

2. *You are becoming wisdom 1983 0104 and 0106*

Our way is to teach the soul how the Nous has self-vision... Plotinus *Enneads* 5.3.4

... in the same way a person's body may die and disintegrate, but the creative idea of him will still remain in the World-Mind as his Soul. It will not die. It's his real Self, his perfect Self. It is the true Idea of him which is forever calling to be realized. It is the unmanifest image of God in which man is made and which he has yet to bring into manifestation in his everyday consciousness. ([26:4.63](#))

AD: think of wisdom in the sense that the mind is destined to become the universe...in the process of mind becoming the world, it assimilates a certain wisdom that is inherent in the world.... Wisdom is the recognition and application of that: your mind becoming the universe. And as it's doing so, it's beginning to understand the various laws that govern manifestation. When it begins to understand this, and it applies this to itself, then this is wisdom. If you think of wisdom as the recognition of that, and the application of that.

S: Is that how someone understands, by becoming the World Idea? When someone has become more of the World Idea, would we say he understands there's a World Idea?

AD: yes.

S: Is it a process always from the personal outward? ...The faculties develop and become larger and wider and more universal?

AD: Universalization of your mind is taking place.

When we say that you are becoming the World-Idea we mean that the Infinite Consciousness that the Unit Soul is, is getting specified in a very specific way. [1-6-84]

as soon as you start speaking about life in the sense that it's in manifestation, then you're speaking about either the soul of the cosmos or the soul of this plant, this animal, whatever. You're speaking about a unit soul. And if you have a unit soul, the World Idea is inevitably associated with it;

If we say that the World-Idea is an ordered, intelligent whole which is manifesting according to wisdom principles, and we say that the individual mind makes or transforms or metamorphoses itself into the world image, then in that very process, it is assimilating these reason principles. Now this assimilation will leave traces in the mind. The mind assimilates traces of the World-Idea.

In that process of assimilating the World Idea and consequently assimilating the wisdom which is inherent in that, you can see that the mind, in becoming the world, is also, unconsciously, let's say, incarnating that wisdom.

S: Is that transition from personal to impersonal a gradual one?

AD: Yes. It may take a long time to come to that recognition.

At birth the individual chart already indicates the whole sequence of experiences, events, which will occur to the individual. But it is up to the soul how it will respond to these experiences, and it is in this response that we will see the growth of the soul's power.

we can say that the individual mind receives the World-Idea, portrays that World-Idea, then inhabits part of the World-Idea and experiences it in a sensible way. It's like when we say your mind is where the cloud is, because the whiteness of the cloud belongs to the mind and is a manifestation of a sensation that belongs to the mind. And obviously your mind is learning how clouds are being formed. That's why they keep telling you: All wisdom is within you. It's within your mind.

So if the world is the product of wisdom, and your mind is constantly manifesting the world, then your mind is going to get acquainted with wisdom, and become wisdom, whether it likes it or not.

Similarly, for instance, at night you have a dream: Let's say in the dream a boa constrictor is wrapped around you, and you're brought into realization of what fear is. So the mind not only has actually metamorphosed itself into this dream and produced the fear, but it also experiences the fear; and the fear is left behind as a trace in the mind of its act, of its metamorphosis into that.

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