## EGOIC LOTUS WEBINARS, VIDEO COMMENTARY – 67, Michael Robbins

Egoic Lotus Webinar Commentaries 67: Practical Advice for Petal 5. This webinar is about 1 hour, 31 minutes long.

Program 67 offers practical advice for using energies and forces to accomplish the tasks related to the unfoldment of Petal 5—the petal in which the Path of Aspiration begins. All students have a Ray Formula and an Astrological Chart. The purpose of this final section of the Egoic Lotus Webinar Book is to offer seed thoughts on how this formula and that chart can be used to best advantage in building the egoic lotus.

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**Transcript.**

Hello Friends.

This is program number 67 in our egoic lotus webinar commentaries book. We are kind of winding up our work at this point. We're going to look at practical approaches in the use of energy, to accomplish consciously what one can in relation to the tasks which relates to the development of a petal. Now, this kind of conscious work, it’s only going to be undertaken by someone really, I suppose, who knows something about occultism. So maybe very many qualified people will not undertake it because they do not know the language of spiritual occultism.

Nevertheless, we cannot begin with the earliest petals because those indicate periods in the development of the human being that are relatively primitive. We cannot undertake the kind of development that would be followed in the lunar petals. It's mostly pretty well unconscious anyway, and it's not even under the supervision of the solar angel, but of the second logos basically, and other higher factors that a human being cannot be aware of at that time. So there is nothing in petal one through four, and it's not even about the first part of petal five or the tasks related to the first part of five, that I will concentrate upon.

Rather, we begin with that part of petal five that relates to the stage of aspiration. The man has been a creative thinker in petal five, maybe quite selfish and quite centered upon himself, but at a certain point, all of those types of pursuits fail and he realizes the limitation of egoism and egotism. Egotism is based upon egoism, egoism, use the focus upon the lower self as if it were real and to be preserved and enhanced at any cost and egotism. Here's the further development of that philosophical attitude where one begins to love excessively the lower self and to advance it at all costs.

We will begin with work related to petal five and we're going through five, six, seven, eight, and nine.

I've already done enough work in petals 10, 11, and 12 to give you the main idea. Since none of us are at the fourth degree, I am moving rapidly through that phase following the third initiation towards the fourth degree, it's not so immediately relevant.

It is from the latter part of petal five where one is organizing and vitalizing, coordinating, vitalizing, the petal five, through the acts that one accomplishes in the world and the thoughts one thinks and the quality of one’s interactions, we will begin there. I have extracted – there are those two places, one in the early 500’s … of 542 or 543, 544 in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, also around 820 to 823 and 24 of *Cosmic Fire,* I haven’t listed all of the exact sources here. But you know where they are because we've referred to them so many times.

0:04:25 We will begin with the Leo Petal, which is also a Scorpio petal. Scorpio, I think carries the main meaning of this petal. It also has a quality of Sagittarius to it. But let's just say Leo and Scorpio. This is the petal of love for the astral plane. Unfoldment is brought about through the process of gradually transmuting the love of the subjective nature or of the self within, because when that love is ignorantly directed into the outer world and in an extroverted manner, one is still well within the realms of glamor and illusion. This has a dual effect and works out through onto the physical plane in many lives of turmoil of endeavor and failure, as man tries to strives to turn his attention to the love of the real well, one thing about the *wretched aspirant* – always trying, always failing and trying again and maybe eventually succeeding just a bit more.

The way it's described elsewhere, higher intelligent love on the physical and astral plans. And presumably that's when there is some success. The earlier description here pretty well describes process and this is finally achieved. The love of the higher self on the third and second levels of higher mental plane is working through as love expressed. And it is intelligent soul love, to a degree on the physical and astral planes.

Remember that when the fifth petal is completely unfolded, then we have the first initiation taking place. At least that's certainly how in the main references that I've gathered, it seems to be the case. In this case, we'll say he's – now suppose we have a very strong ray one (I'm not going to talk about whether it's soul or personality ray, but let's just say a very strong ray one), and any of the other rays, or very strong astrological representations: the sun sign, the rising sign or maybe sometimes the moon sign or stellium and planets prominent, maybe as the ruler of the sun, ruler of the ascendant, whether ordinary or esoteric ruler, what can you do with these energies?

