EGOIC LOTUS WEBINAR – 4, Michael Robbins

## Abstract

Egoic Lotus Webinar Commentaries 4. This webinar is about 1 hour, 1 minute long. Program 4 offers a discussion in detail of the last four Groups of Human Beings (Groups 7, 8, 9, 10) according to stages of human development (*Esoteric Psychology II*, 203-207), ranging from the true mystic of the human race through those who are full Masters of the Wisdom . Information associating these four groups with the various petals is also given.

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## Transcription of Webinar 4

We are about to continue our exploration of the Egoic Lotus, or really, at first all the supplementary references we have to consider in order to better to consider the Egoic Lotus. But as I go along, of course, I will be inevitably saying things about the Lotus and I will try to bring it all together when I start speaking of the Lotus specifically.

Right now we have been talking about the 10 different phases of human development. How did DK put this - different kinds of souls. Not only the 5 groups of souls but groupings of the entire human family - all those groupings within the radius of the human family. Now I worked before on group #6.

## Review Groups 1 to 6

1:25 Let's review the groups we have had. There is the atavistic group - a very small group of the least developed human beings. Then there were what I can only call the early Lemurians, and both of these groups (groups 1 and 2) were very physically focused and in my view were not the beneficiaries of the implantation of the spark of mind though they did have their mental unit fanned to sufficient intensity to cause a type of individualization. Then the 3rd group were those with a very shallow wish life, the desire body was becoming rampant and the desires were mostly physically focused. All of these are in a sense Lemurians. The third group did not quite reach the category of the true Atlanteans, which is the fourth group and is quite a large group in the world, and is a very kamic group - primarily emotional without much mind nature - it can be swung into activity and they can be taught. To use the mind and in this Atlantean group the physical body is steadily slipping into the realm of the unconscious so that differentiates them from the 3rd group with its very physicalized desires and its shallow wish life and its lack of control. So there are millions of such in this Atlantean group, (group 4), the modern Atlanteans.

Then the 5th group is interesting because the bulk of humanity are found there. They can be classed as intelligent human beings, capable of mental application if trained and showing that they can think when need arises. However, they are still considered predominantly emotional and the sheep of the human family who are easily regimented. But they do have intelligence and that tells us they are working in the 3rd petal which is a mental petal, albeit in the Hall of Ignorance, but still a mental petal. The feeling nature for them is almost overdeveloped but they do have intelligence. These nice, good people are largely controlled by the mass consciousness - largely but exclusively because the interludes of the Leonian energy which carries a lot of the 5th Ray and the ability to think for oneself, those interludes do take over from time to time, however much they may be easily regimented.

Then we went to the 6th Group, and the 6th group really consisted of thinkers. They are minds. And they are gaining in power but they are still a smaller number than in the 5th group which holds the bulk, and they are the product of our modern educational processes and scientific discoveries and they are the cream of the human family. I wondered how big a layer in glass of natural milk the cream consists, and some people said 1/7th and maybe it's not exactly that but you get the idea, and you have all seen it in milk that has come from a cow how big the layer of cream is. It's not the biggest by any means, of course. But they are achieving success and they are achieving by the end of this phase, real creativity and they do move into the Stage of Aspiration. All of this shows that they are working in the 5th petal, especially if they do become Aspirants, because toward the latter part of the development of the 5th petal, aspiration does enter, and so they begin to have altruistic motives here but are still tinged with selfishness, as are even those who are working within the 6th petal. But they are more than the nice, good people who are easily regimented in group #5. I think it's very important that we try to understand these different groups because we are surrounded by them constantly and the problems of any government or world leader is how to deal with the very different demands of these different groups which are not necessarily in harmony with each other at all.

7:53 Well anyway, I am asking here, "Do we need a group between 5 and 6 consisting of those who are more purely mental without being necessarily creative?" Of course the Tibetan has given it to us as he sees it and we are not going to try to impose or place here that he does not see, because obviously he sees it. But here seems to be quite a jump between 5 and 6, although group 5 is intelligent, it is still largely emotional. Group 6 is not only intelligent, but creative in its intelligence. Perhaps we could say that there is work going on here in the 5th petal for Group 6; these are creative people. Maybe they don't start out that way. Maybe they start with simply the ability to think and they may in the beginning be selfish, even selfishness can extend into the period of the 1st and 2nd Initiation where there is work being done in the petals of Sacrifice. So this particular grouping of 10 and then the Stages of Adaptation which we will study after that from *Esoteric Psychology 1*, which is a grouping of 8, maybe together will cover the types of human beings there are presently upon our planet. With the concrete mind, it wants to make these rigid categories, but there is always an overflow between different ways of perceiving.

