

## ***Spiritual Addresses for the Seeker***

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## ***Development of the Human Potential***

Upon the earth today you can see the full range of human potential. You can see man at his best and at his worst. Should you stand all men in a line from the most degraded to the most creative and spiritually loving you would see the history of man unfold before your eyes. You would see him grow from his most degraded animal form to his most brilliant potential upon the earth.

*How can the nature of man be so varied?*

While all men and women have the body, the soul and the spirit, what causes some to rise and some to fall? Place two people in the same environment. Treat them equally and each will respond differently. One may react to circumstances in an unselfish manner while the other may respond selfishly.

When you look at the framework of the human personality you see three great divisions. Firstly you see the body and its accompanying mind. Secondly you see the spirit and its accompanying mind. Thirdly you see the soul which is the battleground for the voice of the spirit and the voice of the body. When you look at human behaviour upon the earth you realise that all people respond according to either the physical life, the soul or the spirit. Some respond to all three depending upon the circumstances of life they find themselves in at the time.

*Let us analyse the physical nature of man.*

The body belongs to the earth. It is built from the materials of the earth. It comes from the earth and it returns to the earth when its use is over. Its responses are made manifest in the intellectual conscious mind that most men and women seek to use to full potential while at the same time not understanding how it works.

For some the conscious mind is a disadvantage. It leads them into the byways of destruction. Because the physical body belongs to the earth its mind nurtures all things relating to the earth in preference to all else.

Earth life is designed for the individual. Each personality carves out his own life and makes his own way. He works for a living. He provides food that allows his body to survive. He provides a shelter for himself and his family or those with whom he shares his life. By its own nature earth life causes the individual personality to become selfish because to provide his own needs he often has to ignore the needs of others.