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Good morning, everyone we are working on the commentary for *A Treatise on White Magic* and we're on the fourteenth rule actually already and about 40 or 50 pages left to go in the book, and we're dealing with program ten and it's the fourth program for rule 14, the transition paragraph:

***4. Live a life which is an example to others. Is it necessary for me to enlarge upon this? It seems as if it should not be and yet here again is where men fail. What after all is group service? Simply the life of example. He is the best exponent of the Ageless Wisdom who lives each day in the place where is the life of the disciple; he does not live it in the place where he thinks he should be. Perhaps after all the quality which produces the greatest number of failures among aspirants to adeptship is cowardice. Men fail to make good where they are because they find some reason which makes them think they should be elsewhere. Men run away, almost unrealising it, from difficulty, from inharmonious conditions, from places which involve problems, and from circumstances which call for action of a high sort and which are staged to draw out the best that is in a man,] provided he stays in them. They flee from themselves and from other people, instead of simply living the life. TWM 586-587***

I guess a very scrupulous attention to all that is emanating from us

*The adept speaks no word which can hurt, harm or wound. Therefore he has had to learn the meaning of speech in the midst of life's turmoil. He wastes no time in self pity or self justification for he knows the law has placed him where he is, and where he best can serve, and has learnt that difficulties are ever of a man's own making and the result of his own mental attitude. If the incentive to justify himself occurs he recognises it as a temptation to be avoided. He realises that each word spoken, each deed undertaken and every look and thought has its effect for good or for evil upon the group.*

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Well we've been dealing with inquire the way, obey the inward impulses of the soul, pay no attention to the worldly wisdom and sagacity, and finally the most difficult of all which we've just been working on, to set an example.

Now we come to a new section, and the subject as we can see is of great interest to so many people because they realize that in some way this matter is connected with their spiritual progress with their ability to locate access assimilate energize and distribute the various energies with which they have to work, and of course energies which affect them and with which they cannot yet wield so this is called the awakening of the centres, let's see what the Master has to say.

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***This consequently involves an understanding of the centres and of their awakening.*** Now we know that Master DK has given us a tremendous amount of material on the center, scattered about his books, He even warned us about its publication, we can I suppose use these compilations on our own, and maybe no ill effect will be known, but for the general public we must not compile all that He has said and release it in any way for publication, because the dangers are too great: people will just begin unwise experimentation with the fires of their energy system, and well, delay and disaster can result. ***This consequently involves an understanding of the centres and of their awakening.***

***But understanding must come first, and the awakening at a much later date in the sequence of time.*** Note that, that is very interesting, that the word “much later” is applied. So we don’t presume that immediately following will come the opportunity to apply effectively what is understood and that is the way it is supposed to be, given the dangers involved. I'm sure that He'll be talking about that in this section.

***This awakening*** we're interested in this, but we have to be patient about it ***This awakening will fall into two stages:***

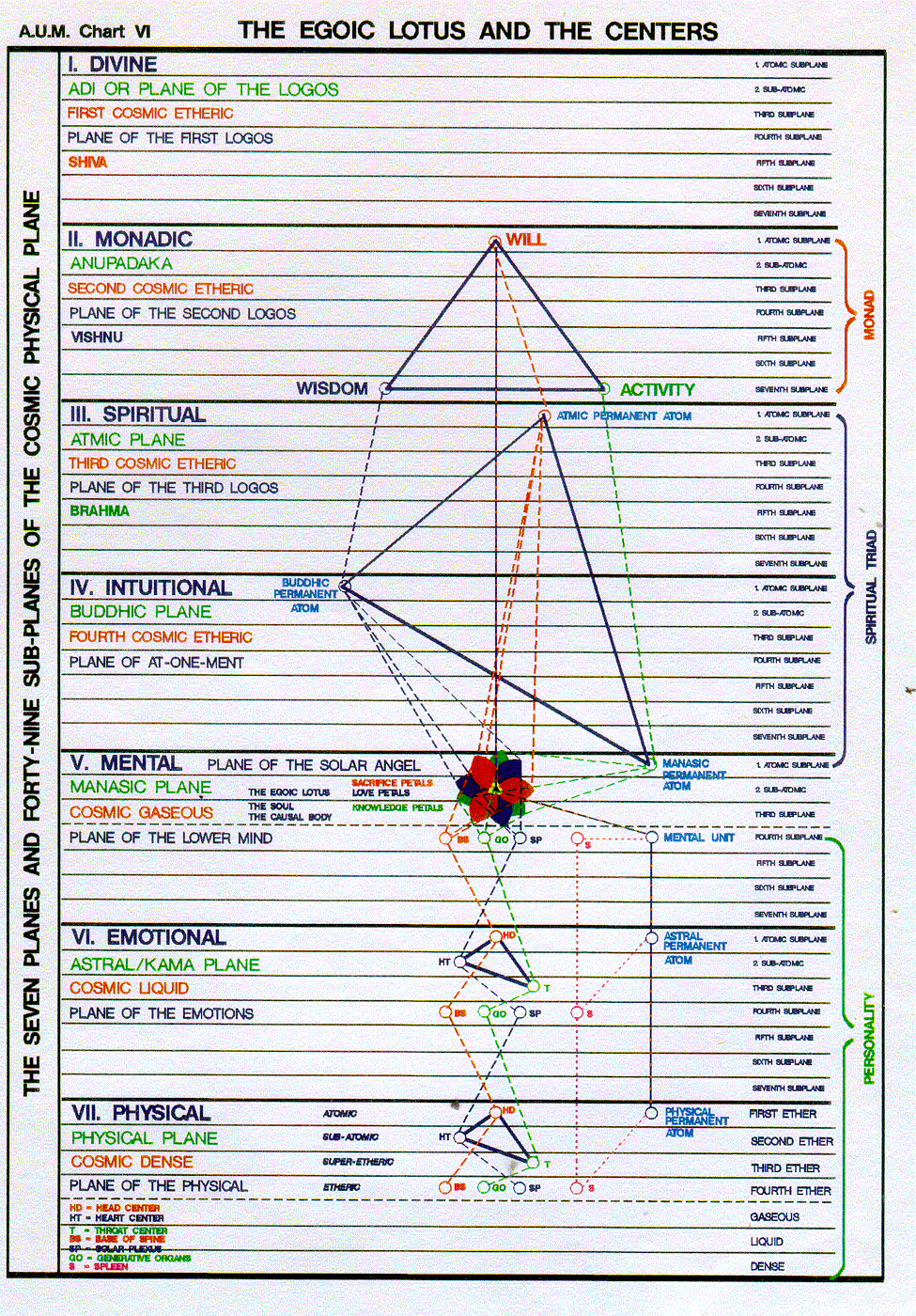
***First, there is the stage wherein, by the practice of a disciplined life and by the purification of the thought life, the seven centres are automatically brought into a right condition of rhythm, vitality and vibratory activity. This stage involves no danger and there is no directed thought—in connection with the centres—permitted to the aspirant. By that I mean he is not allowed to concentrate his mind upon any one centre, nor may he seek to awaken or energize them. He must remain engrossed with the problem of purifying the bodies in which the centres are found, which are primarily the astral, etheric and physical bodies, remembering ever that the endocrine system and the seven major glands, in particular, are the effectual externalisations of the seven major centres. In this stage, the aspirant is working all around the centres and is dealing with their environing matter and with the living substance which completely surrounds them. This is all that can be safely undertaken by the majority, and it is with this stage that the bulk of the aspirants in the world today are engaged and with which they must remain engaged for a long the to come. TWM 587-588***

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***This stage involves no danger and there is no directed thought—in connection with the centres—permitted to the aspirant.*** Now notice in some of master DK’s meditations, directed thought is offered, but then this directed thought is - given to accepted disciples, or disciples it is assumed that among those who are really training with him are to be found if disciples, and even peripheral members of his ashram. So no danger is involved in this first method, which is an indirect method …

***By that I mean he is not allowed to concentrate his mind upon any one centre, nor may he seek to awaken or energize them.*** Already Master DK has given more than He is here suggesting as possible to the aspirant.

***He must remain engrossed with the problem of purifying the bodies in which the centres are found, which are primarily the astral*** body and if we look here …



The centers diagrammed, and we see that in the astral body they are found in the mental body too, and beyond that we deal with the powers of the egoic lotus, such centers as there are, and no doubt that there are these vortices found upon the buddhic plane, monadic and atmic. We do not deal with them, not yet anyway we have so much to purify and bring into right relation regarding the lower centers which there appear to be seven plus seven plus four eighteen and other aspects as well permanent atoms, and petals, I think worked with as sources of energy, they're not simply passive and receptive. They do intervene they do radiate into the condition of the lower man.

***By that I mean he is not allowed to concentrate his mind upon any one centre, nor may he seek to awaken or energize them*** any kind of wonder can he concentrate his mind upon the triangle of centers maybe that would spare the undue emphasis he must remain engrossed with the problem of purifying the bodies in which the centers are found which are primarily the astral***, etheric and physical bodies*** and let's just say no etheric centers are found in the physical body per se but glands are there found***, remembering ever that the endocrine system and the seven major glands, in particular, are the effectual externalisations of the seven major centres.***

***In this stage, the aspirant is working all around the centres and is dealing with their environing matter and with the living substance which completely surrounds them.*** This is the first stage. Notice He did not firstly began talking about aspirants and disciples, but later He's talking only about aspirants to see the very first sentence, tells us this this is for aspirants and disciples, but then he reverted to the word *aspirants* with regard to this first stage of awakening. Let's see if he maintains that or uses the word *disciples* at any point.

Anyway this working around the center's is all that is safe at first,

***This is all that can be safely undertaken by the majority*** maybe there are some who can *under instruction* do more we know that Charles Leadbeater was *under instruction* from one of the Masters, maybe master KH, maybe Master DK to a certain extent, and that they taught him how to utilize certain centers, but he was a person of significant attainment at least that's what master DK tells us someone's attainment could not be doubted by the majority. That's all that can be safely undertaken***, and it is with this stage that the bulk of the aspirants in the world today are engaged and with which they must remain engaged for*** and let's hope that that is not ***a long the to come.***

… Well always in occultism patience must be deserted, the promise of the unfoldment of certain potentials is so great that the aspirant to these states may feel highly enthused and motivated towards their attainment, but *fools rush in where angels fear to tread.* This is really so on the path of occultism and when climbing a mountain. You better make sure that every foot is well placed, every step is well placed, otherwise you could come tumbling down.

We are embarked upon a process which is demanding and has it's well thought out rules, which have been preserved for us. We don't need to obey them but then if we don't we are our likelihood of achievement is much reduced.

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***Secondly, there is the stage wherein the centres, through the effective work of the earlier stage, become what is esoterically called "released within the prison house"; they can now become the subject (under proper direction by a teacher) of definite methods of awakening and of charging,—the methods differing according to the ray, personality and egoic, of the aspirant. Hence the difficulty of the subject and the impossibility of giving general and blanket rules. TWM 588***

***Secondly, there is the stage wherein the centres, through the effective work of the earlier stage,*** see how He links these ***become what is esoterically called "released within the prison house*** the moon is the prison of the soul, that is ruling the lunar Lords of lunar vehicles***"; they can now become the subject (under proper direction by a teacher) of definite methods of awakening and of charging,*** that their capacity to hold energy is greater just like a battery, a battery won't do much good; I think all of us are like rechargeable batteries and we may run down and then have to be reconnected with a source that will not burn us up, but which will give us the kind of repository or fill the repository so that we can function again with the energy that had drained away. But the presence of a *knowledgeable* teacher is very important, one who has dealt with these matters and basically we're talking about *the master* as the teacher. So the centres can now become the subject of definite methods of awakening and of charging ***—the methods differing according to the ray, personality and egoic*** There's quite a technicality occurring here, and we can't just say *well let's concentrate on the center and charge it up.* there are sanctioned methods. So, depending upon the ray of the personality or ego, ***, of the aspirant. Hence the difficulty of the subject and the impossibility of giving general and blanket rules.*** So this necessitates a more intimate method of work in the presence of a well-informed teacher probably a master.