0:08:00 The idea is that we can consciously use energies at will. This is the idea. … we can consciously use energies at will. …

These are just meant to be some seed thoughts. if we are prominently with ray one, we're turning into the aspirant, we are fighting the good fight with strong will. … [reordering table] So we consciously place our will on the side of the higher self, on the side of that higher of the pairs of opposites towards which we are striving. We *will* towards the real, and we cut ourselves off from that which increasingly we realize as unreal.

Think about Leo, it’s got a lot of ray one; think about Scorpio, it's the sign of Hercules, got a lot of ray one. So, ray one is at home here in this petal, or needed, or can be usefully expressed in this fifth petal, and the struggle is there. And we put up a good fight for the real, let's put it like that, we put up a good fight for the real.

I'm only giving just a few seed thoughts. If you have ray one, and you want to become an aspirant, you are an aspirant, you need steadiness, a steady pursuit of the real and not just an intermittent occasional emphasis on the higher of the pairs of opposites. We seek to do, we use our personality will to come more steadily in touch, to come more steadily in touch with the higher of the pairs of opposites. That's our soul nature.

When ray two is strongly emphasized here, we become ever more conscious of the solar angel, which at this point becomes the downward-gazing soul and takes the evolution of the man consciously in hand, which has not been the case before. Now this is a strongly solar angelic petal and ray two has this ability, to tune in with the nature of the soul, because the soul represents the second aspect of divinity. Receptivity to wisdom is increasing, and one begins to be familiar with higher impulses and streams of energy and steadily because there's a lot of steady persistence and ray two moves forward towards cultivating that receptivity.

These are a little bit off the top of my head here, but I'm thinking the ray two aspirant, obviously an aspirant, has lots of ray six, because aspiration is coming under ray six. At the same time, this is a petal in which consciousness is changing and ray two is strongly connected with consciousness. I don't know whether we can have a ray two personality at this time, are we really on the path? Maybe we're starting to be on the path and therefore I think maybe we can have a ray two personality.

We also have to remember here that Leo is that one of the fire signs that is most connected with consciousness, and the second ray has ray one and ray five passing through it. However, when you compare it to the fire signs, it has most to do with enlarging the light of the soul. This is just striving forward, to be ever-more sensitive to those impulses coming from the higher pairs of opposites. The sensitivity of ray two is cultivated and one becomes ever more sensitive to those streams of energy from the higher of the pairs of opposites.

Okay? It's Leo and Scorpio. The second ray really wants to remove itself increasingly from preoccupation with the unreal. There's a tendency to abstract and to withdraw from the unreal and to identify evermore closely with this source, whatever it is. Maybe later it will be come to be identified as the soul, which is magnetically drawing the ray two type forward into the higher worlds and become increasingly disinterested. So, what do you do? Well, you really meditate focusing consciousness on this higher source. Of course, I could say meditation continues on onward is a way to, attitudes all the way through into the higher world because of progress he's made by the ray two type through meditation. And study, we study at this point, the higher of the pairs of opposites and we see to absorb it into our daily life and function ever more that way. It will be inconsistent, yes, it will be inconsistent at first because we are after all on the aspirants and were really relatively new to this as we're cultivating the fifth petal. We're shining our light intermittently in service. Sometimes that light has given us a personality preference, it has given us some degree of notoriety or noticement from others, and we build up a reputation, and all that. But that's not what we're interested in here, we're interested in a degree of sharing what we are according to the will of the soul. We don't succeed here, but we're interested in that.

We have to remember with ray three that the soul is on the higher mental plane, and ray three correlating with the abstract mind has a strong relationship to this higher type of intelligence. For the ray three types communication is important. This is a way of communication and DK says that we render vocal under the third ray our higher thoughts and ideas. We have new inspiration. (I'm not going to write down everything you see. If I try to write down everything, not only will the ideas not flow for me, but it will take a whole lot longer.) We have new inspiration from the soul and we attempt to communicate it and give voice to it and speak about the reason why we should pursue a higher ideal, which is no longer selfish center with—well, all rays can contribute to selfishness. But when it comes to the third ray, one has to be particularly careful because it is related to the personality particularly. So, we're rising in mind above the personality, let's put it like that.

(Sun is shining quite strong through the window here. So, I know I'm looking extremely glaring white here.)

0:19:00 We rise above the personality in our higher mind and begin cultivating the higher perspective. A very inconsistently of course. The life of an aspirant who has been struggling tremendously is not a steadily mentally held approach to the higher sources. Not yet. This is a ray of struggle, many lives of struggle and turmoil and friction of course, as the new soul impulses grate against the ahamkara, the personality tendencies, the isolation of personality.

