**A Treatise on White Magic — Mental Rules 17  
Transcript of Video Commentaries by Michael D. Robbins**

**Abstract**

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**Transcript**

Well, hi. Hello, friends. I wish I could say I was having a better day, but I turned on, or failed to turn on the screen, and so 23 minutes of commentary, are audio only. I'll see if I can remember what I said or say something equally as good or bad.

We're beginning here with number 17, and it is rule 2. I'm calling it 2.1, because this is the first program of rule 2. Right, there we go, and we'll start that chronometer … almost forgot that one.

Anyway rule two:

***RULE TWO***

***When the shadow hath responded, in meditation deep the work proceedeth. The lower light is thrown upward; the greater light illuminates the three, and the work of the four proceedeth.***

***The Hindrances to Occult Study.***

***The Overcoming of the Hindrances. TWM 73***

***When the shadow*** which is the personality in this case ***when the shadow has responded, in meditation deep the word proceedeth. The lower light is thrown upward that the greater light illuminates the three, and the work of the four proceedeth.***

In this work we will also undertake a discussion of ***the hindrances to occult study***, which are or have been plentiful in the west where the etheric vibration is not so settled. Although you look at the industrialization of the east and you see that there has been a stirring of the environment and oftentimes in a way that is very disruptive.

Let's see, this was written ninety years ago and we'll also deal with the ***overcoming of the hindrances.***

***HINDRANCES TO OCCULT STUDY***

***This rule is one of the most difficult in the book and yet one of the most comprehensive. It will take us some time rightly to handle it. We have in it an interesting illustration of the microcosmic correspondence to the macrocosm. It can be elucidated in two ways in relation to the light it mentions.***

***Reference is made to the "greater light" which illuminates the three and, secondly, to the throwing upward of the "lower light".***

So we have here first the ***hindrances to it occult study***. He tells us ***this rule is one of the most difficult in the book and yet one of the most comprehensive.*** DK is not only analyzing the rules, but He's adding I would say encouraging advice, clear advice, as to how the becoming disciple is to proceed along with the analysis of the rules. We have in this rule, ***it will take us some time to rightly handle it.*** We have in it an interesting illustration of the microcosmic correspondence to the macrocosm and,

***It can be elucidated in two ways in relation to the light it mentions – the greater light and the lower light.*** Reference is made to the greater light which illuminates the three and secondly the to the throwing upward of the lower light. So there is here an interplay at communication. We have here an invocation and II vocation sometimes it is the greater source, the soul, that is invoking, seeking to the evoke the personality, and sometimes it is the personality with increasing measure of soul infusion invoking, reaching upward, hoping to evoke the response from the higher a source.

***The "greater light" is that of the soul, who is light itself illuminating the manifestation of the three-fold personality. Herein lies the correspondence to the macrocosm as it is symbolized for us in God, the manifesting light of the solar system. The solar system is three in one, or one in three, and the light of the Logos illuminates the whole. The "lower light" is that which is hidden within the human being on the physical plane. This light, at a certain stage of man's experience, is awakened throughout the physical body and blends eventually with the "greater light". The light and life of God Himself may emanate from the central Spiritual Sun, but it is only as the light within the solar system itself is awakened and aroused that there will come that eventual blazing forth which will typify the glory of the Sun shining in its strength. Similarly, the light of the soul may emanate from the Monad, but it is only as the light within the little system (directed by the soul) is awakened and aroused that there will come the eventual shining forth of a son of God. TWM 73***

***The “greater light” is that of the soul, who is light itself*** and this light of course is operating throughout the cosmos soul as a cosmic principle really, from the very beginning of each cosmos; there is light the universe itself is light and all of the variety of it is a differently-condensed light or precipitated light, we might say.

So there is cosmic soul and there's soul for every one of the great macrocosmic beings and on down as emanation becomes more and more restricted and constricted, but every emanation is the container for soul or at least has resident within it soul.

0:04:50***The “greater light” is that of the soul, who is light itself.*** There is that question: is light visible? Well, in a way it must be because everything we see is light; mostly on the dense physical plane is condensed light, precipitated, concretized light. But there are a great sources of light as well often times when we see a beam of light. It's rather what's found in the air or in the medium which is illuminated, but I'm coming to the conclusion that light although it brings into visible visibility that which was hidden that it is also visible. So again, ***The “greater light” is that of the soul, who is light itself illuminating the manifestation of the threefold personality.*** The light content, the energy of higher vibration, that which discloses to the personality consciousness its own nature, enters the personality and the consciousness begins to see and understand what the mechanism really is.