This is at the outset, so much caution is advised. I suppose the average aspirant is unlikely to know why so much caution is advised until perhaps he gets himself into trouble. As one of my colleagues and friends said, *then there's the release of God's holy fire and you burn.* This man spoke from experience. In occultism it's better not to tempt fate, and prematurity is a great danger in occultism, premature explosion, that's a great danger.

***It is interesting here to note, even though it has no bearing on the matter of personal training, that this method, first of a long period of purification and later of energising scientifically, is the one employed by the guiding hierarchy which stands behind world affairs. Steadily They have been working at the task of clarifying world matter, and bringing about world purification on a large scale. This is the first stage of the work and only became generally possible when man became a more truly thinking entity, during the past few centuries, on a wide level. This purification is going on now in all departments of human existence, for humanity now stands, or rather three-fifths of it stands, on the path of probation. Through welfare and uplift movements and the wide spread of sanitation, the work goes forward on the physical plane; through political upheavals which reveal abuses; through economic discontent which is after all a striving to change that which is undesirable so as to give the human unit conditions of living which will lead to thought and from thought to soul control; through religious propaganda and the efforts of the many organisations and groups throughout the world which hold before the minds of men what I might symbolically call "the hope of Heaven" (using the word "Heaven" as a symbol of perfection and of purity), the work of this stage is going steadily forward. So successful has it been that now the filth and impurities which surround the world soul and which keep humanity from its true expression are known and recognised and there is consequently a steady drive towards betterment. All has been brought to the surface, and the result seems appalling and uncontrollable to those who only see the surface. But underneath, the deep river of purity and truth is flowing strong. TWM 588-589***

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***Steadily They have been working at the task of clarifying world matter, and bringing about world purification on a large scale.*** I guess we had better realize we are in that long period of purification, and if involved with the scientific energizing of the center, is said the ones so involved is obviously not going to talk about it in general.

So this is the method used by the watching hierarchy of the guiding hierarchy. ***Steadily They have been working at the task of clarifying world matter,*** this is illusion, glamour, maya. And the work to bring those states into a more neutral and harmless condition ***they've been working at the task of clarifying world matter and bringing about world purification on a large scale.*** Obviously they're going to be extremely cautious about giving the specific scientific methods to an unprepared humanity. When you really look at what the news conveys you see how very unprepared we are in the majority.

***This is the first stage of the work and only became generally possible when man became a more truly thinking entity, during the past few centuries, on a wide level.*** We might say this has been the purpose of hierarchy’s approach to humanity during the recent centuries, a more mental focus from which understanding or greater esoteric understanding would be derived.

***This purification is going on now in all departments of human existence, for humanity now stands, or rather three-fifths of it stands, on the path of probation.*** This purification is going on now in all the departments of human existence, for humanity now stands, or rather at three-fifths of it stands on the path of probation. Now that's one of those numbers which has to be kept in mind. I had forgotten that number and it's an important one: threep-fifths of humanity. Thus, when we talk about the well made at least the world aspirant and maybe the world probationary disciple. That's what humanity is now three fifths that correlates quite well with the figures were given about the Judgment Day where two fifths are shunted off to another location, another chain or the globe within the planetary scheme, or to Mars itself, and three fifths continue on our planet because they have reached the point of actually treading the path.

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The following represents the first stage of purification and discipline improvement of the vehicle. Basically then all of these things going on in society, they're all spiritual. I mean they're not all religious, and that's one of the really important things to realize, that it is an achievement of the black lodge which has made men think that only that which relates to church is spiritual. It's such a narrowing down of what spirituality really means.

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So along all these lines, the he second ray welfare and uplift, philanthropy third ray, politics first ray, economics third ray, religion second and sixth ray, yeah all of these movements in society. If we look closely at what went on for the workers during the 19th century. It was horrible. They were abused and overworked and there was little or no protection and if they were knocked out of work for some reason or through injury hopeless situation arose within their families. Anyway, outrage was a result of examining the condition of the workers under the so called *robber barons* – people who thought only of themselves and the accumulation of wealth, and who lived according to a certain social Darwinism that only the fittest survived economically.

But, ever since 1825, I believe that was a year in which the second ray cycle reached its midway point and in which a Shamballa impact occurred there have been greater means to uplift the average human being. All of this has been going steadily forward and of course people can take it too far. We've been told in connection with the third ray that the the movement of labor unions, so necessary at first, became in some instances too selfish and then the masters had to de-emphasize their subjective support. So always the balance is needed if you are on either side of the balance too far, then you will have conditions which cannot be abided and hierarchy cannot promote that which brings imbalance, even if they promote some revolution; the revolution is simply meant to restore balance. This has been a successful movement by and large, I suppose along more or less along 7 ashramic lines,

***So successful has it been that now the filth and impurities which surround the world soul*** ie the world consciousness ***and which keep humanity from its true expression are known and recognised and there is consequently a steady drive towards betterment.*** To have the perspective of the master is a unique thing and they see no cause for discouragement. We tend to be captivated by what appears in the foreground and it's often times the process of eliminating that which is undesirable. it's in our face and we are overcome by it but they see the results of these purifications and eliminations and are not overcome by that painful period when there is an ejection but first a recognition of all that is really holding back the world.

So what does he call it, filth? Filth and impurities?

***All has been brought to the surface, and the result seems appalling and uncontrollable to those who only see the surface.*** Pluto is involved here, even if un discovered during those periods we had … Vulcan wasn’t covered by humanity per se, the priests know, and the inner workers they know more than a man exoteric he knows what Vulcan was very active as Hephaestus; Vulcan in Greek mythology, and played a part in the pantheon of the gods. In those days who were the blacksmiths and the armorers who were preparing what the warrior needed to enter into battle. Vulcan was at work. Probably we will find with heightened vision that some other planets have been at work all the time, but have not been focally in our attention and we will then discover their location and create ephemerides. Then we'll come to grips with their nature in a more focused manner. ***All has been brought to the surface, and the result seems appalling and uncontrollable to those who only see the surface.***

***But underneath, the deep river of purity and truth is flowing strong.***

I am kind of amused, because I'm always about one sentence ahead of myself here, having obviously read this all long ago maybe, and DK has impressed me, and even though I not reading ahead to the sentence coming in the context the impression has been made, and then DK says it in the way it should be said.

Anyway, not to be overwhelmed by the obvious friction, and this disease is so often an attempt to purify. To be clear, I had a friend. It's humorous. But he used to play with words and he looked at the word *pneumonia* and said ‘it’ll make *a new man of you’*. There's the truth hidden in that that. so often these diseases are an attempt of the body to rid itself maybe attempt through the etheric body to rid the physical body of miasmas and other obstructions to the free flow of soul life.

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***One evidence of the success of the world movement towards pure living and the destruction of that which hinders is that the work of the second stage is now in process of initiation. The hierarchy, for the first time in world history, can now work directly with the centres in the body of humanity. Thus we have now the formation of the new Group of World Workers, who, in their totality throughout the world, constitute the heart centre and the "centre between the eyebrows" of the etheric body of the human family. Through the one, spiritual life can begin to flow in and vitalise all the centres, and through the other, the vision can be seen and the inner worlds sensed and known.***

***I would here like to point out two other matters, and so clarify the entire situation. There is much confusion on the subject of the centres and much erroneous teaching leading many astray and causing a great deal of misapprehension. TWM 589-590***

***One evidence of the success of the world movement towards pure living and the destruction of that which hinders is that the work of the second stage is now in process of initiation.*** That we can even talk about entering that dangerous second stage is already an indication that something good has happened, with respect to the discipline and purification necessary.

***The hierarchy, for the first time in world history, can now work directly with the centres in the body of humanity.*** That's a big statement. Especially when you think that there have been advanced civilizations. Well before ours. But as DK has said, it hasn't been the result of the thinking of the doing of the average individual who was probably pretty emotionally or still instinctually polarized. It has been the guidance of the race who brought the elevated condition and whether it was wise or not, various destructions did have to follow the volcanic destructions of Lemuria, and the floods of Atlantis, and now who knows the nuclear fires of the Aryan Age. But I'm heartened by that word *attempt,* because at least it gives the promise that the destruction of the Aryan race in the usual way may not occur.

So humanity, as the hierarchy, can stimulate the throat. Certainly humanity, through the great educational movements and can stimulate the aspiration and the solar plexus, can stimulate the humanitarianism through the heart center. Both I think. There are probably three centers which have been stimulated by hierarchy. Also the sense of direction in the ajna center although that needs clarification and the Ageless Wisdom does hold the knowledge of that which will clarify. The head center. The basis behind things like that have to be worked out in the future. The sense of purpose and the will to accomplish it found within the base of the spine, and purpose being found at the highest head center. As far as the sacral center goes, it's very stimulated already due to the coming in of the seventh ray and the power of Uranus. It's not even considered an authentic center, but some kind of evil contemporary evocation.

So, hierarchy can instruct in the right use of this sacral center, but I think there's plenty of stimulation now regarding that center and I can't conceive that hierarchy would *stimulate* that particular center. They would have to be selective about the solar plexus because it causes a lot of trouble, but the humanitarianism of the heart, yes, and the intelligence of the throat, yes, as long as it's balanced along with the heart and the sense of direction coming up where are we really all going. Maybe that's not completely given yet, as far as the majority of human beings are concerned.

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***Thus we have now the formation of the new Group of World Workers, who, in their totality throughout the world, constitute the heart centre and the "centre between the eyebrows" of the etheric body of the human family.*** That's another important statement because the new group of world servers usually is given to the ajna center of sanat-kumara, anyway, but now we're talking about humanity.

The heart center the member of the *New Group of World Servers* has to be much stimulated. That gives us a hint about their initiatory capacity, because at the second initiation there's a great deal of elevation of solar plexus energy up to the heart. So the people who are part of that, they're supposed to even be on the lookout for those who are taking the first initiation and the second initiation. It does suggest that they have passed the second initiation, at least, but then there's quite a bit of diversity within those servers, and even higher initiates it can be found within them. But, it's interesting to me to think of the serving group as the heart center of the human family and then as the ajna center of Sanat Kumara.

I guess to locate all of these *belongingness work,* if the way that that various groups are incorporated into entities of various scope his humanity. But then there is Sanat Kumara, there is the planetary logos, and I don't think we can talk much about what Humanity is in relation to the solar logos, but those three areas humanity's been identified as connected with the throat center to inhumanity. I mean in the planet throat center, and even the ajna, so all that has to be sorted out by some kind of systematic study. Suffice it to say those in the *New Group of World Servers*, they have hearts, they have compassion, they have understanding. A Piscean thing, related to one of the constellations there that bring in the second ray. The second ray is growing in those who are members of the *New Group of World Servers*.

Alice Bailey, I'm just quite sure she became at some point a third degree initiate. She was involved in this elevation of the solar plexus center to the heart in her life. You can see from her autobiography, she's very honest, and she was kind of a Christian preacher during the first World War, and a bit fanatical perhaps. I think she had sixth ray Mars in Leo rising in her chart, and the a Leo ascendant, that's pretty well accepted, but the sixth ray was right there. So she had to be in her own way even though on the second ray, quite a warrior and gradually the second ray had to overcome the sixth.

But in these over comings is not an injection it's an incorporation not in the ejection but an incorporation and when for instance in esoteric astrology we move from the orthodox to the esoteric ruler, we don't cast out the effects of the orthodox ruler we incorporate those effects as subsidiaries to the new emphasis on the esoteric ruler, and so those when we reach the hierarchical ruler we don't cast out the esoteric and even the earlier orthodox ruler, but we make them sub categories of the new emphasis.

I think is very interesting when you look at your life to figure out what ruler particularly may be responding to I know in my own life as an Aries individual Mars is there and it certainly had *a lot of it* in so many ways, but then Mercury took over and it's not that Mars subsides completely, it's very much there, but I think controlled by the esoteric ruler. Now I'll let when Mars in earnest starts to control. Not yet.

