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Hi everybody and good afternoon. This is Michael, we are working on the *A Treatise on White Magic* video commentaries. We're dealing with rules for magic on the astral plane. We are in the 36th program of those particular rules and we're working on rule 10 in which we are doing the 20th program.

We're dealing now with what is called the fallacy of repudiation. I think is related to the great heresy of separativeness.

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Let's see if we find that to be the case.

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So what are we used looking at here ***the types of mental energy with which the individual has to work –***…and then the study of the fallacy of repudiation. I think we are certainly in all manners of racial and religious and ideological prejudice we are suffering from the fallacy of repudiation.

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***When however we look at humanity as a whole and cast our eyes back over the past racial development, we can see how mental energy has had a most definite effect and has produced outstanding results. The use of two factors differentiates man from the animal, whether he uses them consciously or unconsciously. Both are latent in the animal but man is the only entity in the three worlds who can consciously reap benefit from them. One of these factors ispain, and the other is the faculty of discrimination. Through the means of pain and a subsequent process of analysis, of relation plus memory and visualisation, man has learnt what to avoid and what to cultivate. This works in the realm of physical plane happenings and of sensory experience. Through discrimination as to ideas and as to thought currents, man has learnt to decide upon what to base his activities in all departments  of human affairs, even though he has but an imperfect grasp as to the true nature of ideas and his application of the truths sensed is quite imperfect. That he often chooses unwisely, that the ideas governing group conduct are not of the highest, that public opinion is proverbially moulded by personal and selfish interests may be only too sadly true. TWM 357-358***

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***The use of two factors differentiates man from the animal, whether he uses them consciously or unconsciously. Both are latent in the animal but man is the only entity in the three worlds who can consciously reap benefit from them.*** Now there are other worlds and there are worlds of superhuman evolution … many beings can consciously reap the benefit of mental activity and higher activities.

***One of these factors is pain, and the other is the faculty of discrimination.*** This is very interesting because both of them can be related to the fourth ray, for sure, and in the case of discrimination to the fourth subplane of the mental plane.

So these two factors are related to the fourth ray, and to the fourth subplane of the mental plane whereon we find that particular power that we call discrimination. It's the plane bordering on the plane of higher mind.

***Through the means of pain and a subsequent process of analysis, of relation plus memory and visualisation, man has learnt what to avoid and what to cultivate.*** We might almost call this the guiding power of pain.

Well, what to avoid? When we as a child and begin we touch something, hot! Touch the hot stove, burn our tongue, or something, hot liquid. We learn to avoid that kind of relation, that kind of contact, we remember it, and we also see other factors which are related to it, and maybe don't have to go through the same experience, but can generalize from the earlier experience.

***This works in the realm of physical plane happenings and of sensory experience.*** There are also other and more subtle times of pain and similarly we learn to avoid and cultivate less painful approaches.

***Through discrimination as to ideas and as to thought currents, man has learnt to decide upon what to base his activities in all departments  of human affairs, even though he has but an imperfect grasp as to the true nature of ideas and his application of the truths sensed is quite imperfect.*** But we generalize the what is good or bad, what is worth pursuing and what is not.

This discrimination, again, another way of guiding our progress on the path path of life. Choice is involved, and Libra, and Mercury, and of course Saturn, the planet of choice.

So we have here discrimination, and we have here pain.

This seems a particular way of learning on our planet of nothing of releasing sorrow of releasing sorrow and purifying pain.

He tells us in *Esoteric Psychology, Volume I,* that the fourth ray can lead to very rapid progress, or equally to a man becoming an ne’er-do-well: whatever he touches he doesn't do well.

On the other hand, this quickness of learning that can be associated with the fourth ray, the action the reaction, the Mercurial quality, this can lead to rapid progress. It's the either/or, which way shall we go? Obviously man does not want to find himself eventually upon the left-hand path, heading towards disintegration as a member of the Black Lodge eventually. Rather he would choose what is better if he knew the outcome. There were the fourth ray is imagination, is the intuition, to some sort of guidance related to the future.

Think about Sagittarius and how it is bringing in the fourth ray it combines with the intuitive tendencies of Sagittarius to see the future intuitively let us say.

