

Human Regeneration - Part II.

The Nature of the Change

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[Recognizing regeneration as the kernel of all Theosophical work, the International Theosophical Centre at Naarden, The Netherlands, jointly with the Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe, organized two seminars in July 1990, with a number of office-bearers, workers and members of the Society from different countries as participants. The proceedings of the seminar were published as a book under the title Human Regeneration.]

As we have already said, there is an unprecedented challenge before the whole of humanity – not just before one particular race or group of people. War, the armaments race, pollution, poverty, the population problem – all these, and perhaps other things too, threaten humanity. Most people do not realize that all these challenges outside reflect what is inside the human mind – your mind, my mind, everybody's mind. The hatred which manifests itself in war is a reflection of the animosity and suspicion in all our minds. Poverty reflects our inability to feel at one with others – to share. Pollution arises out of greed to have more and more, endlessly. What is inside and what is outside are not different. Even when we accept this mentally, we do not make an effort actually to see the relationship that the root of all problems is in the human psychological condition. Because we do not see this, we try all the time to tinker with the outside. What we imagine are great plans to change the world amount to nothing more than a little superficial, temporary, inadequate patching up.

So the world problem cannot be separated from the condition of the individuals who compose the world, whose mind is unable to look at things as a whole. As we have already said, the problems which exist today in an acute form are the problems of all humanity – not of part of the world, not of one people or nation; the solutions too have to be solutions which deal with the whole, not looked at from the viewpoint of the advantage of one section of humanity. The mind which is accustomed to divide and break up everything always looks from a particular angle, but the fragmented mind cannot find the