**Abstract**

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The main objective is to become aware of the soul, to cultivate soul consciousness, and to learn to live and work as souls. He enters into voluntary and intelligent control of his instrument. Only as the man becomes intuitive does he become of use in a Master’s group. A great deal of training is given to a probationer without his really recognising it consciously. It is in the mental world that the Masters are first contacted. The time has come when the Light in the head is not only present but can be somewhat used. The advisability of admitting an aspirant within the group aura. He recognizes in himself three things: Increased mental activity, Increased responsiveness to ideas, and Increased psychic sensitiveness. The aspirant has to grow in all parts of his nature, but until he can function as the soul, the lower powers must be quiescent. The infallible knowledge of the intuition, and the illumination of the principle of Light.

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Hi everybody, and welcome again to our work with *A Treatise on White Magic.* We're on the 38th video commentary were about a third of the way through the book, on page 166.

***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***

DK is reminding us that the master works with a soul aspect of humanity was sometimes forget that and of all forms and does not work with our astral bodies this is often been forgotten by teachers in both East and the West.

I would say that in his work with his group members his students who were accepted disciples on the periphery of his ashram he did make strong recommendations regarding their personality habits and functioning but then who was to know what additional work he may have done internally to help with the fulfillment of their potential.

Going on here then, 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.

***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.*** So the soul or consciousness promotes evolutionary development, or expansion and deepening. This way of the soul or consciousness within every form promotes evolutionary development. We might say even of the form. Always consciousness comes first, which is a kind of a dictum that is hard for many people because they think of all things as derivative of matter …

***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.*** It sounds so simple, doesn't it? I mean really. But obviously it's not this is a simple yet difficult requirement. ***May I say therefore to students that their main objective is to become aware of the soul.*** It's a subtle matter, but we can sometimes recognize the soul by the streams of higher inspiration which appear to us which seem to enter our energy system and consciousness we can recognize those streams as induced by the soul.

***Until such time as their use of their apparatus becomes voluntary*** and we're a long way from that aren't we in other words we would recognize that things happen but we cannot yet at will use the inner apparatus of us to say that most cannot yet at will employ the inner apparatus. So until all of this inner development slowly occurring becomes subject to the will ***they*** (students) ***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.*** Obviously there's no up or down there is the intensification was speeding up of vibration and thus greater sensitivity to energy currents of higher vibration.

Until we become really practical occultists with our faculty subject to will with our faculties subject to will we must use a train the mind study the laws study and train and learn to include everything that we now call higher and that's what we are engaged in doing. It may seem impractical simply to study, study, study, but we are preparing for a time when the secrets of practical occultism will be conferred upon us that is once we have demonstrated our trustworthiness and our readiness.

Now going further let's see, this was the first factor. So our main job to become aware of the soul cultivate soul consciousness and learn to play then work your souls, I mean it's so, so straightforward really.

0:06:40 This second factor, this book is filled with wise advice.

***Second, when the use of the subjective instrument becomes voluntary and a man knows how it should be employed, when he is using it, and can discontinue its use or resume it at will, then his whole status changes and his usefulness increases. Through the use of the mind, humanity has become aware of the purposes and employment of the physical apparatus. Now through the use of a still higher faculty, which is a characteristic of the soul, he enters into voluntary and intelligent control of his instrument and learns to understand the purposes for which it exists. This higher faculty is the intuition.***

***May I add with emphasis that only as the man becomes intuitive does he become of use in a Master's group and I commend to all aspirants that they most carefully study the meaning and significance of the intuition. When it is beginning to function, then the disciple can pass from the stage of probation to that of acceptance in a Master's group.***

***You might ask here how this can be known or ascertained by the probationer.***

***A great deal of training is given to a probationer without his really recognising it consciously. Fault tendencies are indicated to him as he seeks with sincerity to train himself for service, and the analysis of motive when truthfully undertaken, serves amazingly to lift the would-be disciple out of the astral or emotional world into that of the mind. It is in the mental world that the Masters are first contacted, and there They must be sought. TWM 167***

