THE RAYS AND THE INITIATIONS, PART II WEBINAR – 4, Michael Robbins

## Abstract

In this fourth program Master DK continues to discuss the spiritual goals of the Hierarchy itself as opposed to the goals for humanity. The powerful effect of Stanza Two of the Great Invocation (upon Hierarchy and not upon humanity) are also mentioned. Certain energy flows concern only Hierarchy and are retained within Hierarchy, never reaching humanity at all. All B/beings in cosmos are in the process of moving forward and this, humanity must remember. In this book the effects of the rays upon the various initiations will be discussed in a broad and general way. Master DK will not repeat all the technical information which He has scattered throughout His books—dispersing and scattering such information to protect the unready and unwary from a correlated presentation of the information. He informs us that it is changes in the etheric body itself which allow the disciple /initiate to experience the revelations of the Mysteries. The impartation of information is necessary but is not the way revelation occurs. The three words Experiment, Experience and Expression are then discussed in relation to the process of initiation. These words also have a higher meaning in relation to the life of those within the Spiritual Hierarchy—the Masters of the Wisdom. Although all initiates have to make the same type of experiments, have generally the same type of experiences and have to express the new energies of which they are aware, there are certain ray differences of approach and certain reactions which have not been generally studied and which are significant. The idea of the “wheel turning upon itself” is discussed; each initiation brings a particular chakra into such a fourth dimensional condition. The "Reversal of the Wheel" is mentioned in this context as is the function of the zodiac of constellations in relation to the "One About Whom Naught May Be Said"; it is the heart-in-the-head center of that Great Being.

## Transcription of Rays and Initiations, II, Program 4, pages 335-339.

Hi everybody and we are going to continue now. We are working in *The Rays and Initiations Webinar Commentary* this is Program 4. We’re in Part II of this book. Part I has been done in written commentary maybe there will be an opportunity to do it in a video commentary as well, we will see. Sometimes, more ideas are added in the video commentary method. We have been talking about the restoration of the Mysteries and the opportunity lying before Hierarchy as well as humanity. Hierarchy has to take its next step forward and its externalization is not only for the sake of the human being, it's also part of the planetary process and also has something to do with what Hierarchy itself must do. So we have to learn to see from a more decentralized point of view than is usually the case with humanity at its present stage of unfoldment.

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The Hierarchy has its own life and its own goals and objectives, its own evolutionary rhythm and its own spiritual expansions; these are not the same as those of the human kingdom. That's the main idea here, the goals and objectives have to do with the way of higher evolution whereas humanities’ goals and objectives have to do with the usual five initiations through which the Hierarchy or the true members of the Hierarchy have already passed.

Even though as I said in this circle, see on this important chart:



People on the probationary path, various grades of disciples and initiates of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree, are included within this blue circle of Hierarchy. You know this chart has been colored by Keith Bailey with A.U.M. and he is given permission for people in the esoteric field to use it, and it is very helpful especially the coloring. You know Master D.K. has given us this chart but the colored lines and colored circles are helpful, definitely. These goals and rhythms will become more familiar to thinking men as the Hierarchy approaches closer to the physical plane. And let’s just see here, Master D.K.’s work has made this far clearer. If you want to know how to distinguish between works which claimed to be works inspired by Master D.K. and the real thing, just see what they talk about and see the authority with which they speak about the future and of areas of the planetary energy system which normal human beings can know nothing about.

“This inclusive and planned activity of the Hierarchy is related to spiritual incentives which have their roots in Shamballa. There the life aspect is being almost violently stimulated through the action of the Lords of Liberation Who have swept into planetary activity because of the use of the second Stanza of the great Invocation—which was used potently by Members of the Hierarchy. Again, it was not used by Them solely on behalf of humanity or for the liberation of mankind; it had hierarchical implications also and was in part a demand by the Hierarchy for permission to move along the Way. ” RI, Page 335

