**Abstract**

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There are lines of thought which draw forth from the emotional body a reaction of a poisonous nature. As yet, though many desire, few think. In all systems of true occult training, the emphasis is laid on right thinking, loving desire, and pure, clean living. Just as long as he can contemplate and hold steady, so will his creation fulfill his intention and act as his agent. “Heart, throat, and eye.” There is not as yet a very large body of disciples in incarnation at this time. There should be forming a group in which an intellectual understanding of this mechanism of heart, throat, and eye, will be found. The disciple becomes aware of capacities and powers which are not as yet intelligently under his control. He simply has to wait and to bring his mind to bear upon the purifying of his vehicles and the elimination of all that he recognises as liable to distort his vision. The unfoldment of astral vision and hearing will be entirely ruled out. His aim is to include the higher.

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Hello everybody, and welcome again.

We are actually beginning number 37 in *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentaries, but right here just to reread this fifth rule, so we have it in mind what we're dealing with.

***Three things engage the solar angel before the sheath created passes downward the condition of the waters the safety of the one with us creates and steady contemplation thus of the heart the throat and I allied for triple service.***

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So, then going over here to where we were on page 163,

***2. The Safety of the One Who Thus Creates***

***It might be said here with emphasis, even if it is a recognized truism, that people are frequently slain (in the occult and therefore in the more important sense) by their own thought-forms. Thought creation, through concentration and meditation, is a potently dangerous matter. This must never be forgotten.***

***There are forms of thought, unencumbered by much desire matter, which, failing to pass downward, poison the man on mental levels. This they do in two ways:***

***1. By growing so potent on the mental plane that the man falls a victim to the thing he has created. This is the "idée fixe" of the psychiatrist; the obsession which drives to lunacy; the one-pointed line of thought which eventually terrorises its creator.***

***2. By multiplying so fast that the mental aura of the man becomes like unto a thick and dense cloud, through which the light of the soul must fail to penetrate, and through which the love of human beings, the lovely and beautiful and comforting activities of nature and of life in the three worlds equally fail to pierce. The man is smothered, is suffocated by his own thought-forms, and succumbs to the miasma which he himself has engendered. TWM 162-163***

We've talked about ***The safety of the one who thus creates*** a little bit, and the dangers.

It says here, ***There are forms of thought, unencumbered by much desire matter, which failing to pass downward poison the man on mental level.*** So, we have here the first of the dangers, is the *idee fixe’*, which is like an entity really and terrorizes its creator. Then we have the possible multiplying of thought forms so fast that the light of the soul fails to penetrate and it's kind of like a suffocation process, spiritually considered, and with health effects – ***the man is smothered, is suffocated by his own thoughtforms, and succumbs to the miasma which he himself has engendered***.

This takes us then to video commentary number 37.

***Or again, there are lines of thought which draw forth from the emotional body a reaction of a poisonous nature. A certain line of thought is followed by a human being in relation to his brethren. It breeds hatred, jealousy and envy, and works through into manifestation in such a manner that it produces those physical plane activities which cause the death of their creator. This may be literal as in the case of murder, which is in many cases the result of crystallised intent, or it may result in disease. Pure thought, right motive and loving desire are the true correctives of disease, and where the desire for these (which does animate many) is raised to constructive thinking there will be the gradual elimination of disease. As yet, though many desire, few think. Let it never be forgotten that the Great Ones do not look for those who only desire and aspire. They look for those who blend with their desire the determination to learn to use their mental bodies and become creators, and who will work constructively towards these ends.***

***Thus it will be seen why, in all systems of true occult training, the emphasis is laid on right thinking, loving desire, and pure, clean living. Only thus can the creative work be carried forward with safety, and only thus can the thought-form pass downward into objectivity, and be a constructive agent on the plane of human existence. TWM 163***

***Or again, there are lines of thought which draw forth from the emotional body a reaction of a poisonous nature.*** So this is, we’ll call it number three. And again, There are lines of thought which draw forth from the emotional body a reaction of a poisonous nature. DK has talked about these sort of psychopathologies which make the 1st and 5th ray man untouchable, the brooding second and fourth ray, sixth ray, dangerous, once he reveals that upon which he has been brooding elicits of a positive nature, and then also the third and sixth ray type tend to impose their thought on others and become extremely tiresome and overbearing.