Scorpio, think about it, as a major ray four sign is major astrological influence in this petal. We're trying to see what is the real and were really torn between these things. What do you do, when you have this strong fourth ray? Well, you fight the good fight, and so you must fight the good fight for the sake of the real, and seek at least to harmonize the new soul tendencies with the older personality attractions, so that at least the personality does not win, and the soul becomes ever stronger. Also, to conceive of and remind oneself of the beauty of the new impulses from the life of the soul. The condition is very uncertain for a long time, but eventually we learn how to preserve the best values of the personality while bringing in ever more strongly the new values of the soul and we try to harmonize these. There's this whole idea of dispelling of illusion rather than – it’s not really that active yet at this point – but ray four, the ray of the intuition will be useful there.

Ray five? It's a strong or Leo ray and that is very strong here. The Leo energy is strong. We return the mind away from strictly concrete things and we do study and observe the higher source that is now attracting – you think about the solar angel here, well actually, even solar angel was involved with ray four and the law of magnetic control, and the solar angel is a ray five, ray two, being. So, we really should work upon intensifying the light of the soul (that’s the law of his soul) in our consciousness.

We realize that the source of these higher impulses which make us an expert source of the higher impulses can be observed, studied, its laws known. It's not just a mystical approach of course mysticism can enter here and it all depends on the energies with which you are equipped. Mysticism can enter and it can be prominent even in the next several petals. So much depends just on the particular energies with which you are endowed. in doubt now. …

Ray Six. Well this is clear. Do aspire, this is what we're becoming here. Do aspire. Do turn your attention towards higher ideals, the higher ideals embodied by the higher of the pairs of opposites which are becoming very much aware. Some may call it God, some may call it a higher power, some few trained than the occultism, we'll call it the soul. Often people talk also about a higher self. So, let's just say the advice here is to give yourself to the higher impulse and to desire that and not the customary desires. We are known by our desires and ray six is connected with the emotional plane, the astral plane from which our desires come. We should become more one-pointedly focused. Sagittarius will help become more pointedly focused on the stream of energy coming from the soul.

Now, of course, all of us are a combination of rays and so forth, but this is giving just some directives. We do study and I want to just add with ray five, really focus on the higher source, and bring it's light down, however intermittent this may be for us, and naturally we continue doing that, right? Ray five is the ray of initiation. It clarifies the presence of the solar angel in nature and bring its light through as a beam, as much as possible.

0:27:50 All right, now when it comes to ray seven, our concentration is upon make the soul impulses manifest. It’s not just enough to think about them, but to do things in the world which are a direct result of receiving the streams of energy coming from the downward gazing soul. Let's just say, if we begin to understand what is the real, we begin to understand what is the real, then take pains to manifest that real, that reality. This is the call for practical action. Practical action is needed, so that one can really begin to live the new life towards which the reversal of the wheel is tending because we are in a sense reversing the wheel here for the first time. There are other reversals that are more final, perhaps, but this is a strong going against the grain.

Different things occur to me with ray one, I want to say really stay the will to keep moving counter-clockwise against the natural clockwise direction of the wheel. The will to remain on the wheel of consciousness rather than fall back into the wheel of form. You can add to this, but you get the idea here? It just depends on where you find yourself to be, as realistically as possible, and the rays that you are particularly endowed with in your ray chart, in your ray formula. Basically, this is that unsteady stage of aspiration with a lot of wretchedness going along with it, the wretchedness comes from the conflict, which has to be harmonized with ever greater vision through the first ray and the will to apply and all the rays are very useful. It's just what are you going to use and how are you going to use it? And will you design a program for yourself, whereby you say, I am consciously doing this, and you work this program through in your life. That is the question. Okay.

Let's look at the astrological signs and remind ourselves of what this petal is all about. Many lives of turmoil, of endeavor and of failure. Learning the uses of failure, I suppose as a man strives to turn his attention to the love of the real as opposed to the love of the ordinary, the unreal, the glamorous, the illusory and so forth. Trying to get clear so that we are no longer attracted to the very things which before, the noble truths, that us will cause great pain in the long run. Okay.

Love is being transmuted into higher type of love and it's an intelligent love. And I would just say with Aries, let's just say plunge in and fight the good fight. Do not hesitate to fight for the dominance of the higher of the pairs of opposites initiate, initiate a new orientation. And in fact, the crisis of orientation is related to Aries and a lot to this particular petal. Let's just say work on dissolving the jungle of illusion in flames. *I come forth and from a plane of mind I rule*.