03:49 This inclusive and planned activity of the Hierarchy is related to spiritual incentives which have their roots in Shamballa. It’s the great magnetic point once the Master becomes an initiate of the 6th degree or Chohan, he can enter into Shamballa. Some few initiates of the 5th degree along the first ray line can do the same. There the life aspect is being almost violently stimulated through the action of the Lords of Liberation… Now yet it is a great center of peace and he talks about the Hierarchy as the very vortex of activity and yet this is being said, … the life aspect … and how shall we look at this life aspect? Is it the will? It’s something in a way more than the will. It’s that which vitalizes all things on the planet. … the life aspect is being almost violently stimulated through the action of the Lords of Liberation Who have swept into planetary activity because of the use of the second Stanza of the great Invocation… Now he’s not saying only by disciples I suppose, it has to do with the use by Hierarchy as well … which was used potently by Members of the Hierarchy. And that's by Hierarchy especially and not only by disciples. Yet it was given out to disciples and many didn’t really want to use it because it was such a drastic stanza. But one can see if the Lords of liberation were ready to be invoked, to sweep into activity, that those experts in the art of invocation, the members of the Hierarchy, would have to be using the stanza and who knows in what form, certainly not necessarily in English language that Master D.K. has made available to us. Again, it was not used by Them solely on behalf of humanity or for the liberation of mankind; it had hierarchical implications also and was in part a demand by the Hierarchy for permission to move along the Way. And when he talks about the way it's not just the path, it’s the hierarchical way and for Hierarchy we recognize this, the way of higher evolution.

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“These statements veil deep hierarchical mysteries and are not in any way related to the Mysteries which will concern humanity when the Hierarchy is externalised. These mysteries will not be revealed to men. Only a general statement of the effects upon the Hierarchy of certain mysterious activities is permissible. They serve to show the steady pulsation of the evolutionary rhythm which permeates every atom, form, group and centre upon our planet, producing effects upon the lowest forms of existence and on and up to the very highest; there is naught anywhere but progress and a steady moving forward into clearer light and greater livingness.” RI, Page 335-336

08:22 These statements veil deep hierarchical mysteries and are not in any way related to the Mysteries which will concern humanity when the Hierarchy is externalised. So we're just being told that they exist and about them, we can know nothing, but it is a great center of planetary life which has its own laws and its own methods of advancement. And this is for the understanding the relativism of progress. There is progress on every level and all beings are making progress. What is the progress of the one universal Logos? Well we might say this is the fulfillment of its intended purpose in the world of its self-reflection. These mysteries will not be revealed to men. Only a general statement of the effects upon the Hierarchy of certain mysterious activities is permissible. Simply so that we may know that all have their own methods of progress and not for us to become too self-centered, too centralized in our humanity, as if the entire planetary life revolves around us. They serve to show the steady pulsation of the evolutionary rhythm which permeates every atom, form, group and centre upon our planet, … steady pulsation, and that's kind of a 1st ray type of motion in a sense. The power that touches and then withdraws, a 1st ray type of motion, a power that touches and then withdraws. … the steady pulsation of the evolutionary rhythm which permeates every atom, form, group and centre upon our planet,

producing effects upon the lowest forms of existence and on and up to the very highest; … all are evolving, all lives on our planet including the life of the planet itself, all are evolving. … there is naught anywhere but progress and a steady moving forward… that's the 1st ray movement … into clearer light and greater livingness. This is called the energy of progress onward and it’s a 1st ray type of motion compared with spiral-cyclic motion and rotary motion.

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In these instructions I am dealing with the entire theme of initiation from its broad and general angle and from the angle of definition; it is not my intention, therefore, to duplicate here what is given in Volume II of Discipleship in the New Age. And that is a manual for initiation and we might say really a preparatory manual. Our approach will be somewhat different in this final section of our Treatise; we will confine ourselves to the effect of the rays upon the initiate and to the relation existing between the ray energies and various initiations which I have already outlined. And we have referred often to Page 340 in this book that is coming up shortly in which the particular ray associated with a particular ray initiation most associated with it, is given. We will perhaps be able to go back and to discuss some of what is given in *Discipleship in the New Age, Volume 2.*

