

## Power Seekers vs. Perception Seekers

Power is the result of altered perception. The key word is 'result' because if we seek power directly, we are on a dead-end street. Let's look at the differences between those who are seeking power and those who are seeking clarity of perception.

### Power Seekers

- Seek power directly
- Focus on power
- See the purpose of power being to manipulate energy to be able to see into the future and the past. It is power over the environment and power beyond another's abilities
- Enhance self-image, which is strengthened by titles and labels
- View perception as a result of the use of power
- Obsess about the unseen realms and the unknown
- Get power from outside sources, such as allies
- Measure themselves by what they are doing.

### Perception Seekers

- Seek clarity
- Focus on perception
- See the purpose of power to help break free from mortal boundaries and gain Ascended Mastery
- Eliminate self-importance and shun labels, which trap awareness
- View power as a result of perception
- Seek more refined goals until the unknowable is reached
- Get power from living in the awareness of the inter-connectedness of all life
- Access the attributes an ally could provide by going within, since all life is within, and draw on these sources as though they are parts of themselves
- Measure themselves by how they are being

When we obtain personal power, it becomes a challenge because we are able to perform 'miracles'. The temptation is to impress others and if we succumb to this, we are choosing the way of the power seekers. This is the point where a lightworker has to choose to walk either the humble and unobtrusive road leading to complete freedom, or the dead-end road of showmanship. Most choose the flashy road, but it is of little value except to enhance the ego of the performer.

A miracle shouldn't be planned. It occurs naturally when we are pushing the boundaries of mortality. Miracles shouldn't be performed to persuade, demonstrate or to gain approval or raise the status of the teacher. Power seekers often use miracles to encourage faith from their followers. The increased faith is focused on the power seeker and it creates a momentum to further feed his abilities, providing him with additional power.

Power seekers can get trapped in identity labels such as a shaman, sorcerer, or medicine man. If they become arrogant and fall into the trap of 'thinking they know', they can get stuck in the unknown and won't be able to access the unknowable. This is a limiting position because the known comprises 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the universe and the unknown the remaining 9/10ths. Both of these are within Creation.