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## READING 9

### ALL GROUPS

What I hear of your conversations last week continues to be very pleasing and encouraging. But remember we as a rapidly enlarging group of people are aiming very high. We want to become a real School which could hand on the Tradition we ourselves received. Such a School requires a certain constitution:

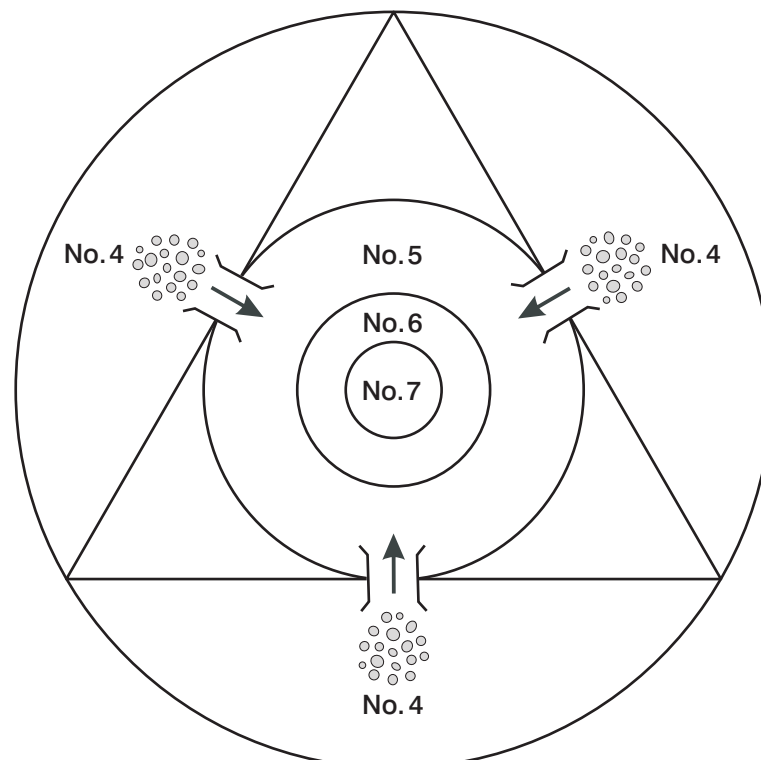
For every Man No. 5 there have to be a hundred men No. 4, and for every Man No. 4 there have to be a hundred men 1, 2 and 3. Only then would our aim be achieved – the aim for which 40 years of work on the part of many people has brought us into our present favourable position.

I want you to listen once more to a description of the Seven Levels of Man, but to remember that only from the level of No. 5 upwards can man be said to be truly permanently happy, for only such men can have Positive Emotion, Certainty of direction and, above all, Memory through death.

In ordinary life we meet only these three categories of man No. 1, No. 2 or No. 3. There are higher categories of man, but men are not born already belonging to higher categories. They reach those higher categories only through Schools.

Man No. 4 is not born as such. He is a product of School culture. He differs from Man No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 by his knowledge of himself, by his understanding of his position and, as it is expressed technically, by his having acquired a permanent centre of gravity. This last means that the idea of acquiring unity, consciousness, permanence and Will (that is his transformation from caterpillar to butterfly) has already become more important than all his other interests.

He cannot enter the Fourth Room at will, but he knows where the door is. In the diagram of the circles of humanity we place Man No. 4 about the three gateways:



‘The Inner Circle of Humanity is in its turn divided into three concentric circles, where are the men of the three higher categories, No. 5, No. 6 and No. 7. Man No. 5 is a man who has acquired unity and full consciousness of himself’ and of everything directly related to himself. He is different from ordinary man in many respects and there are certain signs by which a person who is on the way there can recognise him. In him the Higher Emotional Centre works; that is he has positive emotions – Love, Joy, Faith – which people in the Outer Circle talk about but cannot have, for their life is spent in a slough of despond. He cannot become identified, and therefore he has many functions and powers that an ordinary man who lives in a state of identification or ‘attachment’ cannot possess. ‘Man No. 6 is a man who has acquired objective or cosmic consciousness. The Higher Intellectual Centre works in him; but he still has not developed Free Will, and he can still lose all that he has acquired. Man No. 7 is a man who has attained all that a man can attain. He has Free Will and can Do. He can control all the states of consciousness in himself and he cannot lose what he has won. According to another description, he is “immortal within the limits of the solar system”.

(Please limit your discussion to No. 4 and No. 5 and concentrate on the definition of Psychology as the study of a new language – the language of Man No. 5 – so necessary for people who live in the circle of confusion of tongues before they can begin to do anything!)

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