**THE RAYS AND THE INITIATIONS, PART II WEBINAR – 11, Michael Robbins**

## Abstract

In this eleventh program the Tibetan continues His discussion on the “Door to the Way of Higher Evolution”. Work on the monadic and logoic planes are seen as preparatory phases for the true treading of this Way. While the ray of the Initiate (presumably His monadic ray) is somewhat determining in the choice He will make, it is not completely determining. His aeonial experience on His Pilgrimage (as a Monad) into the lower five worlds contributes to His choice as does, also, His manner of ‘monadic descent’. Yet, His choice is completely free and He can choose any of the seven (or, now, nine) Paths, though there will be only one correct choice. The Seven Paths are more related to the Seven Cosmic Planes than to the seven rays. The fifth and sixth initiations are considered preliminary experiences to the true treading of this Way of Higher Evolution. These two very high initiations (high from the human point of view) are simply considered as Initiations of the Threshold to the Master/Chohan Who is preparing to tread the Higher Way. The sixth initiation and seventh initiation are consummatory in the range of solar initiations, but probationary in terms of the range of Sirian initiations. In this section it is mentioned that the sixth initiation is the true Ascension Initiation and that the Way of Higher Evolution indicates a ‘Way of Further Ascension’.

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## Transcription of Rays and Initiations, II, Program 11, pages 359-361.

Good morning friends. We continue with our work in the *Rays and Initiations Webinar Commentary* focused on Part II of that great book which I trust will be a book making its transition into the third installment that Master D.K. is due to present after 2025. Whether that includes 2025 or not we don't know but after 2025, it must be a pivotal point; it’s certainly a pivotal point for the preparation of the spiritual hierarchy of our planet in terms of its externalization. The plans will in all probability be laid at that point for the first stages of the true externalization of the hierarchy. So we have been working here on Page 359 of the book and we're talking about the parallel between the dense physical vehicle of the solar Logos and planetary Logos and the dense physical vehicle of man and how neither one of those is actually considered to be a principle or principled. The first principles for man really begin in his etheric body. The etheric body itself is sometimes considered a principle and so is prana. It depends on how we look at that and I've discussed that, it’s around Page 260 of *The Treatise on Cosmic Fire* and I’ve discussed that in my *Cosmic Fire Commentaries* which are written instead of spoken.

So, some idea I think can be gathered from studying that section about the different ways of looking at the principles, the major energies and forces which are activating the 2nd solar system here and which are expressed in the 2nd solar system as major aspects of its foremost source and that is the monadic nature of the solar Logos. Always the Monad is behind whatever happens. It represents itself in different ways: it represents itself as the personality; it represents itself as the soul; it represents itself as the Spiritual Triad. But basically it is always the Monad in extension or the Monad in attenuation; it’s not the full resources of the Monad that we are speaking of as they would be found and expressed upon the monadic plane itself. Neither the human being nor our solar Logos is at that point where it is fully its own Monad in expression.

Our solar Logos is not yet a sacred solar Logos and has not yet taken its own cosmic 3rd initiation but the time for that will come just as it will come for the human being and it’s at that point that the Monad makes its presence truly felt and is registered consciously. Before that it’s simply felt as a kind of presence, but it is not a conscious registration of the nature and quality of the Monad. So, again the parallel holds true for the average disciple who has not yet taken the 3rd degree and for the solar Logos who is maybe in a way on that cosmic level an average solar Logos who is not yet a sacred solar Logos.

“The three lower planes of our seven planes are, from the angle of the esotericist, the equally unprincipled dense cosmic substance; the mark or indication of the true initiate is the transfer of his life and his point of identification from unprincipled substance and substantial forms to "principled" substance and etheric forms. The tendency of the occult student to think ever in terms of spiritual abstraction can (and often does) militate against a grasp of the truth and presents a false picture to the intelligence; the facts which I have just emphasised have much to do with the nature of the higher initiations. I would ask you to remember this.” RI, Page 359