So, begin to use the Mercury here, and just in general throw yourself into the new way, new direction, new set of values, and use the Arietian will to emphasize them. It may be a little bit irregular or not so smooth, it may be a little tumultuous, turmoil, but you are beginning something new, and believing, having faith that you can do this new start, this new regime of responding more to the higher pairs of opposites than to the lower ones and basically turn your face from one to the other, reorient or redirect them, throw lots of energy into bringing through and down and through the impulses that you touch, or that touch you, from this higher power.

0:35:10 If you have a strong Taurus in your chart, it's all about the light. Let's see. Focus on the light of a higher source, the light of the soul. Basically, we would call it the light of the soul. Increase the light in your life by drawing down this higher light and more will be illumined in your life as you do this. You're not at this point, we're not ever going to be a really illumined being, but the highest form is spiritually idealism – let’s see if I can find that, Taurus … aspirational idealism in its highest possible expression is also achieved in Taurus. Aspirational idealism. So, this is the aspirant who is emerging from this struggle. So, cultivating aspirational idealism with confidence and value, the higher light rather than the lower attractions to which Taurus of course can give way.

When it comes to Gemini there are two selves, so really realize there are two selves and set up a constructive dialogue between the two selves, and bring a communication between the two into the consciousness. *I recognize my other self and in the waning of itself, I grow and glow.* Well, the first thing is to really, really listen to the voice of the soul. Yes, really listened to the voice of the soul, and communicate it to others after being sure you hear it.

With Gemini, there's so much instability at first, but now this more stable rapport and dialogue between the two can at least be attempted. Of course, there is instability in these earlier phases of aspiration. The person is only now becoming the aspirant. But there is the knowledge that this higher source does exist. It does speak. One can communicate with it and one can receive communication and we enter into oscillatory rapport with the higher self. There's so much more there, of course, it's about hearing the voice of the Christ consciousness and instead of wasting so much time in the ordinary type of chatter, it is really a communing with a reliable source.

Now, nothing is reliable in the life of the aspirant. It's all unstable. And then from you at a higher point of view instability does its work because there's much instability in the life of the aspirant, they are approaching and receiving points of light instead of the steadily approaching point of light with more fifth ray that can be done. So, if you have a lot of Gemini then instead of talking so much and communicating so much on the horizontal level and just in the world of lower mind, let's touch the higher mind and begin communicating with that level and really listening carefully and modify one speech accordingly.

I'm only saying a little bit here. Obviously, a lot of meditation could go on any one of these areas. Well, let's just say an aspirant you cannot yet fully build the light at house of the soul, but you can build the lighted house of the personality by following the careful, nurturing directives of the soul. So, bring into your personality house more and more light of the soul. *I build a lighted house and therein dwell*, and work towards the integration of these two energy systems because that's what integration really is. The soul is approaching in the consciousness and it's quite different than his tendencies from the integrated personalities. So, we're working on a higher type of integration with this higher type of integration, the personality will naturally become lighter.

Of course, gradually the causal body itself will become more magnificent. But we're only sort of halfway through the unfoldment of the egoic lotus here. We're still in the phase where there's much struggle to transmute to the love of the real. Leo relates to solar angels, and the light of the soul relates to the light of the soul, that is the type of light which it confers, and also to the heart of the heart of the sun that becomes more focally active here, though not as active as in petal eight, where the second initiation is taken. I would just say this, learn to shine with so light and recognize our different qualities, of the love of his soul, different from the kinds of love, in which the personality has engaged.

In a way, we're really seeing the higher of the pairs of opposites shine with a great light. So, recognize, recognize soul as the sole luminary in the microcosmic sky. I can't do that entirely yet, but recognize it as a blazing sun, giving both light and love and be determined, even though it's intermittent, be determined to express soul light and soul, and have confidence in the higher of the pairs of opposites. There is a great light shining, this higher power, this higher self, is blazing in the microcosmic heaven, and we aspire to be in closer relationship to it and not just to live as a personality, a lunar being. We've already passed that stage where the lower self has fallen. We are interested in establishing a new sense of self. Okay, begin to establish a new sense of self. There's a big change that goes on there as we strive to transmute the love of the soul into a higher type of love and changing from an extroverted soul to an introverted soul, at least a soul that takes into consideration the inner realities. And the love of Leo, in the sense represents the real, the higher quality of self.