Anyway, I'll reread this:

***Through discrimination as to ideas and as to thought currents, man has learnt to decide upon what to base his activities in all departments of human affairs, even though he has but an imperfect grasp as to the true nature of ideas and his application of the truths sensed is quite imperfect.***

Certain ideas are to be worked through into manifestation as part of the Divine Plan, and these He learns in sport. Even though He does not understand them fully. Right, but at least we are guided along the path.

With horses, there in the field, there's this electric fence around them, and they they could easily jump over or they could just it's not very strong they could barge right through. But that sort of shock that repels them keeps them within the proper area. Thus it is for man, we are kept and within the proper area and we do not stray too far off the path of development because it is painful to do so. It causes a certain rending, tearing process, over which the fourth ray also presides.

I'm thinking about that in the old days that they had *cruel and unusual punishment,* which at least in certain countries today is outlawed. So they tie you to four horses, there's the number four, and the horses would ride in opposite directions. That was called *being drawn and quartered,* and you can be torn apart on this fourth ray if you wander too far off the path.

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I mean there is a mass kind of Cancerian selfishness. It's operative we see that in some of the younger souls. Maybe it's not confined to them. Certainly it's more natural to the people who have had less international experience; they tend to opt easily for the selfish solution.

Which was seeing this right now. I'm doing this in the year 2018 and it's the end of August here; We see this in the United States at the moment. Maybe thirty percent of the people are opting for the really selfish, short-sighted solution under the impulse or stimulation of demagoguery. So yes, it's sadly true that personal selfish interests often prevailed.

[The veil of propaganda was lifting in late 2019 and more so through 2020 upon the majority, suggesting the pervasiveness of the CCP directing media to so many assertions, retractions and reversals that for those following public information at the time of this transcription. Especially among the new age or esoteric community, criticism of the UN or for the President was considered anathema, thus the opinion expressed was an oft-observed response.]

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***The*Old Commentary*says in relation to these two characteristics of man something that conveys much of beauty, couched in symbolic language. The phrases run as follows and it must be borne in mind whilst pondering upon them that water symbolises sentiency or astral reaction, and fire is the symbol of the mentality.***

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What we understand that as eventually. The so called *meek shall inherit the earth.* But as Alice Bailey is at pains to explain to us, the word *meek* means those who *are trained,* and we are training ourselves in better discriminative choice, and to avoid those conditions which so defy the natural method of progression that they become painful.

Bust imagine person actually holding His hand on that hot stove. It would be unnatural, or you would have to be proving the point, and it would be at extreme damage to your vehicle.

Choice in the realm of ideas many old ideas exist still in the form the new intuitions which are guiding the progress and process of evolution are not yet precipitating into the minds of all human beings; a few visionaries have these and they have to clothe them in mental matter in such a way that people begin to appreciate their value and will try to implement them.

So the idea here is through pain and discrimination we grow and we progress we have an imperfect response to both of these.

There are some people so masochistic that they will choose even the painful path in a very unnatural way and they destroy their bodies in their psyche and so forth. And there are others who will only go with the old ideas or misappropriate the new ideas and fail to discriminate what are the best ideas for the time. All of this is sadly true.The *Old Commentary* says in relation to these two characteristics of man pain, then discrimination, I have to keep on reminding because it's easy to forget, as we are working through so many hundreds of pages of valuable teaching.

***something that conveys much of beauty, couched in symbolic language. The phrases run as follows and it must be borne in mind whilst pondering upon them that water symbolises sentiency or astral reaction, and fire is the symbol of the mentality.*** I mean, water is also the symbol of matter, and also of the ethers of space; water is a very generalizable term, but in this particular context, okay, water is sentience, an astral response, and fire is mentality.

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[repeating the text, for convenience:]

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There is the sequence first, first comes water then comes fire.

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These are maybe different fires we're dealing with. This is a lengthy section, maybe I can offer a few thoughts, and of course I think you will want to interpret this yourself as well.

There is a condition of pain, of having done incorrectly, and as we even learn in physical plane life that when we run water on a burning wound, or some sort of harm that has been done to us, there is a cooling and the pain is reduced.

These are the positive emotions which gradually emerge. They slowly bring relief from life conditions, because we are on this planet of purifying pain, and the word *pure* means fire. It seems that some there are certain kinds of fires which are fire by friction, and the waters follow.

There are other kinds of fire. Like solar fire, or a more intense type of burning to bring relief which follows the application of waters. This is found in the second initiation. There is the waters of purification come first, followed by the fires of purification, which bring a more complete liberation. There may be a kind of washing, rinsing, flowing away of dirt, obstructions, contamination through water, but the final liberation the final decontaminationm the final blocking or a destruction of the obstacles is coming through fire.