The three lower planes of our seven planes are, from the angle of the esotericist, the equally unprincipled dense cosmic substance… all 21 of them … the mark or indication of the true initiate… not just the initiate, probationary initiate, but the true initiate. When that word ‘true’ is used it’s always a qualifier or a discriminator. It’s asking us to use the noun carefully … the mark or indication of the true initiate is the transfer of his life and his point of identification from unprincipled substance and substantial forms to "principled" substance and etheric forms. This is a very important statement actually and it has its microcosmic meaning and its macrocosmic meaning. As long as we are somehow involved in our lower 18 subplanes as a human being and identifying therein even when we are identifying with the higher 3 subplanes of the mental plane, we are not in the sense being discussed here the true initiate unless somehow we think that the planetary Logos is expressing etherically also through the three higher subplanes of the mental plane. I discussed this whole idea of the contrast between the solar Logos and planetary Logos in terms of the planes on which they are expressing. From one point of view, we might even think that the higher four levels of our systemic mental plane could be considered etheric in relation to our planetary Logos but certainly not in relation to our solar Logos so … the mark or indication of the true initiate is the transfer of his life and his point of identification… what he thinks he is, what he takes himself to be … from unprincipled substance… which is substance relating to the previous solar system … and substantial forms to "principled" substance and etheric forms. Here the word ‘substantial’ is used in relation to systemic etheric astral and lower mental forms as the human being experiences them. Maybe even in relation to the forms found on the higher mental plane so that truly principled substance will be found in the cosmic ethers for the 4th degree initiate. But of course the 3rd degree initiate who works within the higher three subplanes of the mental plane is considered in fact an initiate.

7:37 The tendency of the occult student to think ever in terms of spiritual abstraction can (and often does) militate against a grasp of the truth and presents a false picture to the intelligence; the facts which I have just emphasised have much to do with the nature of the higher initiations. Which you know are certainly cosmic etheric in nature. I would ask you to remember this. So all of the human initiations are taken within the causal body but it does not indicate in the case of the first two initiations of probation, the ability to focus within the causal body. The 3rd initiation does give that ability but then you know, well I suppose a man at that point is an initiate but you kind of wonder whether he is the true initiate until he can focus on the buddhic plane and find that as his major place of identification.

Now if we take this even higher, we can talk about the cosmic initiations of the planetary and solar Logos and you begin to wonder, they have not yet taken the third cosmic initiation, neither one of them. And are they true initiates when they can focus on the cosmic buddhic plane and have experienced their crucifixion? Neither one of those events has occurred, not even for the solar Logos he is not even an initiate of the 3rd degree cosmically considered. Those are just words for us, of course. And the planetary Logos is not yet a probationary initiate of the 2nd degree. You can check out page 384 of *Cosmic Fire* for more that is related to those subjects.

Okay so anyway these planetary Logos and solar Logos also have a dense physical vehicle. With the solar Logos, the 21 lower subplanes or our three lower systemic planes, and for the planetary Logos well, at least we can put it this way: certainly, the 18 lower subplanes and thus in a way two and a half of the lower systemic planes. The question of what to do with the higher mental plane remains open for discussion in relation to the planetary Logos.

“The third initiation, therefore, releases the initiate from the planes of unprincipled substance (the lower subplanes of the cosmic physical plane), whilst the next two initiations make it possible for him to work with intelligence [Page 360] and love on the two lower levels of the cosmic etheric plane—the buddhic and the atmic, the planes of spiritual love and intelligent will.” RI, Page 359-360

The third initiation, therefore, releases the initiate from the planes of unprincipled substance (the lower subplanes of the cosmic physical plane)… well okay, so this is considered in a planetary sense and we are speaking of the 18 lower subplanes and we are gathering here that unprincipled substance does not relate to the higher 3 mental subplans, at least in terms of the planetary Logos, at least in terms of how this is being presented. The third initiation, therefore, releases the initiate from the planes of unprincipled substance (the lower subplanes of the cosmic physical plane) whilst the next two initiations make it possible for him to work with intelligence and love on the two lower levels of the cosmic etheric plane - ... Working with intelligence and love okay, on the two lowest planes of cosmic ethers … the buddhic and the atmic, the planes of spiritual love and intelligent will. Notice how the word ‘intelligence’ and the word will are combined in relation to the atmic plane which is the 3rd subplane of the cosmic ethers and thus relates as the number 3 does to intelligence and is the 1st subplane of the brahmic planes and thus relates to will.

