## EGOIC LOTUS WEBINARS, VIDEO COMMENTARY – 68, Michael Robbins

Egoic Lotus Webinar Commentaries 68: Practical Advice for Petal 6. This webinar is about 1 hour, 39 minutes long.

Program 68 offers practical advice for using energies and forces to accomplish the tasks related to the unfoldment of Petal 6—the petal in which the Path of Probation 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.**

Alright, we are now beginning on program number 68 to egoic lotus webinar commentary. We finished the practical advice for those who are working on those tasks which are related to the development of petal number five, and now we do the same for a petal number six. The sacrifice petal of the love tier.

1. ***The Petal of Sacrifice for the astral plane; unfoldment is brought about by the attitude of man as he consciously endeavors to give up his own desires for the sake of his group. His motive is still somewhat a blind one, and still coloured by the desire for return of that which he gives and for love from those he seeks to serve, but it is of a much higher order than the blind sacrifice to which a man is driven by circumstances as is the case in the early unfoldment. As this threefold enlightenment or unfoldment proceeds, again, a dual result is seen:***

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***The Petal of Sacrifice for the astral plane; unfoldment is brought about by the attitude.*** Notice that when we perform certain acts in a given attitude, it has certain results. ***The attitude of man as he consciously endeavors to give up his own desires for the sake of his group.*** I think we see how many people who are involved in our kind of work at this period of history are working in petal number six whose ***motive is still somewhat a blind one,*** which means I suppose he is not working with knowledge of the divine plan and ***still colored by the desire for return of that which he gives and for love from those he seeks to serve.*** So, there still is this a self centeredness and the individual still considers himself of some importance, ***but it is of a much higher order than the blind sacrifice to which a man is driven by circumstances as is the case in the early unfoldment***, petal number three. ***As this threefold enlightenment or unfoldment proceeds, again, a dual result is seen: the astral permanent atom comes into full activity and radiance, as regardless five of its spirillae, and the two atoms of the physical and astral planes are equally vibrant.*** So, I suppose five of us purely for the physical production out of them are also active. And I would say this leads us to the period of the second initiation. ***The three petals of the central ring of the egoic lotus come also into full unfoldment, and the heart center of the Monad is seen as a wheel of fire with six of its spokes in full display of energy and rapidly rotating.***

The monad is related to the number six, just the way the number of Shamballa is six or 24 can now begin to be sensed. The spiritual will is sensed and something about being is sensed.

Then later on page 822-823 just a brief summary, it says, of the love tier:

***Petal 3 … Loving intelligent sacrifice on the physical and astral planes. TCF 822-823***

***Petal 3 … Loving intelligent sacrifice on the physical and astral planes.*** Always there is sacrifice with the sacrifice petal. But when we get into the sacrifice tier, they're sacrificing all of the petals. So, basically there are five petals of sacrifice. It's an attitude, ***he consciously endeavors to give up his own desires for the sake of his group.*** Group consciousness then is beginning to come in, but he still has identified rather as himself and only the process of initiation can end that kind of limited identification. And he still seeks reciprocity from those served. He does not serve yet from a motive of pure selflessness.

Now, suppose we are attempting then to give up our desires for the sake of our group. Suppose we are working in the field of the probationary path, no longer simply an aspirant but one who was on the probationary path. That means one is consciously trying to evolve and realizes that it is necessary to be tested and that one must prove one self, either in the light of the soul or some superior authority on the light of the higher self. One is beginning to use the mind to control one's approach to the higher of the pairs of opposites. Remember that all through petal four, five and six, there is a realization of the duality of man and from the point of realization there comes conflict, and gradually the increasing dominance of the higher of the pairs of opposites over the lower.

I sometimes call this the petal of discipline, the petal of self correction, the petal of careful preparation for the first initiation. Remember, the crisis of the birthplace is related to Virgo and we are somehow cleansing ourselves, getting rid of what is no longer needed, maybe never was needed. Getting rid of some of the imperfections that prevent us from having the true birth of the Christ, in the heart.

(Okay. I have two computers going and sometimes look over. This is a faster computer that I'm working out here. Sometimes look over at the other one and it freezes. And then suddenly quick motion. I hope that's not what you're getting.)

