THE PLAN FOR HUMANITY

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1. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE PLAN

The one thing that humanity needs today is the realization that there IS a Plan that is definitely working out through all world happenings, and that all that has occurred in humanity’s historical past, and all that has happened lately, is assuredly in line with that Plan.

EXT:670

It might be said that evolution controls the form of the Purpose; the Plan concerns the hierarchical recognition of the Purpose, while the Purpose is the synthetic Thought that pours into the supernal consciousness of the Lord of the World.

TEV:121

The Plan is the dynamic substance, providing the content of the reservoir upon which the impressing agent can draw and to which the recipient of the impression must become sensitive. . . . The Plan constitutes or is composed of the substance in which the Members of the Hierarchy consistently work . . .:

1. The Plan IS substance. It is essentially substantial energy. And energy is substance and nothing else.
2. The substance (which is the Plan) is dynamic in nature, and is therefore impregnated with the energy of WILL.
3. The Plan constitutes a reservoir of energized substance, held in solution by the WILL of Sanat Kumara and embodying Its intangible purpose (intangible to us but not intangible to It).
4. It is this planetary Substance upon which the “impressing agents” must draw – the Nirmanakayas, the Members of the Hierarchy and the working disciples of the world, plus all spiritual sensitives of a certain degree.
5. Recipients of the desired impression must become sensitive to this substantial energy.

TEV:118-119

All life is intended to take the form of a progressive series of awakenings. Progress, movement, awakening, expansion, enlightenment, evolution, growth – these words are but a few of those applied to the effects, both within and without, of the creative process. What is this creative process but the working out into progressive demonstration of the divine intention as it assumes form? This intention is a fully comprehended scheme in the Universal Mind; we call it Purpose when considering the grasp by Shamballa of the synthesis of this comprehensive intention, and we call it the Plan when considering the work of the Hierarchy in bringing this Purpose as fully as possible into expression. . . . The Plan – emanating from the Hierarchy – has to be implemented by humanity. Hence the importance of their grasp and their understanding of the entire proposed program.

DINA2:306-307

It is wise to remember that the Plan is as much of the divine Purpose as can be brought into expression upon the planet – under the Law of Evolution and the tension of this planetary crisis through which we are passing at this time – or at any one time or particular epoch in time and space.

DINA2:371-372

The will is that divine aspect in humans that put them en rapport with and then controlled by divine Purpose, intelligently understood in time and space and implemented by the Soul as the expression of loving application. The mode par excellence by which the will can be developed is the cultivation of the recognition of the divine Plan down the ages. This produces a sense of synthesis and this sense of synthesis ties humanity into the Plan through recognition of:

1. Its inevitability, therefore demanding cooperation.
2. Its success, therefore evoking wise activity.
3. Its immediate objective – to which all the past has led.
4. Its rightness – to which the intuition testifies.

DINA2:298-299
2. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN

The Plan for humanity has three great goals: The revelation of love; the illumination of the mind; the evocation of the will.

DINA1:411

The [first objective] of the Plan might be stated as follows: To raise the level of the human consciousness so that intelligent thinking men and women will be consciously in touch with the world of ideas and the realm of intuitive perception. This means that they will be oriented toward reality. Average men and women will then be led definitely to shift their attention from the world of the emotions in which they have hitherto lived, and will begin to live more in their mental natures, and to think clearly and wisely. As a direct result of a growing awareness of the two above-mentioned groups, the masses, as a whole, will be definitely benefited. They will find their living conditions so ameliorated and wisely ordered that the present state of fear and of intense competitive struggle for existence will be superseded by a real measure of stability and security. A more leisured life will consequently be possible and this will enable people to unfold their powers – mental and spiritual – normally. This is no picture of an immediate Utopia. The modification of the present situation, even in a small measure, is a Herculean task, and will strain the resources of the New Group of World Servers to the utmost.

EP2:652-653

The Hierarchy seeks to provide fit conditions for the development of self-consciousness in all beings. This it produces primarily in humans through Its initial work of blending the higher three aspects of spirit with the lower four; through the example It sets of service, sacrifice, and renunciation, and through the constant streams of light (occultly understood) that emanate from It. The Hierarchy might be considered as the aggregate on our planet of the forces of the fifth kingdom in nature. This kingdom is entered through the full development and control of the fifth principle of mind, and its transmutation into wisdom, which is literally the intelligence applied to all states through the full conscious utilization of the faculty of discriminative love.