12:27 So we can say that the 4th degree initiate works on the buddhic plane with intelligence and love and the 5th degree initiate works on the atmic plane and the buddhic with intelligence and love. You know if one wants to ponder the sentences over and over. People like you and I are not yet released from the planes of unprincipled substances, especially from the perspective of the solar Logos which counts all 21 lowest subplanes as unprincipled. So at the 4th degree, we will certainly be released into the cosmic ethers. At the 3rd degree, we experience more and more of what the cosmic ethers have to bring, have to express, their nature. But we are not released into them. …whilst the next two initiations… that of the Arhat and the Master …make it possible for him to work with intelligence and love on the two lower levels of the cosmic etheric plane - ... Working with intelligence and love okay, on the two lowest planes of cosmic ethers … the buddhic and the atmic, the planes of spiritual love and intelligent will. Remember the buddhic plane is also the plane of intuition and pure reason and was being discriminated from the true plane of love which was the monadic plane. And this we discussed I think in our last program, how they are related but different, the 4th and the 2nd cosmic ethers.

“The Way of the Higher Evolution leads through the monadic and logoic planes (the two highest levels of the cosmic physical plane); when the four planes of the cosmic etheric plane are completely mastered and under occult direction, the initiate is faced with the seven Paths and with the choice to tread one or other of them.” RI, Page 360

14:42 The Way of the Higher Evolution leads through the monadic and logoic planes (the two highest levels of the cosmic physical plane); when the four planes of the cosmic etheric plane are completely mastered and under occult direction… and this is very important because we cannot imagine that though we begin treading the Way of Higher Evolution at the 6th degree, that we are at that point released to travel onto the cosmic astral plane and beyond. So there are preliminary stages of the Way of Higher Evolution which still keep us confined to the cosmic physical plane and demand our mastery of the monadic plane and the logoic plane. So you know sometimes we just speak of the Way of Higher Evolution and we speak of it as well you’re outward bound and from that time on you have little to do with the cosmic physical plane or even with our solar system for some. But there are preliminary stages of work within our solar system and on the higher cosmic ethers and even on planets still within our solar system as part of the preparation. So we cannot overlook those preliminary stages. The Way of the Higher Evolution leads through the monadic and logoic planes (the two highest levels of the cosmic physical plane)… the logoic plane, Brahma, Christ and Buddha are focused at this time … when the four planes of the cosmic etheric plane are completely mastered… you see that’s really a great demand … and under occult direction… and presumably of the will then … the initiate is faced with the seven Paths… most of which lead away from our solar system eventually … and with the choice to tread one or other of them.

17:42 Now you know, we cannot say that the 6th degree initiate has mastered the monadic plane and certainly not the logoic. Mastery demands in a way moving beyond the particular plane which one masters or at least having contact with a higher plane than the one is mastering. For instance, analogously if we want to master the lower mental plane, we have to be in contact with the energies of the higher mental plane which assists in that mastery.

So the 6th degree initiate is just really beginning to focus on the monadic plane as if it is his major point of tension and the 7th degree initiate on the logoic plane as if it is his major point of tension although there is fresh experience there. How does it go? Experiment, experience and expression. Though there is fresh experience there, there is not yet mastery until I suppose there can be some degree of contact with the cosmic astral plane in the case of the 7th degree initiate and the logoic plane in the case of the 6th degree initiate.

“His choice is naturally dependent upon ray determinations and past activity but is nevertheless a free choice, because all limitation has been removed, all wrong identification with physical forms is now impossible, and the initiate's only limitation is that imposed by entrance into cosmic levels of awareness with which he is still unfamiliar.” RI, Page 360

19:12 His choice is naturally dependent upon ray determinations and past activity… we want to say though not exclusively because these Paths are not definitely ray Paths as D.K. says. He has told us that certain monadic types tend to tread these Paths. For instance, a lot of what he calls 5th ray Monads or you can call it some 5th ray people, 5th ray Monads is 5th ray people, tend to tread the 2nd path of magnetic work but it does not seem, and the ray path let’s say is trodden by very many 1st and 2nd ray Monads, but of course all of them have to tread the ray path otherwise they could not develop into, well literally rays of a certain nature. I think the Christ in a way is a ray of cosmic love. He is developing that. He is on the ray path we are told at least for a time even though eventually, the path to Sirius may claim his attention. And that’s so interesting because you know in a way, a higher Path, Path #5 can be the point of transfer onto an apparently lower Path #4. But maybe we should not stratify or hierarchicalize these paths. The Buddha we are told was to have trodden the Path to Sirius but now other opportunities will claim his attention and we don’t know exactly what they will be.