***A certain line of thought is followed by a human being in relation to his brethren. It breeds hatred, jealousy and envy, and works through into manifestation in such a manner that it produces those physical plane activities which cause the death of their creator.*** So it's not only what we do, it is what we think. Thinking is a form of doing. …

***This may be literal as in the case of murder, which is in many cases the result of crystallised intent, or it may result in disease.*** Alright, so and of course obviously it's possible to work out in such a way that others are harmed as well as oneself. So ***the safety of the one who thus creates,*** yes this is a question of his safety but also the safety of others.

***Pure thought, right motive and loving desire are the true correctives of disease, and where the desire for these (which does animate many) is raised to constructive thinking there will be the gradual elimination of disease.***

0:05:20 ***As yet, though many desire, few think.*** Well, this is very appropriate to think about, let's repeat it. ***Pure thought, right motive and loving desire of the truth correctives of disease, and where the desire for these (which does animate many) is raised to constructive thinking there will be the gradual elimination of disease.*** …

We’ll start it here, the initiate of the of the third degree is unlikely to fall victim to the usual illnesses. There may be illnesses, but not the usual, and let's just say that this is even more true of the initiative of the fourth degree unless for special purposes such an initiate is taking upon himself the disease the strain of others and this happens.

I'm remembering a story about Ramana Maharshi. Maybe you know from the point of view of the southern Indian School he could have been considered a master. I'm recalling that his disciples offered to take his cancer away, I think he had cancer of the throat, something like that, I know that Ramakrishna did, but it was a some form of cancer and Ramana Maharshi said to them, ‘well, where do you think I got it?’ meaning of course that he had taken it on from them.

***Let it never be forgotten that the Great Ones do not look for those who only desire and aspire.*** This is so important, hmm?

***They look for those who blend with their desire the determination to learn to use their mental bodies and become creators, and who will work constructively towards these ends.*** The Masters look for practical, creative people, and not simply for those who desire and aspire. There is a veil associated with the etheric body and it is called the veil of aspiration, and it blocks true action, because we rest back and we are satisfied with aspiration alone. [Recall] the veil of impulsion, the veil of distortion, the veil of separation, and finally the veil of aspiration. All of those veils have to be destroyed, so the plan of the soul can come through the various vehicles and the etheric body in the right manner, without being disrupted or sidetracked.

0:10:20 So we have here problems when the mental creation does not descend in the proper manner clothing itself with the correct desire energy and the correct vital energy and finally make its appearance upon the physical plane, either by normal means of the active external man or in the case of the system and thought promoted by this book, by magical means. A special inner magical process which causes thoughtforms to actually appear, without the, as it were, *hands and feet* of the objective man.

***Thus it will be seen why, in all systems of true occult training, the emphasis is laid on right thinking, loving desire, and pure, clean living.*** This is associated with the etheric body and the dense physical body. So the mind, the astral body, and the etheric physical nature. The emphasis is laid on (it's the foundation really) right thinking, loving desire, right thinking in line with the plan, and that portion of the plan which it is the will of our supervising soul that we the soul of an incarnation carry out. It is really our will, loving desire, the desire which leads to harmony and unity and pure clean living which does not corrupt in any way the form which must be taken.

***Only thus can the creative work be carried forward with safety, and only thus can the thought-form pass downward into objectivity, and be a constructive agent on the plane of human existence.*** Also we find that there are many destructive agents, the methods used by the brother of the left-hand path and the methods of white magic have many similarities, but the motive is entirely different, and the alignment of the white brother, the white magician, goes much higher and not out along the line of mahat and some sort of obscure devic line, which DK hints at not but does not fully describe. In any case it strengthens materialism that particular unwholesome method. But, the white brother is aligned with the divine plan via the antahkarana and with the purposes of himself as a triad, monad, and the purposes of the planetary logos in whom he, the white brother, plays his part.

So now, the third requirement is that there be steady contemplation.

We've talked then about the safety of the one who thus creates and the condition of the waters. … we'll come back to the idea of the condition of the waters and that will be I think in rule seven and rule eight, and magic is a serious business we've been led to understand and a dangerous one for the unprepared, the unwary, the careless. We don't want to be any of those things we want to be well-prepared and rightly motivated equipped to do this work.