0:06:10 Let us think together about how a person equipped with various rays would work here. Well, let's just say, that the personality, realizing that it is to be tested is under discipline and the will is applied through the mental body. This is a more serious approach to self correction than the sort of happenstantial or Leo approach, which we may have had when in Leo, when we were living through the Leo petal. There is an element of humility. Let's just say humility is very important in this petal and the wheel reinforces the attitude of humility. Of course, this is a sacrifice petal and one uses the will to give up and to eliminate what stands in the way.

For a ray two type, the inner love of the Christ is detected and is constantly growing. This is the key to Virgo with its second ray and sixth ray to reveal the Christ through self discipline. So, there is the nurturing of the inner wisdom and the cautious attempt to apply what one begins to understand as selflessness. Not complete however because reciprocity is still expected. What did the Christ expect from us? Only that we would follow him and do as he has done. He didn't want to receive anything from us, nor could he expected we could return anything like what he had given.

The growth of inner wisdom is occurring here. And the more the discipline, the more inner light and inner wisdom grows. So always with a Virgo petal, one is willing to take pains and to work in matter in such a way that consciousness grows.

When it comes to ray three, if that is strong, what do we say here? This is supposed to be advice, right? So, we're supposed to say discipline yourself for ray one, apply the will through your mental body, enforce the attitude of humility, eliminate all the stands in the way. Putting these in terms of imperatives. With ray two, nurture the inner wisdom and cautiously and sensitively attempt to understand what selflessness is and try to give without expecting in return. Simply try to give. The more the discipline, the more the light. So, let's just say at least attempt to give, expecting nothing in return.

What are we really sacrificing here? We are on the path of probation and we are sacrificing self centeredness by cultivating humility. So, cultivate humility here. Unfortunately for the second ray type, once they get going, especially on the love line, they have a broad point of view. So, it's not so difficult to cultivate humility and to reduce the ahamkara.

Now, if the high intelligence is strong, ray three, Virgo represents so much the third aspect here and let's just say withdraw from the personal point of view and begin to understand the perspective of consciousness as if from the higher mind. In general, where you might say try to share, try to see things from the large point of view, see from the higher mind and share and become philanthropic and see the necessity for service, see from such a distance that the centrality of the lower ego begins to disappear.

We have to talk and speak in new terms, we have to have this kind of understanding that the little self just isn't that important. So, we use the intelligence to minimize the importance of the little self, use a high perspective to drop the self-centered attitude and link up with other people as if from a loftier perspective. Really understand the need for sacrifice of the lesser for the greater and generally cultivate the higher mind. Because we are told here that this is ***loving, intelligent sacrifice on the physical and astral planes.*** In other words, let growing intelligence really serve selflessness, instead of the egocentric attitude. One just begins to understand philosophically and in other ways that what had seemed so important is of lesser important from a much higher point of view. Remember that the third ray is capable of abstraction, and can see a big picture from a great distance and many previously important things are now seen as trifles.

Ray four of harmony through conflict. Well, it's always difficult to sacrifice. It is always difficult to sacrifice. And ray four is directly connected with the law of sacrifice with Scorpio, with Mercury, it always has a tension of the conflict between, in this case, the selfless point of view and the more selfish, expectant point of view; expectant of reward and reinforcement of the personality. Really, begin to understand the law of sacrifice, and why it is necessary and why it is necessary if one is to prepare for the birth of the Christ in the heart. Allow this tension to occur within one and choose correctly. Allow the tension and choose correctly, do not attempt to resolve the discomfort too early.

This a bridge. (These are sort of imperatives) bridge towards the cross of the soul, the fixed cross of sacrifice. And, finally, selfless service. The generosity of the fourth ray, we are told it exists. Submit yourself to the tension of that conflict between selflessness and selfishness. Always there's the attempt to harmonize the two tendencies but eventually to choose in this conflict the right way. Just the way Arjuna had to choose the correct way. He was torn in two directions, but eventually he had to choose. It’s the classic fourth ray dilemma. It's the battle of Kurukshetra, it is occurring in the fourth root race and maybe the fourth sub ray of the fourth root race.

So even though one seeks harmony, one has to choose the way of the way of the higher of the pairs of opposites. There is beauty in the right choice and there is a correct arrangement of priorities which can be increasingly understood. One must really be willing to go through the conflicts that are inevitable when the soul approaches the personality. So, be willing to pass through the conflicts which must occur when the soul approaches the personality. Then we have to learn how to stand steadfast in the, conflicts which arise during our probation. The probationary period is going to be a difficult period and they're going to be strong energies which conflict with each other. So, we have to realize that we have to, we have to realize conflict will go on and we have to stand back from the conflict, stand back from the conflict and perceive what is really happening. Then put your willpower on the right side.