21:12 So it seems to me that there is a choice made at the 6th degree but before one really treads the Paths out of the solar system, one has to master the monadic and logoic planes and I want to say: this is my hypothesis. The mastering of the 6th and well let’s call them by their name, monadic plane and logoic plane, may take place on other planets. We know that Venus and Jupiter are both transition points for those who are destined to take literally paths leading to the stars. But there are planetary transition points and of course Venus and Jupiter are still within the solar system and there's work to be done by the outgoing initiate within the solar system and maybe those transition points and probably there are others, are places where the Monads destined along certain Paths; path #3 in the case of Jupiter and maybe path #4 in the case of Venus (hypothesis) where they master the monadic and logoic planes. You know, a Master of the Wisdom is said to be only a Master of the three lower worlds. So even though he's working on the buddhic and the atmic plane, he has not mastered them yet. And a Chohan of the 6th and 7th degree, okay, he's working on the 6th and 7th planes, you know the Chohan of the 6th and the monadic plane, Chohan on the 7th and the logoic plane, but then analogously to the case with the Master have they mastered the 6th and 7th planes? Maybe not. I think we always master that which is below the point of focus which we presently have. And that’s you know, a bit like the statement that no problem can be solved from its own level.

23:46 His choice is naturally dependent upon ray determinations… not exclusively so … and past activity… well we might call this perhaps monadic descent. In other words, how did you descend? And we might say, is your way of ascent going to be the same as your way of descent? And there are hints that that may be the case. I wonder if he's talking about past activities as a Monad or past activity as a human being in the lower three worlds. Anyway, the rays figure into it but later I think he would tell us that they are not the exclusive determinants and a man really does have the free choice. That is a segment right here … but is nevertheless a free choice, because all limitation has been removed, all wrong identification with physical forms is now impossible, and the initiate's only limitation is that imposed by entrance into cosmic levels of awareness with which he is still unfamiliar. Well maybe once the descending Monad, that descending point from the universal Logos was familiar with those higher levels but was not working upon them as he works upon them now, as he is a Monad in retraction: retraction to the original point of descent, and what was that? You know we can say well the Monad is our point of descent but the point from which what we call ‘we’ have descended. But the Monad did not come out of nothing. All is emanation. The dynamics of the universe are based upon emanation. So from whence did this Monad encapsulated on the monadic plane descend? from whence? We certainly have to have been alive, shall we say, from the very moment the universe was created. I mean we are life itself. So what was our identity at those points? Yes well I’ve dealt with this hypothetically in the Infinitization book. I can’t say that it’s correct but I have talked about the origin of our identity as we moved from the realization of wholeness as the universal Logos into more and more specialized emanations. There has been a reduction of the scope of identity in our emanative descent, okay.

27:09 His choice is naturally dependent upon ray determinations and past activity but is nevertheless a free choice… well the Buddha made a free choice, did he not? It was apparently not the choice he should have made and that’s astonishing. But excess of compassion held him on the path of Earth’s service and apparently, well, if it’s not a choice he should have made, then Sanat Kumara would not have so to speak tapped him for that task and yet he was free because of immense compassion to make that choice … because all limitation has been removed… well all limitation of what nature? All limitation with respect to the lower five planes, I suspect. Because I don’t think there is yet been mastery of the 6th and 7th planes, cosmic subplanes that is and … all wrong identification with physical forms… including the causal body and maybe you know well … all wrong identification with physical forms… and maybe even wrong identification with triadal forms because the spiritual triad is still in the realm of the sub-monadic levels. And so they are still in the Brahmic realm of form. Of course the Master has much to do still on the buddhic and atmic planes, so probably he realizes he is not the forms that may there be found. That which must definitely be accomplished is that none of the forms related to the dense physical vehicle of the solar Logos can capture his sense of identification. He knows he is not those denser forms. So all that … is now impossible, and the initiate's… and notice he’s still calling him an initiate, initiate of very high degree … the initiate's only limitation is that imposed by entrance into cosmic levels of awareness with which he is still unfamiliar. And generally beginning with the cosmic astral plane so and going on of course. He is more and more familiar with the types of energy forms which are to be found on the cosmic physical plane because of his high focus, at least on the monadic plane and then on the logoic plane. So he’s familiar with those great geometrical, archetypal forms which are there to be found.

