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Every human collectivity, every religious, political or cultural movement and every country of the world forms its own 'egregor'. An egregor is a psychic collective being formed by the thoughts, wishes and fluidic emanations of all the individual members of a collectivity working together towards the same goal. Each egregor has its own particular form and characteristics: the egregor of France takes the form of a cock, that of Russia, a bear, and so on. But neither the cock nor the bear, nor the tiger nor the dragon can solve the problems of the whole world. In fact it can happen that egregors of different nations declare war on each other on the subtler planes of being (clairvoyants sometimes see these conflicts), and not long after, war breaks out on earth. It is time now for humanity to unite in forming the egregor of the dove of peace.

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Chapter One

Towards a better understanding of peace

One day I attended a public conference on the subject of peace. Several lectures were planned, and all the speakers were highly qualified, intelligent, learned, amusing and altogether charming people. Thanks to them I learned that peace was the most desirable and most beneficial condition for humanity, whereas war was the worst possible scourge. I was delighted to hear all this and thought to myself, 'Ah, now that people have, at last, understood the advantages of peace, humankind will be saved!'

However, I was anxious to hear exactly how these people planned to bring about the peace they were talking about with such conviction. Several speakers put forward some very intelligent plans, one of which was to form an international police force that would make it impossible for the different countries to fight each other. That is certainly an excellent idea, but how could it be put into effect? It reminded me of the fable in which the mice convened a meeting to discuss how to

defend themselves against the cat. After a great deal of discussion the senior mouse finally came up with the solution: the answer, he said, was to tie a bell round the cat's neck so that all the mice would hear it coming and have time to hide. This magnificent solution was greeted with enthusiastic applause, but unfortunately they never managed to find a mouse bold enough to go and tie the bell round the cat's neck! And it is exactly like that for this international police force: how could you ever constitute an international body with the integrity and impartiality necessary to fulfil such a function? And how could you ever get all the countries of the world to respect its authority?

Another speaker declared that the only hope for peace lay in a form of political federalism and went on to explain all kinds of complicated theories that nobody could quite follow. A third spent his time denouncing the state for abusing its legitimate power and depriving its citizens of their freedom. In the end, after listening to a great many speakers, I was forced to conclude that peace was not going to be established as soon as all that, for no one really understands it or knows what it really is.

The initiatic point of view is the only point of view that can throw light on this question, for in order to establish peace in the world we must have a profound understanding of human nature.

You will probably say, ‘Oh, human nature: we know it only too well!’ But I don’t agree: no one really understands the psychic structure of human beings with their different subtle bodies and all their different needs and aspirations.¹ And, above all, no one knows the twofold nature of humans that I have already explained to you: the lower self and the higher self, the personality and the individuality.² And as long as those who work and hope for peace are ignorant of this science of the human being, they can do whatever they like but they will never establish peace in the world.

Nowadays, a lot of people spend their time accusing others of fomenting war. They think that in this way they are contributing to world peace. Some blame the rich; others say that the fault lies with intellectuals, scientists or politicians. Believers accuse those who are not of their own particular faith of heresies that are leading people to damnation, whereas non-believers accuse religious believers of fanaticism. Look around you and you will see that everyone thinks that if we could just get rid of something or someone else peace would reign in the world. And it is precisely here that everyone is mistaken. Even if humankind managed to get rid of all their armies and all their weapons, the very next day they would find other means of exterminating each other. Peace is something that exists within us; it is an inner state,

an inner attitude, and it cannot be established in the world simply by getting rid of externals. First and foremost we have to get rid of the causes of war within us.

Let me give you a very simple example: take a man who has just eaten an enormous meal of sausages, ham and chicken, washed down with plentiful supplies of wine. Replete and satisfied, he says to himself, 'Ah, now for a quiet spot and a little rest,' and, finding just the place, settles down for a nap. Before long he feels a bit queasy so he smokes a cigarette, but that isn't enough. He stretches and yawns and thinks, 'What I need now is a nice little woman...' Where can he find one? In his neighbour's house, of course. There is a wall round it but that is no obstacle; he leaps over the wall and... well, you can imagine the rest of the story for yourselves. But one thing is obvious: there is no longer any question of peace!

