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Well, good day, everyone. I guess it is actually daytime here, instead of the early morning or wee hours, and we were continuing now with *A Treatise on White Magic* program number 28. We are on rule 3.7 seventh program, on rule three and we're on page 119.

We've been dealing with all of the many factors that produce the temporary differences among human beings depending upon their development in time and space. We are aware that a rounding out process is also occurring as we move along, but it may not be leading to any kind of identicality between the different emanated units, as even our planetary logoi are distinct and our solar logoi and beyond, but at least it will assure that no evolving human being is devoid of the other aspects of divinity which are also important.

So, as the Tibetan summarizes, He basically says all these factors and many more produce, and He's listed a lot really produce differences among human beings and incising himself up a man must needs bring them into consideration. As we all have to evaluate where we stand and what our equipment is and where it is developed and where it may be deficient. Of course the solar angel/angel of the presence, [used interchangeably] will assist us with this by choosing some incarnational environments and contacts which will help us make up for our deficiencies. Hopefully will be doing an analysis of *Letters on Occult Meditation,* a wonderful little book which is by no means simply preliminary and it will tell us about how the guiding, superior forces, work to produce the rounding out of the individual.

***It should therefore be borne in mind that a disciple of any of the Masters will have his peculiar equipment, and his individual assets and deficiencies. He can nevertheless rest assured that, until the path of Knowledge has been added to the path of Love, he can never take the major initiations, for these are undergone on the higher levels of the mental plane. Until the path of light is united to the path of life the great transition from the fourth into the fifth kingdom cannot be taken. Certain expansions of consciousness are possible; initiations on the astral and lower mental planes can be taken; some of the vision can be seen, the sense of the Presence can be felt; the Beloved can be reached by love, and the bliss and the joy of this contact can carry with it its abiding joy, but that clear perception which comes from the experience undergone on the Mount of Illumination is a different thing to the joy experienced on the Mount of Blessing. The Heart leads in the one, the Head leads in the other. TWM 119-120***

0:02:30 ***It should therefore be borne in mind that a disciple of any of the Masters will have his peculiar equipment, and his individual assets and deficiencies.*** I mean this is clear and it certainly distinguishes each of us from every other because of our unique evolutionary experience over many lives.

***He can nevertheless rest assured that, until the path of Knowledge has been added to the path of Love, he can never take the major initiations, for these are undergone on the higher levels of the mental plane.*** Well that's an important statement and it tells us something about why we want to study with such a teacher's Master DK is replete with knowledge that he can convey to us in a very sound manner ***he can nevertheless rest assured that until the path of knowledge has been added to the path of love*** and then again after the knowledge comes universal love, we know that as well***, he can never take the major initiations, for these are undergone on the higher levels of the mental plane.*** There are some preliminary initiations that occur even before the grades of manasic initiations which begin with the birth. Sometimes the birth and baptism are called major initiations because there in the manasic series, but other times they are called simply initiations of the threshold, and the major initiations begin with the third and fourth degrees, which are indeed taken on the higher levels of the mental plane. Beyond the fifth and sixth initiations there is no causal body to deal with and perhaps these initiations are taken within the cosmic ethers.

***Until the path of light is united to the path of life the great transition from the fourth into the fifth kingdom cannot be taken.*** Now when does this transition occur? Is it at the first degree? First initiation? Let me see if I can – because the word *degree* is very important … in some ways that we are told that we enter the Hall of wisdom of the first initiation and we are actually entering the fifth kingdom, but to truly enter that kingdom I suspect one must be an initiate of the third degree … a full entry into that Kingdom really occurs at the third degree … So then you might say, well maybe a master is the true representative of the fifth kingdom of nature. But I don't think we can wait that long because by the time we reached the chohan, he is no longer a man as are the masters, and he's about to enter the kingdom of planetary lives. So I would say from the time the third degree occurs we are actually mature members of the hierarchy, not as mature as a master of course, but mature members of the kingdom of souls of the fifth kingdom.

***Certain expansions of consciousness are possible; initiations on the astral and lower mental planes can be taken; some of the vision can be seen, the sense of the Presence can be felt; the Beloved can be reached by love,*** this is mystical terminology ***and the bliss and the joy of this contact can carry with it its abiding joy, but that clear perception which comes from the experience undergone on the Mount of Illumination is a different thing to the joy experienced on the Mount of Blessing.*** This is interesting

***The Heart leads in the one, the Head leads in the other.*** Master DK is making it a case for how the knowledge must be added to love, and how interesting *the mount of illumination.* Let's look here and give a kind of a definition the mount of illumination. Is it the Mount of Transfiguration? I think that is a reasonable assumption and the mount of blessing. Well not the atmic blessings of the Beatitudes, but earlier, the mount of blessing relates more to the second degree.