“Bear, therefore, continually in mind that the highest spiritual attainment upon and within the seven planes of our recognised planetary life is entirely conditioned by the fact that they are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane and are composed of the three dense physical planes (our three worlds of human evolution) and the four cosmic etheric planes (the four levels of so-called spiritual development); these are conditioned by three forces and four energies.” RI, Page 360

30:39 Bear, therefore, continually in mind that the highest spiritual attainment upon and within the seven planes of our recognised planetary life is entirely conditioned by the fact that they are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane and are composed of the three dense physical planes (our three worlds of human evolution)… the 3 from the cosmic perspective: the 3 dense physical planes; just the way we have solid, liquid and gas when speaking of systemic density, not of cosmic density. Cosmic density is etheric physical, astral and mental. And you know the correspondences, okay … they are the seven subplanes of the cosmic physical plane and are composed of the three dense physical planes (our three worlds of human evolution) and the four cosmic etheric planes (the four levels of so-called spiritual development)… and you know in a way spiritual development doesn't really begin until this point. The spiritual triad is the Spiritual Triad, and it is there that true spiritual development begins. And before that point well maybe we are not justified in calling it spiritual development although we often do, so … these are conditioned by three forces and four energies. These 7 cosmic subplanes.

“I have emphasised this by constant repetition on account of the great importance the recognition of these facts will play in any grasp you may achieve anent the Way of the Higher Evolution.” RI, Page 360

32:42 So you know he does want us to grasp something of this so that the true destiny of the human being may be appreciated in a way that is non-glamorous and not filled with illusion. If you look at what so many human beings think of as their destiny, well it’s either the die and be gone forever to rot in the Earth as it were, or to go to some very limited materially reflecting heaven, paradise you know. Everything that we conceive for ourselves, normal people anyway, people who have not studied these matters, is taking place within the dense physical body of the planetary Logos, or the solar Logos. We conceive of material heavens or no continuance whatsoever and the big question is, is there survival and all of that kind of thing? Is there a soul and does it survive if there is a soul?

You know the average human being is dealing with fairly low level considerations and the great light of the Ageless Wisdom has not shown upon those deliberations, so the results of them are going to be filled with error and the sense of our future, the sense of our destiny as normally conceived is just not accurate nor is it very interesting. And it’s just filled with limitation, the limitation of complete annihilation as if you never were or the limitation of some very material heaven in which you sort of walking around with the resurrected body, very much like the body that you have though you know probably improved in its energy nature forever. Forgetting of course that the Earth will be destroyed and the solar system will be destroyed, the whole universe itself will go into pralaya, but somehow forever, that’s where you, a very limited you, will be living out the rest of eternity. So as Madam Blavatsky might say, it’s sort of the result of unphilosophical or non-philosophic religious thinking.

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35:30 After the Master has taken the fifth initiation, He has—as you know—covered and mastered… you know there’s nothing in the lower three worlds that he’s not familiar, … covered and mastered the ordinary field of evolution for humanity; that means the three worlds of ordinary human experience and the two worlds of superhuman effort, making the five fields of the spiritual activity of man. Now here’s the question, has the Master really mastered the higher two? Somewhere D.K. tells us that the Master’s mastery is only of the lower three and I assume this relates to a higher mental plane as well. So it depends on the section we’re reading but though the Master is definitely, intelligently, lovingly active on the buddhic and atmic plane, the question of whether he has covered all possible experience there, or has mastered every possibility there remains in question and has to be compared with other statements the Tibetan has made.