***Second, when the use of the subjective instrument becomes voluntary and a man knows how it should be employed, when he is using it, and can discontinue its use or resume it at will –*** sometimes, things take you over and you can't let go of them, they continue to drive you, or even, as the word has been spoken, *terrorize the one who has created the thought-form which is not properly descending.* So and it fell until he can either use it or would not use it use it or discontinuous use or resume it, it will – ***then his whole status changes and his usefulness increases.*** So he becomes a skillful voluntary server who can serve at will and not simply have to wait for the coming upon him, of this or that stream of energy or force. Then our whole status will change. Right now though I mean this this would make the truly practical esotericist. …

***Through the use of the mind, humanity has become aware of the purposes and employment of the physical apparatus.*** what humanity has become aware of that and that's taken a long time there are periods of when the inner and subtle man is not considered and knowledge of that inner man is obscured, as always the priests or the deep esotericists have maintained this knowledge, but it has not always been widespread. ***Through the use of the mind humanity has become aware of the purposes and employment of the physical apparatus.*** Such a great accumulation of material in the medical field let us say.

0:09:30 ***Now through the use of a still higher faculty, which is a characteristic of the soul, he enters into voluntary and intelligent control of his instrument and learns to understand the purposes for which it exists. This higher faculty is the intuition.*** So a future step is indicated this is the entire lower mechanism and eventually to be controlled by the intuition. This is not necessarily the same as looking to the intuition for the answer to personal problems, it is the control of the lower man for larger group and planetary purposes.

He is saying, interestingly enough, that intuition is a characteristic of the soul and certainly what we call the soul absorbs a degree of the higher and freer intuition. So this is what we want, the voluntary and intelligent control of the instrument and to learn why it exists.

Now we're talking about the entire personality the intuition the soul and the intuition ride much higher than the focus of the personality in the lower three worlds.

***May I add with emphasis that only as the man becomes intuitive does he become of use in a Master's group and I commend to all aspirants that they most carefully study the meaning and significance of the intuition.*** Now, in our work in *Glamour a World Problem,* we have been studying the intuition and it's three characteristics of illumination, understanding, and love. and thus it demonstrates it is not to be confused with psychism, which so often obscures the intuition, rather it is to be focused on large issues which negate the importance are the very circumscribed importance of the personality is the circumscribed consciousness which thinks the personality is most important the ring-pass-not widens under Neptune, under Jupiter, and group affairs national affairs planetary affairs the affairs of humanity are the focus.

So this is about the importance of the intuition, even though it is not fully released in its cosmic and physical plane potentials until the antahkarana is really built and functioning though as I say there is a degree of absorption of the intuition and what we normally call the soul on the higher mental plane, focused particularly on the third and second subplane of the higher mental plane.

***When it is beginning to function, then the disciple can pass from the stage of probation to that of acceptance in a Master's group.*** Now naturally we would tend to ask, hmm, we would tend to ask whether all the students which master DK accepted as accepted disciples had a sufficient degree of the intuition developed.

0:15:00 Sometimes when you read the letters that He wrote to them, it seems that they were struggling very much in their emotional body in their mind and in the personality nature. DINA I, we remember His book that was supposed to use to draw worthy students towards the ashram, hidden in this book is a whole method of approach to the ashram especially the first 100 and the last 100 pages, approximately.

So now we're studying the intuition from quite a practical point of view and the intuition is necessitated for acceptance into in the Masters group and he is what is called here acceptance in a masters group equivalent to accepted discipleship. …

***You might ask here how this can be known or ascertained by the probationer.*** When the intuition is sufficiently functioning, when the probationer is ready to move forward into a master's group.

***A great deal of training is given to a probationer without his really recognising it consciously.*** And we might even say that in the first number of years that Master DK was working with what was to become nine or ten seed groups. Much training was given. He did not so consciously address the groups as groups of accepted disciples, maybe occasionally He said that to an individual but later when the group of 24 emerged, the new seed group he quite consciously talked to them and about them as accepted disciples.

So as a probationer and under the masters as a *chela in the light* we might say under the supervision of a higher disciple on the inner planes there is training necessary training given and we're not quite fully conscious of it maybe not conscious at all.