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“The whole subject of the centres is dangerous if misunderstood; the centres constitute a menace when prematurely awakened or unduly energised, and this entire subject can prove most dangerous to the curiosity-impelled man and to the ignorant experimenter. The time is not yet ripe for the presentation of this subject in a fully coordinated manner; students are warned against publishing a clear correlated thesis on the subject as a result of their researches in my books. Nevertheless, [Page 337] the true aspirant must be given the needed information.” RI, Page 336-337

The whole subject of the centres is dangerous if misunderstood; the centres constitute a menace when prematurely awakened… they just become out of control, and Master Morya also talks about the conflagration of the centers which presumably means they’re bursting into flame and much destruction of the physical body can occur thereby and maybe some destruction within the etheric body as well. … the centres constitute a menace when prematurely awakened or unduly energised, … in the work what we call this the problem of over-stimulation. … and this entire subject can prove most dangerous to the curiosity-impelled man and to the ignorant experimenter. So the built-in cautionary note is not there, the breadth of knowledge is not there and as it is been said, fools rush in where angels fear to tread. The time is not yet ripe for the presentation of this subject in a fully coordinated manner; students are warned against publishing… they can gather for their own use for publishing …a clear correlated thesis on the subject as a result of their researches in my books. Nevertheless, the true aspirant… and there we mean again at least the one who is the initiate of the 1st degree. …must be given the needed information.

16:36 Yes it’s a fine line isn’t it? To be wary about publishing this kind of material so that it can reach the general public in a clearly correlated manner which requires no work of them and basically hands them the means of doing themselves harm and may be harm to others, hence that information on the silver platter. So we have to work for the information we get and D.K. has given us an extraordinary amount of information but has meanwhile protected it through scattering, through diffusion, through veiled comments, through oblique references for the presentation or given the presentation of statement of fact, and along with symbolic statements. It is up to us to read between the lines and to see which are direct statements of fact in which we have to decipher according to our knowledge. So again in the question of occultism all the way through, when dealing with the technicalities of occultism, great caution is needed and this persists and we are warned. So a word to the wise is sufficient here.

“The Mysteries are revealed not primarily by the reception of information anent them and their processes, but by the action of certain processes, carried out within the etheric body of the disciple; these enable him to know that which is hidden; they put him in possession of a mechanism of revelation and make him aware of certain radiatory and magnetic powers or energies within himself which constitute channels of activity and modes whereby he may acquire that which it is the privilege of the initiate to own and to use.” RI, Page 337

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“The disciple upon the Probationary Path starts off on his quest for the door of initiation, and for that which he will contact after passing through that door, with a definite equipment and created mechanism. This has been acquired, and facility in its use has been attained, through many cycles of incarnation. An incarnation is a definitely determined period (from the angle of the soul) wherein Experiment, Experience and Expression are the keynotes in each incarnation. Each successive incarnation continues the experiment, deepens the experience and relates the expression more closely to the latent unfolding divinity.” RI, Page 337

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“The same three words—in greatly enhanced interpretation and with the emphasis upon a much fuller opportunity—can be used to describe the progress of the initiate upon the final stages of the Path; with this we shall be partly engaged in this section. I would ask you, whilst reading and pondering upon all that I say, to have these three words in mind. Every initiation is approached by the disciple or initiate in a spirit of divine experimentation, but with a scientific aspect, because an initiation is a culminating moment of achievement, and success is a graded series of experiments with energy.” RI, Page 337

