

From Supermundane

303. Urusvati knows that the foundations of existence must be expressed in every human action. Although little is written about them and little thought is given to them, they should become so ingrained in human life that people live by them without having to be reminded of them. But for this it is necessary to recognise three different layers of thought. Just as there are three worlds, so there are three levels of thought. Man is capable of thinking simultaneously on these three levels. He can follow an earthly train of thought, beneath which a subtle thought is taking place, and somewhere in the depths a fiery spark is blazing. It may be that these three layers coincide and then a strong interaction results. Usually, however, there is a lack of coordination between these levels in human consciousness. The earthly train of thought can create an apparently attractive idea, but this is condemned by the subtle thinking because it knows its origin. The fiery spark may sometimes ignite or not at all. It can be observed that a person is subject to three different drives at the same time. What force can result from such a discrepancy? One can recall an old fairy tale in which both an angel and a demon are present in a person at the same time. Both whisper their instructions to the person. But only when the fiery spark is ignited by love does the demon leave the person. It is very revealing to observe how the thoughts of the three levels change. One should not think that earthly thoughts are necessarily worse than subtle thoughts. It is not uncommon for an earthly thought to lead people to worthy deeds, while a subtle thought winds its way along a path that has long since been outlived. Of course, the fiery spark will always be immaculate, but it must also be able to ignite. We follow the layering of thoughts and rejoice when the three layers are in unity. But let us not forget that the three layers mentioned are only a basic classification. In reality, the division goes much further, but we should only keep the basic classification in mind so as not to complicate our observation. The Thinker taught His disciples to observe themselves attentively for the unity of their thought processes. He described such unity as music.