

## Chelaship versus Mediumship.

### I. Definition of the term "Medium".

- A. In general sense any person or thing which relates two or more other persons or things is a medium.
- B. 1. In this sense all persons or things function as mediums.
- B. In specific or technical sense a medium is a person who serves as a negative instrument thru which extraneous forces and intelligences operate.

### II. Definition of term "Chela".

- A. Chela is pupil of a spiritual instructor or Guru

### III. While external similarity may exist between spiritualistic guide and Guru, relationship actually diametrically opposite.

- A. Chelaship achieved by positive effort of student in direction of plane of consciousness of Guru.
  - 1. Autonomy of chela always respected by guru.
  - 2. Goal of chelaship is Mastery, which implies self-rule.
  - 3. Chela will be tested as to his strength of character.
  - 4. To obey his guru in performing a dishonorable act is to fail.
  - 4. While tie is exceedingly close yet chela always retains moral autonomy.
- B. Medium may be directed and instructed by extraneous intelligence but is passively receptive.
  - 1. Autonomy of the individual is almost always violated.
  - 2. Tends toward moral weakness.
  - 3. Very pure mediums may touch high planes and intelligences but still they stand simply as instruments not potential masters.
  - 4. Average medium touches planes near the physical plane of life.

### IV. Term spiritualism a misnomer.

- A. Actually very materialistic.
  - 1. So-called spirits are merely forms or objects hence material.
  - 2. An instruction coming from a discarnate entity is not for that reason more spiritual.

### V. Discussion of Astral Light and Akasha.

- A. Two aspects of the one Reality.
- B. Akasha the vehicle of the Spiritual Pole of Being.
  - 1. Chela seeks to awaken Akashic consciousness.
- C. Astral Light reflects from earth consciousness.
  - 2. Most mediumship touches Astral Light only.
    - a. Hence only knowledge from below received.

### VI. Discussion of Kama Loka and Devachan.

- A. Devachan a spiritual state, relatively speaking.
  - 1. Law of affinity utterly prevents contact between this plane and earth plane.
  - 2. A very pure medium may occasionally reach to this level. but not the ~~xxxx~~ rule.
  - 3. Training of chelaship leads to power to raise consciousness of individual to this level at will.
- B. Sphere of earth

B. Sphere of earth filled with following denizens.

1. Elemental forms of animals etc. that have not yet become men.
2. Shells or remains of men who have entered Devachan and that havenot yet disintegrated.
  - a. May reflect manasic energies of persons in seance room.
3. Persons who have just died normal death and who have not yet passed thru second death.
  - a. This is only a short period and contact with medium not to their advantage.
4. Suicides and those who have met death by violence.
  - a. These remain in sphere of earth until completion of normal life-cycle.
  - b. Medium does them untold harm in giving life by proxy
  - c. Gives chance for expression of malicious kama.
    - (1) Show the seriousness of capital punishment.
5. Elementaries or the remains of utterly evil human beings
6. The highly intelligenet builders and Nirmanikayas
  - c. These occasionally may make use of a medium but such is rare and applies only to puremediums.
6. This lower sphere is one touched mostly by mediums

VII. Even when mediumship touches high level it is undesirable

- A. It weakens connection between the lower and higher principles of man.
- B. Object of evolution to build SELF-sustaining units that command their world.
- C. Illustrate with case of Socrates

Chelaship = self-determination

Mediumship = self-repudiation.

self-abnegation = renunciation of non-self.

(small "s")

In general mediumship = allowing any center of consciousness, institution, or idea to abrogate ~~to itself~~ the function of self-determination.

Mediumship greatest barrier to realization.