“Love and intelligence are now perfectly developed in Him, though their expression and emphasis may vary according to His rays; He is aware of the fact of the Will or of the first divine aspect, with its two qualities (veiling a third) of destruction and of purpose; He is becoming active on the second plane of our planetary life, the monadic plane, and that great centre of life, Shamballa, is having a [Page 361] definite vibratory effect upon Him; also (and this will be incomprehensible to you) He is becoming sensitive to a range of energies and influences which can now be registered by Him, owing to His increasing monadic polarisation and His contact with Shamballa.” RI, Page 360-361

Love and intelligence are now perfectly developed in Him, though their expression and emphasis may vary according to His rays… and note that the will is not mentioned. That is more the curriculum that begins with or at least is initially consummated during Chohanship. He is aware of the fact of the Will or of the first divine aspect, with its two qualities (veiling a third) of destruction and of purpose… Okay well he is not telling us what this third aspect is. Different aspects of the will was sometimes presented as the will to be, the will to good and the will to create. Yes, or the will to creativity is one; the will to fulfillment and the will which conquers death. So there’s more complexity in this question of studying the will and how to enumerate the various aspects of the will. It all depends on the context with which we are dealing. So that is a subject in itself and has to be laid out clearly. He is aware of the fact of the Will or of the first divine aspect, with its two qualities (veiling a third) of destruction and of purpose… I wonder if sustainment a quality of the will, you know, that which preserves and sustains.

39:21 He is becoming active on the second plane of our planetary life, the monadic plane, and that great centre of life, Shamballa, is having a definite vibratory effect upon Him… so the Master is also engaged to a certain extent in monadic activity. The Master is engaged in monadic activity and responsiveness to that dimension of planetary life. Okay so … Shamballa, is having a definite vibratory effect upon Him… when we think about Shamballa, we can think of 4 different levels of it and especially the higher two, the logoic and monadic levels … also (and this will be incomprehensible to you) He is becoming sensitive to a range of energies and influences which can now be registered by Him, owing to His increasing monadic polarisation and His contact with Shamballa. Well the Law of Assembly is active in Shamballa and many solar systemic energies enter Shamballa and some cosmic energies, which cannot be accessed before focusing therein. But it’s simply increasing monadic polarization. It’s not yet achieved monadic polarization. Only as a 6th degree initiate is that achievement possible. We are now basically talking about the Master who has taken the 5th initiation and he’s making in a way application to that dimension which is monadic and Shamballic. It seems to imply that the Monad is a member of Shamballa. And exactly what that means? Well, certainly the Monad is an aspect of the divine will of Shamballa and has a little fragment of that overall will for which it is responsible and which it is seeking to enact on its great journey and especially on the later parts of that journey when its instrument is becoming conscious of the source.

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The cosmic astral plane becomes, for the Master, a definite objective… but remember here, Master D.K. has said he has not journeyed there, he has not been there. So he says he does not know: I know not. I have not been there. But nevertheless an objective just the way for us, the higher mental plane is an objective, the world of the soul to focus consciously in the vehicle of the soul, the causal body and to focus via the antahkarana consciously within the spiritual Triad, these are objectives for us just as there are higher objectives for the Master. Always, for any being in the universe, there are objectives and one can even say that for the universal Logos having completed his what, self-assigned algorithm; His or assigned algorithm having completed that his objective is merging again into absoluteness. At least it seems so to me … He is beginning to develop a great sensitivity to that level of awareness… yes so interestingly, to this higher love even to the cosmic astral plane and its higher love. And already, the Christ has a great sensitivity to the cosmic astral plane and that level of love. He is a representative of it and he has have that cosmic touch and can bring it to us, to the lives on the cosmic physical plane especially in relation to our planet and our chain … but consciousness of that within the planetary life—as He knows it—prevents Him from registering this energy of pure cosmic love as He later will. And maybe we want to say after the 9th initiation when he refuses contact with and therefore consciousness of the cosmic physical plane. So this is an important point, the Master is already beginning to have sensitive awareness though it is a much attenuated awareness but it’s sensitive to cosmic love. But because he is so conscious still of the cosmic physical plane, that type of lower consciousness, much higher, very high for us but lower relatively, prevents him from registering this energy of pure cosmic love as he later will. He is registering it somewhat but not as he later will, okay.