0:46:20 Now, Virgo, it's all about the birth of the Christ. So, recognize that it is the Christ force, which is seeking entry, and spare no pains to make way for it. Turned matter to soul and take pains (I would say that about Virgo ‘take pains’) to cultivate a presence of soul. *I'm God, mother and child am*. We recognize, recognize that there are three parts to our nature, especially to have those parts. The child is coming to birth. Realize that through you are bringing a new self to birth in your personality to indeed you are the mother of the type of consciousness that is arising within your personality and let no little things which could help this birthing remain under the surface of the immediately present.

With Libra it's pretty clear it away. And I would just say they make a choice for the higher self and give it the value it deserves in comparison with the familiar lower self. There's going to be a marriage in the heavens, it's not occurring yet, but through Libra and Aries there is a reversal. So, reverse the wheel consciously, and give higher value to the higher of the pairs of opposites. *Let choice be made* or *I choose the way which leads between the two great lines of force*. Whether it's like choosing the soul. It is the way that leads between one. We're looking at it, the two great lines of force between spirit and matter. This is the crisis of choice. Let's just say like ray four in a way, consciously balance competing demands, personality and soul, so that personality expresses soul qualities.

This is a Scorpio petal and again, we could say, as we said with Aries, fight the good fight and dispel, how is it said, *Let* *Maya flourish and deception rule*. That's what we say of Scorpio in the initial early days. We have not yet reached the point of initiation, but there must be a mini triumph here as the wheel is reversed. Scorpio likely is previous to the reversal of the wheel actually with Aries what's kind of interesting, all of them when you think about going in another direction, you always think of Uranus because it is the alternative way to go. And the hierarchical ruler and Aries is Uranus. The esoteric ruler in Libra is Uranus. The exalted planet in Scorpio is Uranus.

This is really to engage in this struggle for the real, very much to engage in the struggle for the real so that you can say, *lead me from darkness to light. Lead me from the unreal to the real,* particularly here, give weight to this mantram: *lead me from the unreal to the real.* Scorpio will be involved in all of this and spread from the time of the first initiation onto the third. And even in another sense at the fourth, I would I think where the death process comes and one is no longer a human being per se, but begins to be a full member of the kingdom of the soul.

If you're a Scorpio person, it's tremendously important to win on behalf of the solar angel and all it is trying to do … Go for victory of the higher source which is pulling you forward or towards it. Scorpio is always a life and death struggle. But this is about the life, the life of consciousness or the death of consciousness and that will give some of that tenacity one needs. When one is simply an aspirant with Libra, we could say *keep things in proportion*. We don't want the fanaticism there, keep things in proportion. Avoid fanaticism. We can find the fanaticism sometimes in Scorpio where you throw your entire self into the battle, but if the wheel is reversed there will be a victory here. And so, you have to fight for the dominance of the higher self, a fight to the death or the dominance of higher self.

There's so much inconsistency in the stage of aspiration. Maybe it will be possible when we add the tenacity of Scorpio. Sagittarius is another one of these signs which shows up at this petal, especially when we, how do we do it? Beginning with Pisces and go backwards, I think. Is that how it goes? So, the first petal is Pisces, second Aquarius, third Capricorn, fourth Sagittarius. Okay, let's see how we go again, with Aries and go backwards, Aries, Pisces, Aquarius. So that brings us to the third petal, Aquarius, Capricorn and Sagittarius. That's the fifth petal. So, Sagittarius comes in there when we started with Aries and move clockwise.

Let's just say, what do we want to say here is, see the new vision and follow it. There is a higher ideal here, a higher type of vision. There is a new road, see it clearly and do not relent in your following of the new, the higher source, which has been envisioned. Gemini is little bit intermittent. And one has to be careful there about the alternation of the pairs of opposites, but not Sagittarius. Sagittarius, once he sets his sights on the higher ideal will follow that ideal through to the end. So, if you're a Sagittarius person, then you find yourself here you really are taking a new path, the path of aspiration. You're elevating yourself, Sagittarius, let's just say, stimulate your aspiration using Sagittarius, and strive fierily for the higher ideal. It is a sixth ray sign of course. And so, the quality of the aspirant will be strongly stimulated here.