I'm remembering in the Mozart opera, *The Magic Flute,* which I ended up directing a couple of times, in the Egyptian rites there is the test of water in them, the test of fire, and the prince who is the candidate for initiation has to pass through both of them, along with his partner.

***They slowly bring relief, abstracting form from all that can be touched.*** We seem to have an elevation of the form away from the outer sensory world.

Now we're in the astral body.

***The quivering fever heat*** this is Mars ***of long repressed desire –*** maybe were not aware of the desire. Usually repressions to from suppression, separation is a deliberate act, and repression is a kind of unconscious act, but nevertheless, these desires are not satisfied and they are not necessarily for high things. They can be for low things. But the draft of a higher type of feeling a higher type of astral sensitivity as a certain sentience see quiets the ardour of the Martian low desire, which must not continue to be satisfied because it does not lead upward it does not lead to aspiration.

***[yields to the cooling draught.] Water and pain negate each other.***

This we even know physically, as I have said. Sometimes when there's a great irritation, which is again a Martian factor, and it has to do with the fire by friction and a chafing of things against one another, the application of water and cool, water warm water makes no difference, it soothes the irritation one of the great causes of disease is that kind of irritation that chafing which leads to inflammation and water can cool. That these are not the higher, liberating fires; we're talking about these as lower fires.

***Long is the process of the cooling draught.*** When we must apply the the higher types of feelings and emotions to the more urgent Martian, irritating propensities.

***"The burning fire releases all that blocks the way of life.*** now after the irritation the the the friction has been subdued by the cooling draught. And we live life not in such urgent state to fulfilled lower desires. ***the burning fire*** –it's a higher kind, ***releases all the blocks the way of life.*** The kind of fire that we find on the burning ground, and if the way of life into the higher states and life and being, in one way of regarding them, are the same.

because fire is going to burn up the perception of differences between things in the great illusion, and bliss is a supreme type of unity, a supreme type of perceived oneness, oneness and bliss are inseparable.

***Bliss comes and follows after fire, as fire upon the waters.*** Waters are the first a swaging application, and then comes the fire.

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In the second initiation experience, and later with the third initiation and the overcoming or dispelling of illusion, bliss will follow. We have happiness joy and bliss, and let's just say that fire releases into joy and eventually into bliss, where no isolated factor can destroy the perceived unity of things, and the perceived oneness of things in which the observer is participating as that oneness.

But,***water and fire*** when coming ***together produce blend and cause the great illusion*** or this is one of the interpretations of the great illusion.

I think if we go to the Alice Bailey books, *The Rays and The Initiations* page 340, we're going to notice the way the initiations play out, and first will come Dedication, which is the application of fire or mind to the emotional nature or to water, and glamour, steam, noise, all of those disguising factors result, and it's cured by a devotion which becomes love, some type of devotion, when blind have their own problems, but this is a devotion is a general term which can be applied even to the higher sources the devotion of the soul to its personality into the plan the devotion of the monad of Lord of ceaseless persevering devotion to the lower lives which must be redeemed.

At first though we have the effect, and we know that fire and water, even we know this physically produce steam, they produce a reduction of visibility and here we have there's certain heat and cold conditions, in moist air near the ocean and so forth like the San Francisco fog with a day of just about the daily happening.

***Fog they produce and mist*** blinding perception ***and steam and noise,*** in other words we don't hear anymore, or maybe we haven't yet heard it in the voice of the soul. We hear all of the lesser voices which simultaneously heard become kind of a cacophony, a raucous type of type of noise which has no harmony in it.

So at first when these two very necessary methods of us waging and liberation and reduction of the irritation of life come together, we will have an effect which is blinding ***veiling the Light,*** you don't hear the voice of the soul and you don't see the soul veiling the light *capital L the light****, hiding the Truth and shutting out the Sun.*** And soul, hiding the *capital T truth* and shutting out the Sun. In this case which at first stands for the soul.

So it may be that we are struggling to see the soul. as at the case of the first and second initiation, and we have that dedication, followed by glamour, followed finally by devotion, which in that case is of the right kind and it is liberating, but the first effect is not yet coming into the presence and receiving the undistorted impact of that which we seek namely the impact of the soul.