“It is this sense of limitation which is the cause of His recognition of the Door on to the Way of the Higher Evolution, for the fifth and sixth initiations liberate Him into the atmic and monadic states of awareness; these initiations are to the initiate at this stage of development what the first and second initiations are to the disciple who is seeking to tread the earlier stages of the Path of Initiation.” RI, Page 361

46:10 It is this sense of limitation which is the cause of His recognition of the Door on to the Way of the Higher Evolution, for the fifth and sixth initiations liberate Him into the atmic and monadic states of awareness… sometimes we hear that the Master works on the buddhic plane but more definitely, his 5th initiation is related to the 5th systemic plane coming from below and his 6th initiation, to the 6th counting from below. And that is respectively the atmic and monadic planes. So he senses that he is limited and he is to be liberated eventually into higher states of awareness and he can begin to sense these higher states of awareness. Let’s just say from the atmic plane onwards, this sense of what lies beyond on the Way of Higher Evolution is sensed. So he has this sense of limitation and a kind of intuition, kind of impression of what lies beyond him on this Path which leads to the stars as it were, and … these initiations are to the initiate at this stage of development what the first and second initiations are to the disciple who is seeking to tread the earlier stages of the Path of Initiation. In other words, the 5th initiation and the 6th initiation are probationary cosmic initiations just as we have probationary planetary initiations which are probationary to the solar type of initiation but as planetary initiations do continue anyway; in other words, the 3rd initiation is the 3rd planetary initiation and the 1st solar initiation. So we still continue to use the word planetary initiation even at the 3rd and the 4th and the 5th.

So these are probationary initiations, Mastership and Chohanship are probationary levels to the place where the Christ stands as a transfigured solar initiate, and the 5th initiation and the 6th initiation were preliminary and probationary to the level at which he now stands. As a matter of fact maybe we should call this a little differently. The Christ is a transfigured Solar initiate and the 5th initiation and the 6th initiation were preliminary and probationary to the level at which he now stands. Well you know as a matter of fact, I think I have to, maybe we should call this a little differently. The Christ is the transfigured Sirian initiate and a Master of the solar scheme. Is it proper to call that? Solar range of initiations, that’s a little more accurate.

50:29 So the 5th initiation and the 6th initiation were really probationary in a Sirian sense to the level at which he now stands. In other words, a 7th degree initiate is a Master. Yes then of course that could continue, he’s a Master in terms of solar initiations. Then you begin to wonder, is the 9th degree initiate now a Master in the Sirian sense of initiations as the entered apprentice or the 1st degree initiation in the Sirian range of initiations begins at Mastership. So count ahead 5 and you get Mastership, the equivalent to our normal Mastership occurring at the 9th initiation in the Sirian sense. Anyway, the 5th and 6th initiations are to the initiate at this stage of development, what the 1st and 2nd initiations are.

So in some sense, in the range of initiations here being discussed the 7th initiation is the first real initiation, just as the Transfiguration initiation is the first real initiation for man. So we have the 3, the 5 and the 7 as the first real initiations - the first for man. In other words, the 3rd initiation, transfiguration, is the first real initiation for man. In the solar sense, the 5th initiation is the first real initiation in the range of solar initiations. It’s a great initiation of revelation and in terms of the range of Sirian initiations, the 7th initiation is the first real initiation in the Sirian sense. That is if the analogy holds.

“They might therefore be regarded as initiations of the threshold—one leading to the awareness of the higher levels of conscious unfoldment which the third initiation (the first major initiation) inaugurates, and the other to those levels of impression, of contact and of future ascension which are the sevenfold goal set before the Master when the sixth initiation (the true ascension) is consummated. It is for this reason that this particular initiation is called the Initiation of Decision.” RI, Page 361

53:00 They might therefore be regarded as initiations of the threshold… probationary initiations … one leading to the awareness of the higher levels of conscious unfoldment which the third initiation (the first major initiation) inaugurates, and the other to those levels of impression, of contact and of future ascension which are the sevenfold goal set before the Master when the sixth initiation (the true ascension) is consummated. Well he has used that word and we didn't know what was coming at the end of sentence but he is talking of the 6th initiation and therefore he talks about future ascension. It is for this reason that this particular initiation is called the Initiation of Decision. We will say it leads to further ascension along the Way of Higher Evolution.