0:57:30 If you're a Capricorn, the higher source is the better source you are climbing, but not for yourself in any selfish sense. Of course, we do have to avoid spiritual ambition and spiritual selfishness along the way, but I'm sure-footedly seek to anchor your life in relation to higher self, which now you sense. We don't really hear follow the idea of *let ambition rule and the door stand wide*. It's not so much that, but let the higher source, the higher self is real and you know it. So, do everything practical to be again in real touch with it and to manifest its directives and steady your approach.

Because Capricorn is one of those nitty gritty signs that is connected with finishing something, not just beginning again and letting off, but sure footedly pursuing the objective, until one reaches it, which is equivalent to reaching the summit of the mountain. So, stabilize your aspiration is really what it boils down to, and rise into greater life. We can't yet say at this point, *lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back*, as that is the third, really a third initiation mantram, the encountering of the supernal light. But the sensing of the higher light is definitely here and being realistic about reaching it, realistic about contacting and following this higher source. So, you are realistically contacting and following the higher source. Alright, we have a couple of more signs.

With Aquarius you are aspiring for the welfare of all, not just yourself. Part of fulfilling the indications of your aspiration for all these other aspirations, is the realization of the importance of service. So, to indicate successful aspiration, then serve. Group consciousness? We're not there yet, there is still selfishness, of course, but let's just say, the importance of the group, let it come into your mind, and seek its welfare and also seek the new because the *life more abundant* is indicated by Aquarius and aspiration is the first step along the way towards the realization of that life more abundant. We're a way from that; it’s really a Shamballic factor, but it is related to Aquarius, and just envision the wider, fuller life of the soul. And that should be very stimulating.

When it comes to Pisces, I just want to say sacrifice all. Relinquish all that had held your attention, dissolve your attraction to the unreal. Now, this is going to continue as a demand because Pisces is ruling all pralayas, and of course you have to also be careful to avoid glamors about the new direction to which aspiration leads, because sometimes we say, oh, this is going to be a marvelous new world and we're heading into it and we begin to inflate and distort and exaggerate and all that. Let's just say, also be humble and patient in your approach to higher life. Pisces is so much about letting go and dropping what is no longer needed and it leads towards self effacement. So, we kind of realize that this aspiration in which we are engaged is not about self exaltation, but is fundamentally about helping others. The little notion of the savior complex coming in, not in a bad way. You know, people can have it in a bad way too, which is just another form of egoism: I, the savior. See?

You can have anyone of these signs, prominent year chart or some kind of combination of them. You're in the struggle to turn the love of the soul towards the real and not towards the unreal, not the outgoing, social consciousness, still aware sufficiently to manage the world, but to turn inward towards the reality. And so basically Pisces is all about letting go and so, sacrifice the old. Let go of the old. It's a reorientation that requires sacrifice, renunciation. It seems like it's the end of the way of egoism, the end of the way of egotism. The end. It sort of dissolves the sun that dissolves the old Leo tendencies here. There are many dangers here and one has to be clear about what is real. It's so easy for people with strong water signs, for instance, are strong enough to think that something is real spiritually when it's not, it's just an inflated, lovely idea which lacks co-measurement with a reality. That's maybe where Aquarius comes in with its scientific attitude. I want to say up here, be scientific about what is happening to you as you become an aspirant for higher things.

Anyway, we have some beginning thoughts about what you do in a practical way when you are striving toward the fulfillment of the particular petal. Maybe a lot of us have already made our choice. Maybe we are beyond the stage of aspiration, which is so inconsistent, we are actually mentally focused people a willfully directing ourselves forward in the spiritual, the realistic manner, and not just subject to the currents which make us a respiring then fall back.

Now, of course, all of these are interrelated, from studying esoteric astrology that there's an interrelation of all these planets, ray, signs of the zodiac. It's matrix really. So, some of the same ideas, maybe repeated to a certain extent. …

These planets, they are lesser gods, but they're certainly related to the greater God's called the lords of the constellations.

When it comes to the sun, this is a sun petal, so just say in general, learn to shine in the higher light and aspire towards a higher identity. We are meant to become solar in our nature and this is a Leo petal and we are meant to shift our attention to the higher self so that eventually at initiation it can become the sole luminary in the microcosmic sky. We're meant to do all that, so we have to establish ourselves as solar beings.

In terms of the moon, leave the moon behind, but know what it represents by analyzing your lunar tendencies. The moon does fall in Scorpio, which is another one of those signs strongly connected with this petal number five, we're leaving behind the four lunar petals, starting on the five semi solar and solar petals. The moon is no longer our object of interest. So, strive to help the moon fall away from significance in your life. Okay?