So I rushed a little big through Group 6 the last time we spoke and they are definitely advanced human beings. Some may think they are above the law and they may oftentimes nurture the ego in this petal. Thinking is power and before they really turn to altruism they really have to crash. We will learn later that the 5th petal is indeed a time when crashing occurs and people become disillusioned. So much goes on, the beginning of 5th petal work is very selfish, and then comes the disillusionment, then comes the aspiration, and at length, at the full unfoldment of the 5th petal, probably while working in the 7th, or working at some of the things the 7th represents, comes the full unfoldment of the 5th petal and the first Initiation.

10:48 So anyway success is here and we know how often the idea of success is associated with Leo. Leo is associated one method of counting with this 5th petal.

So they are in the front ranks of human beings. At least they work for the benefit of the human family. How much the factor of sacrifice is coming in, well that may be debated. It's certain possible to work for the benefit of the human family without applying a lot of sacrifice. But in Stage #7, which I think correlates quite well with the 6th petal, the factor of sacrifice does begin to enter. I call it a Virgo petal. Although the span of the work in all of these petals is so long that all kinds of astrological signs will be involved. It's just that they will be involved in such a way that they promote the particular kind of development of the petal to which they are applied. But in a generic sense, once we step into the 6th petal, it is the 6th sign, and from one way of counting can be correlated with Virgo. We all know that Virgo is very different from Leo. You know the old joke that Leo throws the party and Virgo cleans it up. So self-critique begins to enter and when we enter Group #7.

## "7. Those souls whose sense of awareness on the physical plane is now of such an order that they can pass on to the Probationary Path. They are the mystics, conscious of duality, torn between the pairs of opposites, but who are yet unable to rest until they are polarised in the soul. These are the sensitive, struggling people, who long for release from failure and from existence in the world today. Their mind natures are alive and active but they cannot yet control them as they should and the higher illumination remains as yet a joyous hope and final possibility." EPII, 206

***7. Those souls whose sense of awareness on the physical plane. . .*** they brought it all the way through to the brain, is now of such an order they can pass onto the Probationary Path. Now let's just say this is not the same in this grouping of types as the Path of Aspiration. The Probationary Path shows you are willing to be tested. The Path of Aspiration simply means you are aiming at higher things and one way or another you want the higher life but your willingness to subject yourself to real discipline, found in relation to Virgo, is not necessarily the same as when you are truly on the Path of Probation. The Probationary Path I think we can say still begins before the 1st Initiation occurs. And really, when dealing with the 1st Initiation, the touching of the Rod of Initiation or the influencing by the Rod of Initiation of the Sacrifice Petals has to be occurring.

13:46 So they can pass onto the path of testing. Probation is a form of testing. Now the first Initiation is beginning earlier than accepted Discipleship but later than this path of Probation and certainly later than the Path of Aspiration.

So many references here are going to be placing the Path of Probation before the 1st Initiation. One can be working in the 6th and 7th petals and meanwhile have the 5th petal unfolding which means that the 1st Initiation is on its way. And some type of unselfishness is going to be cultivated in that 6th petal. But you are always working ahead of where the real unfoldment is occurring. Unfoldment is oftentimes the result of what you do on tasks which are more difficult than where the unfoldment is occurring. So when you are working away in the 6th and 7th petals, unfoldment of the 5th can be expected.

So the Path of Probation, shall we say that some of the work or unfoldment in the later 5th petal will indicate the Probationary Path? Because if the 1st Initiation is indicated with the complete unfoldment of the 5th petal and if the Path of Probation begins before the 1st Initiation, then the Path of Probation has to have some 5th petal connection. So some of the later 5th petal can be included in this Path of Probation.

