

Group Initiation



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About: A small group is exploring the section in *Discipleship in the New Age, Vol II* titled *Teachings on Initiation*.

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Course Status: We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 11:30 am Mountain Time, USA

Excerpt:

Prior to profiting by more information and thus piling up increased responsibility, there is a vital need for the majority of aspirants and disciples to assume a different attitude towards the opportunity to prepare for initiation with which they are all faced. The more advanced among them are conscious of impending possibilities. The significance of the proffered training has made its just appeal. Others are so immersed in the tests and difficulties incidental to the clarification of the vision prior to the processes of initiation, that they have neither the time nor the strength to do more than live through the time of trial and, at the same time, to serve as best they can. Both the vision and their service suffer from their failure to develop that divine indifference which is the hallmark of the true initiate. Added to all this is the world situation with its inevitable all-enveloping psychic atmosphere, its attendant strains and its constant wearing anxiety, plus the hold which war sufferers have on all hearts and sympathies. Most aspirants and disciples believe that they are bearing enough and are tried to the limit of their capacity. This is not the case. The deeper sources of strength in them have not yet been evoked, and the tension under which they should act and live from day to day is only as yet a feeble one—it is not all-exacting. Ponder on this last phrase.

The objective demands being made upon all disciples and therefore upon all of you, are not simply to enable you to live through the present period as successfully—emotionally, mentally

and spiritually—as possible. It goes far deeper than that, or should. Apart from the demands upon your spiritual resources (incident to the particular initiation which it is desired that you take) there is also the demand upon all disciples to participate in the effort of humanity, as a whole, to take the first initiation with all the physical relinquishments, and the agony that ever precedes the birth of the Christ in the heart of the individual—only this time it is the hearts of all humanity. Preparatory to this first initiation, there has always to be— individually and now collectively for the first time—the denial of the lower self and the fervid acceptance by the personality of the loss of all the material factors which have held the soul a prisoner in the womb of time.

Discipleship in the New Age, Volume II, p. 243