When it comes to the spiritual will, we have Vulcan. Vulcan, spiritual will. So, apply not only aspiration but the spiritual will to bring the higher of the pairs of opposites into prominence and then bring through soul indications right onto the physical plane, with which Vulcan has such a connection. Also let's just say leave instability behind and forge bonds between the personality and the higher self. Vulcan is always the one who can strengthen the bonds, which maybe can make.

Mercury is a lot like Gemini here. Let's say, use the first part of the antahkarana to communicate with the soul. Again, it's learn of the soul; learn of life on the higher mental plane and relate all things in your field of consciousness to the higher self, which you now sense. So, don't let anything go unrelated to that higher self. Things are not simply what they are in their own right, they are to be related to the higher and unitive factor and, just in general, because sometimes people forget to say, use the mind in relation to the higher self and it's understanding.

All right, well there's so many things I've said about all these planets and maybe, although it's not worth one one-hundredth as much as it is to collect what the Tibetan has said, I have maybe inadvertently scattered a lot of information through this discussion, then if it were brought together it might be of some use. There will be repetition of course, more so than when the Tibetans speaks, obviously. But, I have not, for heuristic purposes, scattered these things. It's been simply more of the manner in which they have been explained in pursuit.

Venus is the planet of the soul, so recognize the beauty of the higher self and its magnetism. And let's just say, begin to so to speak, fall in love with the higher self. When you're looking at the looking glass, that's Venus, you don't see the personality, you see the soul. Look into the soul’s looking glass and see not the personality but the soul. This is a planet which is the magnifying glass and let the soul be magnified in your life steadily and not so intermittently. Let that be the case, because that's what makes an aspirant. Venus represents the higher self. Mars in a way represents the lower self. So, we have to make kind of a Libran choice between Venus and Mars. When Venus is strong, let the light and love of the soul into your unstable consciousness. Light and love of soul enter your unstable consciousness.

(I've done it again, I just don't understand why I do this, but I'm always leaving out Mars. And that is so, oh, [sigh] it is not at all my nature to do that. But there must be a reason for it.) So, the fastest thing to do is just to make sure that the personality is represented, because that's what Mars is. It is the personality and in a way every vehicle within the personality. Okay. I think now I may have achieved my goal. Good.

1:15:30 Earth? How do you say whether you have a strong earth? Well, is it like Sagittarius, for instance? It is the esoteric ruler. Or maybe Taurus, especially in relation to the earth, or eventually Gemini and so forth. Maybe you have a lot of earth signs, and you're in this fifth petal and so remember that a petal five is all about getting ready to really help the transformation of the earth towards a sacred planet.

I mean, I know it all has to be done practically, so always remember in your aspiration, the field of service. Earth does represent the field of service and whatever we may receive from higher sources, we have to learn to apply in the field of service.

Now, what about good old Mars here? Well, I can just say aspire. It's a major planet of aspiration, or strive, as Master Morya says, fierily. And elevate and ennoble your desires, and do not express energy in pursuit of the low; that which should have been left behind. Right. … All of these planets are useful. There's a lot of struggle here. Remember, it's a Scorpio petal in some respects. If we consider it related to Sagittarius, Mars is the hierarchical ruler there. So, the conflict enters and it's the conflict between the soul and personality. So, put the weight of your fighting power on the side on the soul. All right.

When it comes to Jupiter, I would just say, well, there's so much to say about Jupiter, but understand the big picture into which reception of the energy streams from the soul give you entree.DK talks in the *A Treatise on White Magic* about these, trying to recognize these streams of inspiration that come from the soul. Sometimes it has a tough time getting through, and it always enlarges and expands. So, expand your horizons through aspiration towards the source which has a higher vantage point, includes the higher realms, and all considerations. Sometimes we can be very competent in the world, but we just say, ‘oh, well that's beyond the realm of belief,’ so we're not going to take it into consideration. Aspiration will give you a wider, higher, fuller life. And so, with a prominent Jupiter, recognize those opportunities and go for that higher, wider, fitter life.

Saturn fits here, because it is a planet which discriminates between the necessary and the unnecessary. And I say, do what must be done to move towards the higher source even if what must be done is unpleasant for the personality. Well, just imagine standing at his post, DK has talked about even the Masters have other areas of interest in this vast universe which might just attract them. And what about such a great being as Sanat Kumara? He would as well will he not? So, with Saturn, realize that with the higher life towards which you strive comes responsibility. There is no ascent without responsibility to those who have not yet ascended as far as you have. Rising compels responsible attitudes.