***Herein lies the correspondence to the macrocosm as it is symbolized for us in God***, (in this case God is the solar logos) ***the manifesting light of the solar system,*** slowly and in good order bringing to light all of the hidden interplay which is always present but is unrevealed until light shines upon it and upon the perceiving mind which finally registers what has always been there.

***The solar system is three in one, or one in three, and the light of the Logos illuminates the whole.*** When the term *logos* is used, it usually means solar logos, and when planetary logos is used the word *planetary* is usually – not always necessarily, but usually.

If you see that the three-in-one are really the one-in-three and that the self becomingness of the one has emerged as three, and that always the three are really and essentially, the one, then you are in a way a trinitarian. This is different perhaps from one of the religious groups that calls themselves Unitarians, and there was a big fight over this kind of thing back 400 or 500 years ago. The Trinitarians and the Unitarians were busy killing each other in one way or another some of this focused in Geneva with John Calvin. It's amazing to think that people could get so worked up about these differences in philosophy, but then it was the Age of Pisces Virgo you never have an age with only one sign prominent because the opposite sign will be prominent – you don't have a stick with only one end; every stick has two ends. Virgo was associated with the concrete mind and was important in the formulation of theology and people took these matters very seriously, life-or-death matters, based upon your Piscean belief. Even today there are people willing to kill you if your belief is other than theirs; theirs of course has been sanctioned by the deity whatever name one wants to give to that deity.

So, we have ***the “greater light” is that of the soul*** and macrocosmically, the *greater light* is that of the solar logos manifesting as three cosmic logoi who are essentially the solar logos, but who have different functions. Just as the spiritual triad comes forth from the monad and is essentially the spiritual triad but subdivided into different functions and then is reabsorbed at a certain point.

***The "lower light" is that which is hidden within the human being on the physical plane.*** There is a kind of a dark light of matter which is not dependent upon the light of the soul since all matter is essentially light every unit of matter would have to have its light content, and the Einsteinian formula has shown practically that it is so that matter is energy, it is light, it is heat which can be released. So far with rather destructive very destructive results. But, that's not the way it's going to be forever as the nuclear fusion becomes a reality and the energy problem of humanity is solved. It'll be pretty hard to corner the market in a Scorpionic fashion when such energy is freely available to all.

0:10:00 ***This light, at a certain stage of man's experience,*** that that inherent lights of matter and within matter ***is awakened throughout the physical body and blends eventually with the “greater light”.*** The light is always present in the physical body, but what will awaken it? Well, the soul will do so, and especially the planet Vulcan which draws forth the light hidden by Mars. Mars is a non-sacred planet, Vulcan overcomes that planet and burnishes the otherwise dark and non-radiant shield of Mars and makes it glow and gleem and radiate. Vulcan burnishes the shield of Mars and when you think about the shield of Mars maybe we can think about the atoms found on every level of the personality. Vulcan draws forth their light-radiatory content.

So, the intensification of light is what we're looking for, and this happens as a man progresses and becomes more evolved.

[Repeating, partial]

***The light and life of God Himself may emanate from the central Spiritual Sun, but it is only as the light within the solar system itself is awakened and aroused that there will come that eventual blazing forth which will typify the glory of the Sun shining in its strength. Similarly, the light of the soul may emanate from the Monad, but it is only as the light within the little system (directed by the soul) is awakened and aroused that there will come the eventual shining forth of a son of God. TWM 73***

***The light and life of God himself may emanate from the central Spiritual Sun*** the correspondence of which is the monad, and on the monadic plane …



Here on this high level we find the monad of the solar logos (somewhere in there and that little [green in video] triangle are quite a few of these higher sources including the monad of the solar logos.) Notice how the causal body as a line connected right into that (green) triangle and that shows you that from the Monad of the solar logos a line has descended just as in an earlier chart we see that from the Monad of the human being a line descends into the central part of the causal body. So, there is quite an analogy there and it's a good one. …

