

FOURTH DIMENSIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS

- I. Introducing concept of fourth-dimension.
 - A. In recent decades the idea has been basis of much speculation and suggested interpretation of the unusual.
 - B. It plays an important part in general theory of relativity.
- II. Discussion of the concept in the mathematical sense.
 - A. Has been derived from mathematics.
 - B. Ordinary geometrical interpretation
 - C. Sense used in neo-geometry - critical sense.
 1. Implies idea of degree of freedom.
- III. Usual metaphysical interpretation.
 - A. Idea that it involves another dimension of physical extension.
 1. Introduce through idea of flatland, etc.
 - B. Criticism of this line of interpretation.
- IV. The real metaphysical interpretation is that of transcendence in Consciousness.
 - A. Discussion of the nature of ordinary consciousness.
 1. Dependent upon sense-perception.
 2. Is relative knowledge.- implying knowledge in terms of parts.
 3. Requires the primary contrast of Knower, Known and Knowledge
 - B. Elaboration of this kind of knowledge does not produce a qualitatively different kind of knowledge.
 1. Thus science, however far elaborated, remains relative knowledge.
 2. This relative knowledge is known as three-dimensional knowledge.
 3. Most religious concepts of the heaven and infernal worlds are no more than extensions of this conceptual form.
 - C. Fourth-dimensional consciousness is the type which integrates
 1. Called super-consciousness, Realization, Christ-consciousness and God-consciousness.
 2. Transcends sense and relativity.
 - a. It is thus super-sensuous immediate apperception, in which Knower, Known and Knowledge become one
 3. Illustration of the caterpillar transformed to butterfly.
 4. Plato's story of the men in the cave.
- V. Discussion of whether this kind of knowledge is possible.
 - A. Evidence of its reality found in the life and works of men like Jesus, Buddha and all other realized men.
- VI. Method by which such knowledge may be acquired.
 - A. It is not attained through expansion of superficial knowledge and experience.
 1. Development in the sense of outer power does not lead toward the realization.
 - a. Thus progress in the ordinary sense is no help.
 2. In general it is more difficult for one to attain who has a very rich outer life.
 - a. Significance of the story of Jesus and the rich young ruler

- B. If developed man can attain transcendence he can offer larger fruitage to world than others.
 - B. This transcendent knowledge consists of an inner deepening.
 - 1. It is not so much in nature of new attainment as of the removing of restriction so that the inner or eternal man may be made manifest to outer consciousness.
 - C. The means for achieving this end lies in Yoga.
 - 1. The essence of Yoga discipline is the removing of outer barriers which hide the Inner Man.
 - a. In the midst of much outer noise delicate and profound musical values cannot be heard.
 - (1) Thus also the noise of external-sense consciousness drowns the inner voice.
 - 2. Yoga discipline accomplishes this end through many technical means, designed to meet needs of different students.
 - a. Mantra Yoga taught in this work of especial simplicity in application.
- VII. Values of the Realization of Fourth-Dimensional Consciousness.
- A. It resolves all problems of the Soul and Life.
 - B. It gives progressive command over all environmental conditions.