IHS:20-21

The second objective of Those who are working out the Plan is the clarifying of the international situation. It is necessary that each nation should realize two things:

First, the importance of attending to its own business and its own internal problems, which are those of beautifying the national life, by the production of order, stabilization, and above all, freedom. Each nation must internally adjust itself to peace. This must be done, not by the armed force of some powerful group, but by the wise consideration of the needs of the entire people, excepting no part of the national life.

Second, the prime importance of each nation to realize its responsibility to all other nations, and the interrelation of all parts of the life of our world. This realization will bring about a reciprocal interplay in the field of economics, for this is the most important field at this time. Practically all world problems and differences are based upon an economic situation. It is, therefore, more important in the solution of the present world problem than are the political rivalries and the selfish, individual, national ambitions.

EP2:653-654

As is well known, the five kingdoms of nature on the evolutionary arc might be defined as follows: the mineral kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, the animal kingdom, the human kingdom, and the spiritual kingdom. All these kingdoms embody some type of consciousness, and it is the work of the Hierarchy to develop these types to perfection through the adjustment of karma, through the agency of force, and through the providing of right conditions. Some idea of the work may be gained if we briefly summarize the different aspects of consciousness to be developed in the various kingdoms.

In the mineral kingdom the work of the Hierarchy is directed toward the development of the discriminative and selective activity. One characteristic of all matter is activity of some kind, and the moment that activity is directed towards the building of forms, even of the most elemental kind, the faculty of discrimination will demonstrate. This is recognized by scientists everywhere, and in this recognition they are approximating the findings of the Divine Wisdom.

In the vegetable kingdom, to this faculty of discrimination is added that of response to sensation,
and the rudimentary condition of the second aspect of divinity is to be seen [that of consciousness], just as in the mineral kingdom a similar rudimentary reflection of the third aspect of activity is making itself felt.

In the animal kingdom this rudimentary activity and feeling are increased, and symptoms (if it might be so inadequately expressed) are to be found of the first aspect, or embryonic will and purpose; we may call it hereditary instinct, but it works out in fact as purpose in nature.

IHS:21-22

The third objective is the growth of the group idea with a consequent general emphasis upon group good, group understanding, group interrelation, and group good will. These four are the ideals of that subjective group, working on the physical plane, that we call the New Group of World Servers…. They will seek to reveal to humanity the true and underlying inner synthesis, which is based on uniform objectives and which leads to that universal goodwill that will enable a person in any country to identify himself with his co-workers in other parts of the world…. 

Such is a broad and general idea of the objectives of the Plan and the aim of its Custodians. Each phase of it constitutes a field of active service, and all men and women of good will everywhere and the members of the New Group of World Servers find their place in one or another of its departments. The members of this group are, in reality, an intermediate group, between the Custodians of the Plan, as they express the divine Mind and Purpose, and the intelligent public. They constitute the “brain trust” of the planet, for they are definitely wrestling with the problem of unrest and distress in the economic, political and religious fields. Through them the Plan must work out, and if they work with the desired selflessness and wisdom, and if they demonstrate adequate skill in action, they will eventually achieve much power. It will, however, be power based upon an intelligent goodwill, upon a right understanding of the oneness of life and upon a determination to bring about the good of the whole body and not the good of certain sections of the national life or of certain nations at the expense of other sections and other nations. Hence, my constant emphasis upon the necessity of thinking in terms of good will to the whole. The very effort so to think is part of the technique required to expand the present human consciousness, and in these words I have stated the basic principle underlying the new technique of world unfoldment and integration. The development of self consciousness and of the uniquely separative individual has been the right and desired technique in the past. The development of group consciousness, through the activity of the New Group of World Servers, is intended to be the right and desired technique of the future.

EP2:654-657
3. THE LARGER FRAMEWORK

To grasp something of what is implied when we refer to “the Plan,” it is necessary to touch first on the larger more remote plan of Sanat Kumara.

The seventh kingdom in nature is that of the Lives Who participate in full capacity of understanding with the group of Beings Who are the nucleus of the Council at Shamballa. Around the Lord of the World this group pivots; Their consciousness and state of being is only dimly understood by the most advanced Members of the Hierarchy, and the relation of these Lives to the Lord of the World is similar, and yet fundamentally different, to the relation of the Members of the Hierarchy to the three Great Lords – the Christ, the Manu and the Mahachohan. Through these three Lords pours the energy that streams from Shamballa, transmitting the purpose and motivating the plan of Sanat Kumara – Its Life Plan.