0:20:20 When it comes to the fifth ray in this petal of self improvement, use the laser beam of intelligence to rid yourselves of glamours that stand in the way of identification with Christ force. We're on the astral plane and we have to relinquish the astral bias. There is a personal astral bias, and it can be seen through when we really analyze what is happening. So, analyze in order to improve the quality of your attitude and your instruments. It is the major ray for really seeing what's going on. In other words, what do we need at this point in order to improve and discipline ourselves? We need objectivity.

When the fifth ray is strong, we can actually see, you see our errors. With the fifth ray strong we can actually see our errors and what needs to be done to correct them. So, this is a time of preparatory self analysis in preparation for the first initiation, we'll call it that. Self analysis as we approach the first initiation. People can tell us this and that, they can report to us about how we affect them and what our behavior appears to be, but the fifth ray allows us really to see. It’s a ray connected with sight, with the ajna center, with the ability to hold something at a distance and see how it actually works. So, we get a lot clearer. I would say here, be clear about your personality and what it needs. If it is to become the instruments of the soul.

It is now ray six and petal six, so continue to aspire and desire that which is high so keenly that you are willing to take the pains to self correct. There is this idealism which has to be sustained through the self-correcting process. So, sustain spiritual idealism through the self-correcting process. Virgo has this sixth ray. Learn to endure as you are fulfilling this ideal of passing the tests to which you will necessarily be subjected as you approach the soul and it approaches you. Again, avoid fanaticism, Virgo and the sixth ray together can produce it. We become too focused on a particular type of improvement, not to get caught in excessive physical disciplines. We can get so involved in the disciplines that we forget what the disciplines are meant to produce. Do not become so involved in the disciplines that you forget why you are disciplining yourself. Because the danger here of a narrow point of view with the sixth ray in the sixth petal can present itself, the wider picture of course, is needed.

With ray seven, as always, make it real. And if there is a correction accomplished, make sure it is expressed for the sake of the group, for the sake of those you seek to help. This is a chance, bring in soul energy, which here is the highest and bring it into the personality, the lowest. In other words, this is a very practical petal and we may aspire to something, but what's being tested is our practicality, our willingness actually to, express what the soul wants. The will-to-expression comes in with the seventh ray. So actually, express intangible service the improvements that you make in your skill in action and in the quality of your nature. The seventh ray is the ray of practicality, of course, and we have to learn how to take things from heaven and actually bring them to earth. Here is a petal connected with Virgo, also connected with Pisces and we have some opportunities at last to make real in service all that we are learning on our way to the fuller birth of the Christ in the heart. These are some seed ideas.

If Aries is strong, use your driving will to make the improvements, the corrections, be relentless in this task. The thing about Aries is it just keeps going and plunges ahead, it lowers his head and when it sees the objective it goes straight for that objective. Work straight through to the goal without relenting. That's another thing, of course, about the second ray, that it has to do with persistence. It's persistence in a steady manner and a ray one persists in crashing through.

When you're on the probationary path you really have to be careful because it's so easy to lose your balance. We have to always be watching ourselves. This is one of those petals which there is a lot of self observation for the sake of preserving balance and really it's going to be hard to take that next initiation. Really the first initiation in the Libra petal, unless the balance, a reasonable balance is created. So, we're getting ready to leave the mutable cross and Aries is like that first drivers or the last drive relentlessly to do so.

Taurus? *I see when the eye is single, always illumined*, it's all about the light and acquire knowledge of the soul and apply it in the right way, because in this acquisition your values have changed and are becoming ever more spiritual, more soul centered. We have to see in order to attempt to give to the group … to give up desires for the group. You see where this is interesting because Taurus is such an acquisitive type of sign in the lower sense, but when there is the knowledge of Taurus, use the light and knowledge of Taurus for the sake of the group and relinquish acquisitiveness which is found in Taurus.

Here we are in this sixth petal expecting something in return. Now, what is it that expect something in return? Not the part of ourselves that identifies as the other person. That's the part of ourselves that identify as the lower person as the real entity is the real being. That growing light, that attitude can be dispensed with. Let the light of wisdom increase. Virgo is often related to the cultivation of the light of wisdom. And here is the use of Taurus in that petal. Let the light of wisdom increase and let it help us. Improve your value system and your actions and your instrument.