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***Through the one, spiritual life can begin to flow in and vitalise all the centres, and through the other, the vision can be seen and the inner worlds sensed and known.*** These are two high qualities of the heart center and the ajna center. Describing certain capacities of the heart center, and then the ajna center. ***spiritual life can begin to flow in*** through the heart, because it's so connected with the buddhic plane eventually. Heart buddhic plane; the head, I would say monadic plane and head center as a whole atmic plane and everything together will go atmic. ***Through the one, spiritual life can begin to flow in and vitalise all the centres, and through the other,*** There are so many rays at work at the third eye, the ajna center on the astral plane as well as that on the etheric plane ***the vision can be seen and the inner worlds sensed and known.*** It’s interesting, this higher psychism in which the third eye is active and the inner world can be sensed and known, the third eye begins to blend with the testimony of the ajna center, and that's occurring at the third initiation, which initiation emphasizes the fifth ray and the head center at every initiation has its own emphasis.

The sacral - throat continues and a new emphasis upon the mentality of the sacral center their initiation is the edge of the center for a fourth initiation. It's really the heart center and the fourth ray the heart seems always to get involved in it and meanwhile has been stirring at the base of the spine ever since the third initiation and fifth initiation is the base of the spine and Pluto, and maybe sixth initiation gives us the whole purpose factor, operating in the highest head center, and the many centers included with him that head center, and then I suppose the seventh initiation takes everything etherically as far as it can go. As to how initiation perceives on the cosmic astral plane. We know that it must, because initiation is the means of retraction along the emanated line – a coming back to the higher states where we are more and more ourselves.

So initiation opens many doors, but we can't really talk about it in relation to the cosmic astral plane except to know that it does happen if we get too far ahead of ourselves. It may be stimulating, but we will not have built properly to actually achieve those higher states. We'll just be talking about them while we ignore the actual building and purifying work that has to be done right here.

***I would here like to point out two other matters, and so clarify the entire situation.***

***There is much confusion on the subject of the centres and much erroneous teaching leading many astray and causing a great deal of misapprehension*** The appropriating ideas wrongly, misapprehension. Taking in under a false flag sort of what is being offered.

Let's see what He considers the ***erroneous teaching*** to be, because this is one big area where everybody wants to dive in immediately and start working with the kundalini, so as to achieve some sort of ambition or personal elevation as rapidly as possible. Motive is wrong, and the method is wrong and rushed, and it's dangerous. *Sadder but wiser.* One realizes these things maybe after getting a bit burnt. So what we're looking at here is looking at the subject of the centers and possible erroneous teaching

First I don't think I'm ever going to master DK's system of outlining, because he can have subcategories which have subcategories which have subcategories, and then somewhere later pages later in the book he comes back to the original letter. I'll leave that to people who have more of the seventh ray, and occasionally I hope not to make too many mistakes in seeing the outline layout.

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***First, I would state that no work such as an effort to awaken the centres should ever be undertaken whilst the aspirant is aware of definite impurities in his life, or when the physical body is in poor condition or is diseased. Neither should it be undertaken when the pressure of external circumstances is such that there is no place or opportunity for quiet and uninterrupted work. It is essential that for the immediate and focussed work on the centres there should be the possibility of hours of seclusion and of freedom from interruption. This I cannot too strongly emphasise, and I do so in order to demonstrate to the eager student that at this period of our history there are few whose lives permit of this seclusion. This is however a most beneficent circumstance and not one to be deplored. Only one in a thousand aspirants is at the stage where he should begin to work with the energy in his centres and perhaps even this estimate is too optimistic. Better far that the aspirant serves and loves and works and disciplines himself, leaving his centres to develop and unfold more slowly and therefore more safely. Unfold they inevitably will and the slower and safer method is (in the vast majority of cases) the more rapid. Premature unfoldment involves much loss of time, and carries with it often the seeds of prolonged trouble.***

***Over-stimulation of the brain cells is necessarily one of the results of the merging, by an act of will, of the fires which circulate in the human body. Such stimulation can produce insanity and the breaking down of the cellular structure of the brain, and through the over-activity of the cell life can also induce that internal friction between them which will eventuate in brain tumors and abscesses. This cannot be too strongly reiterated. TWM 590***

***First, I would state that no work such as an effort to awaken the centres should ever be undertaken whilst the aspirant is aware of definite impurities in his life, or when the physical body is in poor condition or is diseased.*** You don't want to be doing your best work on the centers when you're suffering from the flu, or it just makes matters worse. People are aware of persistent thoughts which have a negative connotation, they can be destructive to other people, they can be destructive to oneself. Anyway one just has to refrain until those matters are cleared up, because otherwise an energising of the negative can occur and one will be the victim of what has been energized. So no work upon the centers when there is recognized impurity and sickness.

***Neither should it be undertaken when the pressure of external circumstances is such that there is no place or opportunity for quiet and uninterrupted work.*** We see the karma involved here. Can we set ourselves time aside for quiet and uninterrupted work? Can we be financially sustained or made arrangements to sustain ourselves during such a time of retreat? Because otherwise we have this real problem of interruption and discontinuity, and we know that strength and persistence and continuity all go together. You really want to build something strong, you have to have a continuous approach to it, but again not excessive, otherwise you may destroy the very thing you're trying to build.

***It is essential that for the immediate and focussed work on the centres there should be the possibility of hours of seclusion and of freedom from interruption.*** Maybe not everybody can afford that freedom, but then again when entering the new esoteric school, you do it until your karma allows you to do it. Maybe in this matter as well, the possibility of having sufficient time and seclusion. This is a question of one's karmic merit and the degree to which these system supports one in this endeavor, the world doesn't owe anybody a living and you will not be supported in this by the environment and the people surrounding, unless there is sufficient merit to warrant that support.

So, ***hours of seclusion and freedom from the interruption*** especially in the West. You know the great yogi saint of Tibet. … I'm gonna forget his name and I know it … I'm just gonna have to let it pass, but his teacher Marpa foresaw that he would be meditating in cold caves in order to achieve what he had, was taught the method of tumo yoga, whereby he said warm himself and melted snow and have a sustainable environment in which to meditate. Milarepa, that’s the name. So there are many necessities of financial capacities abilities of the energy system necessary to sustain this secluded life and the demands economic demands in the West, are only rarely permitting this to happen. And many people who have the economic possibility, they don't care about it. We're not there yet.

In the beginning, He talks about the disruption of life in the West and how it is unsuitable to cultivate occultism as is the more settled atmosphere of certain places and these now the East is becoming so westernized that you kind of wonder about the ensuing chaos of it all, when you look at India and China – countries of over a billion people each, and first for a country's industrializing countries, suffering from all the pollution that goes along with industrialization. You begin to wonder where are the places where one can find the necessary seclusion in which to work in this way? So ***hours of seclusion and of freedom from the interruption.***

***This I cannot too strongly emphasise, and I do so in order to demonstrate to the eager student that at this period of our history there are few whose lives permit of this seclusion.*** The *eager beaver.* I remember I once visited the famous astrologer Mark Edmund Jones. He was a Libra and Scorpio Rising lots of hair gray a real occultist. Sabian, Chaldean, something of that nature, and he called me the *eager beaver.* The one thing that he assured me is that *I must never get involved in occultism*. Well okay, I thought it was strange at the time, I don't know what he saw. Maybe I've maybe I've stepped in where angels fear to tread. Anyway, it's interesting how one interprets a charged definitely the Aries type is the *eager beaver*. All of us are driven by our aspiration and our vision of higher possibilities have a certain amount of enthusiasmand eagerness which we must temper, lest we really hurt ourselves and others.

So he's demonstrating to the eager student that at this period of our history there are a few whose lives permit of this seclusion.

I think every entry into the new schools, every student is tested out, karmically, by those who can see to see whether karmically they have the right or the necessary circumstance to enter the school. Well that's how it will come. Right now we're just learning.

***This is however a most beneficent circumstance and not one to be deplored.***

***Only one in a thousand aspirants is at the stage where he should begin to work with the energy in his centres and perhaps even this estimate is too optimistic.*** Well you can always count on Master DK for a sobering point of view, and this was back of course 90 years ago, now certainly more than ***one in a thousand*** is ready to work with the centers, but maybe not that many are.

***Better far that the aspirant serves and loves and works and disciplines himself, leaving his centres to develop and unfold more slowly and therefore more safely.*** Well He's giving us the advice and warning us away from what so many people apparently developing themselves spiritually seem to think of as necessary, they really put the cart in front of the horse.

***Unfold they inevitably will and the slower and safer method is (in the vast majority of cases) the more rapid.*** Is that sort of second ray dictum *make haste slowly.* Roberto Assagioli, much on the second ray, emphasized this. Everyone wants to *make haste,* and we are told that it is necessary to be *organizing for speed,* but we want to know how speed is really achieved, and apparently the slower way is the faster way.

***Premature unfoldment involves much loss of time, and carries with it often the seeds of prolonged trouble.*** Not just trouble but ongoing trouble, really prolonged. So sage advice we are receiving. …

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I would have to say that any one of those actions or qualities which ought to be developed first before working with the centers are demanding in themselves service is difficult. As DK has told us we go to esoteric psychology too and look at the law of service and what service really is along the various ray lines and we discover. Well, so much that masquerades as service is not service at all and loving well with real Christ's love how frequently is it found? It is found the course and it's found increasingly, but how frequently compared to aspiration and ambition and all of these things which point towards elevation, but which are not real love? Well there are some hard-driving disciples, and the disciples works as DK said when he was sort of signing off he said *work my brothers*. I think it's not the same thing as aspire otherwise we get caught in the veil of aspiration and we have the glamour of aspiration, the glamour of sending our emotions.

It's great objectives while not doing a thing and then discipline, well is it easy, is it hard, it depends on what you're disciplining? So even before we get into focusing on the centers under wise guidance a an adequate teacher, we have difficult things to deal with right here in front of us. Service, love, work and discipline, there will be unfoldment. We have to take the masters’ word for that, gradually all the powers with which the soul is equipped will be our powers in the lower worlds as well as the higher. Yes, this will come, but are we patient.

Sometimes I think about *how do I achieve patience,* because for the Aries type, it's terrible to try to achieve patience. The study of infinity for me, and infinite cyclicity, has induced some patience the idea is that we're trying to become what we already are forever, that induces patience.

We all have our different ways of inducing the sufficient patience to really proceed wisely along the path, what is it for you? Sometimes it's such a great love for others, that one simply puts their needs ahead of one's own as long as it may take.

Find what it is that induces patience in your approach. Because I mean I'm probably the last person that should be lecturing anything about that. But maybe I found something that works for me, and you will find something that works for you also.

So, rapidity, slowness, speed, true speed, the right attitude, the avoiding of prematurity. It's the ego that wants to be there first, little lower ego. When DK uses the word *ego,* He doesn't usually mean the personality, talks about the personality, but in our society we talked about the lower ego and that wants to be first to the top of the mountain, first among others. But that is the wrong motive and the sense of identity is incorrect. If there's a rush forward based upon wanting to be noticed as first we really have a problem with motivation. Our motivation is basically, *let us be useful.* Let us be useful to the hierarchy. Let us as rapidly as possible and as pervious possible join the ranks of hierarchy and serve the divine plan with real effectiveness.

Well, DK lectured His group. At first He said *look you're not here because of that you're here because you think you can make progress and you're you're interested in liberation your own liberation. You're excited by the possibilities but you're not here for the deep purpose of truly serving your fellow human beings.*

So, let us be when we're thinking of this question of speed. Let us see what it is really that's driving us forward and whether we will be able to proceed slowly on the basis that slowness leads to speed, and speed leads to an earlier entry into really effective service on behalf of our fellow human beings.

***Over-stimulation of the brain cells is necessarily one of the results of the merging, by an act of will, of the fires which circulate in the human body.*** Again in that wonderful book *Esoteric Psychology* II, - He does deal with the problem of over stimulation and even the counter force, the black lodge uses drugs - over and under stimulate the aspirant, so that the King at the center of it all, your real identity, your real beingness, as an entity, does not have control, and the elemental life the lower unconscious blind life runs away with your life and you cannot stop it. We have to be very careful probably over stimulation in occultism. In some ways, is a more dire possibility than the insufficient stimulation. Well we have tamas, under, we have rajas, over, and we have sattva, of the gunas, is balanced. The three gunas.