Through Sanat Kumara flows the unknown energy of which the three divine Aspects are the expression. It is the Custodian of the Will of the Great White Lodge on Sirius, and the burden of this “cosmic intention” is shared by the Buddhas of Activity and those Members of the Great Council Who are of so elevated a consciousness and vibration that only once a year (through Their emissary, the Buddha) is it safe for Them to contact the Hierarchy.

What you call “the Plan” is the response of the Hierarchy to the inflowing purposeful Will of the Lord of the World.

R&I:130

Sanat Kumara, through meditation, is carrying forward processes that It instituted in Its original, creative meditation – back in the darkest night of the time when It decided to create this planet of ours for strictly redemptive purposes. The whole creation is the result of Its directed and controlled thought – a process of sustained thinking that sweeps all the creative energies into evolutionary and cyclic activity, in conformity to the pattern that It eternally visualizes. It has organized a group that is responsive to Its meditative intention; these Beings aid It by Their concentrated and realized Purpose to bring into our planetary livingness certain extra-planetary energies that are needed to carry forward the planned work of the Planetary Logos. Shamballa itself is also permeated with Its thought and conscious (if I may speak symbolically) of that which the Logos has visualized. They are the Custodians of Its Purpose, as it is revealed to Them, cycle by cycle. The length of these cycles is one of the mysteries that is strictly guarded in the Council Chamber of the Lord of the World; these cycles have reference only to manifestation in the three worlds wherein the concepts of time and space control.

The Hierarchy is the Custodian of that aspect of the cyclic, planetary Purpose that is called the Plan; this covers such relatively brief periods as civilizations – where humanity is concerned. In relation to Shamballa, the intermediate group of meditating, creative Workers is called into activity in order to receive impression of the immediate, desired Hierarchical activity, to transmit the needed energies from Shamballa to the united Ashrams and thus, esoterically, “inform” the Hierarchy of that which merits immediate attention.

Again, upon a lower level of the evolutionary spiral, the Hierarchy in its turn impresses the New Group of World Servers with the Plan to be at once applied to the helping of humanity. This group is the major creative agent in the three worlds for the remainder of this cycle of planetary experience. This has not always been the case. Humanity can now intelligently work with the presented Plan, and this for the first time in human history. I would have you note this. People can now do their share in bringing the divine Purpose into manifestation, because they have now unfolded the needed mental capacity.

EXT:222–224

H.P.B. (one of the first working disciples to go forth on the externalization impulse and with First Ray energy) gave the background of the Plan under impression from me; the more detailed structure and the sweep of the Hierarchical intention have been given by me in the books that A.A.B. has introduced under her own name to the public (in so doing acting under my instructions). For the first time in human history, the purpose of past events – historical and psychological – can be clearly noted as the foundation for all present happenings, thus bringing the mysterious Law of Karma in an easy manner to public attention. The present can also be seen, indicating the way of the future and revealing clearly the Will-to-Good, which is animating the entire evolutionary process – a process in which humanity (again for the first time) is intelligently participating
and cooperating. It is this cooperative participation, even if unconsciously rendered, that has made it possible for the Hierarchy to grasp the opportunity to bring to an end the long silence that has persisted since Atlantean days; the Masters can now begin to undertake to renew an ancient “sharing of the secrets,” and to prepare humanity for a civilization that will be distinguished by a constant intellectual perception of truth, and that will cooperate with the externalized Ashrams in the various parts of the world.
4. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE HIERARCHY AND HUMANITY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

[This conscious cooperation of humanity with the Spiritual Hierarchy is in itself part of the Plan in relation to human unfoldment. SES] The planetary Hierarchy, working under the inspiration of the divine vision as it is embodied in the Plan, seeks to evoke a response to that Plan in every human heart, and by fostering and fanning that response, to evoke not only a mental understanding but also an aspirational desire. These together will produce finally the emergence of the Plan upon Earth and thus express a conditioning factor in human affairs.

EP2:704-705

Students need to remember that devotion to the Path or to the Master is not enough. The Great Ones are looking for intelligent cooperators and workers more than They are looking for devotion to Their personalities, and a student who is walking independently in the light of his own Soul is regarded by Them as a more dependable instrument than a devoted fanatic.