0:33:00 Now, Gemini gives a lot of the second ray and it's all about soul communion. So, continue the dialogue between soul and personality and it become ever clearer about what the soul is advising in order to relinquish a selfish expectation. This is a place where we really are leaving the mutable cross and we want to move towards the cross of Christ, which is the fixed cross. Now, Pisces is a good transitional sign and so is Gemini. They are both linking signs. We know how Gemini connects every zodiacal pair of opposites, except for itself and Sagittarius, which is connected by Pisces. So, these are good bridging signs towards the cardinal, towards the fixed cross. Deepen meditation and the flow of energy and thoughts between the higher and lower pairs of opposites. Use intelligence (you would anyway in the Virgo petal), but use intelligence to see what corrections have to be made and improve your human relations, spiritualized them.

There is a very deep power in Gemini, it is such a Christ sign. The seventh ray initiate achieves its highest point at the Gemini Festival, it is the head of the cosmic Christ. When improvements are being made to the character, it's not some sort of a fastidious perfectionism. It's all for the sake of love. Avoid fastidious perfectionism, which can be egoistic, and instead realize that all improvements are meant to facilitate loving relationships. The give and take between soul and personality, Gemini will lead to the selflessness which is desirable in this petal. Gemini is all about reciprocity, but it will be an energy reciprocity. It will be a spontaneous reciprocity. Go for real reciprocity, which is spontaneous and natural, and avoid expectation of return. The Gemini knows that there will naturally be a return flow along the line of relationship and the more that is generously given, the more will return, but he doesn't really expect that. Go deeper in the linking of soul and personality before the first initiation.

So much of this work, Alice Bailey, the Tibetan, Mary Bailey, Foster Bailey, other disciples, all with so much Gemini in the mix. We just have to believe that with what the Tibetan has done that He is powerfully conditioned by the sign Gemini.

Here is Cancer. It has the exalted Jupiter in it, so love generously and do not hold onto the personality identity, but enter into greater compassion and feeling for those to whom you relate. Remember not only the Jupiter exaltation, both Neptune, planet of compassion, passion of the Christ. It's rulership of the sign, Cancer, and be meticulous. Virgo in building the lighted house of the personality which will, become a fifth instrument for the entry of the Christ consciousness. The sixth petal is really about improving the vehicles so that the Christ can indeed come to birth. Recognize the people with whom you interact as a family. Normally when family relations are right, we don't have expectations of them; when family relations are right, the process of relationship is based on giving and on generosity. Cancer is a sign of integration. So once there is correction, self discipline, elimination of many things that are not needed, continue to integrate the soul into the field of the personality.

There's a greater wholeness that is possible here, much greater wholeness when we reached for the Christ energy itself, for the heart energy, much greater embrace we might say. So, Cancer is the sign of embrace, it's also the sign of desperate hanging on from a lower point of view, but embrace all. Embrace all in new relationship based on a growing love in the Virgo field. We're one. Begin to sense the oneness with those with whom one interacts later. The whole is seen as one. I mean, this is more the more the ninth petal kind of realization. But here we are trying hard on the probationary path to improve. And, let's just say, do not be overly sensitive emotionally. in other words, this is the chance for objectivity and greater impersonality. Cancer can be a little bit touchy in terms of it's a feeling nature.

0:42:00 With a Leo continue, most carefully. That's the Virgo to cultivate selflessness, the virtue of the higher self. That is what has to be done here. We cannot fall back into the ahamkara here because we are objectively in a Virgo way eliminating so much of that ahamkara. So, remove the little things which keep the great light of higher selfhood from shining and begin to shine with the light of the fixed cross. When we become more group conscious and forget about repayment, the light will shine brighter. So, start to be aware that you can be the higher self, towards which you have been oriented during the love petals, when the higher of the pairs of opposites has come into view.

When it comes to Virgo, of course, this is a strong Virgo petal, so you are being tested. Do things correctly from the higher point of view and a take pains to improve and apply your knowledge practically in service. Pass those tests as they present themselves. You can do this because you are now more realistic about your lower self. Virgo makes a very good analyst, makes a good psychologist or one who can really see precisely what is going on and can recommend the techniques. Speaking of techniques, discover the techniques which facilitate improvement and you move into greater selflessness.

