



If I Only had a Brain

(or two or three)...

The Role of Thinking Center in Work

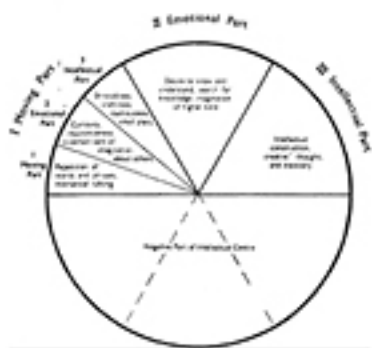
A weekend workshop at Claymont - October 19-22, 2023

The role of the thinking or intellectual center may have fallen out of favor with some who seek an inner life. This is understandable to an extent, but warnings to avoid getting lost in our heads or just being in the head may lead unintentionally to a passivity of mind which does not solve the problem and may even create new problems.

We do not have enough centers to ignore any of them!

On this weekend workshop we will explore the role of thinking and the thinking center as it relates to work on ourselves. What is the relationship between the thinking center and other parts of ourselves? Many of the great teachers who emerged from *direct work* with Mr. Gurdjieff warned about the pitfalls of being out of balance through identification with thought. Yet, in their own right, they were all very accomplished thinkers. We will consider what was said by such teachers as P.D. Ouspensky, M. Nicoll, A.R. Orage, J.G. Bennett, Madame de Salzmann and others. We will also have open exchange, discussion and observation. Presentation topics will include *kinds of thought* and *Creative Thinking*. There will also be work on movements. The weekend will be coordinated and hosted by Jack Chromey who will also sprinkle in some active work with exercises as well as his own version of speculation and wisecracking.

Figure 1—Intellectual Centre



- For more information, and to register, please contact Amy Silver, Registrar, at claymontgathering@hotmail.com
- The event will take place at the Great Barn. It begins with dinner on Thursday, the 19th and ends on Sunday after lunch.
- Suggested donation for the event is \$200 if you are staying at Claymont, and \$100 if staying off-site.
- However, do not let cost prevent you from attending, as financial assistance is available.

“most of them, even with their full desire, can neither think sincerely nor see and sense reality, and therefore ‘sincere thinking’ and the ‘sensing of reality’ have already long ago become a very rare luxury on this planet of yours and inaccessible to most of them”

G.I. Gurdjieff

