it gradually loses its hold upon the personality.

The kama-manasic person has freedom of the dual life, finding himself possessed of a dual form enabling contact at will with higher levels of the astral plane and the lower levels of the mental plane. As he pushes forward the soul influence begins to dominate, where he learns the meaning of love and through the mastering of pain he absorbs the benefit and meaning of group activity, group relations and group initiation. He will stand ready to understand the meaning of Transmutation.

### **“Let Transfiguration follow Transformation and Transmutation Disappear” ~DK**

Transmutation, here, indicates an achievement and is not simply a practice. The servant that transmutes the lower nature into higher turns desire into love, he transforms the personality purpose into group cohesion. His being evolves towards transfiguration making transmutation obsolete. This achievement coined, the art of transmutation, is now an instrument that can be used to transmute that which is not himself, he can consciously and clearly expedite the ends of evolution. *Transmutation* disappears from his life, yet spiritual energy now has a dynamic transmutative effect in the world of forms where he chooses to work and serve according to his Ray type and personality.

*Transfiguration* is the stage upon the Path where the personality is vibrant, radiating by the full light of the soul and the three personality vehicles are completely transcended. The vehicles work now as forms which spiritual love may flow into the world of men from the soul.

*Transformation* is the evolutionary path in which the disciple transforms his lower threefold appearance or personality and begins to display divine qualities. His physical body becomes obedient to the directives of the conscious mind. The mind and brain are becoming responsive to the higher mind through the medium of the soul. His emotional nature has become a receptacle of the intuition and after the third initiation disappears all together.

## Next, We Purify...

The Master DK asserts that Man is the best instrument for testing because he comprehends the race consciousness as he is best fit to know the problems of the race. Purification is the path to renewal and contact with the soul and Master, it quiets the spirit and gives one the ability to see the Self. Purity is the freedom from alloy, freedom from limitations and imprisoning of the spirit in the chains of matter. No purity equals No Achievements. Purification is the consequence of a truer sense of values. Purification comes in many variations and degrees:

- ★ Physical purity
- ★ Moral purity
- ★ Magnetic purity which makes man a channel for spiritual force.
- ★ Mental purity
- ★ Psychic purity

The stage of probation also known as the Path of Purification, is the steadfast training and discipline administered to the personal lower self by the soul, directed by his Master. It can also be classified as progressive expansion of consciousness through which the disciple passes under guidance and care of the Master. Many behaviors and techniques are offered by those who have successfully trodden the Path that lies before him. If adhered to, the Path can be found and traversed, allowing him to become the Way, the guide and serve as a beacon for his weary brothers.

Training begins with the physical vehicle building the body from a lower to higher vibratory frequency. This is important because it is virtually impossible for those housed in course bodies to contact higher vibrations. It is inconceivable for the Ego to transmit the highest knowledge and guidance through a course physical vessel. Even more difficult for loftier vibratory currents to penetrate little evolved human brains. The purification of the physical body is essential

through cleanliness, sleep, pure food and adequate sunshine. The disciple would do well to surround himself by melodic music and auspicious colors in the environment.



The refining of the emotional body is critical, as the emotional body is a great reflection taking color and movement from its environment. The goal of the aspirant is to control the emotions to become still and clear “as a mirror” reflecting only perfections of the causal body. Watching desires, motives and wishes that cross his mind daily, inhibiting the lower and only considering those higher are favorable for the disciple. Also refinement of the mental body through clear thinking not only on personal but also in global matters is the suggestion of the Master. Be free of mental fog and illusion, that thing that obscures vision trapping the mind causing the blind to lead the blind. Maintain with consistency one’s ability to still the mental body through regular meditative and contemplative practices. Earnestly consider the need for steady and unshakable perseverance that worries not of time or hindrance, simply press on.

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