When it comes to Libra, I would just say, prepare for the first stage of the divine marriage. When does that really take place? Is that the third degree? And maybe in a way it is, but every time there is a phase of soul infusion, an aspect of the divine marriage does occur. Maybe it's the fourth degree in a way, finally there's the complete soul infusion. Let’s just say even the third degree, the personality still exists and a great social presence is there. Now here we are just beginning a for that. and we would say avoid fanaticism a Libra, use the corrective to Virgo in this respect, balance your energy system, much of correction and improvement is the creation of right balance. Use the golden rule, ruled by Libra, so do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Use the golden rule without expectation of return, which anyway will be inevitable according to that which has been given. Just work on the balancing of soul tendencies and the higher personality tendencies as you move towards the first stage of union in the seventh petal.

When you really meet the other, you really meet the initiator, you meet the great friend, the Christ, who I believe as the prince of peace has so much to do with the sign Libra, as I have stated. This is a question of analyzing the energy system to create balance, analyze the energy system to create balance and the supplement where necessary and reduce where necessary. Now this will continue, obviously, is we're being trained to initiation. We have that tendency to understand more and more where we overflow the boundaries and where we have an insufficiency and we have to adjust and create the balance. Here with Libra it is really important when you're engaged in all these physical and even psychological disciplines at the sixth petal to not go overboard, but to somehow remember that right relationship is the goal, right? Relationship with others, right? Relationship with the soul.

Scorpio will continue to be – the interesting thing is that the Virgo petal is also in a way a Scorpio petal; the Scorpio petal is in a way of Virgo petal. These are the two *M* signs and just say very simply, throw away what is not needed, at least preliminarily. It may be necessary to improve and transmute, it may be necessary to dig. So, look deeply as to what is really needed and what may be hiding in your nature and which needs elevation, expiation, elimination, those kinds of things. You're being tested. You are being tested on the path of probation and meet the tests with strength. At every initiation, Scorpio will present itself: one, two, and three, and it presented itself with the petal. It's going to present at the sixth. So, it is present at the five, six, seven, eight, nine. And then later, I think again at the fourth initiation in another way that you haven't really conquered your Hydra here, but you have Hydra heads, but you have noticed what they might be. So, have the insight to look clearly within and the courage to a project or it may be necessary at least initially so. You’ll eject more later at the eighth petal when the real battle in this swamp, the swamps of Lyrna, will be occurring.

Sagittarius, lift the sights towards the soul and keep the higher of the pairs of opposites always in mind. See that which lies beyond the customary and live holding that high vision in mind, helping you to transition to the seventh petal, and the opportunity for the first initiation. In other words, you are a probationary disciple here, but try to be more and more one-pointed about your discipleship. Maybe you will not entirely succeed and maybe it will be a lot of vicissitudes, but keep your spiritual orientation. This is a useful sign at the seventh petal, at the eight and ninth petal, but certainly here it's related to a seeing ahead see ahead to life on the fixed cross and go for it. Sometimes when we have a task, we say, well, it'll take care of itself, but sometimes it's necessary to have such an orientation that one keeps moving in that direction and doesn't let it out of sight. So, do not let the possibility of Christ consciousness out of sight. You will soon learn to be the one-pointed disciple. When I talked about you, I talk about me, I talked about anybody, but since this is practical advice, I'm talking to you, I'm talking to myself.

Capricorn? The birth of the Christ is imminent. So, what, realistically, do I have to do to enter that field in which the Christ can be born? Take a more elevated position and move a relentlessly towards the moment of birth. Virgo is the pre-birth period, it’s the gestation period. Capricorn is the birth itself. We're not yet lost in the light supernal, but we do sense this great potential within ourselves if we will simply take the practical steps to make this next elevation possible. Capricorn is going to be really active at all the five initiations, even beyond the existence of the egoic lotus, right? I would also say about Capricorn, take the probationary tests seriously; the mysteries of the soul are going to be imparted. These are the achievements which are now the most important when you're working at this point, you're going to rise to the point where initiation may be possible.

And did I say about Gemini that one should (I'm not sure I said it, but I'm going to put it down here). Be objective about that other self. Get the sense through objectivity that the personality self can really be seen for what it is because you are occupying the vantage point of a higher self, increasingly so.