The same three words—in greatly enhanced interpretation and with the emphasis upon a much fuller opportunity—can be used to describe the progress of the initiate upon the final stages of the Path; … Now what should we call that? 3rd, 4th and 5th initiation or 5th 6th and 7th? … with this we shall be partly engaged in this section. So a parallel though elevated process and … we shall be partly engaged in this section. I would ask you, whilst reading and pondering upon all that I say, … that is what we're doing here, aren’t we friends, we are reading and we are pondering and maybe your pondering would yield a different result than my own here, but maybe my own will be of some value and assist your own perhaps. I would ask you, whilst reading and pondering upon all that I say, to have these three words in mind. Experiment, experience, expression, it's a mnemonic you know, frequently uses the same letter to express successive stages of a process. I would ask you, whilst reading and pondering upon all that I say, to have these three words in mind. Every initiation is approached by the disciple or initiate in a spirit of divine experimentation, but with a scientific aspect, because an initiation is a culminating moment of achievement, and success is a graded series of experiments with energy. 24:57 I guess what he’s saying here - we engage in an experimental approach to initiation, i.e., to greater revelation or the conferral of greater powers. So we have to be willing, it’s Uranian anyway. Uranus is the planet of experimentation and as we approach the electro-magnetic door of each initiation, we are trying certain things according to our best knowledge and the best advice we have received and we see how they work, if they work, how they work, how they best work. We are seeing what works as we gain a certain status of understanding and empowerment which can be considered equal to the stage of initiation we have to achieve and then comes the application of the rod which confirms that which we have achieved and adds to it as well. It’s not just the confirmation, there's the addition of consciousness and power by the application of the rod of initiation.

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“The results of the experiment of initiation and of experience with the then endowed energies emerge as the ability of the initiate to express divinity more fully than heretofore; this means that he increasingly can function as a divine creator in relation to the hierarchical Plan, as the manipulator of the attractive energies of love, and as one who determines under the impelling will of Shamballa—the phase or aspect of the divine purpose with which he must himself be occupied in relation to the manifestation of the planetary Logos. You will note that I do not say in relation to humanity. The initiate works in many fields of divine creativity of which the field of mankind is only one.” RI, Page 338

The results of the experiment of initiation and of experience with the then endowed energies emerge as the ability of the initiate to express divinity more fully than heretofore; … so we encounter new energies, we have gathered them, we are experimenting in their use, we master certain circumstances and we have developed certain skills in relation to those energies, and now we express these energies in relation to the highest sense of divinity that can impress us or that we can receive. … this means that he increasingly can function as a divine creator in relation to the hierarchical Plan, … in the use of these energies which have given him through experience some skill in action whereby he can express them more divinely. … this means that he increasingly can function as a divine creator in relation to the hierarchical Plan, as the manipulator of the attractive energies of love, and as one who determines under the impelling will of Shamballa—the phase or aspect of the divine purpose with which he must himself be occupied in relation to the manifestation of the planetary Logos. So he develops skill along three lines: intelligence, love and will. And these skills affect the quality and efficacy of his expression.

30:05 So let’s repeat that, it’s quite a long sentence actually. The results of the experiment of initiation and of experience… between the times of initiation …with the then endowed energies… because we added each initiation, new energies come to us. … emerge as the ability of the initiate to express divinity more fully than heretofore; … that is the privilege of the initiate following each successive initiation, the greater and fuller, more skillful expression of Divinity … this means that he increasingly can function as a divine creator… that’s the third aspect … in relation to the hierarchical Plan, … it's called the ray of creative intelligence the, 3rd ray. This is in relation to the 3rd aspect of divinity … in relation to the hierarchical Plan, as the manipulator… again, the third aspect … of the attractive energies of love, … so we can draw energies together, people together, people are actually energies, we can contribute to coherence in the service of the plan. … and as one who determines under the impelling will of Shamballa… which the initiate begins to receive. … the phase or aspect of the divine purpose… under the plan. … with which he must himself be occupied in relation to the manifestation of the planetary Logos. Each of us has to choose how we will serve the purpose by serving the Plan. You will note that I do not say in relation to humanity. The initiate works in many fields of divine creativity of which the field of mankind is only one. And notice the use of the word field. It is an area in which certain energies tend to express and it seems to have a ring-pass-not, the field of humanity, the field of the Hierarchy, the field of Shamballa, the field of any one of our vehicles. There are energies expressing in each field coherently so the initiate may work in any phase or aspect which is part of a manifestation or part of the intended manifestation of the planetary Logos. Each one of us is responsible for choosing the field in which we will work. And you know, someone may tell you, you should be doing this should be doing that, so many people telling me that I should be doing this, I should be doing that – it’s mostly a projection you know it's their own estimation of what they should be doing but projected upon me and maybe you’ve had the same experience. We have to have the ability actually to see and feel and register the consciousness of another and if possible a degree of the plan and purpose of another, although it rarely can occur fully. Maybe the master can fully register the plan and purpose of another and somehow convey enough of that registration to the other to facilitate the forward progress of the other. He seems to do this with his students but I don’t think he ever tells the whole story. It is necessary to allow them, certain discoveries on their own.

