**Comments to the Real Initiation Grades**

**Half Gegnian**

The story is already known, but it is worth remembering it before addressing any consideration of the Honorification of Half Gegnián.

The Most Sublime Master, Doctor Serge Raynaud de la Ferriere said: ***I come to see which of you are ready to receive the eternal message of the Initiatic Tradition*** and he had more than enough fingers on one hand to count those who were ready. Then he decided to open a wider door, and at a lower level, with the Honorification of Gegnián to get more candidates who were ready to prepare themselves to receive the message.

Some time later, the Venerable Elder Brother, Master Don José Manuel Estrada, upon assuming the work entrusted to him by his Master, had the same problem to prepare Initiates to serve all humanity and decided to create a half-honorification of Gegnián. He was harshly criticized by the dogmatic spi- rits of those times within the Great Universal Fraternity. Outside of it, nobody said anything.

Years later I promoted the formation of groups of Yamines to give them information and there were many people interested. The Venerable Brother supported the project. The results have been good, today we have many people willing to know and put into practice the ***Eternal Tradition***. This was one of the keys to the success of the RedGFU as a Universal Cultural Institution dedicated to Human Re- Education.

A Half Gegnián is something like a quarter of a Novice, that is to say, of a Getuls. So little? When we see what a Getuls is, we will see that it is not so little.

A Half-Gegnian begins by earning the right to be a Royal Initiate, generating for himself a good destiny through impersonal work and physical, emotional, intellectual and mystical self-discipline. His formation is directed by a Pre-Initiatic School and includes practices of gymnastics, Yoga **-** or Martial Arts **-** Meditation and Ceremonial, in a daily, updated and conscious way; study sessions at least once a week and visits to the Ashrams for maintenance, gardening and cooking work; in addition to the daily disciplines, at least twice a week, without neglecting his family duties or his personal work.

One of the main teachings for the formation of the Middle Gegnian is that of overcoming human weaknesses, beginning with the self-deception that sometimes hides behind the search for blame for what is only ignorance of oneself. Everyone must assume his or her responsibility and no one has the right to

pity himself or herself, or to pity others in order to improve his or her self-esteem. Simply, one must assume one's own responsibility and use it to avoid new mistakes, accepting adverse circumstances as they are, to learn from them the right way to overcome them. There is nothing absolutely good or absolutely bad, everything is relative - in relation to **-** its opposite. The main lesson is that of fairness. Both poles, the positive and the negative, are necessary for Reality to be dynamic and to advance toward new possibilities of Truth. In either case, even in the most positive, extremism is undesirable. ***Dynamic equity*** is the engine for the elevation of Consciousness.

The elevation of the Consciousness is the core of the Initiatic Tradition. What is the Consciousness? The subject gives to write thick volumes, but in reality it is circumscribed to know how far one's own capacities reach. He who lives above his capacities is condemned to failure; he who lives below his possibilities is condemned to mediocrity. Consciousness is a manifestation of the soul in action and the soul is the set of experiences that life accumulates between the Pure Potential of its Being and the Real human form and existence. One of the highest functions of consciousness is to develop the soul that sustains it through self-discipline.

It has been said that consciousness cannot develop unconsciously. That is why it is important to have a Master or Guide who serves as a living point of reference to successfully activate the efforts of the soul. The Tradition of the Royal Initiates is as old as life and there are those who have lived it before those of us who now live it in this dimension. Therefore, there are souls with many experiences, ***Mahatmas***, as the Hindus call them or ***Masters*** as we call them in the West. They are the ones who wait for our ***need*** to bring us closer to the Sources of Living Water that they represent. No Master abrogates a disciple; it is the Disciple who recognizes his Master. Proselytizing in exchange for recognition of degrees is totally outside the Tradition of the Royal Initiates. Not even intellectual achievement or spiritual fervor are valid by themselves. What counts is the transformation of a person who ignores his origin and destiny into a Self-conscious Being who knows the mission that corresponds to him in the universal process and fulfills it with security and happiness, without mysterious protagonisms.

Another teaching that should be given to the Half Gegnián is to always be updated. Reality is an evolving process and requires the consciousness to remain alert and meditative in the present tense. In Reality the only permanent thing is change, and change is given to explore new possibilities of macro- cosmic influences and microcosmic responses that, as a whole, manifest as dynamic diversity without losing their eternal unity, that is, as Universe. The normal behavior of a child ceases to be normal for an adult or an old man, without ceasing to be the behavior of the same Human Being. This is also reflected in the historical process of humanity and what is convenient in an era ceases to be correct later, without ceasing to give updated answers for the new times. The Arian Yoga of four thousand years ago and the mystical Yoga of two thousand years ago give the basis for the Aquarian Yoga of wisdom, but are themselves obsolete for the present. The same is true of the texts and pretexts of the past for the pre- sent. The past is no longer current and the future is taking shape in the present. In the ***Eternal Tradition*** of the Royal Initiation the present is eternity.

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