We have Aquarius, we're told that we attempt is made to turn, to serve the group, to offer something to the group. So, be increasingly group conscious and realize the inherent generosity of Aquarius and the group expect nothing in return for the separate self. Eliminate the obstacles to fusion within your lower nature that blending with the group can really occur.

I don't know whether I should speak first and then write later or sometimes I try to do both at the same time and it's not the best. As it is said here, he attempts to give up your own desires for the sake of his group.

Now, Scorpio is a very good at giving up one's own desires and I think I should be mentioning that. Scorpio very good at giving up of one's own desires, and Pisces too for that matter. And that's where we're going to be there.

Pisces is connected with this particular petal, at least that's the way I've done it. The water signs are related to these petals and Pisces is the third in order. It's a sign of great sacrifice. Let's just say, give up your desires, selflessly. Dissolve your desires and leave them behind as you fuse and blend with the group and have the high expectation of meeting the Christ when the desire nature is in the right condition, the right selfless condition. Of course, we would naturally use the will, Pluto and Pisces to do this. Pisces is a perfect sign through which to make a transition to the fixed cross. *Forgetting the things which lie behind us to strive towards my higher spiritual possibilities, I dedicate myself anew to the service of the coming one.*

Let's just say we begin at the point where we can rightly say, forgetting the things which lie behind and so forth, Pisces is very good at that. It's all in the past, how many universes that we live through, being, it's all it's in the infinite past, and yet the now has never changed for a moment. That's the big mystery and that's what has to be solved. The impulse towards real helpfulness is here and through Pisces we really can relinquish any expectation of return for what we give and when we just let go of that expectation, we will make the transition into the seventh petal, in which the first initiation can be experienced.

1:02:00 What impresses me is how much one could ponder it. It will be unique for everybody. You will have a special way of using your energies to accomplish what it is in the field of that petal that you think you must accomplish member. No petal is done overnight and it can take quite a few lives to go through most of the petals in a very long time to go through some of them in the earlier days, shortening and shortening and shortening as we go on.

So, you have a sun sign, you have a rising sign, you know where you're working. If you're on the path of probation, if you're really trying to clean up the personal self and pass certain tests which fit you for the stepping onto the path of initiation, you want to know how you can use your sun sign and your rising sign in the appropriate rulers to do that. When you've got an esoteric ruler of your rising sign is really important, leading you to the soul. It helps leading you in the direction of soul accomplishment for that particular incarnation. I'm interested here in energy specificity there are specific tasks to accomplish. There are specific energies that help us accomplish these tasks. What is our skill in action, how really can we use the energies we have? Everybody's got a sun sign sometimes the sun is very powerful in the chart and you are on the way to a higher identity if you can clean house, and thus see the higher identity. We're told that the pure in heart shall see God. Well, we're trying to learn how to be the pure in heart here so we can see our higher identity which is merged with the identity of others.

The moon is very important in Virgo and we are focusing on each vehicle using Vulcan, Neptune and Uranus. So, this is transmutation and we are improving the vibratory state of each vehicle. We do not wish to be pulled back. I'll just say this, transform your moon, which is the mother of the form. Transform it in such a way that each personality vehicle is purified and becomes the fifth receptacle for the Christ energy.

Vulcan is very important in this petal. It's a Virgo petal and bring in the will of the soul to accomplish this cleansing task and use Vulcan to help you pass these difficult tests. You are overcoming direction of normal desire and Vulcan can help you in this work. Vulcan is will. Mars is desire. There's this ongoing conflict between Mars and Vulcain; Cain killed Abel, Vul-Cain kills the shepherd of Aries. We're turning our desire nature toward group fulfillment and the powerful will of Vulcan. See, no matter what you feel, use the Vulcanian will to do what is right in the eyes of the soul as you now increasingly appreciated. Because now you're coming closer to the soul directives which are bringing you forward to the time when you can take the first initiation.

While Mercury is exalted in Virgo and it's also the esoteric, now the ordinary ruler of Virgo, orthodox ruler and just say, be intelligent in matter, matter form, so you can correct and improve the form so that it is a fit receptacle receptive for the Christ energy. Use intelligence to bring the personality into better shape. Mercury is so intelligent when it is relating to this sign of intelligence, Virgo. The son of mind is coming to birth in the personality nature and we just have to really be skillful. Mercury is a skillful planet and develop skill in action to bring the personality to the point where it can take the first initiation. This business of being on the probationary path, it's not just a question of strong will. Robert Assagioli says, there is the strong will, but there's also good will, the loving will is also a skillful will.