EXT:19

Remember always that the Hierarchy is simply the world of Souls, that it is consciously aware of the Plan, sensitive to the purpose, and creatively and constantly impressing humanity with the aim in view of expanding the human consciousness.

DINA2:137

The life of a disciple is a gradual but steady moving in toward the center, and accepted disciples are definitely a part of the Hierarchy. The Hierarchy is a place of fusion of all Souls upon the higher levels of the mental plane.

DINA1:682

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DINA2:223

The work and the task of the Masters is to project into the world those thoughts and those formulated divine ideas, those concepts and significances that embody – at any one time – the immediate Plan for humanity. Masters, therefore, search for those minds that are sensitive to this Plan. They are not primarily occupied in looking for people who are good – so-called. Self-forgetfulness and straight kindness means ever harmlessness and that connotes the utmost good. They seek for those types of people who can respond in unison to that aspect of the Plan for which the Master is responsible and for those who can be taught to subordinate their personalities to its requirements. They have no selfish purposes and desire nothing but only to aid the Master and those senior disciples who may be working under supervision at some aspect of the Plan. This involves, as I have pointed out, their training in adaptation, in the recognition of true values, in fluidity of ideas, and selfless work for others.

DINA1:683

Units for work fall into three groups:

1. Those who can sense the Plan and are commissioned to work it out.
2. Those who can be used but who are blind to the greater issues.
3. Those who can sense nothing except those things that concern their own selfish interests.

The first group the Masters can contact. They work with these units of the human family and expect fair promise of average success. These both hear the sound, and vision the Plan. The second group have to be utilized as best may be, by the disciples of the world. The final group is frequently to be offset from the energy standpoint, and only used when necessary.

One of the primary conditions that a disciple has to cultivate, in order to sense the Plan and be used by the Master, is solitude. In solitude the rose of the Soul flourishes; in solitude the divine Self can speak; in solitude the faculties and the graces of the higher Self can take root and blossom in the personality…. This brings me to [another] point, the problems and the difficulties with which the Masters have to contend as They seek to further the plans of evolution through the medium of humanity. In conclave wise They make Their plans; with judgment, after due discussion. They apportion the tasks; then, to those who offer themselves for service and who have some measure of Soul contact. They seek to transmit as much of the Plan as possible. They im-
press the Plan and some suggestion as to its scope upon the mind of some man or some woman upon the physical plane. If that mind is unstable or over-satisfied, if it is filled with pride, with despair, or with self-depreciation, the vision does not come through with clarity of outline; if the emotional body is vibrating violently with some rhythm set up by the personality, or if the physical vehicle is ailing and concentrated attention is therefore prevented, what will happen? The Master will turn sadly away, distressed to think of the opportunity for service that the worker has lost through their own fault, and will seek someone else to fill the need – someone perhaps not so fundamentally suitable, but the only one available on account of the failure of the first one approached….

It should be noted that even the Great Ones Themselves have to lay Their plans largely allowing for the lack of perception of those on the physical plane through whom They have to work. They are handicapped and dependent upon Their physical plane instruments and Their main trouble concerns the point of evolution reached by the mass of individuals in the Occident.

TWM:132-134

In connection with the aphorism that energy follows thought, I would have you relate this concept to the Science of Impression, bearing ever in mind that the Masters of the Wisdom work in three ways as They endeavor to implement the divine Plan:

1. They formulate, deliberately and in line with Their fixed intention, those thoughtforms that must be “impressed” upon the substance of the level of consciousness desired.

2. These living forms of thought are then occulty energized and become centers of energy or reservoirs of energy, with the original thoughtform as the creative source at the center. These thoughtforms and this generated energy are held steady within the aura of the Master or of a group of Masters.

3. The energy is then projected on to a particular plane or into the mind consciousness of those disciples who are en rapport with the Master, or of those groups of disciples or aspirants who are working in close associations with some hierarchical group.

DINA2:373-374

Subservience or obedience to the Plan involves something else than a vague and misty realization that there is a Plan and that we are included in it. It is more than a hiding of oneself in the shadow of the divine Will. It necessitates a wise differentiation between:

1. The general perspective and the large world Plan for the planet, and

2. Those immediate stages of the Plan in which intelligent cooperation is, at this time, and in the immediate present, demanded.

EP2:72-273

The human kingdom is, par excellence, the medium of expression for the Universal Mind, and when human beings are perfected, the problems of the natural world will be solved in a large measure. The fully conscious human beings, aware of themselves while in the human form (and they are few as yet), constitute literally the brain of the planetary life.

