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Okay, hello everybody. We are now dealing with esoteric astrology adventure number 68. It is difficult to know whether this will be a one-hour, two-hour, or three-hour presentation. When I increase the length of these presentations, I simply try to save time in the conversion process, and so I can do more. Now we are dealing with Capricorn, and we have the idea that The keynotes of this sign are all indicative of a crystallisation process. This concretising faculty of Capricorn can be considered in several ways. *EA, p.158* to make dense, to make concrete, to make rigid, to bring into a solid and unchanging relationship—a crystallized and non-fluid relationship. This is what we are talking about. So we are on page 158. First of all, Capricorn is an earth sign, *EA, p.158* Let's see here. And it is— in it we have expressed the densest point of concrete materialisation of which the human soul is capable. *EA, p.158* A very, as they say, earth-bound soul. This is taken from page 333 of Esoteric Astrology. The undeveloped man is considered to be very confined in his consciousness and is entirely connected with the senses and not with the subtler senses—connected with that which the senses reveal. Man is then “of the earth, earthy” *EA, p.158* We see in Capricorn the mountain, but also the inverted mountain which points towards concretion and density and brings us into the sense of that which lies under the earth rather than that which rises above the normal surface of the earth. Man is then “of the earth, earthy” and is what the New Testament calls “the first Adam.” *EA, p.158* It's a primitive and unredeemed state, and I suppose related to the idea of original sin, which is related to the lunar aspects of the human being—the elemental personal aspects which in their own nature are unregenerate compared to the solar aspects and have to be uplifted vibrationally through the evolutionary process. In this sense, Capricorn holds in itself the seeds of death and finality *EA, p.158* because we have the factor of crystallization, and that is—death is always involved, or should we say crystallization is always involved in the death process. The form can no longer respond, can no longer expand. It is frozen, non-growing, and has densified. So because, in a way, the densification of consciousness is its death. The more circumscribed the consciousness, the more it is dead to the higher life. Because Capricorn will always reach a point of no further accommodation and growth and flexibility, it will reach that point of crystallization beyond which it cannot go. This fact means that the seeds of death are inherent in it, because what is in Capricorn will always lead to final crystallization and to the shattering of that crystallization, probably under the influence of the first ray of Vulcan. So it has in itself the seeds of death and finality, —the death which takes place finally and eventually in Pisces. *EA, p.158* So even though there is a great spiritual livingness that arises when we reach the top of the mountain of initiation, it holds in itself a kind of death to the lower worlds, which eventually will occur in Pisces, because Capricorn will demand that the illumined soul descend into the valleys carrying the water pot of service and make there not only a great service but a great sacrifice, which will release the server into the state of the world's savior in Pisces and release him from confinement to the lower worlds. There is a great sense of responsibility in Capricorn, which is very confining, as the high soul circumscribes the possibility of wider experience in order to carry out a certain service. Sanat Kumara, as the Ancient of Days, which is a term much related to Capricorn, exhibits this willing undertaking of a circumscribed and, in a way, crystallized state because he cannot move from his post until—or he will not move from his post. I guess he can, but he will not move from his post until the last weary pilgrim has found his way home. So this is an act of circumscribing will, and a definite ring-pass-not is established, and beyond that ring-pass-not the saving being will not venture until, at last, having brought this service—this salvation—to its fullest expression, he is released into Pisces. I guess in a way we could see, you know, death by— in Capricorn, death through air or through dispersion, certainly the death of the eagle in that way, because the person loses the sense of his circumscribing ego and manages to be a pervasive force, so the lower ego dies, but a higher sense of identity is born. There's a death by water—not the earlier death of drowning wherein the consciousness of the spirit is immersed and engulfed in the matter of the lower worlds, drowning within it—but a kind of death in which the bonds to the lower worlds are dissolved in Pisces. So it's a death to the lower consciousness and the lower circumscribed field of expression. Anyway, D.K. asked us to Ponder on this. *EA, p.158* that Capricorn holds in itself the seeds of death and finality. It used to be, in one way, the last sign of the zodiac. As I've tried to explain, a zodiac is to be a twelve-petaled heart center and a great being's heart and a head center. So it doesn't mean that that heart and head center ever had only ten parts to it. It always had twelve. It's just a question of what humanity can really respond to, and at that time, the spiritual meaning of Capricorn was the final sign. Capricorn was the final sign in which man could respond spiritually to its significance. I think man can always respond in an elemental manner to all twelve signs at all times, but he rises slowly into higher capabilities and only then can respond to the later signs in a spiritual way. For instance, there was a time when we are told that Scorpio was the final sign, and therefore the spiritual meaning of Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces was not yet within the range of possibilities of the humanity of that period—though, of course, here and there isolated initiates could, I suppose, respond, just the way initiates have been able to respond to planets which have been hidden from the masses of people, like Uranus—a sacred, hierophantic type of planet