***"The fire burns fiercely.*** Well, every time we want to have a kind of liberation, of which initiations represent the higher kind, I guess we experienced little liberations all the time, but some sort of mental process of a fiery nature occurs, and actually this fire can be applied to all the elements of the personality. It can be applied to the way we desire, what we desire, what we reject, what we accept. It can even be applied to the physical body and then you have as an Agni yoga the sacred pains. Master Morya talks about the nun who was moaning *I burn, I burn* and yet there's no outward sign of it and that is a liberating pain; it's not just the pain caused by wrong living and by unwise action.

DK talks about the *dire pain of life itself* on this non sacred planet. So we cannot avoid the pain on this planet whose symbol is the cross, but that cross is finally in circle then the encircling is a symbol of liberation in this case and the rounding out and the unification of many things that were before that point in great painful friction.

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Let's look at that sequence:

[here, below, the commentary follows:]

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***"The fire burns fiercely. Pain and the waters disappear.*** Because they are the methods by which we become aware that something must be done. The pain is certainly that prompting method, it forces our attention to an inner harmony which must be resolved. In a way, all in harmony is painful.

When in music we run into dissonance, it is resolved in harmony, and there is a certain aesthetic release, or a release from aesthetic pain, in that harmony and the waters disappear because the attention is no longer dealing with the first soothing, we might say, we are rising up into the mental plane and the realm of the soul.

***Cold, heat, the light of day, --*** Cold clear light. The whole idea of a dispassionate attitude and then the heat of liberated burning to which you can remain cold even as it burns. There's a great distance that can be achieved on the buddhic plane, under the buddhic impression and the clear cold light is found there. We need the cold light of matter. The vehicles must become increasingly cold to all that stirred them before too low of desire the heat is of a higher kind as we cross the burning ground, and we are beginning to enter the light of day. The light of day is the light of the soul. It's also interestingly the kind of light associated with Scorpio and that's the name of that particular light, and the Scorpio is ruling the Buddhist or intuitional plane. So this is where the clear cold light becomes truly effective. There's the clarity of intuition the coldness of personality responds to its usual promptings. It will respond later to higher things and we make our way into a detached condition.

***Cold, heat.*** Now it seems contradictory, but both can be applied at once. The non-responsiveness eventually of the personality to its old martian promptings, and the coldness of the attitude of the observer of this process who knows He is something else the heat of the burning ground, the light of day, the light of the soul, the light of the triad, especially the buddhic light, ***the radiance of the rising sun***

See, the ***light of day*** is not the fullness of the soul perhaps, but things are dawning, the light is dawning, the light of the higher sources is dawning.

***the radiance of the Rising Sun,*** which is the Sun of the soul and perfect knowledge of the truth appear … ***and perfect knowledge of the Truth appear.*** This is buddhic, that's where real transcendental mind enters …

So ***"The fire burns fiercely. Pain and the waters disappear.*** The personal pain. DK instructs us as to how we may overcome pain through certain types of identification, and through the entry into directly into pain until the pain disappears. I think He discusses that in *Esoteric Psychology, II.*

***This is the path for all who seek the light first form and all its longing.*** And we might say this longing does *not* lead to liberation. So there is I suppose an instinctual longing that applies to the fulfillment of those desires which have a strictly physical, instinctual basis, but is not the kind of intense longing of the astral body, which at first is not longing for liberation but for satisfaction within the lower three worlds.

Well, let's apply to ourselves, where are we in this process?

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***This is the path for all who seek the light.*** I mean are we dealing with this irritating, frictional pain, which is the dire pain of life itself, especially in the lower worlds, and confined to the personal spheres in the lower eighteen subplanes. Are we learning detachment? Are we also walking the burning ground which is breaking up the bonds between, the bonds that help to create or sustain the forms which keep us from liberation. So when those bonds are broken the form is going to disintegrate and we will be able to enter a state in which the form no longer blocks our perception or our participation. Does the light of day, is that coming into our mind? Are we accessing the intuition coming through the soul? because the soul has its own type of lesser intuition. We might say, why am I talking about consciousness within the causal body as its own type of lesser intuition, lesser than that which we find on the buddhic plane.

