

Twelve Meetings in Paris

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An Undated Q-A Period

1941, 1943, 1944

G. I. Gurdjieff

Dec. 7, 1941; pp. 1-5

Q.—Something intolerable happens in my work. . . . A. That comes from your egoism. . .

Thursday, July 1, 1943; pp. 6-10

S: I am very often deceived in my opinion of others. . . . Gurdjieff: You cannot, you must first prepare yourself to see reality.

Thursday, September 16, 1943; pp. 10-18

Gurdjieff: (He looks at Mme. V. . .) Now after the holidays your sister looks more like you. . . . [G's comments and note-taker's description continue to pg, 11] Ja: Sir, you have enlightened me greatly on the way in which one must accomplish one's task. . .

From Lecture (Q's and A's of French group) Sept. 9, 1943; pp. 18-21

Q: I wish to ask about work and fatigue. . . .G: And in the meantime, you keep it. . . .

Thursday, September 30, 1943; pp. 22-25

JA: (begins to read the question he has written) More and more, I feel how much of my work is mental, how little it animates me. . . . Gurdjieff: Excuse me, but what you have just said is not logical. . . .

Meeting, Thursday, October 21, 1943; pp. 25-35

Gurdjieff: Mother, May I smoke? (To Ja) Note this example – she is mother, the mother of the house; you remember what I said the last time, that no one may do anything without the mother's permission. The mother is head (of the house). (Gurdjieff jokes about Ja., says Ja is jealous because his mother no longer belongs only to him but to everybody present, and when he loses her he will realize the value of what he possessed).

Meeting, Thursday, May 10, 1943; pp. 36-38

Mme Dub: I can't come on Saturdays, as you permitted, because of my job. . . .
(Gurdjieff tells Mme de Salzmann to go on with the reading)

Some Questions and Answers from the French Group pp. 39-47

Q: I never do a task thoroughly. . . . Mr. G: You forget, you have no memory, you forget.

January 18, 1944, pp. 47-50

Mme. Dubeau: It is difficult for me to separate what I sense, what is true, from what is imaginary; difficult to see if what I sense has a real basis. . . . Mr. G: I told you to expect nothing from this exercise.

January 16, 1944, pp. 50-57

(The second part of Exercise 1 is described to some pupils and some new people are questioned and advised.)

G: Little one, what is your question? Luc: The exercise which consists in demanding of the body the substances necessary to bring to the face expressions of goodness, justice, honesty, impartiality and intelligence has led me to reconsider each of these terms and particularly honesty.

Meeting of April 20, 1944; pp. 57-62

Dr, Aboulker: I have tried to feel remorse of conscience, but the remorse overwhelms me. I cannot forget that it was from remorse that Judas hanged himself. [G.] Why do you speak of Judas in this sense?

January 28, 1944; pp. 62-64

Dr. Aboulker: You advised me to make a break in my work this week. . . . G: It is not your fault.

February 8, 1944; pp. 64-68

Gilles: I have little knowledge of myself, especially of my essence. . . . G: Now you are philosophizing.

[Note: the three words "more to come", appear at the bottom of page 68, but that is the last page of this file as I have it at hand. J. W. D.]