So what we have here on this Path of Probation is preliminary discipleship or at least a high grade of conscious aspiration. But as I say, the willingness to improve oneself and to submit oneself to the testing which the Higher Power, the higher of the pairs of opposites found within the Love Petals, in which that higher of the pairs of opposites is the judge and is involved. These people working in the 5th petal and the 6th petal certainly do have that sense of the higher of the pairs of opposites. Therefore, DK can say they are the mystics, and this is the question as to whether they are yet the practical mystics; they are the mystics conscious of duality, and let us say, first of all, within themselves. In other words, a kind of a Higher Self and a lower self - higher tendencies and lower tendencies - torn between the pair of opposites, this tearing process obviously involves Ray 4, the rending process and it is particularly what happens to the human being once they begin to be aware of more than their elemental life. They are struggling in one direction to be better but something is pulling them back. Hence the tearing.

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So this 7th group going beyond the creative thinkers - they are becoming more in touch with Divinity.

***They are the mystics,. . .*** They are the mystics and more in touch with divinity than those in Group 6. Will they be equally as creative? Maybe or maybe not. And they are beginning to be associated with petal #6 even though it's the 7th group. . . . ***conscious of duality, torn between the pairs of opposites,. ..*** we saw a lot of rending process did occur also in the 5th petal, . . .***but who are yet unable to rest until they are polarised in the soul.***  So they are driven by that which is within and this means also by the Solar Angel. Because it is at the 5th petal which covers such a wide range of development, that the Solar Angel becomes the downward gazing soul and really takes an interest in that struggling extension of itself, the lower man. And so the influences of the Solar Angel are contributing to this inability to rest until there is a real identification as the soul, until the man realizes that he actually is the soul. So it's not only his aspiration, his aspiration is fed by the downward directed energy streams of the soul on a higher level. So the restlessness is caused by aspiration and a high desire, stimulated from within himself and also from deeper within himself by the Solar Angel. This, in a sense, is somewhat characteristic of the first degree. And in a certain sense Probationers, well let's see 1st degree Initiates can still be called Probationers because there is one sense in which the Path of Probation lasts all the way until accepted Discipleship which is not going to occur before the middle period between the 1st and 2nd Initiation, which is a long period. So what that means is that one can be in a way a 1st initiate and from one perspective a Probationer. In other words, if we accept the idea that only at the point of accepted discipleship does the stage of probationary disciple end.

20:51 ***These are the sensitive, struggling people,. . .*** so these are the sensitives, struggling people. Well you know every one of those has an astrological meaning and we can understand how the Neptune and the 4th ray and the 6th ray come into this process . . .***who long for release from failure and from existence in the world today.*** Because they have been repeatedly defeated by their elemental nature. Even as St. Paul who was a higher type of initiate, felt that he was defeated when he exclaimed, "That that which I would do, I do not do and that which I would not do, that I do, oh wretched man that I am, who can save me from the body of this death?" That sounds a lot of ray 6 and ray 4 with him and the Scorpio struggle, so was he a mystic? He was more than that of course. He was a highly developed soul and was, at a certain point, taking the 2nd Initiation, and then onto the 3rd and probably the 4th. These are the sensitive, struggling people. We can say that those who are in Group #6 and who are the thinkers and the artists and the artisans, the skilled workers and all of that, they may have been quite happy exercising the mind in some creative way and were not yet longing for release from the more familiar life.

***These are the sensitive, struggling people, who long for release from failure and from existence in the world today.*** And we do see this Neptunian tendency of the mystic, something is better on the other side: paradise, heaven, whatever and there are other ways of finding release as well through the arts and religion and poetry, through drugs. There are all kinds of ways of finding release. The world is too much with them and they are not yet the occult workers and practical mystics who are right down there in everyday experience bringing heaven to earth. But they are still raising humanity, just like the group before them, Group 6, did. So they long for release from existence in the world today. They long for release from pain, through their aspiration, through being guided by the various teachers. I wonder if we could call this the New Age petal? You know the sort - this is my last incarnation petal, or this is my last incarnation group. We have all seen that, it oftentimes accompanies the sign Pisces and interestingly, this would be a kind of a Virgo petal, but at the same time, well I'll get into that more, it is associated with the sign Pisces - well Virgo and Pisces so much 2nd and 6th ray, so longing for everything to be pure and perfect, then maybe not yet wanting to get their hands dirty in the corrective methods.