***Fault tendencies are indicated to him as he seeks with sincerity to train himself for service –*** now let's just say this was always occurring in the DINA letters so fall tendencies are indicated to him and he is sincere in training himself***, and the analysis of motive when truthfully undertaken, serves amazingly to lift the would-be disciple out of the astral or emotional world into that of the mind.*** Let us remember that I as I see it I'm hauling some encounters that I've had with various disciples that I wished I could have helped more.

I see here what would have helped analysis of motive. When truthfully undertake it not trying to hide from oneself really, really wanting to see one's nature as if one were conducting a scientific experiment and truth were the more important thing and not the comfort of that object named ourselves that the mind is turned upon. So let's remember that and always try to find a way when we are doing things to detect the underlying motive.

***It is in the mental world that the Masters are first contacted,*** and what does it say here ***and there They must be sought. There they must be sought.*** Oh goodness … goodness, it is an amazing thought and runs counter to the presumptions of so many people who are sensitive to ask for currants and even to images of the master in the astral field that they mistake for the real presence. DK said the West is kind of excuse me astral thought-form of him running around offering good words of mediocre cheer I have to all of us I'm amused when I hear that because we like that pat on the back and we like to be affirmed and perhaps have good things said of us and have our efforts appreciated. So this thought form would do that and probably was built up on the basis of the wish life of many disciples.

let's see if I can kind of find that, I hope I'm right in the words … here it is

*a thoughts brother of mine are things they are creative creating and created entities and every time anyone sees the thought form of me and responds to it he increases its strength and power from its magnetic aura my disciples and followers must free themselves for it is but man's thought of me and not I myself if him sidetrack and delude you he can speak good words of mediocre cheer and encouragement but they are not my words and this I would have you bear in mind this is talking to this disciple your 6r8 personality and your first-rate astral body make you prone to this beautiful yet deceptive force flowing from an illusory form*

So this is the discussion of that thoughtform of the master on the astral plane, and caused a plenty of problems for a number of disciples and even damaged them, one or two of them and probably as early as well and DK had to work to do repair work with them. So often when the Master has a chance to say something is fairly brief and fairly direct, and he's not wasting time with that proverbial pat on the back unless he really sees the good that can emerge from it usually from commendation emerges a reaction which is not good and which is obstructive to future progress … Well I could go on a hunt but I'll leave that to my colleague Ellen Dramchini who is doing a great astrological work with the horoscopes of the various disciples, such as we have been able to acquire them, not the easiest thing in the world because there was less precision in those venues.

I guess astrology while figuring into the estimation DK had of every one of his disciples in his groups it was not the main point. So He very rarely mentions personal astrology or individual astrology in the letters that he has written.

***But the time has come when the Light in the head is not only present but can be somewhat used. The karma of the aspirant is such that it becomes possible for him, through strenuously applied effort, to handle his life in such a way that he can not only fulfill his karma and carry out his obligations, but has sufficient determination to enable him to handle the problems and obligations of discipleship also. His service to others is carried out with the right motive, and is beginning to count and make its power felt, and he is losing sight of his own interests in those of others. When this occurs certain esoteric happenings take place.***

***The Master confers with some of His senior disciples as to the advisability of admitting the aspirant within the group aura, and of blending his vibration with that of the group. Then, if decision is arrived at, for the space of two years a senior disciple acts as the intermediary betwixt the Master and the newly accepted aspirant. He works with the new disciple, stepping down (if I so might express it) the vibration of the Master so as to accustom the disciple's bodies to the higher increased rate. He impresses the disciple's mind, via his Ego, with the group plans and ideals, and he watches his reaction to life's occurrences and opportunities. He practically assumes, pro tem, the duties and position of Master.***

***All this time the aspirant remains in ignorance of what has happened and is unaware of his subjective contacts. He, however, recognizes in himself three things:***

***Increased mental activity. This at first will give him much trouble, and he will feel as if he were losing in mind control instead of gaining it, but this is only a temporary condition and gradually he will assume command. TWM 167-168***

0:24:50 ***But the time has come when the Light in the head is not only present but can be somewhat used.*** And this is, you will say, whether or not to be disciple detects this light. We do want to remember that even though if the quality of the brain cells is such that it can support and demonstrate the light in the head, there are many people and some quite intuitive and advanced for whom the light in the head is not visible, at least to them.