***To answer categorically: The path of knowledge is that of the occultist and the sage; that of love is that of the mystic and the saint. The head or the heart approach is not dependent upon the ray, for both ways must be known; the mystic must become the occultist; the white occultist has been the saintly mystic. True knowledge is intelligent love, for it is the blending of the intellect and the devotion. Unity is sensed in the heart; its intelligent application to life has to be worked out through knowledge.***

***It is of prime value to recognize the tendency of the life purpose, and to know whether the head or the heart method is the objective of any specific life. A fine spiritual discrimination is needed here however, lest the glamour of illusion tempt to the path of inertia. Ponder these words with care, and see that the question is based on a true foundation and does not grow out of an inferiority complex, the consideration of a brother's enterprise and a consequent jealous tendency, or upon a placid complacency which negates activity.***

***As a general rule for the average aspirant to discipleship, it may be safely assumed that the past has seen much application of the heart way, and that in this incarnation the mental unfoldment is of prime importance. TWM 120-121***

0:08:50 ***To answer categorically: The path of knowledge is that of the occultist and the sage;*** to be a sage means to be wise, right? ***that of love is that of the mystic and the saint.*** Well, let's just say the love path is not necessarily inferior, because eventually universal love has to find it itself expressing even in the man of knowledge, as He tells us a little earlier in this section.

***The head or the heart approach is not dependent upon the ray, for both ways must be known;*** interesting , it is perhaps dependent upon a stage of evolution,the mystic phase comes first, but some retain that tendency. In other words, why are Master Jesus and Master Serapis bound for Sirius? So, the hidden, the heart approach, both must be known ***must become the occultist; the white occultist has been the saintly mystic.*** it is a progression but as I said the there are ray tendencies which direct the initiatives towards the higher paths and even though the paths on a necessarily ray determined, those paths of higher evolution do tend to accept those on certain rays. For instance many fifth ray monads may take the second path of magnetic work, and those who are masters of the wisdom rather than lords of compassion may be found upon the ray path. Of course all seven rays will naturally have to be found upon the ray path because what arises is the embodiment of certain rays, the man becomes for a time a ray along one of seven lines.

***True knowledge is intelligent love,*** now this tells us about Venus, the planet of intelligent love. Without the ability to unify with the object under consideration, there is no true knowledge for that loving unification advances deeper knowledge. So true knowledge is intelligent love, the union of heart and mind. Jupiter is involved in that process as well – ***for it is the blending of the intellect and the devotion.*** That's interesting. We do have an interesting case that some sixth ray souls … actually merge unto the third ray and others unto second, but that shows us the blend of devotion and intellect.

***Unity is sensed in the heart; its intelligent application to life has to be worked out through knowledge.*** Well think about the solar angels, they are a blend of love and intellect. Their generic rays are the second and the fifth, they are representatives of Sirius with its fifth ray soul, and they fall sacrificially onto the fifth flame. So we can assess ourselves: do we have that blend of love and knowledge, or do we find ourselves deficient in one of the other? If we are deficient when the solar angel/ angel of the presence is involved in assigning the raised the necessary rays for the coming incarnation that will be taken into consideration. In *Letters on Occult Meditation* there is one example of a mystical type who was insufficient in knowledge and therefore was given or assigned a fifth-ray personality. So in fact this is under supervision.

***It is of prime value to recognize the tendency of the life purpose, and to know whether the head or the heart method is the objective of any specific life.*** Realizing of course that a serious imbalance is corrected in coming incarnations.

***A fine spiritual discrimination is needed here however, lest the glamour of illusion tempt to the path of inertia.*** That's an interesting phrase, because we have two different aspects of misapprehension glamour and illusion, and he calls it the glamour of illusion, the illusion is so often questioned in misinterpretation ***lest the glamour of illusion tempt to the path of inertia.*** Lest we trust that everything will be done for us from above, a reasonable trust and faith is necessary for our integration and in the Bible it tells us that your faith has made you whole.

0:16:50 ***Ponder these words with care,*** and we have to make sure that a reasonable faith arises and not one that conduces to a supine attitude which becomes tamasic. Rajas is the stage we are in, on the way to achieving sattva. ***Ponder these words with care and see that the question is based on a true foundation and does not grow out of an inferiority complex, the consideration of a brother's enterprise and a consequent jealous tendency, or upon a placid complacency which negates activity.*** In other words, we must act and use the rajasic guna as its called, to advance our development and yet remain unselfish, even as that development is advanced. … we have a reasonable understanding of just how broad life really is and how little we know, all tendency to become depressed about our present state all tendency to look on jealously at the accomplishments of another, or to remain complacent and self-satisfied with our present stage of development through true co- measurement these things will disappear. It seems ridiculous to be prideful when one realizes that one is a tiny atom, or less, in the constitution of great lives, and that even that great life is but a infinitesimal, of what kind has yet to be determined, I call it sometimes the absolute infinitesimal is that this but an infinitesimal when compared with absolute infinity. So a sense of proportion there will prevent us from falling into the trap of pride.