… So, ***The light of and life of God*** they are the first aspect let us say and the third aspect and when we're talking about life maybe it's a no aspect at all maybe it's just the inherent beingness of everything but anyway, ***The light and life of God himself may emanate from the central Spiritual Sun, but it is only as the light within the solar system itself is awakened and aroused that there will come the eventual blazing forth which will typify the glory of the sun shining in its strength.*** I would just like to say that this will be eventually the consummation of our second major, and fifth, sequential solar system. We are in the second major solar system now, the purpose of which is to develop the soul particularly, so maybe some kind of cosmic fixed cross is involved. But it is also the fifth solar system in a sequence, in which the first developed the physical nature just the way the first rootrace did with the third rootrace, the second the emotional nature, the third the mental nature, and maybe the previous one was particularly personal, mental, our third solar system which was the first major solar system and involved the first of the periodical vehicles ,the soul being the second, the Monad, being the third, or I could count the other way around.

So, one day there will come the shining forth***, the glory of the sun shining in his strength.*** I think we could think of as a fifth kind of initiation. We don't know whether the solar logos will take the fifth initiation. Now it much maybe depends on what goes on on Earth, which operates as a base of the spine center needed for the fifth initiation, but at least the fourth will be taken, the crucifixion in a cosmic sense for our solar logos, and we’re still a long way from that because we're only halfway through. There will be a consummation and similarly, microcosmically, if we are to see light to demonstrations in the world of the senses as we sometimes have seen in the great art and maybe in people as well.

0:16:25 Sometimes I think I've seen around some Taurus people, a peculiar brightness in this area then we have to away from the light within the physical atoms and cells. We do this through refinement and we awaken through study, meditation and service and the refinement comes, and with the refinement the lights demonstration in the lower worlds increases in its intensity.

So, now He takes the idea and talks about the microcosm. ***Similarly, the light of the soul may emanate from the monad*** and interesting that soul light is really derivative; the monadic light it's not shining with the light of its own, and in the same way the moon is not shining with its own light. At least, in the analogy the material element is still there and I suppose some light demonstration is still there, but it would be dark light, it would be darkened of most the sun shone upon it, but essentially here we have the idea that the light of the soul emanates from the monads. Really, the monad is responsible for everything. When I'm looking at my personality I'm saying that's the monad at a certain stage of expression if I'm looking at my causal body or egoic lotus, I'm saying, ‘oh that's the moment that a certain phase of expression***, but it is only as the light within the little system directed by the soul,*** and whose soul infusion becoming more refined and more radiatory, ***it's only as the light within the little system directed by the soul's awakened and aroused that there will come the eventual shining forth of a Son of God***. Now this is the glorification and glorification that the disciples taken into the desert probably by Christ working through the body Jesus witnessed and witnessed he was glorified before them.

Of course, what we have there is two beings who had already taken that kind of glorification they had already taken the third initiation. Jesus as Joshua the high priest had already taken that degree and who knows how long ago it was, maybe Atlantean times in the fourth ray ashram that the Christ along with the Buddha took the third initiation – that kind of (and the glorification that goes with it, though always there's going to be a rising of a potency and the initiations and arising in the difficulty of taking them, because that was millions of years ago.) -- I suppose in middle Atlantean times so anyway it's only as the light within the little system directed by the soul is awakened and a that there will come the eventual shining forth of a Son of God .well maybe not so many of us are shining in the literal sense. If we go through a lot of a concentrated study and occult meditation and really apply what we have then then we will indeed shine forth.

Shine forth *–* it reminds one of the mantra connected with the third initiation. So *shine forth* is included and here I wanted to fetch the mantram:

*May the Holy Ones Whose pupils we aspire to become, show us the light we seek; give us the strong aid of Their compassion. There is a peace that passeth understanding, it abides in the hearts of those who live in the Eternal. There is a power that maketh all things new; it lives and moves in those who know the Self as one. May that peace rule over us, that power uplift us, till we stand where the One Initiator is invoked, till we see His Star shine forth, may the peace and blessing of the Holy Ones flow forth over all the worlds.*

0:21:00 It's mentioned several times, yeah, right, the end of tribulation. Okay, well, anyway there it is, and all of us must learn to *shine forth*.

Right now where are we? I did question whether light can be seen, per se. Light brings that which is always present but undetected into recognition. Revelation occurs when a light shines in the light with which we are accustomed the greater light shines and we are and there is disclosed to us that which was always present but is now revealed.