24:12 But you know, if these little pegs, like the New Age group seem to help us get an idea of what is going on here, well then so much the better, but of course they don't describe everybody here. So we would say the true disciple would no long for escape the normal world is no longer the field of experience, even to be fled; it is the field of service, so they have a much more Saturn and Mercury and much more will to work within the illusion and less desire to be relieved from their pain.

***Their mind natures are alive. . .*** The mind natures are alive and active and such was the case with Group #6. Let's just say some of these mental natures are excited by every spiritual possibility, every religious possibility, excited by the prospect of attaining something higher than familiar experience. There is some kind of apotheosis that is reached in maybe we can call it the 6th group or the 5th petal and as a personality one becomes colossal. Well that means quite large, right, and the colossal era of architecture, of building, so he becomes mentally colossal. I think in the 5th petal and in the 6th group. But here already there are well applied critiques of oneself and the consciousness is oriented towards something higher and then comes the realization that in order to achieve that something higher, one really has to work meticulously upon oneself. ***Their mind natures are alive and active but they cannot yet control them as they should. . .*** So what does that mean? We could say that hence they are not the full disciple who really has control of the mind, well at least how we have come to think of disciples, is that they really are mentally focused, more than astrally focused. I suppose a lot depends on the ray.

27:15 We have often seen in the mystic types that the mind may be alive and active but it is not yet the truly controlling mechanism, controlling all the energies which have arisen in this phase, the aspirational energies. These minds can get carried away; they are not yet level headed; they are not yet practical. They cannot yet control them as they should . . .***and the higher illumination. . .*** which you know is going to be achieved more at the 3rd degree and beyond,  ***. . . remains as yet a joyous hope and final possibility.*** You know this is the mystical language and final possibility. And of course it’s not final at all. They are working in what we call the higher solar plexus center. They think that perhaps what will be given to me or given to them will illumine them, but they are a bit too worked up, a bit too frenzied, you know when you get Neptune and Mars going together, to have common sense spirituality. These people have touched the soul and are overstimulated perhaps, but are not yet disciplically controlled.

This can be a path of separation. One of our very good thinkers, Darrell, offered this. It can be path of separation for them and they can become sectarian and think that there is only one way to go. So it is more the mystical path than the path of occultism. And can we say this group begins to move from mysticism to occultism? Well it will depend upon the ray to a very great extent. We cannot generalize. We are associated in The Tibetan's teaching mostly with people along the 2, 4, 6 line and some of the 1st ray line and so forth and when it comes to the 5th ray, the 3rd ray, even the 7th ray, some of the methods used maybe less familiar to us than the ones we are habitually encountering with the people that we know.

So anyway, they are on the Path of Probation. They are the mystics. They are being tested. They are willing to submit to certain disciplines but not sufficient disciplines to make of them the true disciple. And I'm sure we all know people like that. Look at the transition. Here we are representing the Alice Bailey work, the Blavatsky work, the Agni Yogi work. Look at the people who come as mystics to this work. It's a bit demanding for them at times, is it not? And they may not want to submit to the mental disciplines, even though their minds are alive, active and awake. They are longing to be somewhere else, to be in some higher or other state, and they are not necessarily willing to do the nitty, gritty kind of work. They have to be helped to make that transition into realizing the mind is not necessarily the slayer of the real, but can be, in fact, the revealer of the real. I mean there are all different kinds of minds, aren't there? Some people say, "Well, I've gotten rid of my mind," well, why has not the Planetary Logos got rid of his mind? Why has not the Solar Logos got rid of his mind? You see. It's not that we can throw mind away. It's just that that there are all different kinds of mental apprehension of different depths and scope and we have to know where in the mind we are working because it is certainly an instrument of revelation, an instrument of illumination, as long as it does not overly concretize what is the real.

Well I think one of our members said here about this phase, there is lots of yeast, yeast rises right, and sugar to feed, well that which is pleasant. There is a lot here about striving after that which is wonderful, beautiful, high, enticing, attractive, pleasant, but then you know if you are a true probationer, which some of these people are, you will start to be willing to submit yourself to tests or to be submitted to tests - probation, that's what it is. So any one of these groups is not just a monolithic group with people all of exactly the same type. There is a beginning, middle and end to every type of group and the beginning is making a transition from the group before and the end is making a transition into the group following.