***As a general rule for the average aspirant to discipleship,*** note that phrase, discipleship is not easy to attain and even the stage of chela in the light or little chela, around the first initiation, is not easy of attainment everybody assumes that they are definitely an initiative the first degree and maybe they can prove that by their adherence to the teaching and their development and their service, but it's not just to be assumed. ***As a general rule for the average aspirant to discipleship*** for which much of this is written, ***it may be safely assumed that the past has seen much application of the heart way,*** so the authority built-in ***and that in this incarnation –*** in the Aryan race at a time when our communication systems are so greatly expanded in a reasonable type of education is spreading all over the world and our technological advancements are amazing compared to the relatively recent past who knows in Atlantis, and in this incarnation —***the mental unfoldment is of prime importance.*** As long as we do not forget the heart.

It is easy for some DK students and maybe I've been one [laughing] to emphasize over much the head approach and neglect the still greater impending universal love of Aquarius and of our soul ray of our planet and of our solar system. It’s as if we deal with love, mind, and then a still greater love, and then who knows, maybe is still greater mind.

***An ancient Scripture says:***

***"Seek not, Oh twice-blessed One, to attain the spiritual essence before the mind absorbs. Not thus is wisdom sought. Only he who hath the mind in leash, and seeth the world as in a mirror can be safely trusted with the inner senses. Only he who knoweth the five senses to be illusion, and that naught remaineth save the two ahead, can be admitted into the secret of the Cruciform transposed.***

***"The path that is trodden by the Server is the path of fire that passeth through his heart and leadeth to the head. It is not on the path of pleasure, nor on the path of pain that liberation may be taken nor that wisdom cometh. It is by the transcendence of the two, by the blending of pain with pleasure, that the goal is reached, that goal that lieth ahead, like a point of light seen in the darkness of a winter's night. That point of light may call to mind the tiny candle in some attic drear, but—as the path that leadeth to that light is trodden through the blending of the pairs of opposites—that pin-point, cold and flickering, groweth with steady radiance till the warm light of some blazing lamp cometh to the mind of the wanderer by the way.***

***"Pass on, O Pilgrim, with steady perseverance. No candle is there nor earth lamp fed with oil. Ever the radiance groweth till the path ends within a blaze of glory, and the wanderer through the night becometh the child of the sun, and entereth within the portals of that radiant orb." TWM 121-122***

0:22:00 ***An ancient Scripture says:***

***"Seek not, Oh twice-blessed One, to attain the spiritual essence before the mind absorbs. Not thus is wisdom sought.*** Who is the twice-blessed One? Is it one who has achieved two initiations perhaps? Let’s see. France let's see. ***Not thus is wisdom sought.***

***Only he who hath the mind in leash, and seeth the world as in a mirror –*** with detached objectivity – ***can be safely trusted with the inner senses.*** And we might say of the higher psychism.

***Only he who knoweth the five senses to be illusion,*** well a very partial aspect of reality let us say ***and that naught remaineth save the two ahead,*** and this would be common sense and the esoteric sense ***can be admitted into the secret of the Cruciform transposed.*** This may be the reality behind the symbol of the hanged man, and points to the way that Saint Peter asked to be crucified. I suppose his captors gave him that because it would produce even more pain, they being in the sadistic role.

***"The path that is trodden by the Server is the path of fire that passeth through his heart and leadeth to the head.*** Of course remember that there is a heart on the head, always, and that the head contains in fact all chakras or higher correspondences to the lower chakras.

***It is not on the path of pleasure, nor on the path of pain that liberation may be taken nor that wisdom cometh.*** You know, in that movie *The Little Buddha* we have Gautama listening to a music teacher teach a student, and the string cannot be too taut, lest it break, or to loose less it produce no sound.

***It is by the transcendence of the two,*** we're talking about the noble middle path. ***It is about the transcendence of the two, by the blending of pain with pleasure, that the goal is reached, that goal that lieth ahead, like a point of light seen in the darkness of a winter's night.*** We have to say as usual under the fourth ray … of humanity that this blending occurs.

