

Running Commentary Following Gertrude's Death

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Yesterday, after the final interview between myself, Dr. Brugh Joy, and Carolyn, I came to a decision on the question of the use of a principle of cognition. I decided that I would make my determinations on the basis of the cognitive function with which I was familiar and had developed throughout the whole of my life, and that I would not gamble upon the breakthrough of another principle of cognition which might become unreliable in its initial stages of use. I'm placing, therefore, my current trust upon proven methods, rather than gambling on something that may be quite uncertain and, at least in its initial stages, unreliable.

Yesterday, I had a few minutes conversation with K., and I found that it had the effect of lifting the condition in *manipura* which persisted for a time. It seemed to be connected with the quality of the voice. Some women have this power; it is interesting to find out if we can identify the type.

I have learned from Dr. Joy that the cremation was not at all a painful experience for Gertrude. It was, he said, a liberating experience. Also, she was not aware of the painful experience on this side, which implies that I succeeded in blocking that so that it was concealed from her, thus, leaving her to a fully happy and prosperous experience.

The situation now is that she seems to be on the other side, freed from attachment to this, not held, and in a very happy state—in fact, a state of magnificent freedom. No word has been received as to her picking up some course of action. I am on this side, and have picked up an experience of extreme pain. But we both continue. What has been broken is the working relationship between us and I do not intend that that shall pass into radical non-existence. If it is possible in the organization of things, I intend that that relationship shall not die, and at some time, somewhere, we will pick it up again and continue with it, hopefully with the power to tie it in to the experience that we had here on this plane. I do not want and will not permit, if possible, this thing, this beautiful relationship, to be destroyed and have all life taken from it.

I still feel some stabs when I think of Gertrude, but they are not as severe as they were in the beginning.