It's the skillful use of the will skillfully and achieving the right conditioning of the personality. This is where Mercury and Vulcan combine, and you can call on these energies at anytime. They're ambient, they're always present. You can visualize the glyphs, you can visualize the color, maybe even play the notes associated with it, with be the note *E* in this case, from what we understand, and summon this sense of Mercury, and say, okay, that Mercury be expressed in this moment and in relation to this task, we just get very energy specific about how to call upon ever-available energies. It's the kind of evocative astrology, we might say. We're certainly not waiting to see what happens to us. That's not the point is how to use the many, many threads of energy in the right way.

While Venus is the soul, it falls in the sign of Virgo, but that fall has to do with the service of the solar angels. So, attune with the solar angel through meditation and use its energy, in practical service, and to shed light upon what must be eliminated, improved, eliminated, improved and ray condition in your nature. Draw closer to the soul through meditation. This is the cultivating the true Venus here, there'll be a bit of modesty at all. You know what I mean? Venus can also stimulate union of a personality kind, but we are interested in union with the soul, so it's understand the meaning of (put it in a funny way) understand the meaning of chaste Venus, drawing you into union with the soul, but not so much into union with other human beings in a personal sense. Clarify the face of Venus through the proper eliminations and corrections.

This is a very important placement for Venus in order to be used in the sixth petal because it is after all of the soul which participates in the initiation process, as does the Christ, and the soul is the guide here. So, allow the soul to guide you in even little things which must be improved and corrected. It's a very specific kind of guidance that is required, very practical.

When it comes to the Earth, I'll just say serve practically within the field of service. We come closer to Christ when we help others in practical ways, helping to meet their next requirement.

With Mars, we have to avoid fanaticism. Mars in relation to Virgo can be pretty intense. Approach the task of self improvement with great zeal. Not too much zeal, but a great zeal. Work energetically at getting the personality into shape, so that the Christ may have a fifth vehicle.

Here's Jupiter opening the door of the womb in Virgo. That is its hierarchical position. We're not really so much there. See the vision of initiation and take all necessary steps to prepare, have optimism in the process and know that it leaves to the wider life of the initiate. Come *en rapport* with the second ray, which is the Christ energy and fuse more and more with the higher of the pairs of opposites. That's not really possible entirely until the third initiation where you find yourself actually in full consciousness to be the soul. But, let's say, within your every-growing ring-pass-not, not always include the soul as part of the larger picture. And, somehow try to try to look ahead using whatever soul energy has infused your consciousness. Okay? Of course, I have to say, be generous. Jupiter's generosity. Give, give, give with no thought of return. That's good advice there.

Saturn in a Virgo petal, where we attempt to give our desire? Well, discipline your desires, obviously, the desire nature, truly and restrain your lower desires so that your desires serve the welfare of the group. In other words, stop yourself when you feel like reverting to selfishness and obey the inner impulses of the soul, which by now are reaching you. As you clean house, the more we clean, cleanliness is next to godliness. Cleanliness is next to soulfulness we could easily say, this is a good planet to work with in this petal, a planet of sacrifice. We know what has to be given up for a higher conformity. Give up all that prevents a higher conformity to the will of the soul. I'm just saying just a little bit here but you get the idea.

1:18:00 With Uranus. Prepare for revolution at the first initiation ruled very much by Uranus, interestingly, because it rules Libra, rules the sacral center, it has a lot to do with a Leo. It's just a total change of path, change of kingdom. Fulfill Saturn in order to enter the new domain ruled by Uranus by the higher fires and eventually electric fire. Uranus, the planet of doing things in a better way. Realize there is always a way to do things better and find it with originality. Don't allow yourself to be blocked by any sense of incapacity. Uranus will always make us free. Realize the impending freedom of the first initiation and allow this to motivate you as you do all the little things to make your condition better.