So, is light seen? Well sometimes it is, and sometimes it simply reveals that which is hidden. Light is an energy and matter is now proven to be energy at light and matter. According to the Einsteinian formula: *E-MC2*. Okay, it is proven that matter is light. is energy, is heat, and really everything that we're accustomed to in these lower worlds is a condensation of light and can be liberated into its original form. The question is how destructively will this occur? We've already witnessed through the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb the destruction that is possible with an engineered release of the light and heat of matter intended for destructive purposes. With nuclear fusion coming it's a different dynamic and we will have a liberated form of energy which will make available to us much that we have not been able to accomplish

***In these instructions, however, we are dealing primarily with the microcosm and the light within it; we shall not enlarge upon the macrocosmic analogies.***

***In considering this second rule, we must note that a conscious relation has been established between the soul and its shadow, the man on the physical plane. Both have been meditating. Students would do well to note this and to remember that one of the objectives of the daily meditation is to enable the brain and mind to vibrate in unison with the soul as it seeks "in meditation deep" to communicate with its reflection. TWM 74***

0:23:30 So, ***In these instructions, however,*** he tells us, ***we are dealing primarily with the microcosm and the light within it.*** We're not going to enlarge here upon the macro cosmic analogies, but, that has been done in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* and here and there in the teaching it has appeared. But we need both, and I suppose the story of ourselves as the microcosm and our possible advancement, so that we may be of more use, is the greater issue. It's nice to know these very large things and sometimes we can catch an analogy from the large to the small and fill in what has been missing.

***In considering this second rule,*** He goes on, ***we must note that a conscious relation has been established between the soul and its shadow, the man on the physical plane.*** The shadow is the man on the physical plane and when considering the cosmic physical plane, the shadow is the entire man with all of his vehicles found on the lower 18 subplanes. That also is a shadow. So, there's the original, which is the monad, there's the reflection which is the soul in a way, and there is the shadow, which is the Shadow Man, the personality man. Now, sometimes that personality is called the reflection of the soul, but the soul is the reflection of the monad and when we use the but we designate the soul as the reflection of the monad. We talk about the personality as the shadow and especially the dense physical demonstration of that personality as the shadow.

Now, ***Both have been meditating.*** The higher is aware of the lower and its progress, to a certain degree and it has been meditating sending forth its streams of higher energy is invoking the personality and hoping that it will respond or maybe what we say invoking the soul and information within the personality and trusting that that soul in incarnation will respond that is the disciple or the aspirant, and the lower man who is the aspirant or the disciple has been intensifying his point of tension and seeking to through invocation to evoke the response from the higher spiritual source. ***Both have been meditating*** – that seems to be important statement it's question of synchronizing those meditations sometimes isn't it. If we synchronize the meditations then we're going to have a better results.

***Students would do well to note this and to remember that one of the objectives of daily meditation is to enable the brain and mind to vibrate in unison with the soul the alignment.*** We're usually talking about is the soul-mind-brain alignment. The astral body is usually considered left out of that alignment and it is the vehicle we are told which is most often out of alignment we have a situation on our planet where the emotional body of the planetary logos is not yet regulated as it will be when he takes the second cosmic initiation. Similarly we who are but cells in this greater logos have an astral body which is difficult to tame. [ahem]

The objective here “ … ***to enable the brain and mind to vibrate in unison with the soul and everyday in a way we should make sure that this can happen as it the soul seeks “in meditation deep” to communicate with his reflection.*** Okay, so for the soul, the personality is a reflection, but when the monad is considered in the process and the soul is the reflection than the personality is the shadow.

***The correspondence to this relation, or synchronizing vibration is interesting:***

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| ***Soul*** | ***Man on the Physical Plane*** |
| ***Mind*** | ***Brain*** |
| ***Pineal Gland*** | ***Pituitary Body*** |

***The relation also between the centers, and their synchronization is interesting and in it is epitomized the evolution of the race as well as the racial unit, man.***

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| ***Head Center*** | ***Base of the Spine*** |
| ***Heart Center*** | ***Solar Plexus*** |
| ***Throat Center*** | ***Sacral Center*** |

***TWM 74***

0:27:45 ***The correspondence of this relation or synchronizing vibration is interesting.*** The soul is distinct from the man on the physical plane are separated *by our dotted line*, as we have often seen.