“These three words will therefore indicate the first type of approach to our subject; what I have to say will therefore, in every case, have them in mind.” RI, Page 338

And let’s remind our self: experiment, experience and expression. All from the 5th letter of the alphabet in English. The number 5, the 5th ray, the trial on error method and the intelligent expression, application to various types of form in whatever field those forms may be found. So this was the first thing. Okay they are not revealed by information but changes within the etheric body and we are approaching the door of initiation, and then the whole process of initiation, these three words hold and then he's going to go on to another factor he wants us to consider.

“Secondly, I would have you consider with me the various aspects of our sectional theme from the angle of the seven rays. By this I mean that disciples upon the different rays will all have the same goal, make the same experiments, go through the same experience and arrive equally at divine expression. However, their qualities and their modes of approach, their reactions and their distinctive natures will differ according to their ray type; this constitutes a most interesting and little known phase of our study of initiation. Initiation has been a blanket happening, and no note has been made of the ray implications. This I propose to remedy.” RI, Page 338

Secondly, I would have you consider with me the various aspects of our sectional theme from the angle of the seven rays. This is a very, very broad application of the 7 rays and deals with climactic developments in the human being and in the human energy system. By this I mean that disciples upon the different rays will all have the same goal, … okay, this is important … make the same experiments, go through the same experience and arrive equally at divine expression. However, their qualities and their modes of approach, … that is what changes … their reactions and their distinctive natures will differ according to their ray type; this constitutes a most interesting and little known phase of our study of initiation. You know we often talk about what the initiations do confer but do we talk about what they confer for an individual whose soul is upon this ray or that ray or the other ray and there may be significant differences even though the general experience of initiation will be similar. So … this constitutes a most interesting and little known… I would agree with that … phase of our study of initiation. In other words, what are the, let’s just say if the third initiation there is fear of conflict involving I believe the Mars and the Moon veiling Vulcan. Okay, but there are 7 types of soul rays so how will this conflict work out in the case of each of those particular soul rays? D.K. has already given us in *Letters on Occult Meditation* seven different methods by which the causal body can be destroyed. So he's given us an anchor there showing us unique methods of destruction according to the ray. But maybe he has not so much given us the signatures of the different rays passing through the 3rd initiation, the 2nd initiation, maybe that's for us to figure out and I suppose we can do it in relation to our own particular ray, but our own rays for students of this material tend to be that the 2nd or the 1st mostly. So maybe we will not have a very clear idea of the kinds of experiments being made by those on different soul rays as they approach the door of initiation and the kinds of experiences that they have afterwards or the kinds of expression which they will offer once there has been a significant skill developed in the use of those energies.

38:08 Initiation has been a blanket happening, and no note has been made of the ray implications. This I propose to remedy. And from some experience with this book I would say that he has remedy it in part but if there is more that we as students of the wisdom can fill in and add according to our experience and according to our speculation.