So, the study of steady contemplation comes next. Now going back here these are the factors the condition of the water is the safety of the one with us creates and steady contemplation these are the factors which are being presented and discussed in rule five here. Okay now,

***3. Steady Contemplation***

***You will note here that the word 'meditation' is not used. The thought is a different one. The meditation process, involving the use of thought and the mental building of the form so that it can be completed and rounded out and in line with the thought-form of the disciple's group of co-disciples, and therefore with the Plan, has been completed to the best of the man's ability. Now he must, with steadiness, contemplate that which he has created, and with equal steadiness inspire it with needed life, so that it can fulfill its function.***

***He ceases to reason, to think, to formulate, and to build in mental matter. He simply pours his life into the form and sends it forth to carry out his will. Just as long as he can contemplate and hold steady, so will his creation fulfill his intention and act as his agent.***

***Just so long as he can focus his attention on the ideal for which he created his thought-form and can link the form and the ideal together in one steady vision, just so long will it serve his purpose and express his ideal. Herein lies the secret of all successful co-operation with the Plan.***

***We will now study for a while the words "heart, throat, and eye," for they have a peculiar significance. These three form the apparatus to be employed by all disciples during the world cycle which is so rapidly coming. TWM 163-164***

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***Now he must, with steadiness, contemplate that which he has created, and with equal steadiness inspire it with needed life, so that it can fulfill its function.*** This life may well relate to the vitality of the etheric body, so contemplation is another step, it's the step beyond meditation. Concentration, meditation, contemplation, illumination, inspiration, initiation. Then I take a little further: universalization, identification. From Leo to and through Pisces. So in meditation we do a lot of thinking and reasoning as we would expect in a Mercury sign like Virgo, but Libra is different.

***He ceases to reason, to think, to formulate, and to build in mental matter.*** This part has been done and it is good and necessary and is only part of the process the process continues.

***He simply pours his life into the form and sends it forth to carry out his will. Just as long as he can contemplate and hold steady, so will his creation fulfill his intention and act as his agent.*** So much steadiness, or poise, a Libran quality, is needed. And much uninterrupted gazing upon that which has been built. There's also a gradual overcoming of the distance between himself and the form created, in one way he has to remain detached, and in another way he remains somehow substantially identified with that form, just as we when we contemplate of is we don't just think about them, we learn gradually to identify with them as them because we know that we are everywhere harmlessness.

So connected with Libra it is the condition of the life of the man who realizes himself to be everywhere. So we are having a condition of focusing and energized. The eye is very important in the process as well several of the centers are involved as we will see, *allied for triple service, the heart, the throat, the eye.*

***Just so long as he can focus his attention on the ideal for which he created his thought-form and can link the form and the ideal together in one steady vision –*** in other words *ideal* has much to do with the direction in which the thoughtform must, as it were, travel. So, if the ideal is maintained we will have the creation of an inspired thought. So if he ***can link the form and the ideal together in one steady vision, just so long will it serve his purpose and express his ideal. Herein lies the secret of all successful co-operation with the Plan.*** just so long will it serve his purpose and express his ideal.

Now the creator for time has to keep his eye upon his creation, because the eye is an integrative energy or a force and DK gave a hint, He seems to say so herein lies the secret of all cooperation with the plan we do not allow our thoughts to be separated from the idealism that created them I remember how high idealism previous it's found on the buddhic plane, the third subplane from below and the fifth from the third subplane from above, and the fifth from below. It is the highest of the siddhis of the powers about which we are educated at this point. There are others on higher and DK is withholding information about them because they are the objectives of the master of the wisdom and the highest one is an objective even of a chohan of the sixth degree.

So, we have to deal with our thought form in a particular way, we have to keep our thought form inspired by the energy of high idealism associated with the divine plan. I think we can do that, there are some moments when we may lose seem to lose our inspiration but we have the method by which we can regain it and those are meditative methods.

***We will now study for a while the words "heart, throat, and eye," for they have a peculiar significance. These three form the apparatus to be employed by all disciples during the world cycle which is so rapidly coming.*** We might say in order to make sure that the disciple can perform his or her task. Heart, associated with buddhi, throat, associated with mentality, and the eye, associated with various levels is the ajna center and can be associated with the integrating personality but also we can carry it father and relate the ajna centers to the entire spiritual triad.