So over stimulation of the brain cells is necessarily one of the results of the merging by an active will of the fires which circulate in the human body. Well we know from conventional science how little of the brain's capacity we use but he did call it over stimulation not just the required stimulation.

***Such stimulation can produce insanity and the breaking down of the cellular structure of the brain, and*** you just burn through the etheric webs and too much energy comes in and it fries you, you know, fries your mechanism and ***through the over-activity of the cell life can also induce that internal friction between them which will eventuate in brain tumors and abscesses.*** I think nobody wants to go through what master DK is just describing here. Notice how tumors seem to be related to friction that is a hint about cancer malignant conditions what we call it. Inflammation through friction, inflammation is the source of many many diseases but the friction that causes the inflammation is sometimes not considered.

If we're such an *eager beaver* that we have to be exposed to these energies as rapidly and as constantly as possible, and meditate 8 or 10 hours a day and all the rest, we're going to really lay up trouble for ourselves and we're going to retard our progress, as little as it may seem to be the case. Because you say *I'm concentrating, I'm going to go faster*, but why? Are you giving just consideration to the state of the form as your will pushes it forward, and probably a lot of *sadder but wiser* considerations here. A lot of wisdom that has to go into the safe and rapid threading of the path.

So this warning cannot be too strongly reiterated. As the one eternal being which is our ultimate identity we have been we have been forever, we can't say alive because we are life itself.

So when you strip away all of the lesser identities, we all of us, as one being, are all and contain all, and have generated all forever this is the philosophy side. So why then rush toward attainment it's true that relatively we have to *organize for speed* and there is a certain, within relativity, and in this universe, a certain time space schedule, and we have to honor that time space schedule of the planetary logos which is a higher aspect of our selves but ultimately we have to dissolve the difference between all members of any hierarchy. Relatively, tthere is a distinction in power and scope in capacity all that absolutely there is not.

So when we rush forward we ignore the fact that we have been *Is-ness* forever, and will be forever. There are a lot of really deep mysteries here but we have to with *definiteness.* and I suppose I'm speaking in the language of Neptune here, *finitude* is relative, *definiteness* and *finitude* go together and there has to be a way that we abstract ourselves from identification with and as finitude with and as a boundedness or definiteness and then in that process of this identification, the rush forward disappears, because we have already achieved forever then forever anything we can achieve.

Well some people don't like that point of view, because they are so identified with *finitude,* that they want the finitude to ever enlarge and become greater and greater, and in the relative world. Of course that does happen up to a certain limit, but beyond that, the realization of what we have always been even though it's a paltry realization to the one that higher aspects of ourselves will have. There's very, it's very important because it. Well, in a way it just changes everything. *They onward move in life,* it is said is that rule six in *The Rays and The Initiations* what does it mean - onward move in life I guess to deepen your point of tension or intensify your point of tension so persistently that lesser fields of identification disappear, until finally you're left with the one deity of cosmos. But that's just its self and infinitesimal and that - disappears and we returned, we the one being forever returned to absolute infinitude, and infinitely more. Absoluteness, okay.

Okay, I've had a little opportunity to share some of the thoughts that have been going through my mind. Is it the result of the breaking down of the cellular structure producing insanity? I hope not.

We just have to understand that time is not what we think it is it's not the reality we think it is and absoluteness is really ultimate. They say that kings and dictators and so forth, like that kind of approach because they identify with the ultimate power and the ultimate God, has put them into power and so forth but all of that is just an illusion we are really in the words of the Tibetan we are microscopic man how tiny we really are can sometimes be appreciated and the old living for question applies, *what is man that thou art mindful of him.* It seems an easy thing to overlook, just the way there are tiny microbes and bacteria and lesser lives to which we pay no attention, in which we overlook all the time.

Well now let's go on, we're dealing with the stimulation of the centers. We're dealing really with that form of yoga we call *laya yoga*.

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***The underlying objective in all laya yoga work (or work with the centres) is based upon the fact that the energy of the cells which compose the body or the matter aspect (called in The Secret Doctrine, and in A Treatise on Cosmic Fire, "fire by friction") must be blended with the fire of consciousness. This latter is the energy, present in matter yet different from the fire of matter itself, which underlies the entire nervous system and because it so underlies it produces sensitivity and awareness. It is the cause of response to contact and confers the ability to register and record impression, as you well know. This fire is technically called "solar fire", and when it blends with the fire of matter and with the "electric fire" of the highest divine aspect, then man's being comes into its fullest manifestation and the great work is completed. But it is a most dangerous undertaking, when induced before the mechanism is ready to deal with it.***

***This triple blending can only be safely undertaken by the highly organised and rounded-out person, and by one who has achieved the capacity to focus his attention in the head and from that high point direct the entire process of fusion. It involves the ability to withdraw the consciousness literally into the etheric body and yet at the same the to preserve—in full awareness—a point of contact in the head, and from that point direct the automaton, the physical body. It presupposes, if successful, certain etheric conditions in the body. One of these is the process of burning through or destruction (partial or complete) of any obstructions found along the spinal cord which could prevent the free rising of the fire at the base of the spine, commonly called the kundalini fire, which lies quiescent, latent and potential in the lowest centre. This is "the sleeping serpent which must arise and uncoil". TWM 590-591***

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***This latter is the energy, present in matter yet different from the fire of matter itself, which underlies the entire nervous system and because it so underlies it produces sensitivity and awareness.*** This well what is the exact relation between consciousness and what we call matter what are the interfaces, is consciousness at all material? How does it really arise?

There are there are deep questions even about how consciousness uses matter one of the simpler questions in the many.

So, this solar fire: ***It is the cause of response to contact and confers the ability to register and record impression, as you well know.*** Let's proceed carefully here because important definitions are being offered of solar fire, the way solar fire works.

***This fire is technically called "solar fire",*** now there's a word *blending,* how many occult processes are covered by such a word as *blending,* ***and when it blends with the fire of matter***, ***and with the "electric fire" of the highest divine aspect, then man's being comes into its fullest manifestation and the great work is completed.*** We have a triple when to complete the great work which is magic magic is called *the great work*.

***But it is a most dangerous undertaking, when induced before the mechanism is ready to deal with it.*** Who can assess that? Not the aspiring student to magic? I know the proficient one, the one who is a well-established white magician with the necessary powers, can assess when the student is ready. Electric fire? Well we do know solar fire is radiatory, and electric fire has everything to do with the arcing attraction between the poles. It's a fire that takes all duality and unifies us into oneness … electric fire takes all apparent duality and unifies it into the one.

So under the electric fire of the monad our program of identification is temporarily reaching the climax, although it necessarily has to go on and on in relation to the entire universe, and the two become one; the poles unite. It's a bit like the fourth ray in that way except it's probably much more sudden dynamic scintillating electric. But at least finally electric fire tolerates no diversity, or at least the consideration that diversity is real, because the diversity, well that sort of channeled transmission through Dr. Anna Kingsford, a friend of HPB, she tried to undertake in *cosmic fire,* why there should be creation at all and something about it was so … well it's put in symbolic terms, so that God could apparently be also other than God. And so that God would not be alone all one that seems to be the great fluctuation between the in one way between the one and the two, and from another perspective of fluctuation between the absolute zero and the one. Now how we want to assign those numbers, well there are different ways of doing it but glue vats keys piece of it and she says there's an oscillation.

Let’s see, HPB speaks, not exactly these words, of the oscillation between no number and number. How can we really, you know the minute we conceptualize anything can we really think of it as no number, because we've thinned it and it's become a thought, we've objectivized it, and any is any objectification really a zero. I mean the absolute zero is absolute zero because it is, it is what it is, but it's *no thing* per se with definite boundaries. There's some things to be worked out there about the zero the one on the two.

But absolute zero is not nothing, nothing is a great negation, and we might say that in that sense nothing doesn't exist. No *thing* exists forever, but anyway our mechanism has to be tuned up in order to receive the higher energies and the higher conceptions the higher realizations. Mostly our mechanism is not ready. So we have to find a way to render it ready and it has been done forever the rendering ready of the mechanism even the universe has to be rendered ready to receive and express the divine thought of the universal logos.

Well, we'll worry about the microcosmic picture first, let's get what we appear to be ready. In Shakespeare and Hamlet, the readiness is all. So let us move from this state which repels realization into the ready state, which brings it into consciousness.

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***This triple blending*** of the three fires, right? In the in the glamour meditation we have the three lights of matter, mind and soul. Blending the three together is archetypal: there's a triangle, and there's a point within the triangle and maybe it's a tetrahedron, with the elevated point and somehow the three have to merge as one and we even in relation to the fifth ray we say *three minds unite*, as one may be synthetic mind. ***This triple blending can only be safely undertaken by the highly organised and rounded-out person, and by one*** it's like rays seven, five, and two. and I'm thinking about Jupiter and ray two here, ***it*** ***can only be undertaken by the highly organized and rounded out person someone*** ***who has achieved*** much along the path of human development and is not a novice. It's not possible for the neophyte to approach this blending and by one who has achieved ***the capacity to focus his attention in the head and*** Let's just call this a place of synthesis and ***from that high point direct the entire process of fusion.*** Direct via the ajna center, or maybe brow center if they are distinct, once the kundalini has stimulated to the highest head center, and ***from that high point direct the entire process of fusion.*** I think certainly people like ourselves were just getting used to a little bit of solar fire, we've lived the life of fire by friction for millions of years, we are not yet into electric fire, maybe some flashes rarely occur. When you're looking for lightning to illuminate the darkened sky, well maybe they don't come. so often when they come fast and when they do come, you see something but then they disappear the lightning bolts.

Master Morya says we shouldn't have all the fires on the mountain blazing simultaneously, and I don't think we're going to get out of electric fire a kind of continuity. It's the first ray fire and it's used suddenly spontaneously for crashing through it's not like the sustained in a radiatory solar fire.

So the triple blending is achieved from a high point of direction. I want to say this is all achieved by the initiate lessor disciples cannot achieve it. This is all achieved by the initiate who is going to be supervising the entire process of fusion. As I say we're just learning to go beyond the antahkarana, and we're not there yet. Even to lodge one's consciousness within a permanent atom of the spiritual triad is maybe more the prerogative of the show head of the seventh degree so at least we kind of see the map and the path ahead but we have to be realistic about where we stand. So all of this is blending of the three.

***It involves the ability to withdraw the consciousness literally into the etheric body and yet at the same time to preserve—in full awareness—a point of contact in the head, and from that point direct the automaton, the physical body.*** It's a dual consciousness undertakes this process directed from the head this is occultism and one thinks immediately of some of the great saints and sages who go into that unity of state we call Samadhi, which I suppose apprehends as much of beingness, as can't be apprehended by the human being and I don't say by any means that its ultimate nirvana is but the beginning of the endless way in the Evans Wins book it tells us that.

One of the faults of the human being is that he mistakes elevated temporary states for permanent states and he forecloses his options and builds a boundary around himself which is a mistaken boundary.

Can we withdraw the consciousness into the etheric body, into the, I suppose the etheric head center, and into the jewel and the very center of the heart within the head? Can we then, through this occult process really become the director of the mechanism this is another step? Most human beings are at the stage where what they think they are and the mechanism appear to be the same thing. A certain alchemical separation of the subject and the object is necessary before the reblending of the subject and the object and the still deeper realization that whatever is perceived is the *isness* which is perceiving.

***It presupposes, if successful, certain etheric conditions in the body.*** Let us examine the place where magic is wrought? But the etheric body is underlying the dense physical and according to its activation and its rhythm it is stimulating its expression, such as the glands and the nervous system and the blood system in the physical body. So maybe that's what He means by certain etheric conditions in the body, really underlying the body.