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Well, I hope that is reasonably clear. Now we look at the next one and it's Group 8.

## "8. Souls whose intelligence and love nature is becoming so awakened and integrated that they can begin to tread the Path of Discipleship. They are the practical mystics, or the occultists, of modern times." EPII, 207

***Souls whose intelligence and love nature is becoming so awakened and integrated. . .*** the planet Venus is here. So in other words, it is really Mercury and Venus and the factor of integration is operative, becoming so awakened and integrated that they can begin to tread the Path of Discipleship. Notice the word ‘begin’ is there. This is not a climaxing phase but it certainly does represent control by the loving, illuminated mind and we also have the idea here that mind and love are uniting, as they can. So this is the soft line and the hard line uniting, integrating in these people. So these are disciples and they are practical mystics and this does not really happen until the 1st Initiation. They are actually beginning to enter into the Hall of Wisdom. You know how the Egoic lotus goes - at first the 1st Tier of petals - Hall of Ignorance, 2nd Tier of petals - Hall of Learning, and the 3rd Tier of petals - at least the beginning of the Hall of Wisdom, but that Hall continues for a long time. And at some point D.K. talks about the Hall of Life, something like that. And the idea there, of course, is the Egoic lotus would be gone entirely and one would be entering into the 1st aspect of divinity.

So it's at the 1st degree that the real Path of Discipleship begins and sometimes D.K. has said that every true or real aspirant is an initiate of the first degree. See how those terms kind of overlap, so it's difficult to make them cut and dried and to have definite boundaries. There is a certain fluidity here. So we have moved from the stage of mysticism, in which the mind may be awake and alive but is not necessarily accurate, does not necessarily delineate things how they are into the Stage of Discipleship where there is a lot of that Mercury and Saturn quality which makes for accuracy of mind.

So the mental unit is much exercised, and is becoming responsive to higher influences. The Path of Probation begins a little before the 1st degree. The Path of Discipleship at the first degree, although I have already explained that sometimes from a certain perspective the Path of Probation does not end until accepted discipleship really begins.

So these are the practical mystics. Was Group 7 practical? Not so much even though there was a need for a growing type of practicality because they were at least beginning a serious self-critique. They are the practical mystics or occultists; he kind of equates those two ideas. In occultism it has the foundation of mysticism, but it's a practical mysticism which makes it possible for you to become an occultist, meaning that all of your wonderful perceptions can somehow be applied in this elemental world. These are the practical mystics or occultists of modern times.

So real discipleship at the first degree and well you are still being tested but you're not being tested to see whether you can be a disciple, you are being tested in higher ways. Later, the true disciple becomes the accepted disciple but when you have taken the 1st degree, it is legitimate to call such a person a disciple. They may be from the higher point of view still on probation, but they are a disciple. Here I am speaking from the higher point of view until there is acceptance, at least onto the periphery of an ashram, there is no real discipleship, but let's just say at this stage there certainly can be pledged discipleship, where you make a promise and you keep it and you use the will aspect of the mind to help you keep that promise.

So the real discipleship begins at accepted discipleship but from another perspective you can call an initiate of the 1st degree a disciple even though from a higher perspective they are still on probation.

38:00 And here I am bringing up the idea of the 7 head centers which are opening up all the way until the 3rd degree and that is what is going to give us the true disciple. So spiritually there is much less wishful thinking. When we talk about wishful thinking, this is like Mercury and Neptune together. Neptune provides the wishes and Mercury provides the thinking, so it is a glamorized state and here in group 8 there is much less wishful thinking than in group 7. So all the wild hopes are gone. Well here we are two years later and I wonder how many ascended in the year 2012? There was so much wishful thinking involved with the end of the Mayan calendar and so forth, the end of Mayan calendar as understood by some and not necessarily by the Mayans themselves.

So, the exaggerated ascension which was to occur in 2012, I do not think occurred. But let's just say there may have been some who greatly benefited from that period and inwardly who is to know? Let's just say that to be a disciple there is a lot of hard work, there is lot of sacrifice involved here. These disciples are working in the 7th, 8th and even the 9th petal. The true disciple has had that touch of the rod of initiation by the Bodhisattva involving the 7th petal, at least those petals are opened, not only through the abnormal and strenuous labor of the disciple but through some application of the rod of power by the Bodhisattva first and then by Lord of the World himself. So, there is practicality here and entry into the stage of initiation.