***The karma of the aspirant is such that it becomes possible for him, through strenuously applied effort, to handle his life in such a way that he can not only fulfill his karma and carry out his obligations, but has sufficient determination to enable him to handle the problems and obligations of discipleship also.*** So there must be a clearing of karma to a degree, so that there is time to add to the process of working off the additional demands of discipleship, ie dharma. So often the two are intertwined as we is when we follow our dharma, or the purpose and direction of our soul, we oftentimes encounter the karma that pertains to having attempted to do that in the past or the karma that is interfering with the execution of the dharma.

I'm recalling that in the new esoteric schools you can't even get in unless your karma is sufficiently clear to allow you to do and perform the requirements of these schools. One can say, ‘oh I wish I could come and join you but I have such family responsibilities and such financial duties and I am obliged in the other world to do this that and the other,’ well, then then the karmic situation was just not yet prepared and his or her life circumstances were not yet conducive to the kinds of labor's into which he would have to enter when performing within the new esoteric schools or doing any particular heavy role performing any particular heavy role in of discipleship service.

0:28:90 Certain esoteric happenings take place so right motive is so key to release one into true discipleship so that's just to put that in the examination and understanding of one's motives and the practice of right motion releases one into true discipleship.

Well some of us have been in this business for 40 or 50 years, and I guess, looking back I joined the Theosophical society in 1966 which I guess gives me 52 years now about that I've been heavily, strenuously involved in these matters. Earlier I listened carefully to my teacher who had about six planets and Pisces and Leo rising and a lot of first ray, so I learned impressively about certain things, and it seems the drop in the bucket to this period of study when I see what has to be learned, what can be learned.

I'm the kind of student that Master DK must have been, over centuries, to accumulate the knowledge and develop the wisdom which are now evident in his expression. Anyway we have to be able to do both, our karma is by no means ended, and there are many unfinished and unresolved issues and disharmonies which have to be harmonized. And yet on to the labors of discipleship we must move, and handle more than one thing at a time.

So certain esoteric happenings take place under the service carried out with right motive. I suppose most of us are so deeply involved in service right now, of one kind or another, and every once in a while an examination of the true motive behind our labors must be undertaken. As we know, DK pretty well told His students in his ashram, a group or an and by extension all of us that if we found ourselves found our way into such a group it was probably not due to the love of humanity but for desire for advancement and expansion and spiritual cultivation. And all those good things which if the soul motive of an individual could amount to spiritual selfishness.

0:31:40 ***His service to others is carried out with the right motive, and is beginning to count and make its power felt, and he is losing sight of his own interests in those of others.*** DK sometimes spoke of certain spiritual incentives, which might be attractive to the Masters rather than simply taking care of the disciples. We might think they are interested in taking care of you, well in parenthood in a way and why few of us would a few of us would ever say to our children such a thing. I'm sure that there have been moments of conflict when one's own interests hold to one and yet parental duties had to be minded.

***When this occurs certain esoteric happenings take place. The Master confers with some of His senior disciples as to the advisability of admitting the aspirant within the group aura, and of blending his vibration with that of the group.*** it is a group process of consultation and the disciple or the higher disciple who has the chela in the light under supervision will obviously have something of importance to say.

Now probably we're not aware of that, and if we be the chela in the light, pursuing our efforts, having taken probably the first initiation, and pursuing the light, and attempting to deal with glamour and to serve, we haven't been aware that we've been observed inwardly. Maybe the master is not the main observer maybe the supervising higher disciple is the main observer, but he or she (however we deal with those things( will have something to say to the master about the advisability of admitting us, given our degree of success in the kind of process in which we are engaged. A process supposedly meant to improve our discipleship and the service going with it. So there are technicalities involved here, and a higher disciple supervise a chela in the light, and also for two years a still higher disciple, probably, supervises and reports on the newly accepted disciple.