So synthesis of different kinds comes through the heat and the eye. I am

0:24:15 I'm recalling in the old days Alice Bailey created a couple of lesson sets in the Arcane school, and the first one had a lot to do with that yoga or the *doctrine of the eye*. There's still some sort of possible separation and objectivity involved in that doctrine, but then follows the *doctrine of the heart* which leads to the true synthesis recognizing the identicality of life or being which animates any object so subject and object finally are experienced as one and even through the right kind of contemplation through the eye. This can happen there.

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***In all truly esoteric groups, there should be forming a group in which an intellectual understanding of this mechanism of heart, throat, and eye, will be found. It should be constituted of those who are submitting themselves to a discipline and a training which will make its use a demonstrated fact in nature to them. I would call attention to those words, and request their careful study.***

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***That there is not as yet a very large body of disciples in incarnation at this time, and that the apparatus with many who are functioning on the level of discipleship is but in embryo, is profoundly true.*** So this is a realistic look we are maybe not sufficiently equipped and insufficient number of disciples who are in sufficiently equipped for carrying out in fullness the indications here discussed. It shall be remembered however that the world cycle has only just been inaugurated and will cover a vast period of time.

This world cycle has to do with Aquarius and may refer to the lesser equinoctial … or the greater age of approximately 25,000 years also Phoebe lived under the larger influence of Aquarius. So this equinoxtial age the earlier one is about 2,000 years, some the earlier one is generalized 2500 years, and sometimes more specifically according to the kinds of numbers that are used when calculating Yugas, 2160 years. Those yuga numbers seem to have a lot to do with our solar system at least, and we cannot say they're only planetary because finally they demonstrate as the duration of our solar system, 311 trillion 40 billion years. That’s a stupendous figure that Blavatsky says is real, and one day we will know for certain about the reality of that figure right. Now it has to be maybe something of an hypothesis.

Now this is one of the interesting things that, He says of course the numbers have increased so it should me remember however that the world cycle has only just been inaugurated. I think he's speaking in generalities here. Even the arrival of the highly Aquarian Francis Bacon was, in the late 16th century, was a kind of harbinger of the Age of Aquarius, which is to begin fully in the year 2117.

For that item we are item of information we are (sigh) very grateful, you probably know the story that you know Keith Bailey and I were given some papers back in the old days by the last remaining disciple and in it was a letter in which the Tibetan was speaking to Roberto Assagioli and this letter was never published, and He does talk about the alignment of the vernal equinox with the 30th degree of Aquarius. This process is retrogressive, we are going what we would consider backwards through the signs, and the way he expressed this information revealed to us that the year 2117 was the year when we could really begin to say that we had extracted ourselves from the Piscean, sixth ray influence, and had really and truly entered the Age of Aquarius. We might say, Francis Bacon apparently died we don't know around the year 1616 or 1617 which is just 500 years before this official beginning of the age, and that's how what we're told about is a, however you measure the 500 year overlap when dealing with the smaller equinoctial processional ages. As well interestingly there is a Venus transits across the face of the Sun such as we recently have experienced in 2004 and 2012 during that year 2117.

0:24:15 ***It should be remembered however, that the world cycle has only just been inaugurated and will cover a vast period of time.*** So the world cycle and will cover a vast period of time now because He said of ***a vast period of time.*** aspirated fine this suggests that the world cycle is the Aquarian platonic, great Platonic Age of approximately 25,000 years or … let's just say 25,920 years. The Tibetan has his reasons for rounding off the duration of these cycles, and maybe some time we will know why. I suspect it's because of the overlapping periods, which in the case of these, the very large cycle, hmm, involves an overlapping period of maybe some 5,000 years between Great Platonic Years, of what he generalizes as 25,000 years. So from 500 or the lesser equinoctial ages or processional ages to 5,000 and who knows whether we get into a continuation of those overlaps in much larger figures. But I think he would be justified in saying we'll cover ***a vast period of time*** if we in fact we are dealing with a period of some 25,000 or almost in one case 26,000 years.

This was interesting to me when I read it because I figured – it's written in the early 1930s or late 20s, and it shows the small number of real disciples. I assume he means *accepted disciples*, ruled (as one of my colleagues put it) largely by Mercury and Saturn. You know, by the time you reach accepted discipleship, Mercury and Saturn are very important.