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And then the sense of ***the radiance of the rising sun and perfect knowledge of the Truth appear.***

***"This is the path for all who seek the light. First form, and all its longing.*** The great radiance rising within, whatever that radiance stands for. The sun stands for the soul, as we usually conceive the soul; it can stand for the triad, it can stand for the monad, and beyond, of course. Ultimately in our solar system it is the very solar logos itself. Is any of that happening for us? That is what we have to try to understand, first form and all its longing.

***Then pain.*** Why? Because the soul or spirit is not free and cannot withstand forever this lack of freedom. There is a desire to burst out.

***Then the assuaging waters.*** As the higher states of harmonious feeling enter – music, arts, beauty. These can help harmonious relationships. All this can help these raging waters to subdue the pain of irritation, of confined life.

When we're confined, we are rubbing up against our prison. You know how some people thrown in prison they throw themselves against the bars, and they're always trying to break out, and they damage themselves in the process. But eventually there's a way to slip through and beyond the bars of our own self-imposed prison.

Then these raging waters ***and the appearance of a little fire.*** And we might say little of that liberating mentality, which later under the impress of the soul will bring freedom on the burning ground.

What does He say actually up here …

***The*Old Commentary*says in relation to these two characteristics of man something that conveys much of beauty, couched in symbolic language. The phrases run as follows and it must be borne in mind whilst pondering upon them that water symbolises sentiency or astral reaction, and fire is the symbol of the mentality. TWM 358***

***water symbolises sentiency or astral reaction, and fire,*** in this case, ***is the symbol of mentality.***

*Triple the call must be, and long it takes to sound it forth. Let the disciple sound the call across the desert* (that's the arid, frictional place), *over all the seas* (that's the astral waters) *and through the fires which separate him from the …* door of liberation?I am having a little memory issue here … *and through the fires which separate him from the veiled and hidden door.*

[ref for this from *The Rays and The Initiations* –   
compilation is Clear Cold Light, by Zak Rymill]

(RI 20) Rule III.

For Applicants***: Triple the call must be and long it takes to sound it forth. Let the disciple sound the call across the desert, over all the seas and through the fires which separate him from the veiled and hidden door.***

For Disciples and Initiates: Dual the moving forward. The Door is left behind. That is a happening of the past. Let the cry of invocation issue forth from the deep centre of the group's clear cold light. Let it evoke response from the bright centre, lying far ahead. When the demand and the response are lost in one great SOUND, move outward from the desert, leave the seas behind and know that God is Fire.

*Light, then darkness, then the Clear cold fire, and in this fire the Sanat Kumara appears*

(RI 22) Rule IX.]

So, There are the fires of mind, then there are also additional fires that are applied on the mental plane to clarify one's thinking, disabuse oneself of imprisoning thought-forms, and in generally open up the mind to the light of the soul. The *fires* will do this.

Obviously different people will interpret this in different ways but you see that it does require the symbolic language here does require interpretation.

***The fire grows, and heat is then active within the tiny sphere*** we might say of man's personality ***and does its fiery work.*** Let's just say, the mind becomes more and more capable of illumination.

***Moisture likewise is seen*** because in all of this burning, it's not that we yet have real sight. All of this emotion results in mental illusion and distortion. You know how it is, when you try to see through the fog, the forms are distorted and unclear until the Sun burns it off.

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***; dense fog, … moisture likewise is seen.*** There is an evaporation which occurs, there's the formation of droplets in the air. Symbolic language. The air which should be penetrable by sight, is filled with moisture which distorts and blocks; ***dense fog*** ***and to the pain is added sad bewilderment –*** we say at least during part of the liberation process. ***, for they who use the fire of mind during the early stage are lost within a light illusory.***

Sometimes we wonder, ‘well, just how, how can, how can people *think* the way they do?’ They're forgetting this, and that, and their premises are wrong, and the reasoning is wrong, and their conclusions are distorted, in bah-bah-bah, those who are more experienced in the realm of mind, and see all the fallacies of mind created by those who at first sees logically, we might say, use the fires of mind, so***, for they who use the fire of mind during the early stage are lost within a light illusory.*** These are those who use the fires of mind during the early stage, and are lost in that light. This we find all around us. It leads to all kinds of mistakes, mistaken action, action that is not planned, related action that is not harmonious with God's intention on this planet.

But that's how it is. We're never as good at the beginning as we are later, and someone learning different sports within the Olympics is never as good as the person who is in their prime, and still and has spent much time mastering the technique.

***"Fierce grows the heat; next comes the loss of power to suffer.***

We might say, because of decentralization and the realization that one is, one is. The inner God. One is the inner God.