***One of these is the process of burning through or destruction (partial or complete) of any obstructions found along the spinal cord which could prevent the free rising of the fire at the base of the spine, commonly called the kundalini fire, which lies quiescent, latent and potential in the lowest centre.*** We have heard of this *burning through*. It's essentially an etheric process, the kundalini fire is essentially etheric and when released it can burn through etheric webs which prevent the entrance of the energies, and forces of the astral plane and other still higher forces from reaching the etheric body, and from affecting the physical mechanism. But the process of burning through itself has to be wisely regulated, otherwise you get all the things that DK has said the frictions the tumor, the insanities what our insanities. I mean probably the lower subplanes of the astral plane have been released into the consciousness; they haven't been warded off and they are the hellish worlds, the average hell, of the average believers, so *extremely* discordant, and filled with all kinds of phenomena that the individual is not yet equipped to handle or to dispel or disperse. Then the individual becomes obsessed by these very aggressive, malevolent forces against the one aspect of the insanity.

So the *burning through* and with purification comes the possibility increasingly of the *burning through* of the protective barriers there comes a time when they need no longer protect, but that the man must begin to integrate and unify his energy mechanism, but it's all a question of right timing, and the supervising teacher knows and can see and it's better to go along with what is seen rather than to rush into the path of danger.

So the fire rising of the fire from the base of the spine is commonly called the kundalini fire which lies quiescent. Mars is kundalini latent, to Mercury kundalini active, Pluto in general, the power of kundalini. Earth is the kundalini of the solar system and has the same basic fourfold structure as the center of the base of the spine is portrayed as having. Saturn gets into the act, too, I think because, it's such a physical anchor. There's much going on at the the base of the spine. But from another point of view every planet in the solar system can act upon every other planet and has its representations representatives and every other planet like in Shamballa we have the representatives of all the planets.

So in a way, every chakra within the human system has the representation of every other chakra. Somehow every chakra is represented in every chakra. It's an analogy and what that intricate structure may be we're not going to know, but maybe if we discover how it is that certain planetary representatives work in Shamballa we'll be able to analogize to the condition of the etheric body in the microcosm of the human being.

There it lies, latent potential, the dragon in it has not come out of his lair the dragon fire, now in one way the negative dragon also hides and you have to shoot the arrows of fiery aspiration into the cave to arouse all of this latent negativity stored over millennia. From another point of view the dragon is a beneficent force which is why Masters are called *lesser dragons of wisdom,* which is why a planetary logos is called a dragon of wisdom and one can live one's whole life or many lives without realizing that the dragon is sleeping there at the bottom of the chakra system, guarding the treasure; the treasure is life itself. The energies which when released release greater participation in life and greater realization in life and being and reality.

So, for disciples of our type, we're sitting on top of the dragon, but the dragon is not yet stirring. The positive dragon. Until the path of initiation which is emphasizing the first and seventh rays you can go this way when you have the head in the base of the spine, first seven, seven one. then comes the release of the power of the Dragon which will make of us eventually a master uniting the base in the crown and we will become lesser dragons of wisdom. All of this is understood as potential in the right conditioning and manipulation of the etheric body. However there's such as science connected with it in so much danger of a premature disruption connected with it so that one can be set back lifetimes and have to repair what one has on wisely torn apart through the premature release of the energies at the base of the spine.

Something happened to our planetary levels in connection with the Moon chain and it kind of disorganized an aspect of his psyche, and we inherited that disorganization on our chain as what we might call madness or a chaotic states of relationship, chaotic states of consciousness. So one cannot be premature.

***This is "the sleeping serpent which must arise and uncoil".*** It is from sirius that the serpent religion has come. And if perchance Sirius does have something to do with the ajna center since it has such a monastic brilliant fifth ray component to it we can realize that from the ajna center comes the ability to awaken and to direct the sleeping dragon, in its arising. The serpent religion is coming from Sirius because seriously and the ajna center. There are ways in which Sirius, to me anyway, seems to suggest the highest health center of the seven solar systems of which ours is one our Sun or solar load was being the heart center and ways in which Sirius seems to suggest the ajna center of that great being.

So we'll have to figure that out.

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***Each centre in the spine is separated from the one above it and the one below it by an interlaced protective web which is composed of a curious blend of etheric and gaseous substance. This has to be burnt away and dissipated before there can be the free play of the fires of the body. A complete network of nadis and centres underlies and is the subtle counterpart of the nervous and endocrine systems. A little clear thinking therefore will demonstrate the need for excessive care, for there will obviously lie a direct effect upon the external apparatus and this in its turn will definitely affect what the psychologists call "behaviour". There are four of these interlaced circular "webs" lying between the five centres found on the rod of the spinal column, such as follows: 0/0/0/0/0, and three are to be found in the head. These three bisect the head, and form a series of crosses, as follows:***

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***Each centre in the spine is separated from the one above it and the one below it by an interlaced protective web*** of subtle energy ***which is composed of a curious blend of etheric and gaseous substance.*** Isn't that interesting? What He's saying here, He's saying the etheric web … is not strictly etheric, but has some gaseous substance in it. Is there's this factor of joining ether and the dense physical through ignition, and the kinds of flaming for that happens at the joining occurs in this interface between the lowest ether and the gaseous subplane. Maybe we can look for an analogy occurring between the higher mental plane and the intuitive claim some sort of release of energy is some blazing forth.

This is very important. That each is separated from the other. I suppose for the sake of wholesome development because there can be interference from one chakra to another by an interlaced separation by an interlaced protective web which is composed of a curious blend of etheric and gaseous.

***This has to be burnt away and dissipated before there can be the free play of the fires of the body.*** This is the difference between the people who can work in relation to the subtle world, and those who are still confined.

***A complete network of nadis and centres underlies and is the subtle counterpart of the nervous and endocrine systems.*** The idea has been put forward that for every atom, or whatever particle, is found in the dense physical vehicle there is a corresponding higher archetypal, causal particle, or energy generating center in the etheric body a complete network is there.

***A little clear thinking therefore will demonstrate the need for excessive care, for there will obviously lie a direct effect upon the external apparatus and this in its turn will definitely affect what the psychologists call "behaviour".*** The etheric body participates in the phenomenon of external behavior. the different schools of psychology seem to be reference here, and the behaviorist is one of those schools.

***There are four of these interlaced circular "webs" lying between the five centres found on the rod*** there's the word and so look for it in the biblical stories and in other mythological stories, it found ***between the five centers found on the rod of the spinal column, such as follows: 0/0/0/0/0, and three are to be found in the head. These three bisect the head, and form a series of crosses, as follows:***

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Centered, and where the center and web centered web and then finally the center. We'll see how that would work for of the interlace circular webs one between. Let's speculate. Between the base of the spine center and the sacral, one between sacral and solar plexus, one between solar plexus and heart, and one between heart and throat, and those are the five that are along the rod. There are other in higher centers but the spine ends at a certain point, no matter how it may connect with the head under occult circumstances.

I think we can see we can see the general layout, and how these etheric webs which are a blend of the lowest ether and gaseous substance normally are protective, and protecting one from what will ultimately become necessary the right interplay of the centers, until then the center pretty much has to be developed in isolation.

Now he goes further in dealing with symbols, which represent etheric realities and of which the nationals of any particular country have relatively no idea.

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***This is much like the cross upon the Union Jack, which has always had an esoteric significance for the student, and indicates a point in racial evolution. This cross in the head separates the ajna centre (the centre between the eyebrows) from the head centre, for it lies behind that centre in the forehead, and at the same time forms a protective shield between the ajna and throat centres. TWM 591-592***

***This is much like the cross*** see all of the Scandinavian countries have the cross in various ways represented reflecting their own flag. Lately they've taken it off the airplanes for fear of the jihadis; it's too bad, it's provocative, but its distinctive as well. So all of ***this is much like the cross upon*** ***the Union Jack, which has always had an esoteric significance for the student, and indicates a point in racial evolution.*** … here is a picture of the Union Jack.

I thought that DK had it somewhere in his illustrations I think he does but we have sort of the Cardinal cross represented in a way Aries, Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn. We have the St. Andrew's Cross here. As well the middle of Taurus, the middle of, 15 degrees with the Leo, 15 of Scorpio and 15 of Aquarius the symbol I think for the common cross is not here but what DK is saying about this it indicates the point in racial evolution.



***This cross in the head separates the ajna centre (the centre between the eyebrows) from the head centre, for it lies behind that centre in the forehead, and at the same time forms a protective shield between the ajna and throat centres.*** In other words, what's happening here is that the etheric webs are represented, but they have to be burned through they have to be burned through eventually.

So they can be complete circulation. Well we've heard as we study etheric healing, of the kind of circulation that must exist between the ajna the head center, and the alta major, but it looks like the throat center is considered here a kind of a third center, head and ajna head and throat, although the alta, and the throat, are so close together that in some ways they may swing into each other's orbits linking the energies of the torso with those of the head.

Symbolism is everywhere around us and let's say that some of those who conceived these symbols may have been consciously esoterically aware or tuned in in an unconscious manner, but bringing through the esoteric knowledge.

So the cross in the head separates the ajna center between the eyebrows, from the head center, for it lies behind that center in the forehead. There is a point in the middle of the head around the pineal gland, which represents the higher head center. We can see how there would be a web separating those two. It's like it's like a web separating the soul from the personality, or maybe even separating, one day, the monad from the soul-infused personality, because eventually the personality must absorb the soul energy. The head center has more in it than that which represents only the soul. It does as well represent in some of its aspects the highest point in our energy system the monad. Then there's another cross that divides the ajna from the throat.

Anyway, the idea is a free and full circulation of energy he is required to make the human being a fully unfolded specimen and to fulfill the human spiritual divine potential, but the manner of the blending has to be from fire by friction to solar fire, which completed to a certain point begins to allow electric fire into the process. The one who is seated behind it all, as the director, has to know how to connect to these energies so that no danger to the mechanism overcomes it.

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***These etheric webs are in reality disks, rotating or revolving at specific rates, which differ for the different centres, and according to the point in evolution of the system of centres concerned. Only when these webs are burnt away by the ascending and descending fires can the true centres really be seen. Many clairvoyants confuse the centres and their protective counterparts, for the latter have a radiance and light of their own. TWM 592-593***

***These etheric webs are in reality disks, rotating or revolving at specific rates, which differ for the different centres, and according to the point in evolution of the system of centres concerned.*** What do we have here? This is a miniature solar system. The numbers are of great interest and would reveal the integration and coherence of the whole. Well He's certainly not going to tell us what these rates of rotation are. but it's really interesting to see that they do exist and that the chakras are like planets themselves.

You kind of wonder, analogizing in a solar system, what kind of etheric webs exist in a solar system to separate one planet from another, given that they are chakras? What is the ajna center? Is it Mercury? What is the throat center? It is Saturn. Seems a long way. The head center is in a way Vulcan, but at different times according to the law of mutation, that which a planet represents chakracly-speaking changes, such as Venus can represent the solar plexus center in a solar system. But it has much to do with the heart center. Mercury has much to do with the throat center as well as the ajna center. Venus? Although Venus represents the ajna center of man, in relation to the Solar Logos it is more the heart and solar plexus connection, because it is keyed more to its monadic rays, kind of 2 & 6.

So there's mutation going on all the time. If there are protective etheric webs in man there have to be protective in etheric webs in the solar system, and in the planet, separating globe from globe within a chain, and chain from chain within a planetary scheme. Very interesting about these structures and they would all have of course their own specific rates. He says *rotating* or *revolving.* I guess for me it looks more like rotating because they're not changing positions relative to various chakras the planets both rotate and revolve but these webs within the etheric vehicle of man they rotate.

Look at the occultism that is hidden here. In the way that man can scientifically evolve. It's just the ABCs isn't it, that we're being given? But the hints are there. We've got a miniature solar system in our etheric body and also in the etheric portion of the other planes and it has to be integrated, and it's all all of this integration is both mathematical and musical.

So, there's so much to learn about when we are ready for the circulation of the energies and when we are ready to have the protective webs burned away, so there can be the circulation we need eventually.

***Only when these webs are burnt away by the ascending and descending fires*** let's remember the descent because what goes up must come down. There there is probably quite a circulation here, maybe according to the *figure eight,* I think that's an important symbolic figures ***can the true centres really be seen.*** It looks like they are covered by the webs in some manner.

***Many clairvoyants confuse the centres and their protective counterparts, for the latter have a radiance and light of their own.*** A very detailed description of individual activities within the etheric body of a man and hinting had a true science of the etheric body. We're just at that point where we're discovering that there is a bio electric field, and the kind of aura with different parts to it, but as far as a close study of the chakras and their dynamics it hasn't really hit, it hasn't really entered the minds of even intelligent researchers at this time.