***Then, if decision is arrived at, for the space of two years a senior disciple acts as the intermediary betwixt the Master and the newly accepted aspirant.*** I wonder if any of us who may think that perhaps we are accepted disciples, and who knows perhaps we’re accepted in this life, if we ever passed through such a period with any kind of awareness, wherein we were under observation and reports were being made, I suppose about the degree of light and love we managed to manifest.

0:36:30 ***He works with the new disciple, stepping down (if I so might express it) the vibration of the Master so as to accustom the disciple's bodies to the higher increased rate.*** So this is the task of the supervising disciple, immediately after acceptance. Perhaps some have come into this incarnation already has accepted chuckles. I believe there are some references to one who had been an accepted disciple for four or five lifetimes, and other references to those who would just be entering that closer and more privileged relationship.

***He impresses the disciple's mind, via his Ego, with the group plans and ideals, and he watches his reaction to life's occurrences and opportunities. He practically assumes,* pro tem*, the duties and position of Master.*** Let's call this a report on the very responsible work of the supervising disciple for the newly accepted disciple. Of course such an one could be known to the disciple and in incarnation simultaneously or could rather be on the inner planes. I think both would be possible, depending of course on the capability of a disciple of the outer plan to have direct contact with the master and be able to make direct report.

***All this time the aspirant remains in ignorance of what has happened and is unaware of his subjective contacts.*** Well that pretty well answers the question. The general rule is the supervised aspirant, or newly-accepted disciple, is unaware of the inner process but maybe some things will be recognized, and here Master DK is talking about three recognitions which may be emerging. ***He, however, recognizes in himself three things:***  ***Increased mental activity.***  Well I'm sure many of us have passed through this.

I went through a period of my life with so much mental activity that I got dizzy, literally dizzy from all my reading, and thinking *oh well I did it*. If you want to study 10 or 12 hours a day just be careful how you handle it.

***This at first will give him much trouble, and he will feel as if he were losing in mind control instead of gaining it, but this is only a temporary condition and gradually he will assume command.*** So, he knows his form over-stimulation from the increasing contact with those who represent the ashram, till the Master’s vibration is coming down through the supervising disciple.

0:41:00 See, little chelaship, chela in the light, accepted disciple. Now these people who were in Master DK's group and persistent were known as accepted disciples, we are told they were. Maybe they were people who are not so very different from who we are.

So the possibility of becoming an accepted disciple on the periphery of the ashram certainly does exist and maybe some or if that they are accepted disciples through one of the five methods of recognizing that degree of relationship with the Master, turn to *Discipleship in the New Age,* I think the last 100 pages are so deal with the six stages of discipleship, and when we start to talk about accepted discipleship those five methods of recognizing the possibility of accepted establishment will be discussed.

Now this is number one let's call this one we'll call it one. The next one will be number two.

***Increased responsiveness to ideas and increased capacity to vision the plan of the Hierarchy. This will make him, in the early stages, fanatical to a degree. He will be continually swept off his feet with new ideals, new isms, new modes of living, new dreams for race betterment. He will take up one cult after another as they seem to make possible the coming millennium. But after [169] a time he regains his poise, and purpose assumes control of his life. He works at his own job, and carries forward his contribution to the activity of the whole, to the best of his ability.***

***Increased psychic sensitiveness. This is both an indication of growth and at the same time a test. He is apt to be taken in by the allurements of the psychic powers; he will be tempted to side-track his efforts from specialised service to the race into the exploitation of the psychic powers, and their use for self assertion. The aspirant has to grow in all parts of his nature, but until he can function as the soul, the psyche, consciously and with the use of cooperative intelligence, the lower powers must be quiescent. They can only be safely used by advanced disciples and initiates. They are weapons and instruments of service to be then used in the three worlds by those who are still tied by the Law of Rebirth to those worlds. Those who have passed through the great Liberation and have "occultly crossed the bridge" have no need to employ the powers inherent in the lower sheaths. They can use the infallible knowledge of the intuition, and the illumination of the principle of Light. TWM 168-169***

***Increased responsiveness to ideas and increased capacity to vision the plan of the Hierarchy.*** I suppose if we continue to read master DK's work, this would read thoughtfully. That is and ponder the responsiveness to ideas would come and much more about the divine plan will be known.