If I had a lot of Saturn at this point, I would really stabilize my aspiration as much as I can, until it leads me to the point of discipleship, which at first it doesn't. I'm simply someone interested in these things. I'm now and then highly emotionally oriented towards them and then it fades out. And there's no real stability in my approach. If I have strong Saturn, organize my life for the fulfillment of higher aspirations. And this is the practical approach. I guess we don't really like Saturn so much at various times because it seems to deny us the fulfillment of our wishes, Jupiter and Neptune, and then Saturn sits on that fulfillment and says, ‘not yet, do this first, fulfill this, that or the other.’ But I would say that when Saturn is strong in your chart, you have a real advantage because you can make your aspirations turn more real, more quickly, than many people can.

If you have a strong Uranus, reverse your direction, the archetypes lie ahead and the heavenly world is revealed by the heavenly one, and that's what Uranus is. Go the new and better way and do not worry about what is being left behind. That's always a moon problem to be concerned about what you may be relinquishing or a Cancerian problem. But Master Morya assures us that what lies ahead is always far, far better than what is left behind. So ever pushing on into the future is to guarantee that something ever better lies ahead, and that the present moment is better than the past one in the future moment is better than the present one, essentially. This doesn't mean there aren't cycles in which things rise and fall. But for the determined aspirant determined disciple moving into ever better circumstances is the norm, because we're closer and closer to reality. Let's just say at this point, remember our purpose to live according to the new which comes with the divine plan.

Neptune is important here. The heart of the sun is ruled by Neptune. So, we would say aspire towards high beauty, because Neptune is again a major planet of aspiration, rules the astral body, the solar plexus for the disciple and I suppose for the aspirant as well, aspirant still making a transition between the ordinary rulers and the esoteric rulers. So, reach for the sky but keep your feet on the ground. That's the hard part with Neptune, not to float away into unreality and let there be a new and higher form of love in your life. It won't be completely fulfilled for awhile but already really higher streams are coming through. So, touch the intangible nature of the higher of the pairs of opposites and really, really feel into this higher of the pairs of opposites because it's not an abstraction. It's something real. Basically, begin to identify with the higher of these, merge with it and realize that it is you. Now that's not going to come immediately, but there is a struggle to do that. I would just give some advice here, be realistic in your aspiration and know what is possible and what is not. Because we don't want to just float off into some state of higher idealism when we lose touch with our real progress in the real world, it’s an unreal world, but we have to call it the real world. Okay?

Now with Pluto and the fifth petal, cut the ties which bind you to the normal and thus the unreal. I'm saying that what we consider normal, is the unreal. Now there's another way to look at it so that it really becomes the real the law of repulse, the apparently unreal only to reclaim it from a higher perspective as that which is real. Let's say, begin dying to glamour. I would say illusion, but maybe we're not quite there yet, and begin dying to ahamkara, the false sense of separative, selfhood. We're told by DK that Pluto never kills the consciousness. So, in a sense it's going to enhance the consciousness by removing the veils, the scales, all those things which prevent direct perception. So, we're going to say, penetrate into more direct perception of the higher of the pairs of opposites.

Many more things can be said. I said them through out the book, so, but I think you have enough thoughts to get going here with petal number five, where this great battle between the unreal and the real is going on, and the soul incarnation and striving to turn our attention to the real, we want to love the real rather than the unreal. So, there's a reorientation of the desire nature, and sometimes this is just called the reversal of the wheel. Step number one in that reversal process.

Friends, I think maybe the best thing I can do is say this is the end of program 67, practical advice for using energies in petal five and at one hour and thirty minutes.

Alright. What starts in petal five only gets stronger and more refined as we move into petal six, seven and eight. So, there won't be like complete differences all the time but ever wider scopes for application of what we're going to be in petal number five, wider and deeper and also specific directions determined by the astrological signs.

We’ll go onto beginning of a program 68 and we'll call it … practical advice with using of energies and petal number six. And we don't know yet how big it will be, but probably in the neighborhood of an hour and a half or two, something like that, as we go on in the higher petals there may be more to say because perhaps more people are working as probationary disciples and his initiate the first degree. This is just the early stages of aspiration here, the independent number five when we decide that the way of the personality is not the only way to go.

Okay, we'll talk to you soon. Take care. Bye. Bye.