Here is the resonance of what in relation to man is usually called that type of consciousness we call the soul, and the mind and brain are similarly distinct, with the mind seeking to impress the brain with its content, the brain really unable to hold all that the mind holds, just as the mind is unable to hold all that the soul holds.

I suppose we continue the analogy and say that the soul is not capable of holding all that the monad holds. Interestingly, the monad has a great history. DK hints at it; sometimes we think of it as a *tabula rasa* – just a blank, and it's just pure spirit and I think, unless I'm mistaken, Blavatsky has advanced that point of view, but it's also suggested by the Tibetan, that there's an ancient history to the monad and a huge content, and when it comes to what's going on within our physical brain, the pineal gland corresponding to the soul and in this case probably to the mind is the controlling agent of the pituitary body which is concretize or is more concerned with that concretization we call the personality.

So, on the Left we have the sources and on the right we have those areas that are impressed by the sources and are more concrete.

***The relation also between the centers, and their synchronization is interesting and in it is epitomized the evolution of the race as well as the racial unit, man.***

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| ***Head Center*** | ***Base of the Spine*** |
| ***Heart Center*** | ***Solar Plexus*** |
| ***Throat Center*** | ***Sacral Center*** |

***TWM 74***

***The relation also between the centers and the synchronization is interesting and it is epitomized in the evolution of the race as well as the racial unit man.***

So, here we have starting from the third initiation, ***the head center, base of the spine*** are coming into relation. That is Uranian and Plutonian connection, and it's also a connection between purpose and will. Will being at the base of the spine and ruled by Pluto, interestingly: Aries, Pluto, Shambala, the will.

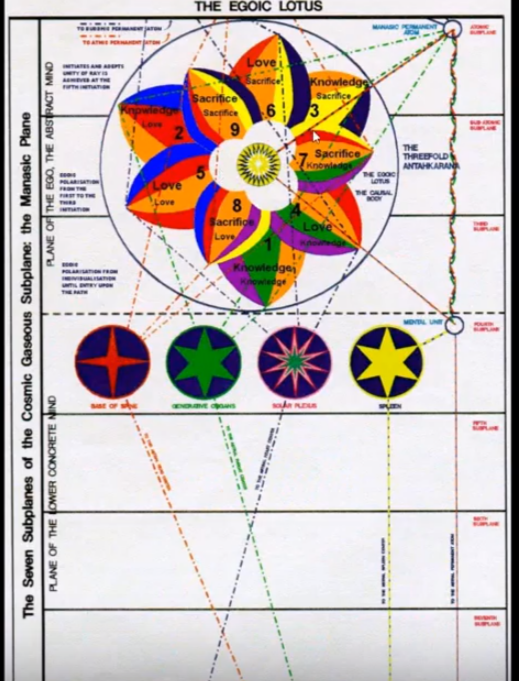
Okay, the heart center and the solar plexus at the second initiation with the sufficient solar plexus energy raised at the heart center at that initiation and the sufficient sacral energy raised at the first initiation to the throat center. There's a long time, usually but not always, between the first initiation and the second, and yet only one initiation over many years. But only one initiation. So there are no intervening and initiations over those many, many years. But when we move from the second initiation and the heart and solar plexus Center interaction to the higher interaction two initiations intervening the third and the fourth before we reach the fifth there's a completed relationship – maybe it goes on and becomes even more complete. I don't know if the sixth or seventh degree involving a mayavirupa. But we called it pretty well complete by the time we reach the fifth initiation. The base of the spine has risen to the head center, kundalini and the head center are joined and the serpent comes down to the controlling area at the ajna center.

Yet two initiations intervene even though a lesser number of years takes place. From the time Jesus was 30 until he was 33, the initiations number two, three, and four, all occurred. But from the time he was born to the 30th year, only one initiation occurred and that is the second initiation at least as we have it usually understand it at the 30th year.

0:32:00 So, that gives us kind of an analogy the DK expands upon on page 84 and 85 of *Initiation Human and Solar.*

I would say that the majority of students of occultism right now the master DK is teaching have not yet taken the second initiation, but are closing in on it. The interaction between heart and solar plexus is the one that commands their attention, though it doesn't necessarily mean that the throat and sacral center are completely resolved, not all sacral energy by any means has risen from center and still out of control for some disciples who are otherwise heading for the next initiation.