With Neptune, it is related to Pisces, it is related to Virgo. You're going to meet the Christ. Christ is Neptune as well. So, aspire towards that which is transpersonal. Do not delude yourself with lower desires, but elevate your desire nature so that it reaches into the heavens, i.e., into the higher mental plane, and the causal body and the egoic lotus, where a true initiation is taken. It's all about elevation when it comes to Neptune, it's about generally being sensitive to the soul and all it is trying to show with its light, indicating the places where tests are occurring and how you can win. Let the intuition begin its approach. Cleanse the astral body we'll help with reception of intuition. I mean, there's so much thing he said, but these are just little seed thoughts. You know, one says, ‘here I am, I know I'm on the probationary path. I have a strong Neptune. How can I work that planet so that I come closer to my objective?’ In general that is to feel compassion and selflessness towards all and begin to empathize with them? This will overcome a separateness. Sometimes we think of ourselves as separated self who need some sort of reciprocity from someone else, who's also a separate itself. But you know with the Neptune we begin to feel this identicality, it comes later much more. But Neptune is always sharing the feelings, the sentience states, so in general, in moving towards initiation, be sensitive to others. A friend is another self and if he cares, not for the suffering and pain of the lower self and yet it is immaterial to him whether happiness comes his way or not. Then the fire of love is irradiated and the world can warm itself at his feet.

Well, Pluto is really important here is to say heal yourself physically, psychologically, later mentally, in other words, cast out all hindrances and use Pluto also to recognize them. If someone's going to clean up the environment, I would say having Pluto in Virgo, it's really important. If you're going to clean up the personality, having Pluto in relation to the house number six is very, very useful. Pluto always is going to find out where the impediment is. It's going to look very deep, its like Scorpio in that respect. Scorpio, a greater lord and Pluto, a lesser lord related to Scorpio, but some of the same factors are at work. So, let's just say it this way, dig deep to find out what must be improved and correct it and then do not hesitate, but carry through in the eviction of that which is poisonous, and the healing of that which can be healed. Pluto is the healer with the power of the serpent.

1:25:00 What we have done is we have gone through petal number six and once there is sufficient work in petal number eight and the rod of initiation is applied, petal number six will be fully unfolded. And so, will the entire astral tier, the love tier for the astral plane, the love circle. This is really important work, you're on the probationary path.

You can tell when people are just not aspiring, if their aspiration is there, they just want it for the personality, if they're going to aspire for something higher, you can tell when that is. And if they're really going to work at it, invite them into petal number six, because petal number six is all about working for the improvements which are seen to be desirable, or seen to be even necessary, one is to pass the tests imposed by the approaching soul. Maybe one would pick up DK’s books and put them down, and pick up the Theosophical book and put it down on the stage of aspiration. Try this, try that, the spiritual smorgasbord; this teacher, that method. Now, this one bad one, instability, let instability do its work. Gemini on the path of aspiration, but Virgo is about settling down to work. It’s about really taking yourself in hand using the will and being more mentally focus, which Virgo can also give even though you're working on the desires of the astral body.

We are still in the astral petals here. So we are desiring higher things. Now we're trying to train ourselves to desire higher things. Then when it comes to training, by the way, I want to go into Saturn here these things will come later. I'll realize that later, but submit the entire personality to training. This is a training petal. You certainly have to train for the first initiation, don’t you? A lot of that training has done here and some of that is going to be done in the seventh petal as we really are drawing into closer union under the sign Libra. Remember that strenuous and abnormal efforts are expended in the petals relating to initiation, and only then will the rod of initiation really be applied and unfoldment is caused by the strenuous and abnormal efforts and also by the application of the rod of initiation.

Okay, this will be then – I have this passion for completeness, but it's of course impossible. No universe even can be complete that we know any, any infinitude is never complete, only the absolute is forever complete and impossible to complete any further. This will be the end of egoic lotus webinar commentary program 68, and we'll call it to practical advice for petal six. It’s going to be one hour in about 30 minutes. We will be beginning egoic lotus webinar commentary program 69 practical advice for petal seven or for those working in, petal number seven, right?

We have reached the point. Okay. Believe it or not, it's hot here in Finland. All throughout Scandinavia we are having centigrade over 30 degrees and under the lights it's a bit warm, but hopefully something will be suggested that will help us say, okay, here's where I am. Here's what I've got, here's what I've got to do, here's how I can do it. Maybe a lot of that has to be left to the individual himself. I mean, here's how I'm going to do it. That's up to you, your own free will and your own building of the antahkarana according to your own unique methods.

Okay, we'll see you for petal seven. Such an interesting petal according to what DK says, all of the intricacies of the petals. I've got into that before. I'm just looking for the main points and how to accomplish the main tasks which are associated with the development of a particular petal.

See you soon.