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***As the life achieves an increasingly high vibration through purification and discipline, the fire of the soul, which is literally the fire of mind, causes the centres also to increase their vibration, and this increased activity sets up a contact with the protective "webs", or disks of pranic energy found on either side of them. Thus, through the interplay, they are gradually worn away, so that in the course of time they become perforated, if I might use such an inadequate term. Many aspirants feel convinced that they have raised the kundalini fire at the base of the spine and are consequently making rapid progress, whereas all that they have accomplished is to burn or "rub through" the web at some point or other up the spine. A sensation of burning or of pain in any part of the spine, when not due to physiological causes, is, in the majority of cases, due to the piercing of one or other of the webs, through the activity of the centres allied to them. This happens very frequently in the case of women in connection with the solar plexus centre, and with men in connection with the sacral centre. Both these centres—as a result of evolutionary development—are exceedingly active and highly organised, for they are the expression of the physical creative nature and of the emotional body. A sense therefore of burning and of pain in the back indicates usually undue activity in a centre, which produces destructive results upon the protective apparatus, and is no true indication of spiritual unfoldment and superiority. It may indicate the latter, but it should be remembered that, where there is true spiritual growth, pain and danger are in this connection practically eliminated. TWM 592-593***

***As the life achieves an increasingly high vibration through purification and discipline, …***

… I've been discussing the solar systemic nature on the miniature scale of our etheric system, and how liberation occurs through burning process. Now Uranus is said to rule the final burning ground. I think Uranus has much to do, with the ruling as it will the highest head center at a certain point, not just the sacral center, not just bringing seventh ray into the throat center, but the entire head center in a way. Neptune may be the heart in the head center, second ray, monadic Neptune. But Uranus is presenting us with a final burning ground, and every human being will have at a certain stage of etheric development. A kind of final burning ground which will release the fires from the impediments presented by the etheric webs.

Are they between the chakras? Or do they form kind of a covering of the chakras? The diagram seems to show circle slash, circle slash, circle slash, etc., that they are between, but that I think they are very close and form a kind of covering which prevents the full stimulation of the chakra until these webs are burned through.

***As the life achieves an increasingly high vibration through purification and discipline,*** Let's just say frequency increases through purity and discipline, and that's really important to realize***, the fire of the soul, which is literally the fire of mind, causes the centres also to increase their vibration, and this increased activity sets up a contact with the protective "webs", or disks of pranic energy found on either side of them.*** Either side, I think that answers the question: not surrounding them so much, but placed on either side. I think we're going to get a lot of details here, not as many as there are but many are concerning the etheric body of man.

Let's remember that we are increasing the quality of our substance through purification and discipline and that the fire of the soul will stimulate the centers to increase their own vibration and that is interesting and then contact is made with the etheric webs which will cause.

I think we'll be discussing here the burning.

***Thus, through the interplay*** of the stimulated center and the web or the disk interplay of the soul stimulated, chakra and the protective discs***, they are gradually worn away, so that in the course of time they become perforated,*** they are gradually worn away, so that in in the course of time they become perforated, that is, if you want to perforate you use the laser like fifth ray, it is a very fiery ray in its own way, ***if I might use such an inadequate term.*** Well, He gives enough of a hint. So we can imagine what is going on, but we cannot imagine fully.

All right this is very interesting, isn't it? These dynamics over which we are not exerting any particular control except to purify and discipline, at first, and then eventually perhaps apply soul energy to the chakra itself which will happen anyway, but we accentuated under the right teaching and guidance. So there's not only a burning through the web, but there is a wearing away, an attenuation, a perforation, ***if I might use such an inadequate term.***

***Many aspirants feel convinced that they have raised the kundalini fire at the base of the spine and are consequently making rapid progress, whereas all that they have accomplished is to burn or "rub through" the web at some point or other up the spine.*** That's why we need the guidance of one who can really see the whole situation. Is it's not a theft from one's sense of Independence to wisely wait for the Master, who can supervise the process safely.

***A sensation of burning or of pain in any part of the spine, when not due to physiological causes, is, in the majority of cases, due to the piercing of one or other of the webs, through the activity of the centres allied to them.*** Which the soul stimulates – centers which the soul and its energy stimulates – and which later the man under guidance can stimulate. So maybe some have experienced the burning, but they will jump to conclusions. But those who guide the process, and it is a meticulous and arduous process are relating to us what really is probably happening. ***A sensation of burning or of pain in any part of the spine, when not due to physiological causes, is, in the majority of cases, due to the piercing of one or other of the webs, through the activity of the centres allied to them.*** Now the thing is, we have to understand this way that unless there is efficient stimulation of the chakras burning through of a disk or web will not occur.

***This happens very frequently in the case of women in connection with the solar plexus centre, and with men in connection with the sacral centre.*** We kind of wonder whether some of the diseases which result through the irritation of those areas around the solar plexus, of the sacral center, are not the result of this burning through. These various types of diseases which the aspirant will experience along the way, but it shows the difference in orientation: man focused in the sacral center, women in the solar plexus center.

***Both these centres—as a result of evolutionary development—are exceedingly active and highly organised, for they are the expression of the physical creative nature and of the emotional body.*** Because they came first. Of course the sex response, particularly arising in Lemuria, and the solar plexus, the emotional response arising in Atlantis, and they've been with us a long long time. In our solar system, the planets which represent those centers will be more highly developed than the ones that represent the higher centers.

I think you can and kind of see …



Certain lesser planets have greater development then the generically represented Uranus and Neptune, which represent higher centers, probably finally in the head and the heart within the head. The Tibetan isn't saying much, except that they are sevenfold. No further geometrical representation is there where as is very, very present in these other and lesser planets.

Let's see, where's our friend Mars? It's a lot like the Earth, until you study it carefully, and you realize it isn't exactly like the Earth.

How this burning and pain is experienced. The different way that burning and pain are experienced. And both these centers have been developing a long long time. Maybe the base of the spine has been active in the beginning, but it doesn't reach its full development. I think until the 5th initiation that maybe starts things going with a sufficient vitality to remain in incarnation, and ends things as it sends the serpent to the very top the will energy rising into the energy of purpose and thus being able really to carry out the purpose.

***A sense therefore of burning and of pain in the back indicates usually undue activity in a centre, which produces destructive results upon the protective apparatus, and is no true indication of spiritual unfoldment and superiority.*** He's *cutting us off at the pass,* as they say here, *heading us off of the pass:* He's foreclosing some of the speculations which people might have about their progress. Disease might result rather than spiritual progress. Although sometimes I suppose spiritual progress is bought at the expense of some dis-ease within the mechanism, the instrument as its customary rhythms and interactions are being disrupted, in favor of new patterns. So it's no true indication this burning is a pain in the back.

***It may indicate the latter*** maybe spiritual unfoldment and superiority where there is a true spiritual growth***, but it should be remembered that, where there is true spiritual growth, pain and danger are in this connection practically eliminated.*** Well. we just are learning how to view our own progress and how to view the progress of others, should we be asked.

Now, we do know that Krishnamurti underwent a drastic disciplining and purification as he was being selected to be a vehicle for the overshadowing of Lord Maitreya, and his system really had to be brought into order and it was a crash course. You might say it was a hastened purification, and I guess he really, really suffered. He was being made fit to receive that very high vibration of the Lord Maitreya, and somehow convey it. But the pain accompanied as well.

So there are ordinary circumstances and there are special circumstances, but just because he had pain doesn't mean this is progress. That's what I think He's intending to say here, even though the pain could indicate, progress would usually not practically eliminated usually when there is real spiritual unfoldment. Maybe when there's a forcing process or when people unwisely through certain breathing exercises actually begin to force development as they think it is occurring then the body reacts with pain. So I don't think we can generalize entirely on this matter it it's more on a case-by-case basis

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***There has been much loose talk about the raising of the kundalini fire and much misapprehension in the matter. Let me assure you that it is most difficult to raise, and can only be done by a definite act of the will and through the intense mental focussing and concentrated attention of the man, seated on the throne of consciousness in the head. The Masonic tradition has the teaching clearly held in its beautiful ritual of the raising of the great Master-Mason. Only when there is united effort of a fivefold kind, and only after repeated failure, does the vivifying life course through the entire body and bring to life the true man.***

***The second point I would touch upon is that all this deeply esoteric work must only proceed under the direction of the skilled teacher. Platitudinously, the aspirant is told that "when the pupil is ready, the Master will appear". He then settles comfortably back and waits, or focuses his attention upon an attempt to attract the attention of some Master, having apparently settled in his mind that he is ready or good enough. He naturally gives himself a spiritual prod at intervals, and attends spasmodically to the work of discipline and of purification. But steady and prolonged undeviating effort on the part of aspirants is rare indeed. TWM 593-594***

***There has been much loose talk about the raising of the kundalini fire and much misapprehension in the matter.*** Choosing the wrong implication is a misapprehension; a failure to *really* understand. …

***Let me assure you that it is most difficult to raise, and can only be done by a definite act of the will and through the intense mental focussing and concentrated attention of the man, seated on the throne of consciousness in the head.*** Well that throne of consciousness I think has to do with the ajna center when it's higher functions are being expressed. All centers have lower and higher functions. Once the head center has been stimulated, the higher, the kundalini, as we see in some of the old drawings, continues down and settles here in the directing center.

It's different from the use of the ajna center as a directing center *before* kundalini has made the circuits in the head.

When the Tibetans are wearing these sort of bristly or feathered (I don't know what the material is, but it's) part of their headdress, and it looks like some kind of *brush* that comes over the top of the head. This is really the symbol of certain of the chakras, a number of which are not even named in this Buddhist tradition, or at least in the books that we have received.

So we are this is the process of raising.

***The Masonic tradition has the teaching clearly held in its beautiful ritual of the raising of the great Master-Mason.*** He's been sort of *done in,* in fact killed by lower forces, but it becomes possible then for whatever the master represents to raise this *hidden and buried* Mason. They notice that he's in the earth and they are able to pull him out.

***Only when there is united effort of a fivefold kind, and only after repeated failure*** (this is shown in the ritual)***, does the vivifying life course through the entire body and bring to life the true man.***

We've been learning then about the raising of the kundalini fire, how difficult it is really to raise, and how dangerous. And how the raising can be accomplished, but how often one mistakes the raising of the fire for the perforating of the webs, which are protective and which prevents of the chakras from being fully stimulated.

These are points which, I would suggest, it is important to review. DK says how really difficult it is to raise this fire, and He's told us a little bit about these webs. That their mixture of etheric and gaseous substance and we pointed out that we have a whole system operating, a kind of a solar system operating within our own microcosmic etheric body, and there are definite rates of rotation involved for these discs these protective discs and also for the chakras themselves. I would guess and those secrets of the rates and the numbers, they're not really passed on to us at this point.

So it's all the question of discipline and purification. First, much happens which is simply the result of discipline and purification, and later there may be a supervised attention given to the chakras. DK tells us that most of us are protected because we haven't got the pertinacity, the persistence, the follow-through, to do ourselves any real danger or to do damage.

Now He that that was the first point in general about the Kundalini fire of the chakras and the disks which protect and perforation of the web and burning through the web and correcting some misconceptions, because this field is filled with erroneous teaching, the blind really are leading the blind in this field. We really have to fasten onto someone we can trust. I believe that Master DK is such a teacher, and follow the sage advice of attempting to *make haste slowly.*

***The second point I would touch upon is that all this deeply esoteric work*** here we are in one of the initial books, getting into very deep waters, and pointing to us how we must understand what we're doing. And the understanding has to come first *long* before the actual practice. It's there of course that people tend to get impatient. We've talked also a little bit about patience and the cause of patience and how each one has to evolve for him self that which will induce patience in the consciousness all this is ***deeply esoteric work must only proceed under the direction of the skilled teacher.*** Well we have been talking about that, mentioning that maybe not enough.