So the Uranian and Plutonian climax of all this occurs at the fifth degree and then perhaps we can say that as we advanced into the still higher initiation than the third, whatever is left over of the relationship between the sacral and throat and solar plexus in heart. In other words, whatever energy of the lower center must still rise into the next higher sacral throw solar plexus the heart will be accomplished and taken care of. It's a bit like, if we look at the egoic lotus:



Where will we find it maybe here, when we're looking at the sacrifice petals. Although there's a lot of activity of the sacrifice petals in the first initiation, and a lot of activity of the second sacrifice petal at the second initiation, it’s not until all three of them are unfolded at the third initiation that whatever unfoldment remains for the seventh and eighth petal is finally completed. I think you can see you can see the analogy there. Okay.

***In the above lies a hint for the more advanced student (and he is the one who hesitates so to regard himself). It is also symbolized for us in the relation between the Eastern and the Western hemispheres and between those great bodies of truth which we call Religion and Science. TWM 74***

***In the above lies a hint for the more advanced student (and he is the one who hesitates so to regard himself).*** DK is always trying to convey to us the desirability of cultivating both and adjusted sense of right proportion. He calls this humility.

Spiritual pride, mental pride, they are great dangers for students of occultism and maybe it is that many students of DK who's in some ways a very mentally accomplished master, a true expert, maybe the foremost expert on the rays and the astrological factors and the creative hierarchies, and maybe His students fall somewhat into this trap of mental pride; I've seen it a lot, I've experienced it myself, so He's saying those who have a better sense of proportion and a sense of what's large and small don't regard themselves as especially advanced.

0:35:30 ***It is also symbolized for us in the relation between the Eastern and Western hemispheres and between those great bodies of truth we call Religion and Science.*** I think we find both in both places but maybe the spiritual religious approach is more akin to the eastern hemisphere and science to the west.

Of course, in the East there is the science of occultism and sciences closely guarded and it's not spread so generally widely, but the in the West science is popularized and more visible and seems that the man in the street and most fairly educated Western people know about it. So science seems to flourish in the west of and the spiritual approach in the East, but that's changing – there's been a huge industrialization in the East and a lot of disturbance. I suppose of the settled occult atmosphere that the DK says is necessary in order to really successfully follow out occult development. We have this terrible pollution in India and China and places which have undergone rapid industrialization and perhaps there's a disturbance then of that necessary settled occult atmosphere condition of the ethers, which promotes occultists and, more and more, into the secondary soul and fourth ray personality of the West there is the moving of the spiritual approach, occultism religion and so forth. The new world religion, which will be a universal religion (universal as far as our planet is concerned) and involving the invocation and a vocation of energy will arise we're told in the West, and particularly in Russia with its seven three soul and six ray personality and its seventh and Aquarius soul and Leo personality the Aquarius soul in the seventh ray. Very powerful for the future whatever insufficiency is the present leaders of Russia or of the United States or any other country have there will be a destiny that goes beyond those insufficiencies and great gifts will emerge from both Russia and the United States and from the United Kingdom, the three countries which particularly, according to DK, hold the fate of humanity in their hands.

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***The life of meditation proceeds and the rapport between the soul and its triple instrument becomes steadily closer, and the resulting vibration more powerful. How many lives this will take depends upon various factors, which are too numerous to be mentioned here but which the student will find it useful to consider. Let him list the factors which he feels he needs to take into account as he seeks to decide his evolutionary standpoint. TWM 74***

0:39:30 ***The life of meditation perceives and the rapport between soul and it's triple instrument becomes steadily closer, and the resulting vibration is more powerful.*** We will want to read about the ‘technique of integration’ in *Esoteric Psychology* –   
(short forms available, ask Vicktorya)

… ***How many lives this will take depends upon various factors which are too numerous to be mentioned but here but which the students will find it useful to consider.*** Our own will purposes in sincerity will purpose sincerity counts but also karma, which may not yet be ended.

***Let him list the factors which he feels he needs to take into account as he seeks to decide his evolutionary standpoint.*** Well, I think we all begin to see our liabilities. There are many who don't, and that's where Master DK’s letters to his disciples were so useful, because just the way they didn't let me know that Ray is were reversed oftentimes this soul and personality ray was observed. We don't really know all the factors which may be inhibitory. We know something we've got to get to work on them and then through the assistance of a higher teacher, especially a Master, certain things are pointed out which will expedite our progress and bring a general and safe type of rapidity into our process.