about which the initiates knew, but about which average man knew nothing and was not therefore responding to its meaning, even though it was always there. So I'm saying the constellations are always there in that sense—that circle of twelve is always there—but man's response on earth is a graded process, and therefore at different times in the history of humanity, the response to the zodiac of constellations is widened. When crystallization, says the Tibetan, has reached a certain degree of density or so-called hardness— certain rigidity, certain rigidity or immovability—it is easily shattered. You know, in the hurricanes, in the tornadoes, it's the rigid, unbending trees that are easily destroyed, and the trees that can bend with the wind have a better chance. When crystallisation has reached a certain degree of density and so-called “hardness,” it is easily shattered *EA, p.158*—a Vulcanian word— and destroyed and man, born in Capricorn, then brings about his own destruction; *EA, p.158* through a crystallized attitude, I guess. Attitude, ossification, rigidity, hardness, unbendingness—all of these are words that characterize the often rigid, unbending attitude of those conditioned by the sign Capricorn. And Capricorn has so much to do with the law and the enforcement of the law, and as we all know, that the law is something that does not bend. A law is a law. There may be rules that have greater flexibility, but when the law is a divine law, it does not change because it is an energy state which is reflective of the will of a great being, so naturally it would not then vacillate. As for human laws, they can change, but while they are under enforcement, they are rather rigid, although they can be interpreted—there we go with Mercury and Libra and so forth—with flexibility. So anyway, if we develop an attitude which is too hard—and another word here is unyielding—then we are bringing about the certainty of our own eventual destruction through shattering, because the substance cannot absorb the shock of the blow, whereas if we were more flexible and could bend or sort of receive that impulse and not hold our substance against it, there would be the greater possibility of surviving the blow. this is due to his fundamentally materialistic nature *EA, p.158*— that's the early Capricornian individual— plus the “blows of fate” which are the enactments of the law of karma. *EA, p.158* And when we look at the “blows of fate,” I think we can think of three planets in particular: Vulcan, Mars, and Saturn—the general ruler of karma. So when we have the Sun, near to which Vulcan is always found, Mars, and Saturn in conjunction or in close aspect, I think we can expect the enactments of the law of karma. When we talk about enactments, we're talking about actions; we're talking very much in the language of Mars. So even in the first petal of the egoic Lotus, the man is under the influence of Capricorn very much. Those outer petals are earthy in nature, and it's a cardinal beginning, and he learns by violating the law, and he learns that the law really is rigid, and so the counterblow comes upon him. Natural law does not yield to our desires, neither does spiritual law, but mostly in those days it's natural law and, in general, the all-pervading law of karma. Well, anyway, we're dealing with a Capricorn individual who has a fundamentally materialistic nature—of course, this is in the early days—and I think with many of the average Capricorn individuals that one will meet. Again and again, a certain measure of concreteness is achieved, only again to undergo destruction, *EA, p.158* Otherwise, how could there be the growth into a new pattern? You see, let's say rigidity prevents growth into a new pattern—a new pattern necessitated. Let's see how they go: consciousness which demands a compliant form to express this growth, and if there is no compliant form—and a rigid form is not a compliant form—then the inner consciousness just cannot find a field of expression, and the inability to find that field of expression will force a shattering upon the form, which must give way before a higher aspect, which is consciousness. So only again and again to undergo destruction prior to the release of the life and the rebuilding of the form. *EA, p.158* We really outgrow our forms. Some people—you know, Capricorn people tend to live for a long time, whether it's Sun in Capricorn or Capricorn rising, or people with whom, let's say, the Saturn—which is in a way a preserving planet, preserving of the form—is powerful. But many who seek to have their physical vehicle preserved a long time are in Capricorn. Sometimes when I look at cryogenics, I'm trying to think about Walt Disney. I understand that he was—his vehicle was cryogenically frozen, and I'm trying to remember here whether he had a strong Capricorn in his nature. It would be interesting just to see. Let's see, so I'll say Disney just for fun, and Walt Disney—there he is. Find stuff. All right, so let's see, let's see what we have here. Maybe wrong, but it struck me that there was something—well, there are a number of Capricorn planets. Yes, about six of them, I guess, but fundamentally he's that visionary and Sagittarius and had Virgo rising—an earth sign— but there, here are these five Capricorn planets. Well, anyway, you know Capricorn rules the great coldness. When I think of cryogenics and the whole idea of preserving the form exactly as it is in the hope that medical science will someday be able to resurrect that form, it seems a very form-bound attitude, doesn't it? Without much faith in the interior consciousness, nor in the possibility of reincarnation and the providing of a new and more consciously compliant form—or a form compliant to consciousness—allowing for the future a fuller expression of the inwardly growing consciousness. Again and again, a certain measure of concreteness is achieved, only again to undergo destruction, prior to the release of the life and the rebuilding of the form. *EA, p.158* So this is the process of death: releasing the life, all for good purpose, so that that life and its growing consciousness can find increased