So anyway, the 5th and 6th initiation, so obviously we’re thinking in higher terms than we usually think. So these … might therefore be regarded as initiations of the threshold—one… that is 5th initiation …leading to the awareness of the higher levels of conscious unfoldment which the third initiation (the first major initiation) inaugurates… so it’s kind of like a 3rd initiation in the solar range of initiations. So the 5th initiation …leading to the awareness of the higher levels of conscious unfoldment which… were maybe intuited or sensed at the 3rd … and the other to those levels of impression… Well, that’s a good definition isn’t it? I’m going to say here a dimension is a level of impression … the other to those levels of impression of contact and of future ascension… as a Monad by the way … which are the sevenfold goal set before the Master when the sixth initiation (the true ascension) is consummated. At the 6th initiation he is still called a Master even though he is also a Chohan and…

It is for this reason that this particular initiation is called the Initiation of Decision. Because of you know, one of those 7 goals must captivate his interest, capture his interest. One of those 7 goals must become his chosen direction. We can’t make a whole lot of progress in a real fast way with material like this because it’s so deep.

“The Master then chooses which of the seven Ways or Paths He will follow, because His aeonial experience has enabled Him to choose any of them and know that He has chosen aright.” RI, Page 361

57:05 Has enabled him … aeonial experience… maybe we can call it the Great Pilgrimage into the lower 5 subplanes of the cosmic physical plane. …has enabled Him to choose any of them and know that He has chosen aright. Well okay, let’s just say he will choose one but the one he chooses will be the correct one. In other words, he knows how to choose correctly based upon his aeonial experience.

“Though these seven Paths, being one of the septenates, are necessarily related to the seven rays, they are not ray paths, nor are they governed by the seven rays.” RI, Page 361

Though these seven Paths, being one of the septenates, are necessarily related to the seven rays… and here’s what he says it … they are not ray paths… and that’s what I was discussing a little earlier even though they have some ray determinations in relation to them. How did he say that? Let’s see if I can go back here:

His choice is naturally dependent upon ray determinations…[RI, 360] but I amplified that idea because I in the sense knew that this other statement was coming, and this statement is … Though these seven Paths, being one of the septenates, are necessarily related to the seven rays, they are not ray paths, nor are they governed by the seven rays. As different ray types do choose the same path.

“Any one of them is open to a Master of the Wisdom, and His choice will not be dependent upon His ray type, though He will take that factor into consideration.” RI, Page 361

Any one of them is open to a Master of the Wisdom, and His choice will not be dependent… or I want to say at least completely dependent … upon His ray type, though He will take that factor into consideration. So there’s more to this great choice than simply the ray of the Monad or the higher ray of the Monad let us say. I am contending or hypothesizing that there are two rays to the Monad, a major and a minor monadic ray.

“They are more definitely related to the seven cosmic planes than to the seven rays; this we will consider in greater detail when dealing with the factor of the seven Ashrams which are "proving" grounds for all the Masters confronted with the Initiation of Decision.” RI, Page 361

Proving grounds. In other words, wherein our abilities are expressed and further developed.

Alright, well this is deep material, friends. So let us say that this is the end of *Rays and Initiations Webinar Commentary* Program #11 and we were moving from Page 359 to 361. We didn’t cover very much there but it was so deep and beginning of *Rays and Initiations Webinar Commentary Part II,* Program #12 it will be 362.

Okay well you know, it’s beyond us, literally beyond this. But we learned about these higher possibilities will influence what we do when attempting to achieve what lies immediately before us. The great scope, the great perspective does affect our present efforts. So, we will see you for Program #12 continuing in this very deep material on the ways, on the Way of the Higher Evolution, the sevenfold Way of the Higher Evolution and ninefold at the moment. See you then.