So we are rising here above centralization within the astral body and even within the lower mind.

…

***When this stage has been outgrown,*** and we transcend all of the confusion, distortion, illusion, fragmentation – all those words which are characteristic of the normal thinking process, of the normal person using the mind and sentency and early stages. ***When this stage has been outgrown, there comes the shining of the unobstructed sun and the clear bright light of truth.*** Let's call this soul consciousness.

***This is the path back to the hidden Centre.*** Lthe path to the monad.

So, now, the injunction. He's described the process that we all go through and now maybe by a more deliberate utilization of the factors involved, maybe we can make faster, better, more intelligent even, less painful process. Go through quickly, use pain, don't be used by it. So many of us are simply reacting to it rather than saying this is a method and it is guiding me along a path from which I must not deviate.

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[repeating for convenience, from above:]

***"Use pain. Call for the fire, oh, pilgrim in a strange and foreign land. The waters wash away the mud and slime of nature's growth. The fires burn the hindering forms which seek to hold the pilgrim back and so they bring release. The living waters, as a river, sweep the pilgrim to the Father's Heart. The fires destroy the veil hiding the Father's Face." TWM 358-359***

***Call for the fire, oh, pilgrim in a strange and foreign land.*** Well, we are the pilgrim, the monad is the pilgrim, and it is immersed in the lower eighteen subplanes. …

***The waters wash away the mud and slime of nature's growth.*** say nature itself. The cause of liberation. We might say, like barnacles on the hull of a ship, these are excrescences, these are unnecessary and inhibiting growth. So it's not clean, not clean, and not near enough to the higher aspects of God. God is all these things, but we're talking about the purifier of love, wisdom, intelligence. Well, all these things and then in nature we get very limited forms fascinating though in the garment of God but limiting when it limiting the consciousness when the consciousness allows itself to be captivated by these forms, and the life process involves only the forms and not some type of more subtle awareness.

***The fires burn the hindering forms which seek to hold the pilgrim back and so they bring release.*** So the fires destroy the bonds which hold the form together, and the forms disintegrate, and greater light can be seen as the obstructions clear.

***The living waters, as a river, sweep the pilgrim to the Father's Heart.*** Not the early waters, but the waters of the cosmic ethers. They are waters too. As I said earlier, the idea of water, the symbol of water, of waters, has several different levels of application. We're talking about Uranus, Aquarius, and so forth. An air sign, related to water, ruling the cosmic ether.

Now, we're starting to talk about these living waters which are part of the life, more part of the life aspect, the principled life aspect of our planetary deity. So we are receiving the energies of the spiritual triad;

***The fires destroy the veil hiding the Father's Face."*** These our higher fires indeed, which are applied later on the Atmic plane.

… Of course we might say that something should be done for the coherence of what I just discussed. But I think you'll get some ideas and of course interpret it your own way, as well. As well, there are there are lower fires of irritation. I forget in terms of homeopathy, there's some of the three causes of disease, I forget what the word is exactly, but it has to do with this kind of thing that irritates the skin, and you have to scratch it. It's a very unpleasant. Life, fire can be like that at first, but then there are fires of mind and there are fires which which involve the higher use of mind, and liberation in the light of the soul, and there are ongoing fires solar fire of the soul, and the beginning of a combination of electric fire and sort of fire in the triad, and finally electric fire in the Monad, which will seek its own type of liberation beyond the subject matter here discussed.

So that took a little while, and I think I might as well say that this will be the end of … number 36, rule 10, and we're on the 20th program for rule 10. We've gone as far as page 359. Not not a lot of time, but a lot of pages rather, and today is the 29th of August. Then we're going to go in to number 37 for the astral plane and we'll begin on page 359 and it'll be rule 10, and the 21st program for astral rules.

Friends, well look, these are the thoughts that come to me, obviously, so I was sitting down and writing a book of commentaries on this, and I have done that some of that more on the Makara website and in *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire* and *The Rays and The Initiations,* I've been quite careful about the language and spelling it all out in written form.

Here I find at this point in my life I just need to sort of talk about these things, and if you want to listen through with me and use this as a stimulation for your own thought, your own apprehension of these matters, if you find it useful then that's good and otherwise just do it your own way, it's alright then, we'll go onto that shortly.

Thank you for studying with me, see you soon.