So, we have to ***list the factors*** and we could do that couldn't every one of those heads of the Hydra and give us an example of what such a factor might be. What is it? I mean - what are we attached into, by what vice are we caught. It's interesting about the word vice meaning the tool, but also that which traps the consciousness of an aspirant of disciple. By what bias are we trapped?

And from what have we overcome in the world the flesh and the devil as we must to a sufficient degree in the desert process following the second initiation the Christ was there and he overcame great things. Now, it's not for us to overcome at the same level that He overcame, but we all have our own world flesh and devil we have well it's interesting the world correlating with the etheric physical the flesh with the astral and the devil with mind, the prideful mind, we all have those obstacles to overcome before we can be really clean and clear enough to go forward on the Sirian path of initiation. Doesn't mean we're going to necessarily take the path to Sirius, but the whole process is Sirian in that respect, the whole initiative process and the stimulation of the great white lodge so that it can offer on our planet the initiatory process.

***The result of this response is a reorientation of the lower man in order to produce a synthesis of the Three and the One so that the work of the Four may proceed. Here you have the reflection consummated in the microcosm of that with which the Solar Logos started, the "Sacred Four" of the Cosmos; man in his turn becomes a "Sacred Four"—spirit and the three of manifestation.***

***Four words should be pondered upon here:***

***1. Communication***

***2. Response***

***3. Reorientation***

***4. Union TWM 75***

0:43:20 ***The result of this response is a reorientation of the lower man in order to produce a synthesis of the Three and the One so that the work of the four may proceed***. All together. So, in this case the soul, this personality, we will also be speaking of the thoughtform to be created in the white magical process …

***Here you have the reflection consummated in the microcosm of that with which the Solar Logos started, the "Sacred Four" of the Cosmos; man in his turn becomes*** … too sacred. Well maybe the three cosmic logoi, plus the soul of levels makes the truly ***sacred four*** but actually we're talking about the personality of the solar logos, plus his own nature, makes the solar systemic, sacred four. On we can go with cosmic logoi and we can deal also beyond, because there's more than one *One About Whom Not May Be Said –* more than one of them, and on and on it goes and galaxies will get together on this basis as well. Who knows what stupendous Beings we're talking about when we get to those high levels.

***Four words should be pondered upon here:***

***1. Communication***

***2. Response***

***3. Reorientation  
4. Union***

I think you can see how they develop; the soul and personality begin to both meditate together and communicate. There will be a response from the personality of the soul an incarnation and also an evocation of further attention by the soul. There will be a reversal of the wheel and the personality will really turn around and really orient itself towards the East, which is orientation towards the soul, and finally there will be the necessary union that we call the integration and finally fusion.

***The* Old Commentary *expresses it in the following terms:***

***"When communion is established, words are forthwith used, and mantric law assumes its rightful place, provided that the One communicates the words and the three remain in silence.***

***"When response is recognized as emanating from the three, the One, in silence, listens. The roles are changed. A three-fold word issues from out the triple form. A turning round is caused. The eyes no longer look upon the world of form; they turn within, focus the light, and see, revealed, an inner world of being. With this the Manas stills itself, for eyes and mind are one.***

***"The heart no longer beats in tune with low desire, nor wastes its love upon the things that group and hide the Real. It beats with rhythm new; it pours its love upon the Real, and Maya fades away. Kama and heart are close allied; love and desire form one whole—one seen at night, the other in the light of day....***

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***"The One enunciates a word which drowns the triple sound. God speaks. A quivering and a shaking in the form responds. The new stands forth, a man remade; the form rebuilt; the house prepared. The fires unite, and great the light that shines: the three merge with the One and through the blaze a four-fold fire is seen." TWM 75-76***

0:46:15 ***The Old Commentary expresses it in the following terms.*** I always love to see the *Old Commentary* coming, and then I wonder, can I understand it? Because a very symbolic language is used.

***When communion is established words are forthwith used and mantric law assumes his rightful place provided that the one communicates the words and the three remain in silence.*** Hmm, okay, this is amazing. We know what we have to do here, we have to listen, and the words originating in the personality are of no real value in this process unless they have been inspired by the soul.