“Each of the seven initiations, for instance, is an exemplification or a revealer of one of the seven ray qualities or tendencies; it is governed and conditioned always by a certain ray, and this is one of the factors which disciples have to learn and grasp whilst preparing for an initiation, because it involves success in handling and manipulating certain types of divine energy.” RI, Page 338

Each of the seven initiations, for instance, is an exemplification or a revealer of one of the seven ray qualities or tendencies; … I suppose those with that particular ray for their soul ray and maybe Monadic ray later on pass through the initiation in a particularly well-facilitated manner. And maybe it’s more difficult for others, different rays to pass to that same initiation. For instance, the 2nd initiation is said to be easier to pass through for those who are on the 3rd and 5th rays, the more mental rays, and more difficult for the other rays. And maybe for some other initiations, it is easier for those on the 2-4-6 line to pass through onto 1-35-7 etc. So … Each of the seven initiations, for instance, is an exemplification or a revealer of one of the seven ray qualities or tendencies; it is governed and conditioned always by a certain ray, and this is one of the factors which disciples have to learn and grasp whilst preparing for an initiation, … and what ray are they really going to work with. Whatever may be the ray, if you're approaching the 2nd initiation, it’s going to be the 6th ray which has to be upon which skill has to be developed. If you’re approaching the 3rd initiation, it has to be the 5th ray. Maybe that ray will be in your equipment, it would facilitate it, facilitate the process of if it were in your equipment, but maybe not and you still have to learn. So … this is one of the factors which disciples have to learn and grasp whilst preparing for an initiation, because it involves success in handling and manipulating certain types of divine energy. Well we can see that this approach to occultism is very energy specific, this approach to psychology. The generalities are useful; they are good, but it's in the detecting of certain types of energies which are specifically available to us at specific times and the use of these energies, these are the things which we must, as spiritual occultists in training learn to master. Of not master, at least develop some reasonable skill with.

“Each of the initiations brings one or other of the seven centres into full functioning activity, not from the angle of awakening or of stimulation, but from the angle of a "wheel turning upon itself." This is an Old Testament expression and is wholly inadequate, but I can find none other to substitute. The wording is totally blind and inadequate and will prove to you somewhat meaningless, except to the initiate who has experienced that turning.” RI, Page 338-339

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As esoteric astrologers know well, there comes… well at least they are familiar with the idea, right? … there comes a life cycle wherein the disciple reverses himself upon the Wheel of Life (the zodiacal wheel) and from going clockwise around the zodiac, he now begins to go anti-clockwise; … and you know this has to do with the reversal of energy streams within the etheric body. … he learns that the substance aspect of his nature may still be conditioned by the forces flowing through them sequentially and serially, … and I suppose in a clockwise manner. … and according to his horoscope and according to the exoteric mode of the zodiacal revolution; … revolution interesting but … at the same time, the disciple is receiving energy currents from the reversed wheel whereon he, as a soul, finds himself. So the higher aspects of the energies available are available to him. So there are lower and higher aspects of the zodiacal energies and the higher aspects are processed by the soul in a certain way and made available and the lower aspects are processed by the form and they tend in opposite directions so you could wonder whether there are energy streams within the etheric body flowing in contrary directions simultaneously. This is something that I think does occur, but gradually, the stream flowing in the counter-clockwise direction shall we say in the direction of elevation from below to above rather than descending from above to below, begin to prevail. And when the stream is flowing entirely in the upward direction, the direction which leads it to energize the centers above the diaphragm rather than plunge from the passage through the energies above the diaphragm into the lower chakras where it there energizes, when it is finally occurred, this energizing at the higher centers, consistently, it is flowing in a certain manner which a makes the lower energies rise into the higher and thus the wheel is completely reversed. At first we only have the initial process of reversing the wheel and there are. I can't be specific about it, there are contradictory flows, counter-flows we might say, from above to below and from below to above and they in a way provide a rending process, they somewhat work against each other and cause friction, the friction in the aspirants and disciples life, which makes the life to use that colorful word, ‘wretched,’ meaning you know frictional, inharmonious on several painful and so forth.