TWM:460

It is possible for us, each of us – in our small measure to cooperate in the intended Plan, and therefore what I have to say takes on another aspect and lays the responsibility of materializing that Plan upon the Earth upon the shoulders of each and all of us. The work has been brought about through an intensive effort in two directions –first, the effort of the Hierarchy to impress that Plan upon human minds and to convey the needed power and understanding to effect the intended work, and second, the effort of all disciples and aspirants to respond and bring through into manifestation that which is waiting on the subjective side of life.

EP2:684

When individuals are universally en rapport with the custodians of the Plan and their minds and brains are illumined by the light of the intuition, of the Soul and of the universal mind, when they can train themselves to respond intelligently to the timely impulses that cyclically emanate from the inner side of life, then there will be a steady adjustment between life and form and a rapid amelioration of world conditions.

TWM:462

As the Shamballa force is beginning to pour into the world, humanity is seeking another interpretation of divine Will that will not involve the hitherto blind acquiescence and unavoidable acceptance of the inscrutable dictates of a potent, inescapable Providence, but that will produce an understanding
cooperation with the divine Plan and an enlightened fusion of the individual will with the great, divine Will and this for the greater good of the whole…. This all indicates a growing responsiveness on humanity’s part to the incoming Shamballa influences and the consequent evocation of the will aspect of human nature.

Students are apt to believe that the orientation of the Hierarchy is towards humanity. That is not so. They respond to human need when the demand is effective, and are custodians of the Plan; but the orientation of the entire Hierarchical group is toward the first aspect, as it expresses the Will of the Logos and manifests through Shamballa.

EA:371-372

DINA2:260
5. THE ONGOING ADAPTATION OF THE PLAN

The details of the Plan have in them the seeds of world salvage and can – if rightly and wisely furthered – produce lasting world effects; these details must be worked out; they can and must vary as they meet the need of different nations and circumstances.

DINA1:591

The development of a fluidity of mind and attitude that will recognize the fact that – though the Plan stands – techniques, presentations, idealisms and methods must necessarily change. This is not an easy thing to do…. The disciple upon whom the Master can most confidently depend is the one who can – in periods of change – preserve that which is good and fundamental while breaking from the past and add to it that which is of immediate service in the present. An attitude of spiritual compromise is right, needed and very rare to find.

DINA1:681

From the angle of esoteric science – the sense of responsibility is the first and the outstanding characteristic of the Soul. Insofar as disciples are in contact with the Soul and are becoming a Soul-infused personality, and are consequently under Soul direction, so far will they undertake … the “modifying, qualifying and adapting” process.

DINA2: 390-391

Groups of disciples are working, blindly and ignorantly at first, but with a growing sense of responsibility, of relation and direction. As they work for the Plan on the physical plane, they carry with them to the Ashram the registered sense and the acute realization of the basic changes in the human consciousness that are the immediate results of world affairs; from their reaction, from the quality of their recognition of immediate need, and from their efforts to present the truth in terms of the ‘newest mind’ – as it is occultly called – Masters in an Ashram can change Their techniques, use new ideas upon receptive minds, and thus keep pace with the rapidly developing humanity with which They have to deal.

DINA2:358

Humanity’s Responsibility

The self-evident truth is that only through humanity itself can the divine Plan work out.

RC:34

The changes brought about in the Hierarchy have been the result of the work of the disciples of the world [reflecting] an injunction to the Master…. “Regard and recognize the changes in human hearts, and change the rules as human beings in time and cyclic change approach the Ashram. The Ashram stands not still. New life pours in from either side.”

DINA2:356

In this sensing of the Plan and its later materialization, human units are involved and have perforce to be employed. A vision is given of tremendous possibilities and indications are also granted of the manner in which these possibilities may become facts, but beyond that the Great Ones do not go. The detail and the method of concretizing the ideal and the necessary work are left to humanity. To disciples who are organizers and transmitters of the Plan fall the work of filling in the details and of taking the necessary action. At this point it is wise for them to remember that they come (with their little plans) under the same law as do the Great Ones in Their large endeavors, and that it is in their dealings with people and their manipulation of the human equation that the difficulties arise.

TWM:131-132

[It is in the working out of that Plan that humanity is playing an increasingly important part. Herein lies our true destiny and also our responsibility toward the subhuman kingdoms. SES] Humanity can become an active cooperator with the Hierarchy, able to create and to wield mental matter, and so work out the purposes of the Universal Mind, which are prompted by boundless and infinite love and are the expression of the One Life.