When we look at Capricorn, which is the major sign signifying initiation, we see it's an earth sign, a cardinal sign and what a practical sign it is. Those born in and under it realize how much you have to be working in the world in order to really achieve. So this particular group, #8, earlier discipleship, but real discipleship, and it involves work in the 7th, 8th and eventually the 9th petal, but that is coming up more when we look at the next group.

And of course there are just so many things to correlate. We remember that Master D.K. talked in his book Esoteric Astrology about the tremendous amount of correlation that had to be accomplished. Well I guess I am one of those correlators. I mean there are many correlators that are going to have to be at work to make sense out of the whole thing but you know since I have Mercury at the top of the chart, conjunct the midheaven, it is that particular planet that operates in terms of correlation. So I am always eager to show how this relates to that and everything relates to everything, and then out of it all, try to get that Jupiterian sense of the wholeness, but it takes a lot of work with the itty, bitty stuff at first in order for that sense of wholeness to emerge in articulated detail. The unarticulated wholeness, I think, can emerge but the articulated wholeness takes a lot of labor to achieve. And ultimately maybe even the unarticulated wholeness cannot really emerge properly until all the labor has been accomplished.

42:37 So then we look at Group 9.

## “9. The souls who are initiate into the mysteries of the kingdom of God. These are souls who are not only conscious of their vehicles of expression, the integrated personality, and conscious also of themselves as souls, but they know, past all controversy, that there is no such thing as "my soul and your soul," but simply "the Soul". They know this not only as a mental proposition, and as a sensed reality, but also as a fact in their own consciousness.” EPII, 207

***The souls who are initiate into the mysteries of the kingdom of God.*** The earlier group was the disciples. And their love nature is becoming awakened and integrated with their mind nature, and they can begin to tread the Path of Discipleship; they are practical mystics. Look, we talk here about the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, we have to remember that some initiates are probationary initiates. Well they are not real initiates as the Hierarchy see it, but they are initiates of the 1st and 2nd degree. And so you kind of wonder here whether this group includes initiates of the 1st and 2nd degree or if it should be included in this other group of true disciples, group #8. When are the mysteries truly revealed? Well they are revealed progressively from the 1st degree to the 2nd degree and onto the 3rd, but it's really at the 3rd degree that there is the revelation of the true mystery of Oneness, of the unifying factor.

***These are souls who are not only conscious of their vehicles of expression,. . .*** increasingly one becomes a psychologist in relation to one's own vehicles and the vehicles of others, **. . .*the integrated personality,. . .*** but remember the truly integrated personality doesn't really appear until the 3rd degree, well majorly soul-infused personality, perhaps ultimate soul-infusion doesn't occur until the 4th degree and that is a strange thought, isn't it? Well anyway, the majorly integrated personalities are coming at the 3rd degree, so they are not only conscious of the vehicles of expression but . . . ***conscious also of themselves as souls,. . .*** also of themselves as souls, maybe not only as souls in incarnation but as souls on the higher planes of light, love and power, at least on the higher mental plane. But, and this is the distinguishing factor, ***. . . but they know, past all controversy, that there is no such thing as "my soul and your soul," but simply "the Soul".*** You know how the Rule 5 goes in the *Rays and the Initiations* (page 20) and it basically says, "In unison let the group perceive the Triad shining forth, dimming the light of the soul and blotting out the light of form. The macrocosmic Whole is all there is." And then this is the sentence that is related to what is being said in the foregoing, "Let the group perceive that Whole and then no longer use the thought 'My soul and thine.'"

46:14 So that is the 3rd degree and in the particular case we were discussing here with the advanced rules, that is the 3rd degree of the group itself. But when it comes to the individual to know, and past all controversy, not sometimes yes, sometimes no, it's not just on a good day, it's all the time, past all controversy, there is no my soul and thy soul, but simply THE soul. ***They know this not only as a mental proposition,*** as oftentimes probationary initiates of the 1st and 2nd degree know it, . . . ***and as a sensed reality, but also as a fact in their own consciousness.*** Dimly sensed as through a glass darkly, but also as a fact in their own consciousness. They can assert the fact with respect to this realization: there is no such thing as my soul and thy soul but only THE soul. This is all 3rd degree, all 9 petals have been unfolded, but not all 12, even though there is unfoldment of the synthesis petals at every one of the major initiations 1 through 5. I am calling 1 through 5 major and from a certain perspective, they are. They are the great manasic initiations.