***There are only about four hundred accepted disciples in the world at this time—that is, men and women who really know they are disciples and know what their work is and are doing it.*** So that's almost 100 years ago, that this was written or maybe 90 years ago, maybe with less and I'm sure the number has grown greatly because it's been a huge wave of consciousness which has swept over humanity, a huge wave of leading to the elevation of consciousness, and so many people, and plus the Tibetans books more widely read by people than we can imagine. He tells us we'll have alerted quite a number of people to who they really are.

So, it's not just about the work that is being done I mean I guess one can be an unconscious and very useful disciple, unconscious that one is a disciple and yet having relinquished perhaps one's inner knowledge of these things, and still not according to this definition be what's called a self-knowing, accepted disciple***, there are only about 400 accepted disciples in the world at this time that is men and women who really know they are disciples and know what their work is and are doing it.*** So from this perspective they have to have occult knowledge.

***There are nevertheless many hundreds (out of the present generation of young people) who stand on the verge of acceptance, and thousands are upon the probationary path.*** Now these numbers are not great but the International process is wisely controlled by the Masters so that **sufficient numbers of disciples will have taken incarnation when certain acts of factors or certain actions for which** they would be responsible must take place/

This is all about the Divine Plan and what kind of army of my tray or how many in the army of my trail are needed to fulfill the requirements of any particular years or decades or order centuries, etc

0:38:30 All of this I suppose is controlled by the three great Lords to a degree nevertheless of those many who stand on the verge of acceptance. Perhaps some of us are those, we have to make sure that we do what is required so that true acceptance comes that is our duty and our requirement. It’s so easy to talk about these things you know somewhat in general and not realize that *the ball is in our court* and that we must be the ones who take the necessary steps to as it is said make the grade.

I think that numbers interesting, I wonder what it would be probably in the thousands and how many thousands you know because of that wave of consciousness, which was not really available in the late 1920s mmm, really swept over humanity and the number of accepted disciples remained what it was as given in this book, then the wave would not have performed its task.

[repeating, in part, TWM 163-164]

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***In all truly esoteric groups, there should be forming a group in which an intellectual understanding of this mechanism of heart, throat, and eye, will be found.*** This is what we call technical occultism, sometimes associated with the fifth ray but necessary to all eventually.

We all get time to spend on all of the rays from the personality perspective and add to that the rays of the mind, or the emotional and physical vehicles, and we do spend time on all the rays, and even the fifth ray, which some people who are more into abstract things that kind of hold up their head and say, ‘well that's not for me!’, but it is for us. It is the ray which guarantees the possibility of initiation.

***It should be constituted of those who are submitting themselves to a discipline and a training which will make its use a demonstrated fact in nature to them.*** It's not just enough to talk about the heart and throat, we have to you have to demonstrate the activity, even the conscious activity of the heart, throat and eye.

***I would call attention to those words, and request their careful study.*** So many of us are members of esoteric groups, and if we're careful in our study we will arrive at an intellectual understanding of the mechanism of heart and throat and eye, and if we persist in our service we will arrive at a practical understanding of how, by will, these different energy centers can be put into a still more productive use than they already are in our case.

So these esoteric groups ***A mechanism in the natural body comes into use in two ways: First, its use is involuntary, and there is no comprehension of how, or why, or when, the apparatus is used.*** Inner group should be constituted of those who are submitting themselves to a discipline and a training which will make its use the group's use a demonstrated fact in nature, to them or the mechanism we can say is the mechanisms use a demonstrated fact.

So and another thing to notice here that every group has a still more esoteric inner core and DK demonstrated this. He did get nine people together, but of those nine three were central to the process. If I could only find that diagram that shows the a triangle in the middle and at each apex another triangle coming off the point; basically it's as if there were four triangles and the inner triangle members participated in each one of them, in more than one triangle.

I'll see if I can find that it's somewhere here but I almost hesitate to go on one of those great searches as Tuija and I do have a webinar coming up here in just a very short time a mechanism so I would call your attention to this a demonstrated fact. This is a this is all about practical ocultism the mechanism in the natural body comes into use in two ways by natural body. Do we mean the dense physical body? Let's just say because who certainly sent any body on the lower 18 subplanes is of nature. We might say a mechanism in the natural body comes into use in two ways first its uses involuntary and there is no comprehension of our why or when the apparatus is used. In other words, we here we see, we feel, etcetera, and this this we do naturally. So we can say here we use these senses naturally and without attention to what they are or how they can be further cultivated.