***This will make him, in the early stages, fanatical to a degree.*** Because he thinks that only the plan is important.

So we have to watch out for this sort of sixth ray response and when you look at some of those early mantrams, they have a lot of the sixth ray in them. The pledge:

*I play my part with stern resolve, with earnest aspiration I look above I help below I dream not nor I rest I toil I serve, I seek, I pray, I mount the cross I tread the way. I tread upon the work I do I'm out upon my slain self. I kill desire and I strive for getting all reward. I forego peace, I forfeit rest and in the stress of pain I lose myself and find myself and …*

So there's lots of sixth ray of that right and kind of her invitation to think of these spiritual endeavors as the only important things and one may overlook ones evident karma during this period because apparently more important things have come into view, but you have to fulfill that for him before you can go on to the other stages of the life of master Jesus or the initial Jesus and until we have fulfilled Bethlehem.

Moving on, we'll just leave unfinished business behind us which will have to be dealt with. At some point and will cause future delay.

***He will be continually swept off his feet with new ideals, new isms, new modes of living, new dreams for race betterment.*** Swept all off his feet; we have to learn how to stand steady in the light and if we swept off our feet it can't end well can it? We’ll either fall down or be thrown into the water. We will not be reliable because if any current comes along and we're in cooperation with someone trying to do something suddenly were not there, we are swept away.

0:46:30 ***He will take up one cult after another as they seem to make possible the coming millennium.*** We all know people like this. Of course, in the case of Annie Besant she was an initiate, and yet there was a book called the last five lives of Annie Besant. She may she have had a lot of sixth ray, probably sixth ray personality I think, and she did go from one mode of expressing discipleship to another with rather advanced weather startling rapidly until she finally wound up in theosophy, but through a lot of social activism first, so forth, including the whole work with the family and things of that nature and she was high in the game. But for others it's just from one thing to the next, and every in pursuit is at last the answer to what one has been looking for, only to find that it fades in its attractiveness and the opening seems to close the shutter closes and the follower stumbles on the dark, under the sixth law of repulse.

***But after a time he regains his poise*** Libra again, a good Libran incarnation should help***, and purpose assumes control of his life. He works at his own job, and carries forward his contribution to the activity of the whole, to the best of his ability.*** Without instability chasing after ever new and better possibilities, it's just necessary to have that widening point of view about the life of the aspirant, life of aspiration, and not that easy to have, but Master DK in his wisdom presents to us the different phases through which we might pass and then we will recognize that indeed we are passing through that, and we will start to put our aspiration, and our intent threading of the path in proportion with the wider picture of the kinds of developments that we can expect on the path from life to life from stage to stage from initiation to initiation now the next thing will be:

0:49:00 ***Increased psychic sensitiveness.*** All right, so we're seeing what's happening here as we what should we say he's not aware that he's being supervised on the inner planes but there are evidences that this is happening in the mental activity in responsiveness to the plan and it increased psychic sensitiveness.

***This is both an indication of growth and at the same time a test. He is apt to be taken in by the allurements of the psychic powers; he will be tempted to side-track his efforts from specialised service to the race into the exploitation of the psychic powers, and their use for self assertion.*** Well, people think, ‘well, that would never happen to me’, but it's so easy to slide into that condition, and one wants to be high in the opinion of others due to one's psychic powers. Of course it's oftentimes very hard to recognize the motive behind why we do what we do, and as Master DK talked about himself at one point he made a big mistake and his master warned him about caring a bit too much for himself but in fact master DK says, I only care for you, I'm devoted to you, and later as he tells us he learned the hard way falling to earth of his own weight and learning that his real dedication was to himself and not for the master, as much as he thought of course master DK has demonstrated from everything I can see a powerful sixth ray and he has been extremely devoted to Master KH and full of zeal.

***The aspirant has to grow in all parts of his nature, but until he can function as the soul,*** the true cyclist of the true psyche not just that which produces the subtle vehicles producing psychism because it's we say psychic and we tend to forget that the soul is the true psyche and we think that the lower psychic powers belong to the sudden subtle vehicles pertained to the psyche but not really in the deeper sense.