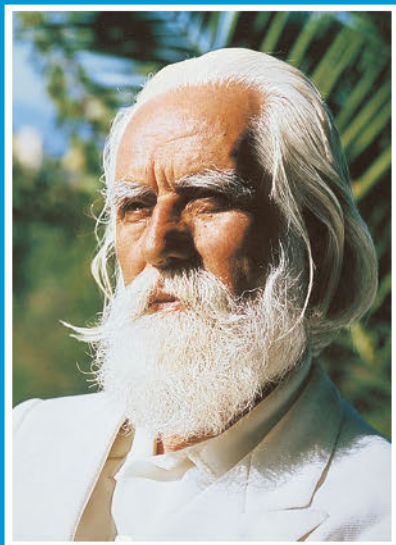
Peace is not a condition that can be attained by external, mechanical means. If you seek peace and, at the same time, continue to live with a murky, turbulent inner climate, you will never find it. Peace is a result, a consequence of something else. It indicates a state of perfect balance and harmony between all of our internal and external functions and activities. Consequently, if we want to work for peace we must know the means and methods to use, and this is a science in itself.

As long as men and women harbour lustful or envious desires, whatever else they may do they will never know inner peace, for by entertaining such desires they introduce the germ of discord into their inner being. Look at the reactions of someone who commits a robbery: they automatically fear that they have been seen, and they cannot help imagining what the consequences will be. They are haunted by the idea that the police are watching them and that they are going to be arrested and sent to prison. They can never be absolutely sure that no one saw them, that they did not leave some trace that would lead to them or that they will not, one day, give themselves away by doing something careless. They will never know a moment's peace again, they lose their appetite, suffer from insomnia and are obsessed by the need for concealment.

Or picture the case of someone who has borrowed some money: they keep promising to repay it, but as they are incapable of refusing themselves anything, they never manage to save up the money so they never do pay it back. Before long their creditor starts harassing them for it, and they are at their wit's end to know how to escape. Or take the case of a man who has spoken so harshly and unkindly to a friend that he has turned his friend into an enemy. Once again, peace has flown out of the window! There is no point in

continuing the catalogue of examples; you can find hundreds of them for yourselves. Ah, yes: when it comes to losing their peace, men and women are highly talented! If you have a relentless pack of bloodhounds on your trail because you have played havoc with other people's lives, stolen their property or broken too many promises, how can you hope to find peace? 'By keeping out of their way,' you may say. All right, but what about all those inner 'creditors', all that inner anxiety and remorse that never stops pursuing you? How can you escape that? If you think you can just run away, it shows how little you really know or understand about it. Don't fool yourself: you cannot escape from your own thoughts.

At first sight it might not seem particularly difficult to find peace: all you have to do is go up into the mountains where all is peace and solitude. Yes, but the trouble is that even there people are not wholly at peace because they always have their own little 'radio' in their head. Wherever they go their radio goes with them; it is never silent, and what a din it makes! As often as not their inner radio is tuned to infernal stations, and the music they hear is a hellish racket! Outwardly they may be at the top of the highest mountain where all is perfect peace and quiet, but inwardly there is a storm raging. So I ask you once again: how can one find peace?



The distinguished philosopher and spiritual Master, Omraam Mikhaël Aïvanhov came to France in 1937. Although his work deals with many aspects of initiatic science, he makes it clear that: 'Each one of us must undertake his own self-development, but only if his goal is not solely for himself, but for the good of the collectivity. Then, the collectivity becomes a brotherhood. A brotherhood is a collectivity where true unity reigns, because by working on himself, each individual is also consciously working for the good of the whole.'

'Many people think they are working for world peace when, in fact, they are not actually doing anything to bring it about. They don't realize that the first step is to establish the reign of peace and harmony in every cell, every atom, every particle of their physical and psychic being, so that peace emanates from them out into the world. They write endless books and convene endless peace conferences; everyone agrees that peace is the one thing they want, and yet they continue to feed the fires of conflict in their own heart. In these conditions what kind of peace can they hope to bring to the world? When peace reigns in our own thoughts, feelings and actions, then and only then can we truly contribute to peace in the world.'

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