***An animal employs a mechanism, analogous in many respects to that employed by man. He sees, and hears and functions organically along similar lines to the human, but lacks the mental understanding and the linking of cause and effect which are characteristic of the higher kingdom in nature.*** At least the conscious linking. I think that in animal learning there is an unconscious linking of cause and effect, at least it appears that way, though there is no vivid consciousness of this happening, and no objective awareness of this linking. It just has a practical result.

0:46:30 So here is a further description

***A similar state of affairs exists in the early stages of the path of discipleship, and the final stages of the probationary path. The disciple becomes aware of capacities and powers which are not as yet intelligently under his control. He experiences flashes of insight, and of knowledge which seem unaccountable and of no immediate value. He contacts vibrations and the phenomena of other realms but remains unaware of the process whereby he has done so, and is incompetent either to renew or recall the experience. Within his etheric body, he senses active forces. Sometimes he can localise them, and in any case he admits theoretically that there is awakening into conscious activity, a sevenfold structure, which is symbolic in form, and potent when employed. He cannot as yet control it and he is quite incapable of calling it into intelligent co-operation with his purposes and ideas, no matter how hard he tries. All that he can do is to register such phenomena and keep a record of these experiences, bearing always in mind that in the early stages of his unfoldment only the coarsest and most material of the vibrations will be registered on his brain consciousness. He simply has to wait and to bring his mind to bear upon the purifying of his vehicles and the elimination of all that he recognises as liable to distort his vision. This period may be long or short according as the aspirant is entering into the subjective consciousness for the first time or is taking up the thread of an older or partially achieved undertaking. TWM 165-166***

***A similar state of affairs exists in the early stages of the path of discipleship, and the final stages of the probationary path.*** He's telling us something interesting, the path of discipleship begins earlier than the path of probation. Interesting. And the final stages of the probationary path.

***The disciple becomes aware of capacities and powers which are not as yet intelligently under his control.*** They are present but not controlled or to be used at will.

***He experiences flashes of insight, and of knowledge which seem unaccountable and of no immediate value. He contacts vibrations and the phenomena of other realms but remains unaware of the process whereby he has done so.*** So far, and because of lack of occult training, there is no scientific approach to the utilization to the utilization of these abilities***, and is incompetent either to renew or recall the experience.***

***Within his etheric body, he senses active forces. Sometimes he can localise them, and in any case he admits theoretically that there is awakening into conscious activity, a sevenfold structure, which is symbolic in form, and potent when employed.*** This is the awakening process. We all go through this, there is almost a fresh frontier, we have a number of mechanisms within us and we have to learn really how to use these mechanisms. To recognize an occult mechanism is beginning to come to life, not the same as utilizing it consciously.

***He cannot as yet control it and he is quite incapable of calling it into intelligent co-operation with his purposes and ideas, no matter how hard he tries.*** The beginning stage. ‘Something's there. It's interesting. It's unpredictable. I don't know how it happened, or triggered it, and I cannot at will and with knowledge call into activity for my concentrated purposes.’

***All that he can do is to register such phenomena and keep a record of these experiences, bearing always in mind that in the early stages of his unfoldment only the coarsest and most material of the vibrations will be registered on his brain consciousness.*** So this discussion is all about growing in receptivity of ever more subtle vibrations.

So this is where we are, “he”:

***He simply has to wait and to bring his mind to bear upon the purifying of his vehicles and the elimination of all that he recognises as liable to distort his vision. …*** and the theoretical approach to growth is useful at this stage, the teaching advises what to do.

***This period may be long or short according as the aspirant is entering into the subjective consciousness for the first time or is taking up the thread of an older or partially achieved undertaking.*** This would be recapitulatory. I think we recognize when we can do certain things, -- I have been writing a lot of operas in my life and someone said, ‘oh, well, you really must have been involved in that kind of work before a number of people have told me.’ Because it came very quickly and the whole design of it, and I believe they're correct. I'm sure we all have those kinds of activities which are supported by some degree of a previous exposure to them some degree of success with them.