***When response is recognized as emanating from the three, the one, in silence, listens.*** So this is really communication, isn't it? So this is really communication and interplay, headed for communion comes later. That's the Union, the roles are changed. So first we are invoked and evocation comes forth, and invocation arises from us and we know we use mantrams which are given or suggested or arise under the influence of the one, and then that One listens when we use these.

***The roles are changed. A three-fold word issues from out the triple form a turning round is caused.*** This is the reorientation and repentance and also called true reversal of the wheel. … yeah this is the reversal of the wheel. This is what happens. While there have in tendencies to orient towards the higher self all along, but before there's sufficient momentum to really get that wheel turning in the opposite direction and get the energy is rising into the upper part of the body rather than sort of trapped in the lower part even though they had to pass through the higher part, it takes a while.

***The eye is no longer look upon the world of form they turn within*** – this is a true subjective introspection not just looking at the subtle bodies proving a subjective introspection. ***They focus the light and see revealed an inner world of being with this the Manas stills itself for eyes and mind are one.*** Big hint here for eyes and mind, one. We see through the mind. That's one of the ways of seeing. We can also see through the heart the Yoga Sutras are here suggested and the cessation of the modifications of the versatile psychic nature of mind, which is both mind and emotional nature.

Okay, so, the stilling occurs, a reorientation, looking inward towards the subjective aspect of our nature which is not just the subtle aspect of our nature because subtle aspect has to do with ether astral and mind and especially the astral and mind, but we have to look beyond that because the astral in mind are still objective in a way

[repeating in part]

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0:51:00 Okay, what's happening?

***The heart no longer beats in tune with low desire, nor wastes its love upon the things that group and hide the Real.*** ***It beats with rhythm new;*** and this is the law of rhythm right we were talking about that earlier and related to the law of vibration law of rhythm, related to the law of vibration …

– ***it pours its love upon the Real, and Maya fades away.*** My in the large sense maya not just as that which relates only to ether but the great Maya which includes glamour and includes illusion. As well, ***Kama and heart are close allied;*** and not just the desire bodies seeking its own elemental satisfaction. – ***love and desire form one whole*** because one desires what love indicates as lovable. ***– one seen at night*** (that's the desire and), ***the other than the light of day*** … Beautiful language, here I think we can't understand it.

***When fire and love and mind submit themselves sounding the three-fold word, there comes a response.*** Well, fire what can we call it let's call it which we call it etheric fire love as desire and mind. So desired that transmitted into love which is the goal for the astral plane transmuted into love and mind there comes a response I suppose from the higher being.

***The One enunciates a word and drowns the triple sound. God speaks.*** We might say what does God depends, God as soul speaks.

***A quivering and a shaking in the form responds. The news stands forth, a man remade; the form rebuilt; the house prepared. The fires unite, all the fires of the three.*** Well, let's just say sold a fire and fire by friction that's another way of looking at it so the fire and fire by friction. ***– and great the light that shines: the three merge with the One and through the blaze a four-fold fire is scene.*** Oh, this is wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. To me of course we we're dealing also with the thoughtform, the creator of the thoughtform the magician and his thought form and that's a lore correspondence to this marvelous discussion of what happens to the threefold man in relation to the soul.

Okay, well, I love that, and I just sent it to my wife upstairs. Oh it's, the Tibetan is so inspiring and I'll tell you what I'm gonna do and I'm gonna overlook my own remarks in this, just gonna read it, so forget what I've said and we'll just deal with the *Old Commentary* to get the idea:

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I'm gonna begin here really when I come to number 18.

So this is going to be the end of *A Treatise on White Magic* commentary, this time with video. It's number 17 and it's rule 2.1 and page … 71 to page 76. All right.

We'll have next the beginning of *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentary number 18, rule 2.2 started page 76 and going back here to 71, to 76.

I'm getting rather excited by this book; it's been a long time since I have really read it and never more closely than when having to make commentary on these things and try to stimulate our sense of connection.

Maybe that's the one thing I can do here is to stimulate connections via Mercury, so that lights can flash forth, an articulated whole can emerge hopefully this can be studied by the individual and if not then studied by the group with the individual paying close attention to the group process. We in the University of the Seven Rays, for many, many years have studied these things in group form and it's always thought was spiritually profitable I think.

All right, that's it. We’ll see you for number 18 as soon as may be practicable. See you soon.