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47:14 So … He is consequently the recipient of two currents of energy, going in reverse directions; … within the etheric body and within the etheric counterparts of the other bodies as well as everybody does have the higher four subplanes as a kind of etheric counterpart to the energy of the entire vehicle. That would mean that the causal body is actually located within the etheric counterpart found on the mental plane and only the 4th subplane, which is not in the causal body and yet is in a sense because the mental unit is included within the causal body, only that 4th subplane is also included in the etheric aspect of the mental plane. So … He is consequently the recipient of two currents of energy, going in reverse directions; hence the increased conflict in his life and circumstances; … I could almost think that the Scorpio is a great sign in which this could happen and St. Paul as the quintessential Scorpio, you know characterize this for us in the famous words: Oh wretched man that I am! Who can save me from the body of this death? … these constitute the reason for the tests of initiation. We are moving in two directions simultaneously and we have to overcome the counterflow as it were, or the flow that corresponds to the clockwise direction of the energies, the direction which stimulates form rather than consciousness. One of these is called you know the wheel of form, the other is called the wheel of consciousness, and when we reverse the wheel, we are entering into the concentrated development of the second aspect which is the consciousness aspect, and we are then paying attention to the wheel of consciousness in trying to strengthen it in relation to the wheel of form.

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49:22 This, on a tiny scale, is true of the centres in the etheric body of the disciple; they too evidence the same dual activity, once the Path of Discipleship is trodden and the Path of Initiation is entered. So it’s not only between the centers that these flows occur but within the centers themselves, the counterflows occur within the centers themselves. The zodiacal wheel is itself essentially a cosmic centre; … And this is one of those you know excellent quotations and I always try to find these, from Page 339, right? The zodiacal wheel is itself essentially a cosmic centre; it is a twelve-petalled lotus, but it is a twelve-petalled lotus within the thousand-petalled lotus of an unknown cosmic Entity, the One referred to in my earlier books as the ONE ABOUT WHOM NAUGHT MAY BE SAID. This is putting the zodiac of constellations in context and page 339, I am always looking for that quote and eventually find it, but I should know exactly what page to go to. Okay so this is page 339, so the great entity known as the One About Whom Naught May Be Said and there are many as far as I can understand, but we have our own you know local cosmic system has its own centers, its own chakras and certain constellations of these chakras and the great collection of constellations we call the circle of the zodiac, zodiacal constellations serve as the heart in the head center of the One About Whom Naught May Be Said. Heart in the head center. And so you know they have a very great power if you consider our own twelve-petalled lotus in the head, it is a controlling center. It has to be a controlling center of some of the other chakras, maybe it has a certain control over the seven head centers within the head. Maybe it has control over other centers found within the body, it is highly placed so the zodiacal constellations are not insignificant in the total economy of the great super cosmic Logos here, nor are they insignificant in the total energy economy of the human being. Some of them of course may be more unfolded than others, that would mean that certain of the constellations of the zodiac may be more developed than others, I think that is an interesting possibility.

We do know that there are planets. Well we're told about them, the synthesizing planets, the most developed. The sacral planets not as developed as the synthesizing planets but more developed than the three non-sacral planets, and then there are hosts of other planets which may be like past Masters in the Lodge or they may be like totally lesser planets altogether, not even at the stage of development of the non-sacreds. We have to wonder whether the asteroids are alive anymore, whether they simply have a kind of thought form effect from a former time. But there are lesser planets out there that are certainly non-sacred but even of a lower caliber. So a whole range of spiritual development exists among the planets and why should it not be so for the zodiacal constellations? You know when we look at the constellation Capricorn it seems to be mentioned in other lists which give it a considerable preeminency and I’m trying to think, maybe when we look at the constellation Scorpios, it has an amazingly powerful stars in it including the great star of Antares which is a super, super, super giant. Have you ever seen those comparative pictures there of the Sun and Sirius and so forth, and ever larger stars into the giant range of compared with Antares. Antares is so huge it tops them all. There are probably greater and lesser developed Lords of constellations and corresponding I would say to synthesizing Lords of constellation, sacred lords of constellations and still non-sacred relatively, non-sacred lords of constellations. So always we have to look for Hierarchy in any field of lives, in any circle of lives of a certain type. The same is true solar Logoi and we've seen these divided according to the spectrum and we know almost certainly that there are synthesizing solar Logoi and sacred solar Logoi and non-sacred solar Logoi, our Sun is still a nonsacred solar logos in its particular collection of related solar Logoi whereas Sirius is a sacred solar Logos and you start to look at some of the sacred Logoi in Orion and they are just immense in terms of their power and they certainly must have a synthesizing nature. But of course all of this is somewhat beyond our ken and yet the general analogy I think can hold.