***I would like here, to make perfectly clear to all true and earnest aspirants that, in the training to be given during the next few decades, the unfoldment of astral vision and hearing will be entirely ruled out, or (if it exists) will eventually have to be overcome. The true disciple has endeavoured to centre himself on the mental plane with the object in view of transferring his consciousness higher still, into the wider and inclusive awareness of the soul.***

***His aim is to include the higher, and there is no need for him, at this stage, to regain that astral facility which was the possession, as you well know, of the little evolved races of the earth, and of many of the higher animals. Later on, when adeptship has been reached, he can function on the astral plane should he so choose, but it should be remembered, that the Master works with the soul aspect of humanity (and of all forms) and does not work with their astral bodies. This has been oft forgotten by teachers both in the East and in the West.***

***In working with souls the true technique of evolution is carried forward, for it is the soul within the forms in every kingdom in nature which is responsible for the developing work of, and within, the form. May I say therefore to students that their main objective is to become aware of the soul, to cultivate soul consciousness, and to learn to live and work as souls. Until such time as their use of their apparatus becomes voluntary they would be well advised to train their minds, study the laws governing manifestation, and learn to include all that which we now cover by the word 'higher'—a misnomer, but it must suffice. TWM 166-167***

0:53:00 ***I would like here, to make perfectly clear to all true and earnest aspirants that, in the training to be given during the next few decades,*** what does it mean by few? Let's see what are a few? ***the unfoldment of astral vision and hearing will be entirely ruled out, or (if it exists) will eventually have to be overcome.***

***S***ome people are very happy about the astral visions and astral hearing but they can be inhibitory of the higher types of developments which the Masters really want to see take place in our consciousness. Or if it exists, we'll eventually have to be overcome. Now talking about these and these auditory phenomena … are dealt with as if they are obstacles. The usual psychic doesn't think that's the case, anything inherited from the Atlantean past is considered to be useful, and could be, if the higher psychism takes over with it, but often times there is a simultaneous involvement in higher and lower, at a certain point, that's reasonable, but sometimes there is simply an engagement in the lower and it does obscure the development of higher.

***The true disciple has endeavoured to centre himself on the mental plane with the object in view of transferring his consciousness higher still, into the wider and inclusive awareness of the soul.*** But what really is soul awareness and do we recognize it when it occurs?

So we're trying to get into the higher nature of the psyche and away from those animal-related abilities, which long ago, in Atlantis, were the object of our attention still they are new to us when they refer after so many years and so we treat them as something quite wonderful marvelous, when in fact it is a recapitulation, their appearance is a recapitulation of something that had happened long ago.

***His aim is to include the higher, and there is no need for him, at this stage, to regain that astral facility which was the possession, as you well know, of the little evolved races of the earth, and of many of the higher animals.*** So this statement puts various abilities in proportion.

Master Morya says, ‘well, if you want to get people's attention compare what they do to what animals, and then the pride of human pedigree will take over and people will be more cautious.’ There are some early psychic races still on our planet and as far as contact with soul goes it's not part of their recognition or their approach although in the very, very early days, maybe early Lemurian days, were told that the human being looked with great devotion upon the inner solar angel' which was definitely sensed at the time and later that kind of sensitivity was lost.

***Later on, when adeptship has been reached, he can function on the astral plane should he so choose, but it should be remembered, that the Master works with the soul aspect of humanity (and of all forms) and does not work with their astral bodies.*** per se. Okay.

***This has been oft forgotten by teachers both in the East and in the West.*** And must now be remembered even if some humbling is part of the memory of this fact.

***In working with souls the true technique of evolution is carried forward, for it is the soul within the forms in every kingdom in nature which is responsible for the developing work of, and within, the form. May I say therefore to students that their main objective is to become aware of the soul, to cultivate soul consciousness, and to learn to live and work as souls. Until such time as their use of their apparatus becomes voluntary they would be well advised to train their minds, study the laws governing manifestation, and learn to include all that which we now cover by the word 'higher'—a misnomer, but it must suffice.***

Okay, we have our webinar coming up everybody and I just want to say that this will be the end of *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentary number 37 … we set out on page 163, I believe, and we are now at 166. …

Let's say that that's the end of our program here and we will continue when it is possible, I would say that we are roughly one-third of the way through the book, but of course a lot of discretionary time is needed to keep up this kind of work and things can get quite busy.

Thank you for participating, thinking, and once the first listening is over then comes the opportunity to really go through the video, stop it where you want to think more, and go on stop it again where you want to think more it can take a while and this can be done in study groups or on your own so all the best you and we'll talk to you soon as we move forward.

Bye-bye.