TWM:237

Through humanity, alone and unaided (except by the divine Spirit in every human being), can the ‘door where evil dwells be sealed.’ It is not Sanat Kumara who seals that door; it is not the Hierarchy that forces evil back into the place from
whence it comes. It is struggling, aspiring and suffering humanity to whom the task is committed and … humanity is adequate to the task.

DINA2:159

The “door where evil dwells” is kept open by humanity through its selfish desire, its hatreds and its separateness, by its greed and its racial and national barriers, its low personal ambitions and its love of power and cruelty. As goodwill and light stream forth into human minds and hearts, these evil qualities and these directed energies that keep the door of evil open will give place to a longing for right human relations, to a determination to create a better and more peaceful world and to a worldwide expression of the will-to-good.

DINA2:173-174

Thus and no further … if the disciples and the men and women of goodwill actually now play their proper part … they can put up an impregnable wall of spiritual light that will utterly confound the enemy of humanity…. If the “massed intent” of men and women of goodwill is brought down from the mental plane (where most goodwill, desire, prayer and invocation becomes “frozen”) and is carried away from its easy focus in the wish life of the aspirant, goodwill becomes active in expression and in tangible deed upon the physical plane, so that the work done through the means of invocation and prayer, plus the needed fighting for the right, is done by those who can truly coordinate and integrate on all three levels and thus function as a whole.

EXT:280

The final solemn demand is that this Plan of Love and Light, working through humanity, may “seal the door where evil dwells.”

RC:35

**Humanity’s Free Will**

The final decisions in world affairs have to be made through humanity’s deliberate choice; no compulsion is ever exerted by the Hierarchy … to force individuals to take some desirable action. Humanity’s free will must be preserved.

EXT:643

I have been for some time seeking to impress upon you the eternal fact that the entire universe has been created and its evolution processed through the power of thought, which is only another word for controlled meditation. This covers the combined meditation of numerous subjective, spiritual and mental groups; the laws of this meditative work are the result of certain mental determinations, which embody the will of the Planetary Logos and are imposed upon all lesser groups of lives by Those Whose task it is to wield the divine laws and enforce them. Freedom of the will is here to be noted in relation to the Time concept but not in relation to the final and inevitable divine results at the end of the immense world period. The major thoughtform of the spiritual Hierarchy, created by joint ashramic meditation, is called by us the Plan.

DINA2:233

You might also ask: How can this collective impressing go on and yet leave an individual free? Because it will be kept clear of all directed will-force; all that workers and disciples in my groups will seek to do is to impress certain minds with the outlines or suggestions as to the Plan; these ideas will deal particularly with the concept that separation is a thing of the past and that unity is the goal of the immediate future; that hatred is retrogressive and undesirable and that goodwill is the touchstone that will transform the world.

DINA1:65

To the Spiritual Hierarchy, the Plan involves those arrangements or circumstances that will raise and expand the consciousness of humanity and enable men and women, therefore, to discover the spiritual values for themselves and to make the needed changes of their own free will, and thus produce the demanded betterment of the environment, consistent with the unfolding spiritual recognition.……

Would you have the Spiritual Hierarchy of our planet work along totalitarian lines, enforcing peace and comfort, taking steps to arrest evil by force and working for the material well-being of men and women? Or would you have the Masters lead humanity itself, through right understanding, to take the needed action, even if it involves trial and error and a much slower process? Would you have humanity standing on its own feet as intelligent agents of the divine Plan? Or would you have it treated as irresponsible children who must be energetically protected against themselves? Is it not better for the rapidly awakening intelligence and activity of individuals (in every land) to be
trained to recognize the essential unity of all human beings, and so be led to take the action needed that will endorse that unity, that will work for the entire group of human beings in all lands everywhere, and that will also and at the same time preserve the individual and the national cultures, alongside a universal civilization and a world-wide system of divine recognition? It is toward this general freedom and the intelligent activity of the free individual that the Hierarchy is steadily and successfully working; the concept of unity and of united activity for the good of all is far more widely grasped and understood than you perhaps realize. The totalitarian approach works toward an imposed unity and one that will include all peoples and bind them down to a uniformity of belief – politically, economically and socially – and that will and does basically ignore the spiritual values, putting the State in the place of that divine spiritual center where spiritual reality is to be found.