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The multiplicity of zodiacal influences have eventually a dual effect: one upon Shamballa (the planetary head centre) and the other upon the Hierarchy (the planetary heart centre); … and here you know is a good augmentation of what is said in *Esoteric Astrology* because there the effect of the constellations are correlated with different levels of the man let us say, or of the planet. Sometimes they are correlated with Shamballa, sometimes with Hierarchy, sometimes in terms of the man. They are correlated with the energies below the diaphragm. So I don’t think we can fix on one particular area of influence for these great constellations but we are seeing here in relation to our planet that one is correlated with Shamballa, has an effect upon the Shamballa and the other from the Hierarchy. … the effect is also felt in the head centre and the heart centre of every initiate. I think this is important because D.K. has given us in certain writings how we should apply the areas of our horoscope say for instance to our heart center the ascendant, to a heart center or to the throat center or to the head center and so forth. So we have to correlate this information that he is giving us that the zodiac, the zodiacal influences can affect our head center and our heart center. This final dual activity is registered by the initiate of the highest degrees when he undergoes the eighth and ninth initiations; the other seven initiations are governed by the seven rays. This is tantalizing and its implications and the high initiates still has a head center and a heart center even if it we’re dealing with what we call a mayavirupa it doesn't mean it is inauthentic in any sense and we have zodiacal influences involved in the final two initiations. So at least I want to put that down and maybe come back to it: zodiacal influences involved in the taking of the 8th and 9th initiations. We will see that below because he's going to give us this chart and this chart is one that I want to begin a new program when discussing this chart. This is a very big hint here and we have to compare this statement, this final activity is registered by the initiate of the highest degree when he undergoes the 8th and 9th initiation between his heart center and the head center. I want to compare that with what he says later in the book and it is very little, of course, about the 8th and the 9th initiations.

Initiation 1. Birth

Sacral centre 7th ray Physical plane

Beginnings Relationship Sex (and) Magic

Initiation 2. Baptism

Solar plexus centre 6th ray Astral plane

Dedication Glamour Devotion

Initiation 3. Transfiguration

Ajna centre 5th ray Mental plane

Integration Direction Science

Initiation 4. Renunciation

Heart centre 4th ray Buddhic plane

Crucifixion Sacrifice Harmony

Initiation 5. Revelation

Base of spine 1st ray Atmic plane

Emergence Will Purpose

Initiation 6. Decision

Throat centre 3rd ray Monadic plane

Fixation Intelligent cooperation Creativity

Initiation 7. Resurrection

Head centre 2nd ray Logoic plane

The eternal Pilgrim Love-Wisdom Attraction

Initiation 8. Transition

Hierarchy Four minor rays Planetary

Choice Consciousness Sensitivity

Initiation 9. Refusal

Shamballa Three major rays Systemic

Seven Paths Being Existence

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Well okay so I've been pretty well just doing 1 hour programs now although sometimes I expand, it has to do with what I can actually do here in terms of time and space. So this is the end of *Rays and Initiation Webinar Commentaries Program No. 4,* Pages 335 to 340 and we will begin with *Rays and Initiations Webinar Commentaries Program 5,* Pages 340 to something. Maybe we’ll just be working on this chart (above).

We have constantly referred to this chart and you know someone told me here this is very important, that it’s not sex magic, it’s sex and magic. This is one of those typos that occurred and it can be very misleading but we’ll come to this as we work in our next program.

Okay friends, I think we're sufficiently on an end for this one and, yes it’s so profound, this particular section of the book, Part II of the *Rays and Initiations,* so I'm sure we will all learn a lot as we progress together. Okay, we will see you for program #5 which deals with his very important tabulation of the rays in relation to the initiations. See you soon. Bye bye.