Until he can function as the soul ***the psyche, consciously and with the use of cooperative intelligence,*** you might almost say this is a Venus factor ***the lower powers must be quiescent. They can only be safely used by advanced disciples and initiates.*** The lower powers must be quiescent, and where they are not we can have real trouble and delusion and sidetracking; where they are retained without true mental focus, we can have illusion, delusion, really and side tracking happens all the time and everybody says, ‘oh, that's for other people, it won't happen to me.’ But if it's happened to others, it has, it can happen to you, often time quote the statement *what man has done man you can do*, but it's also true that *what has befallen man can befall you* and us. So we must be humble in these matters and be careful when we are warned they can only be safely used by advanced disciples and initiative this is basically close to or after the third degree.

0:53:30 ***They are weapons and instruments of service*** They have to be careful that we do not inflict upon others the weapon nature of these powers I'm thinking about that beam of light, that's in the meditation on the dispelling of glamor whether individual or group glamours, it is sort of like the lighted horn the unicorn, it a weapon of destruction and glamour and it's also a method of detecting the presence of the glamour.

So it can make important changes on the astral plane, but if it is a weapon that every time we read about the unicorn we realize that when it fights the king of beasts who is the unregenerate personality it uses its long horn as a weapon, but of course through that horn can also come advanced forms of revelation.

So anyway, when we are tied by the world ***to be then used in the three worlds by those who are still tied by the Law of Rebirth to those worlds.*** We can use these lower powers, guided by the higher psychic powers; the lower psychic powers should be guided by the higher psychic powers. But not until we've reached a certain stage of advancement is it really possible to cultivate the higher psychic powers. Therein on that list you’ve seen the list of this Keith Bailey made this compendium, bringing a lot of information together for the benefit of many, and when we're dealing with spiritual discernment, vibration, telepathy, those are all higher psychic powers comprehension of the four sounds, healing, divine vision, intuition, idealism, higher psychic powers, and on, into still greater siddhis and powers that are used by the masters themselves focused on the ethnic plain the attitude active service realization perfection and finally all knowledge. We do remember that the great master are in his information as Sir Francis Bacon replied to his uncle we did not quite approve of his pursuits he said modestly ‘I take all knowledge as my province.’ So that's the very highest of the powers that have been offered to us as existing there are others of course.

***Those who have passed through the great Liberation and have "occultly crossed the bridge" have no need to employ the powers inherent in the lower sheaths.*** What is that bridge? Is it into the ulna or still farther beyond the cosmic physical plane? Well the masters occasionally use these and they have crossed the bridge that we call thee and antahkarana, so I don't think it's the antahkarana because the higher initiates and masters can use those psychic powers, but farther and farther when one is a liberated monad, no use to use things that seem very vestigial, really.

*They can use the infallible knowledge of the intuition and the principle of illumination, of the principle of light.*

So these are tribal powers they have crossed the antahkaranic bridge, and as members of the hierarchy they are developing these powers fully they are masters of lower eighteen subplanes and are being schooled in the work of the cosmic ethers.

Well this is going to be a new subject, so and here we're going to end *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentary 5.3 and page 169 … All right and we'll begin *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentary 5.4, page 169 and onward. … [reordered] … So this is the end of video commentary number 38 and beginning video number 39 and commentary 5.4.

What day is this? Occasionally, I do put in the day; this is the 8th of February 2018. I never know quite when I'm going to be able to begin. It could be within a minute, or two or days can pass with other responsibilities.

We're just getting started we are exploring this book. What I'm trying to do is sort of to send out filaments, send out tendrils and send out lines of light at the connection to many things in the teachings so that everything we read is read in a fuller context obviously it helps to have read all of this once already and then the connections can be more meaningful.

Thank you everybody for attending and remember that this little offering is just the beginning of really deep penetration into the teaching, but at least it should help get us going. Obviously you have to be highly motivated to read these things on your own and persist in the reading and in the study and the meditation about them, but hopefully the interconnectedness of things will be aided by the kind of work I'm attempting to do here.

So all the best you, and we'll see you before long with number 39.