So there is continuity of soul consciousness for this 9th group. Kind of interesting because 9 represents completion in a way and the Egoic lotus from one point of view in terms of its 9'ness is completed. They have been to the mountain, as Martin Luther King said of himself; they are global elders. The second degree types might really begin to have all this realization occurring from time-to-time but the 3rd degree has it with continuity. They are the world disciples. They are bypassing conventionality, conventional perspectives, nationalisms, regimented thinking that which one is told to think; they are far beyond mass consciousness. They are creative thinkers. They have incorporated the mystical stage of perceived Oneness and they have been working disciples and now they are World Disciples.

So I think we can say with fair accuracy that not so many of us; who are they, when the Dalai Lama himself is probably at this stage, or Alice Bailey or Albert Schweitzer, or maybe Nelson Mandela, only maybe, but perhaps Bishop Tutu perhaps. When such people are at this stage and they are initiates into the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, the great mystery being identity, identicality, or the sameness of all beings, then who are we to say that we have reached this stage? But we will have flashes and we will have realizations that this stage does exist and our job is to create continuity.

49:39 That's group #9: the souls who are initiate into the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Something we are all striving for and D.K. said it would not be so long as the Masters count time, before we, and by we I mean such as those who were in his groups of 9, and his group of 24, before we would be experiencing this stage.

And then Group 10 - it's a 1; it's power. Very interestingly at the 5th initiation, it is 1st ray which is expressing itself. Just check out page 340 of the Rays and Initiations and all the rays are given there.

## "10. The souls who have achieved release from all the limitations of the form nature and who dwell eternally in the consciousness of the One Soul, withdrawn from identification with any aspiration of the form life, no matter how highly developed. They can and do use the form at will for the purposes of the general good. These are the Masters of Life, the perfected adepts." EPII, 207

These are the souls, and notice he still calls them souls even though they don't have a causal body. From a certain perspective, even when you're a Monad you can be called a soul. A soul is a being with consciousness. And oftentimes soul represents the consciousness that that being has. It is not necessarily confined to the causal body. This is really important. The protean nature of the term soul and that we should not confine it simply to the type of consciousness which exists upon the higher mental plane when we say ‘the soul’ or even the ‘Solar Angel.’ Soul is cosmic. It is the consciousness of the one universal Logoic Being which we essentially are. That is what soul is. But then there are all these different classifications of it as we descend down the ladder of procritic density or the density of matter and the denser the enfoldment around the soul so to speak, then the more that soul is contained and the more that soul is related to form and is preoccupied with form.

51:51 So anyway, ***The souls who have achieved release from all the limitations of the form nature . . .***  and notice the causal body is a form and represents a limitation. It is the sheath of the true soul, well what is it, but the Spiritual Triad is a truer Ego or truer soul than that which is found in the causal body so there is a great release of consciousness when the unit of being consciousness rises out of the containment of the causal body, through the destruction of that causal body. So the souls who have achieved release from all the limitations of the form nature and certainly from the personality and even from the causal body . . . ***and who dwell eternally,. . .***  having overcome some of the major illusions of time, . . . ***in the consciousness of the One Soul. . .*** which is universal and is not confined to our planet or solar system or Cosmic Logos or Super Cosmic Logos or galaxy: it is utterly universal. Withdrawal from identification with any aspiration of the form life. The form life wants this and that. The mind wants this. The astral body wants that. The physical etheric body wants this and the other. Well, they may want those things but they have been so trained that they are no longer striving in those directions because they have become impressed and drawn into the Higher Being and the consciousness of this Higher Being which we are is no longer identified with those tendencies of lower vehicles, even though the lower vehicles, even though the tendencies are not much reduced.