***Platitudinously, the aspirant is told that "when the pupil is ready, the Master will appear".***

***He then settles comfortably back and waits, or focuses his attention upon an attempt to attract*** a little humor here ***the attention of some Master, having apparently settled in his mind that he is ready or good enough.***

***He naturally gives himself a spiritual prod at intervals, and attends spasmodically to the work of discipline and of purification.***

***But steady and prolonged undeviating effort on the part of aspirants is rare indeed.*** Master DK, having observed many students, sees that this is what they do. It's a bit of overestimation here, bit of pride, the assumption or presumption of readiness, and just waiting for the master who desperately needs him, to bring himself into the students field of attention.

Well, in the case of Alice Bailey it was so. They had worked together, so the story goes, and when Alice Bailey was a *chela in the light,* DK was the supervising disciple on the inner planes. So that takes us way back and he did make his presence known to her. But I think that was unusual.

Anyway, what DK is saying, *don't work spasmodically on purification and discipline.* The desirable attitude is prolonged on deviating efforts that is desirable and it's very rare.

Not sounding easy is it? And it's not meant to be. That's why this kind of training with the *Arcane School* and with this work of the Tibetan is eliminated. People just can't stand it; they can't stand not being handed accomplishment with ease. The amount of work required looks daunting to them and therefore they don't continue

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***It is indeed true that at the right moment the Master will appear, but the right moment is contingent upon certain self-induced conditions. When the process of purification has become a life-long habit, when the aspirant can at will concentrate his consciousness in the head, when the light in the head shines forth and the centres are active, then the Master will take the man in hand. In the meantime he may have a vision of the Master, or he may see a thought-form of the Master, and may get much real good and inspiration from contact with the reflected reality, but it is not the Master and does not indicate the stage of accepted discipleship. Through the medium of the light of the soul, the soul can be known. Therefore seek the light of your own soul, and know that soul as your director. When soul contact is established, your own soul will, if I may so express it, introduce you to your Master. With all due reverence again may I add, that the Master waits not with eagerness to make your acquaintance. In the world of souls, your soul and His soul are allied, and know essential unity. But in the world of human affairs and in the process of the great work it should be remembered that when a Master takes an aspirant into His group of disciples, that aspirant is, for a long time, a liability and oft a hindrance. Students over-estimate themselves quite often, even when repudiating such an idea; subjectively they have a real liking for themselves and are frequently puzzled as to why the Great Ones give them no sign, nor indicate Their watching care. They will not and They need not until such time as the aspirant has used to the full the knowledge which he has gained from lesser teachers, and from books and printed scriptures of the world. Students must attend to the immediate duty and prepare their mechanisms for service in the world, and should desist from wasting time and looking for a Master; they should achieve mastery where now they are defeated and in the life of service and of struggle they may then reach the point of such complete self-forgetfulness that the Master may find no hindrance in His approach to them. TWM 594-595***

***It is indeed true that at the right moment the Master will appear, but the right moment is contingent upon certain self-induced conditions.*** Maybe we can say that the aspirant is not in a position to know when readiness has come, just as we cannot know when the hour for the reappearance of the Christ has come.

We must do our work at house cleaning, and sharing and inducing peace in our human relations. In terms of our ordinary environment and in our communities, and Nations and internationally, then the Christ has his own means of assessing the readiness. So we have to do certain things to make that right moment appear which will certainly be recognized by the Master.

***When the process of purification has become a life-long habit, when the aspirant can at will concentrate his consciousness in the head, when the light in the head shines forth and the centres are active, then the Master will take the man in hand.*** Again we can't *put the cart before the horse.* Gently we have to do this apparently secondary thing and discipline ourselves, purify ourselves.

This is before we really work upon the centers. Remember how He said do that first, and do it for a long time, and only then can start the actual work upon the centers in the focal manner. Although it is interesting, Maybe DK had a certain amount of trust in the group that He was working with, or maybe Alice Bailey's supervision of them and his supervision through Alice Bailey of them was enough protection to give them certain exercises which were chakric in nature. Matter of fact, the third meditation in DINA II, deals entirely with the chakras and raising the emphasis from the base to the crown and even beyond even to the monad. We have to trust they don't sit around attracting the Master, He will see and we must proceed with that which works and what works is discipline and purification.

***In the meantime he may have a vision of the Master, or he may see a thought-form of the Master, and may get much real good and inspiration from contact with the reflected reality, but it is not the Master and does not indicate the stage of accepted discipleship.***

Are we ready to submit ourselves to this kind of training? That's always the question. Just think what has been given over the 30 years from 1919 to 1949, the real thing, with many imitators afterwards watering it down. Just because they can't help us and because their pride doesn't allow them to really focus on the demanding teaching and the demands of that demanding teaching, they somehow think they can offer something better even though it's not authentic and they get the distinction of being a source the attention of the group is on them and they like that but as far as assimilating the real thing. Well the new presentation is coming and we have only now six and a half years until it arrives or begins to arrive. So it seems to me the part of wisdom to really attempt to assimilate what is here given.

***Through the medium of the light of the soul, the soul can be known.*** Let us gain experience with the light of the soul through imagination through meditation, whatever, whatever works.

***Therefore seek the light of your own soul, and know that soul as your director.*** Who directs me? Well, the teacher on the physical plane maybe to a certain extent? But really each one of us is equipped with or without that teacher in person. to follow the guidance of our own solar angel, who is, let us again remember, a member of the council chamber within the Sun. That's a hugely exalted position for a being that once long ago was man and has undertaken sacrificially as a part of fiery love to help the up-and-coming human beings.

***When soul contact is established, your own soul will, if I may so express it, introduce you to your Master.*** Then that is very that's a very interesting idea: ***your own soul will, if I may so express it, introduce you to your Master.***

***With all due reverence again may I add, that the Master waits not with eagerness to make your acquaintance.***

***In the world of souls, your soul and His soul are allied, and know essential unity.***

***But in the world of human affairs and in the process of the great work it should be remembered that when a Master takes an aspirant into His group of disciples, that aspirant is, for a long time, a liability and oft a hindrance.*** Remember that it's only after passing the temptations in the desert that we are no longer considered a hazard to the Master, to the ashram.

Interesting when you look up the word *hazard,* we find it applied to ourselves, even though we have decided we're really quite ready to be useful but then the master will ask, *‘what makes you so sure you are useful?’*

So, for a long time we may be a drag, a liability, upon the Master. We may be. Hopefully we have the humility to realize this. It is so that within an ashram there are those who are assigned to protect the Master from the what outgoing waves of devotion, or from the stream of thought that may be directed to the Master by the eager, excited, enthused and new associate of the member of the ashram.

***Students over-estimate themselves quite often, even when repudiating such an idea,*** They say, “oh no, no I don't do that”, many yet they do***; subjectively they have a real liking for themselves*** and here DK is speaking about himself when he was a young man and the master pointed out a flaw in his character and he protested mightily and later found out that he had he was quite keen upon himself as a disciple, even though he is ready response was that he certainly wasn’t so. ***Students overestimate themselves quite often even when repudiating in such an idea subjectively they have a real liking for themselves and are frequently puzzled as to why the Great Ones give them no sign, nor indicate Their watching care.***

Layer after layer of our character is revealed on the path of occultism, each sees and knows the villainy of each. In the *rules of the road,* and certainly the Master sees and knows the villainy of each, long before the other disciples see and know it. A master well before getting together the kinds of groups he did, he studied those people those souls carefully and studied the karma and started the potential than he knew maybe he did no I think what he was getting himself into.

But I find it so amusing, when He says ***With all due reverence again may I add, that the Master waits not with eagerness to make your acquaintance.*** And then of course, a very balanced statement follows. Yes on the plane of soul, you're all the same, yes. But otherwise not, and you are a burden, a burden to the master.

Okay, so why doesn't the master show up people the students are overestimating themselves they deny the idea they don't know what's in them, and why does the great one give them no sign nor indicate they're watching care. They, the Masters, will not.

***They will not and They need not until such time as the aspirant has used to the full the knowledge which he has gained from lesser teachers, and from books and printed scriptures of the world.*** There's so much good material. So that's the question used what you have before you can expect the Master to show up and interrupt his busy schedule by giving you more still more and more.

***Students must attend to the immediate duty and prepare their mechanisms for service in the world, and should desist from wasting time and looking for a Master; they should achieve mastery where now they are defeated and in the life of service and of struggle they may then reach the point of such complete self-forgetfulness that the Master may find no hindrance in His approach to them.*** We're especially keen upon ourselves, we set up a barrier between ourselves and the Masters approach, and who would have suspected. Who would have suspected that this is the case? Well I think it's called self-love in popular psychology. We're told we have to love ourselves. But we selves, if we love our personal self, it is separative, and if we love our group conscious soul, identifying as it, we automatically love everybody else along with it.

So, we have to discriminate which self it is that is to be loved. It's not the lunar nature nor is the lunar nature to be disrespected either because it is that fitting instrument which is needed to express in the lower worlds.

This final advice here are they should achieve mastery where they are now defeated. Let us estimate where we don't do such a good job of living as we should, and in the life of service and of struggle not just resting back say, *okay, Master, recognize me. t*hey will reach such a point of complete self forgetfulness they may then reach such a point of complete self forgetfulness and that is the real key because then no barriers ***that the Master may find no hindrance in His approach to them.*** …

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***It will be apparent therefore from the above that I cannot give specific instructions as to the awakening of the centres and the burning of the etheric web which will result in the release of energy. Such information is too dangerous and too intriguing to be put in the hands of the general public, who are driven by desire for some new thing, and lack right poise and the needed mental development. The time has come however when the fact that there is an energy body underlying the nervous system must be recognized by the world at large, and when the nature of the seven centres, their structure and location should be grasped technically, and when the laws of their unfoldment should be widely known. But more than this cannot yet be safely given. The intricate nature of this science of the centres is too great for general usefulness. The teaching to be given in any particular case and the methods to be applied are dependent upon too many factors for a general rule and instruction to be given. The ray and type, the sex and point in evolution must be considered and also the balance of the centres. By this I mean the consideration as to their over-development in one case and under development in another and as to whether there is a preponderance of the force below or above the diaphragm, or whether the main energy is concentrated in that central clearing house, the solar plexus. The quality and the brilliance of the light in the head has to be studied, for it indicates the measure of soul control and the relative purity of the vehicles, and the various etheric "webs" have to be carefully dealt with, and also the rate of vibration of the web and the centre. A synchronisation has to be set up and this is most difficult to bring about. These are only a few of the points that the teacher has to note, and it is apparent therefore that only a teacher who has achieved synthetic vision and can see a man "whole," or as he really is, can give those instructions which will reverse the ancient rhythm of the centres, destroy without pain and danger the protective sheaths, and raise the kundalini fire from the base of the spine to the exit in the head. TWM 595***

***It will be apparent therefore from the above that I cannot give specific instructions as to the awakening of the centres and the burning of the etheric web which will result in the release of energy.*** Because there's not enough steady application to purification then discipline and there's too much self-love of the wrong kind and there's too many illusions about what it means to awaken the sentence is not a balanced approach.

***Such information is too dangerous and too intriguing to be put in the hands of the general public, who are driven by desire for some new thing, and lack right poise*** there's a factor in harmlessness perfect poise ***and the needed mental development.*** Perfect poise a completed point of view divine understanding. The public is not yet sufficiently harmless.

***The time has come however when the fact that there is an energy body underlying the nervous system must be recognized by the world at large, and when the nature of the seven centres, their structure*** reasonably structure. I guess the not the entirety of it, but maybe the number of petals, and what situations they control the structure – ***and location should be grasped technically, and when the laws of their unfoldment should be widely known.*** Yes this time has come and it's amazing how it's possible to spare people the illusions with which they have been engaged, when you just filled in the fundamentals of the Ageless Wisdom, then many of the greater illusions melt away and the glamorous - and people begin to want to know more about the real thing instead of preoccupying themselves with systems of attainment which lead really nowhere.

***But more than this cannot yet be safely given.*** It's going to be given in private, it's going to be given intimately with trusted chelas.