I'm reminded of Vivekananda emerging from the ice cave of Shiva, realizing that probably for him at the forth initiation that pain was as necessary as pleasure. ***It is by*** ***the transcendence of the two and by the blending of pain with pleasure that the gold has reached that gold with life ahead like a point seen in the darkness of a winter's night.***

Then we go on to some very beautiful description, but we have to see it in normal pairs of opposites. Perhaps as spirit we can do this. Personality gives pain, soul is pleasure of a spiritual kinds, and the spirit he is neither of those but pure being, in its essence. Anyway the goal for all of us is life.

***That point of light may call to mind the tiny candle in some attic drear,*** there's the Tibetan using his old language, dreary, depressing, you know ***but—as the path that leadeth to that light is trodden through the blending of the pairs of opposites—*** and in this case this means the vertical pairs of opposites, the blending of soul and personality – ***that pin-point, cold and flickering,*** that it seems in constant ***groweth with steady radiance till the warm light of some blazing lamp cometh to the mind of the wanderer by the way.*** The warm light suggests the warmth of solar fire, ***till the warm light of some blazing lamp cometh to the mind of the wanderer by the way*** which is what we are on our pilgrimage.

***Pass on a pilgrim with steady perseverance,*** this exhortation which we must listen to in our darker and more discouraged moments. ***"Pass on, O Pilgrim, with steady perseverance. No candle is there nor earth lamp fed with oil. Ever the radiance groweth till the path ends within a blaze of glory,*** like the Sun which is also a symbol of the monad, ***and the wanderer through the night*** subplanes slower than the atmic plane ***and the wanderer through the night becometh the child of the sun,*** why does he use that ancient language? Well He does because maybe that's really where He was trained in English, being that one of the Eastern masters at least who knows English the best. ***Pass on Oh Pilgrim with steady perseverance. No candle is there nor earth lamp fed with oil. Ever the radiance groweth till the path ends with blaze of glory.*** There is a glorification of course at the third degree but a still higher glorification when we returned to the monadic plane having completed our pilgrimage through the five lower subplanes cosmic subplanes of Brahma - the path ends within a blaze of glory in the wanderer through the night. Night is lower vibration really. So we understand that, night is signified by a lower vibration, ***to the wanderer through the night becometh the child of the Sun and*** ***entereth within the portals of that radiant orb."*** This is not only the soul which is also sunlight but the highest periodical vehicle of man, the monadic vehicle which is itself the temple of Ezekiel …

0:31:50 Well, we've completed chapter three with seven programs, this program of course being shorter there is a tendency for the last program to be shorter, as I've been trying to keep my programs to about one hour in length, as it's easiest for absorption and easiest for those kind and thoughtful souls who are transcribing this into words. Some of you may like to listen to the video and sort of watch what's going on there and others may prefer to read. Now a lot of what I've said anyway and hopefully not the stupid things are being transcribed [😊 vsk sez ] and made available to you and already on Makara <http://makara.us>

There are a growing number of verbal worded transcriptions, so you have plenty to study, plenty to meditate about and the opportunity for service always is presenting itself.

So this will be the end of *A Treatise on White Magic* number 28, 3.7, and looks like page 122 and where did we begin? It's not so far back, so 119 to 122 … and we will begin with number 29, rule 4.1, as we are beginning the fourth rule starting with page 122.

The Tibetan has vast experience, even 2,000 years ago he was a great scholar. Was it Arjasanga in the early Tibetan groups or Buddhist groups? Master KH too, maybe as Nagarjuna, Naga – the wise serpent, Arjuna the one who battles between the pairs of opposites, Arja the noble one, Sangha then the noble community of the Buddha they started earlier and maybe they entered upon the path even later than some of us.

How we use our time and our abilities is pretty much up to us and those have to come a time of awakening when we decide that there's enough waste that has occurred of energies and we have to by our experience more wisely.

So, I'll get this out to you and when Brett can, he will be writing the summaries of these various programs, so there are more that are completed than are now available, that's the general rule because it takes a while to write those summaries. We're getting near 30 programs, but I just noticed, I was reviewing this with Vicktorya [me, vsk] and what was it in the *Esoteric Astrology* book, some 291 hour-long programs. Well it's a big project and hopefully you have people with whom you can share the inquiry as you inquire the way, and seek for the answers within your deep self and within the group of soul infusing personalities with whom you work.

Much love and many blessings to you, and well who's anybody to give blessings, let's just say the soul in me blesses the soul in you or your uplift, your increased radiation, your progress, your steps forward, because all of us are really trying to step forward at the same time and we are ultimately one being in diverse emanations returning to our source where we realize our inherent and original oneness. See you soon. Bye Bye.