53:33 So withdrawn from identification with any aspiration of the form life, no matter how highly developed. Even a highly developed form. Oftentimes, D.K. says look even though you are a high grade personality, you will be meditating as a personality unless you mediate as a soul. He says what is not acceptable in this meditation is that you meditate as a personality at all. You have to meditate as a soul. So that requires a change of identification. ***They can and do use the form,. . .*** and the form they may use if they are Masters of the Wisdom which are pretty much what these types are, but even for the 4th degree you can create a mayavarupa so the form they may use may be a mayavarupa, a vehicle of maya or a vehicle of the imagination, molded pretty much, on the vehicle that one had at the 5th degree, interesting. ***They can and do use the form at will, for the purposes of the general good.*** I so remember said what Master Morya said, ‘whoever is for the common wheel or the general good is with us’ and I found it to be the case. When I turn my mind to the general good I immediately feel something of the vibration of the great ones. He spoke the truth there - well he always will. A definite impressive truth. So they can and do use the form at will for the purposes of the general good. ***These are the Master of Life.*** Well they are certainly the Masters of the lower 3 worlds, or of life in the lower 3 worlds. They are . . . ***the perfected adepts. . .*** , so they are not just the arahats, they are actually the adepts. So you kind of think that even the initiate of the 4th degree can be found in group #9, at the end of the development of Group #9. And these will be found in group 10, the true Masters.

Well at one point here I said beginning with the 4th degree and including the 5th, but in a sense, let's just say those who are beyond the structure of the Egoic lotus. What does it say here? That's a question. Shall we put the 4th degree at the end of group# 9 or at the beginning of group #10 or both? But perfected adepts are initiates of the 5th degree, so in a way, should we say more likely to be initiates of the 5th degree - the true Masters of Life - he says Masters of Life, but to be a Master of Life in the ultimate sense of the word one would have to be more than a Master of the Wisdom who can control all things within the lower 3 worlds. One would have to, I don't know what, control the entire cosmic physical plane or beyond. But anyway, the term holds.

So this is the 10th group. Well we are not in that group. You know there are some people who say they are and well, even D.K. would not claim himself to be a Master of the Wisdom and only because Alice Bailey made an error and included his name at the end of a sending where he signed himself as the Master D.K. did that leak out. He would have simply said that he was a relatively high initiate and he was not going to go claiming anything for himself. So if a Master is not going to right off the bat claim Mastership, then why are we of much lesser capacity, some of us claiming Mastership. You know it's just a lack of proportion, isn't it?

So we have gone through all the 10 groups, haven't we? And I find this to be a most useful 10-fold categorization.

## “Higher than this we need not go, except by inference. A detailed analysis is not, however, in order, owing to the limitations of men's minds. The above is only a wide generalisation, and the various groupings shade into each other in a bewildering way. The varieties of intermediate types are myriad, but this analysis will serve as a skeleton structure upon which to build.” EP II, 207

***Higher than this,. .***  one can go higher, . . . ***we need not go, except by inference***. ***A detailed analysis is not, however, in order, owing to the limitations of men's minds***. So we are not going to discuss what chohans do and chohans of the 7th initiation and initiates of the 8th and 9th degree that are just slightly hinted at. ***The above is only a wide generalization, and the various groupings shade into each other in a bewildering way.*** And that is what any of us who have really thought about this have discovered. You know you just cannot make it utterly delineated, cut and dried. And so there are overlapping phases here and we may think of ourselves and find ourselves in more than one group. And I think it's a very good thing to try and place yourself, not with any sense of enlarging the lower ego or becoming self-centered, but just to be factual about it. Where do I stand, what do I have to do? We are working across a span of activities and you notice there is that bell shaped curve thing and maybe part of us is found on the lower level, part of us in the very center, maybe the majority and part of us reaching on ahead. So we may be working in various petals or the things that we do may affect various petals and be representative of various groups.

Review this. It is really worth your while to get the sense of these 10 groups, so that when you look out upon humanity and you see the various struggles of people in their life you can pretty well discover what it is that is motivating them, what the nature of their desire is, and within what range they are largely focused, not that you want to confine, you always want them to move forward of course. But realism is the key. I guess we can be differentially realistic about different things, but in this case, psycho-spiritual realism is really important.

Then this will be the end of the Egoic Lotus Webinar Commentaries #4, EPII page 207.