***The intricate nature of this science –*** indeed, haven't we seen how many parts and pieces there are? DK sometimes just refuses to go further, because He says it's just too intricate. But he's given us enough, so that we understand that there is intricacy without understanding all of what that intricacy is – ***of the centres is too great for general usefulness.*** I guess many people want not to exercise their mind excessively much, and they are put off by what is demanded of real occult research.

***The teaching to be given in any particular case and the methods to be applied are dependent upon too many factors for a general rule and instruction to be given.*** It's on a case-by-case basis, and as I said He really studied his students and He knew what they needed and He had to deliver understanding of that need to them in such a way that they would maybe acquiesce in His suggestions, and not rebel and run away or act up. Some did of course they just couldn't stand having the truth delivered authoritatively.

When he worked on the disciple, was it BSD, Herbert Adams? He produced a chart showing the relative unfoldment of the chakras and indeed there there was not much balance: Solar plexus was 75% unfolded I think, the ajna center was 15% unfolded, maybe the heart was 40%. There were big discrepancies.

I just want to point out without saying too much more about it, because it's for them to say that we have a team of esoteric astrologers really doing the research on who these people were, and how they lived and what their astrology was. through the process of rectification their astrology is being determined. I think we'll have a much fuller picture of who would was Master DK tried to work with, and how He tried to work, and what were the liabilities of these people, and how did they express in the world. We'll begin to see that they had some degree of accomplishment and many of them were in positions which were relatively higher. It's not really a personal quest that are a straw astrological team is on the personality is taken into consideration, but it's more the subtle energies and the cooperation between soul and personality that they are after, but they they do try to ascertain who in the world these people were.

***The ray and type, the sex and point in evolution must be considered and also the balance of the centres.*** That would suppose that this question of balance is paramount, because there can be no true progress. They'll be a falling apart or shaking apart. How it is with the machine, when it's running *at full tilt* in an unbalanced manner, it destroys itself. Thus it will be for a human being as well.

So we have to take that into consideration. Always as Libra is growing stronger in the planetary horoscope okay good all of us can make better progress because we have a more balanced approach by this she says.

***By this I mean the consideration as to their over-development in one case and under development in another and as to whether there is a preponderance of the force below or above the diaphragm, or whether the main energy is concentrated in that central clearing house, the solar plexus.*** As I said that one individual 75% solar plexus, 15% ajna, and you can understand DK then was trying to train him in psychism of the higher psychism, so the ajna center would begin to unfold. Those numbers exist for all of us; the Master looking on can evaluate where we stand by percentage in the unfoldment of our chakra system and can note whether it is balanced or unbalanced. All of this is behind the scenes and we are wisely guided and taken care of, and it's the part of wisdom to cooperate with that supervision.

***The quality and the brilliance of the light in the head has to be studied, for it indicates the measure of soul control and the relative purity of the vehicles, and the various etheric "webs" have to be carefully dealt with, and also the rate of vibration of the web and the centre.*** They have their own rates of rotation, and maybe vibration is different, but there are frequencies associated with each of these factors in the etheric body.

***A synchronisation has to be set up and this is most difficult to bring about.*** How the cycles are, and eventually base of spine to the highest head center.

***These are only a few of the points that the teacher has to note, and it is apparent therefore that only a teacher who has achieved synthetic vision and can see a man "whole," or as he really is, can give those instructions which will reverse the ancient rhythm of the centres, destroy without pain and danger the protective sheaths, and raise the kundalini fire from the base of the spine to the exit in the head.*** There are just so many factors to consider.

So probably this is inducing in us a certain sense of humility. We just know we are not capable of seeing all these things and evaluating them. We are not capable of understanding the mathematics and the method of synchronization to be brought about in various individual cases. We are just not there yet.

Only a teacher who has achieved synthetic vision like the eye of Shiva has to be open and can see a man hole, and we barely see ourselves whole. Not really, or as He really is. See the Master can give the instruction and what will this instruction do? these instructions will reverse the ancient rhythm of the centres. Maybe even reverse the direction of rotation, destroy without pain and danger the protective sheathes, and raise the kundalini fire from the base of the spine to the exit in the head, to be completed after the fifth initiation.

Well humility, and adjusted the sense of right proportion, and when we're undertaking occult study in this being, one of the foundational books, worked into the Arcane School curriculum by Alice Bailey and approved by Master DK. When we're at the outset we have to have sound principles to guide us before getting into all the fascinating information about this and that I mean really we have to be stable in our approach to our development and our service that will result upon defective development.

We have to *make haste slowly,* we have to tread the path selflessly. None of it is easy and all of it is worth it. I mean what is worth more to be restored to one's own true identity, and no longer be imprisoned in this Sepulcher of form inherited from the previous solar system, but do good by that form. In other words, raise the vibration the frequency of these lives in which our consciousness is entombed.

So we're being given a very great advantage I go all the way back somehow flashed in my mind that day that as a young man of maybe 20 years old. I set out for a folk dance rehearsal and never got there, because I turned and I found a teacher who taught me deep things for seven years before he passed on. this was in 1962. This was 56 years ago. Why did I think of that? Well the teacher. There are many teachers, and they have different things to teach people, and we have to be teachable.

I think we would all be surprised as to how unteachable we really are at certain points in our life, our field, we are with our own erroneous thoughts, illusions and quests, after what is unworthy. there's just no room for the real perspective to enter in. So there has to be an emptying out and there will be friction as that which is within the consciousness struggles to keep its place against what is new and better. I'm glad I had seven years of this powerful teaching on identification. Really whenever I see that's what it was really all about it wasn't so much about the details, as he as he once said though look there's ten thousand things I don't know. But of the principles I am sure a lot of first ray and sometimes wondered.

Amusing, I guess whether I would go back to that place in the University of Michigan, where I first met him, and sit myself down on the same bench, as it's not going to move; they are made of stone, and they're fixtures of that place it was a place where the crosses came together. It's interesting, is called *the diagonal* or *the diag,* and many paths led right into that place: *the diag.* I guess occultly it was meaningful, and I thought *maybe well one day I'll go back there and I'll just sit myself down* in the sort of February/March weather, which wasn't too bad at the time, and see if anybody comes my way. then maybe I would repeat the very thing that he first said to me, putting his hand on the cement bench, it was a bench of a kind made of cement, and the first thing *the more it resists the more it burns but the hotter it gets*. There's the story of our old Adam, our recalcitrant lunar nature, resisting the inflow of the soul, and the heating up that occurs in this resistance and the friction and all the pain as that which is earlier is replaced by the newer energies the moon is in that sense replaced by the Sun. It's funny how things come together after a long time the two ends of the stick they meet and the circle use completes you think you're on a linear path

but really it's circular paths, turning into a spiral path, and leading forward and that was the symbol on his grave - he died 1969, just a circle with a dot. I think that two students who were prominent, they're the founder of the Matrix Astrology program, and I was away, and he saw to the necessities, and he just put the symbol of the Sun right there on the grave. With Leo rising it was very appropriate for this individual, well reminiscence.

But we all have to figure out what it is that inspires us? Where do we get our inspiration? Where do our paths change from a less productive path to a path of potential illumination? I think we can detect when we took *the road less traveled* in the words of Robert Frost.

So the circle runs its full course.

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***These centres are, in the last analysis, twofold in function. They demonstrate the form building aspect of divinity and through their activity bring the outer form into manifestation; then towards the end of the evolutionary cycle—both in the macrocosm and the microcosm—they bring into expression the soul force and life and produce the incarnation of a fully revealed son of God, with all the powers and knowledge which divinity contains. TWM 596-597***

***Such teachers are found by the pupil when he has carried forward his life work under the direction of his soul, when he has grasped the theory of the science of the centres, and has mastered and controlled the astral nature and its corresponding centre, the solar plexus.*** It kind of looks like the second initiation would be required, because that's when the solar plexus center is controlled and you need that willpower. that is developed as one approaches the second initiation. By that time you've had plenty of chance probably to be an accepted disciple, and you're reasonably well-read in the science, maybe the practical knowledge is not yet yours, but you have to be at least I would say maybe an accepted disciple, but certainly a more advanced disciple for this contact to occur. Now there was contact via Alice Bailey and that was a mediating principle there and it became possible for people who maybe were not that far along to receive directly the teaching of the master as an experiment.

***The emphasis laid upon the dominance of the Christ principle by Christianity has laid a sure foundation for the work to be done.*** I'm glad to hear that. So sometimes I've wondered – there's been such a distortion under Paul as he, according to the Tibetan, as he tried to reconcile the teachings of Christ with the old, as He calls it *the blood religion of the Jews,* bringing in a bit of the Greek there. I mean some of it is a value, but the simple message of the Christ got lost in a lot of theology.

Anyway the dominance of the Christ principle this is the important thing not all of the theology of the real energy the mind as it is in Christ. this is the real thing and it's heartening to see that a true sure foundation has been laid.

***This truth is curiously substantiated in a study of the number "eight" in connection with the centres which, we are told, is the number of the Christ.***

***There are eight centres if the spleen is counted, all of them are multiples of eight with the exception of the centre at the base of the spine*** well that's half of H ***which has four petals, one half of eight.***

***In our day and in the Anglo Saxon mode of writing, the number eight is the basic symbol of all the centres, for the petals are really in form like a number of superimposed eights.*** I think we have to say the solar plexus is not a multiple of the number eight. It has ten petals, but multiples of the number eight, a number of them I think are, but certainly of the number four, the number four which is half of the eight … I'll just have to let that pass for the moment the number eight is the base, a symbol of all the centers for the petals are really in form like a number of superimpose dates. You can see how that would work in a circle as we bring the connections together they're all even numbered in the future. It may not be the base of the spine he discusses may be a number five in the fifth round or something. then we'll have a whole new numbering system.

***The word petal is purely pictorial and a centre is formed on this pattern. First, a circle, O; then two circles, touching each other and making therefore an 8.*** That's one way of looking at it.

***Then, as the petals increase in number, it is simply a growth of these double circles*** because after all. Well let's just say a certain number of eighths and go into each petal and maybe five. This being the structure of the petal. …

Anyway it's simply a growth of these double circles***, superimposed at differing angles one upon another until we arrive at the thousand-petalled lotus in the head.*** What we have here is another intricate structure through this angular-ization, and will that be revealed? I think it has to be seen. It has to be taught. We are given the generalities at this point.

***These centres are, in the last analysis, twofold in function.***

***They demonstrate the form building aspect of divinity and through their activity bring the outer form into manifestation; then towards the end of the evolutionary cycle—both in the macrocosm and the microcosm—they bring into expression the soul force and life and produce the incarnation of a fully revealed son of God, with all the powers and knowledge which divinity contains.*** I would say both the soul and monad can work through them. The Monad through the jewel found at the center of every chakra.

A new, reconfirmed respect for me of the incredible intricacy of this setup, this pattern, and how much caution there has to be when dealing with it. When you have a finely tuned machine of considerable complexity. You can't just sort of jump into its use press the button and everything will work fine, you have to know what you're doing. Especially when it is organic, in the sense it's sensitive.

So maybe a new respect for the timing of all this unfoldment and the necessity of supervision in the unfoldment. The need for a reduction of haste even though we do want to move rapidly. But we have to make haste slowly and generally to have the right motive when dealing with all of these energies.

In this little section here, ***the awakening of the centers.*** We've seen how much is involved, but really the Christ principle is at the root of it all first form is produced, and then the Christ energy radiates through these centers as the causal body becomes more and more filled with buddhi.

Kind of wonder - what role the figure eight's have had in the 12 petaled lotus of the egoic lotus. The 12 tiered egoic lotus. There are 12 petals, and but they are arranged a little differently based upon the number three. We don't have quite the same kind of opposition between the petals, it's fascinating.

Now, we have made our way to page 599, and if we go back it's about three hours and a half here, if we go back maybe we will see 581 to 599. … it all can be studied carefully and under the first, under the second ray, the needed pondering can be done … okay friends if I can plow on ahead this evening I will do so, but the last rule is a looks like a demanding one and ending with that exhortation the call to service and so forth. … maybe there is a hope that some kind of semi completion can happen and that you all can dive in and make this book a real object of deep study.

Friends, that'll be it and lots of love, and blessings, and let's assimilate. Let's assimilate the better to express in line with the divine plan.