scope of expression in the lower and usually confining worlds. I don't think that life per se ever grows. Life is being. Being is being is exactly what it is—the raw fact of beingness which all forms share. The one thing they share is not qualitative; they all share the fact that they are. Then we get into the realm of quality; then the growth begins to occur. Secondly, we're talking about materialization now, and materialistic attitude, and densification. Secondly, Capricorn is ever the sign of conclusion, *EA, p.158*—a kind of conclusion. Yes, I mean, you know, it reaches the mountaintop. You can't go higher than the mountaintop unless you take off with wings, which is kind of Aquarius tends to do. I don't think the helicopter is much ruled by Capricorn; it is a bit more like Aquarius. It is ever the sign of conclusion, and of this the mountain top is frequently (though not always) the symbol, for it marks the point beyond which further ascent in any particular life cycle is not possible. *EA, p.158* And yet—unless, of course, you have the mountain of ascension—so that you climb to a certain point, and from there you rise still higher, but in a way you are to do that to ascend further. You must defy natural law, or at least you must modify it through the power of the fifth ray, so that it has a type of expression which is unusual. So generally, when a high point is reached, one must do something with it, and that usually involves a descent. “Lost am I in light supernal, yet on that light I turn my back.” So one does not stay on the mountaintop bathing in the light supernal. The great realization itself is filled with love-wisdom and demands that one descend and share through the distributive power of the sign of world service, Aquarius, and through the saving power of Pisces. One uses all one has seen and achieved and absorbed on the mountaintop. But as I say, you know, Aquarius and Uranus... see, you know, normally under Uranus—under Saturn—a mountaintop is... it can't go further. But if you add the indications of the planet Uranus, you can go beyond Saturn in a way: leave the earth, rise, ascend, master the air, enter the Buddhic plane, and need not necessarily descend. And maybe there are some who do that. Maybe there are some who, having reached a great exalted point of achievement, continue on the upward way, leaving the earth behind—even the mountaintops behind—as they, with wings, fly into the air. Uranus has everything to do with aviation, and so does Aquarius. So when I think about Aquarius, yes, there is a strong inner compulsion out of a universal love to descend into the valleys and to bring with one what one has gained on the mountaintop. But there's also the possibility of elevation through aviation and taking off from that high space. Normally, those who do so are not considered to be on the world savior path. They are considered, maybe, to be—although we have to take it symbolically—as the selfish Buddhas, because they are simply concerned with forging ahead. They've shouldered a staff, as it were, without a crook to hold—the shepherd's crook. And having that shepherd's crook on the end of your staff is only useful if you descend into the place where the sheep to be saved are to be found. So if you think about the unicorn, he achieves the mountaintop, and what if he's granted the wings of Pegasus? He can also fly, so the upper realms are his as well. Well, we'll learn more about that as the fact of initiation becomes better appreciated in human consciousness, and when we, as true initiates, finally stand in the place where that kind of choice will be ours. Capricorn is, therefore, the sign of what has been called esoterically “periodic arresting.” *EA, p.158* It's one of those very useful and descriptive terms: a sign of periodic arresting. It means you stop, but it's a cyclic kind of stopping. It's not a type of stopping that is final. There are various mountaintops, and each time you descend in service, the next mountaintop you ascend is even higher. Your progress is apparently arrested, but when you compare the mountaintop you reach before, you see that you have risen higher. You descend again, and upon rising after a time, you are still higher. So you see the cycle of rising, descending, rising, descending—but always... well, as you say, usually one will go no higher than the mountaintop for which one has a particular... one for which was taken as one's objective, unless you go mountain peak hopping, for which you'd have to fly. Progress becomes impossible under the existing forms, *EA, p.158* Progress might be possible if the form could possibly take the new and more strenuous conditions, and there has to be the descent into the valley of pain, despair and death before a fresh attempt to scale the heights takes place. *EA, p.158* Now, the degree to which the initiate will identify—well, or say, yeah, he will in a way identify with, but will he be attached to pain, despair, and death—depends very much upon what he has achieved on the mountaintop. I don't think there will be quite such an immersion in pain, despair, and death, though the love-wisdom will take him into the presence of pain, despair, and death, yet he will see through the illusion that pain, despair, and death actually present. So all of us who are striving for initiation will have to realize that upon its attainment, there will be a descent, and we will face the lower conditions which we may have fled as we were rising up the mountaintop, and we'll have a redemptive attitude towards these lower conditions. And he talked here before Mount Everest was scaled—he said when was the scale? 1951? '50 or '51? Or early '50s? The attempt today to climb Mount Everest is amazingly symbolic, and it is being watched with much interest by the Hierarchy, for in this effort we see the attempt of humanity to achieve the top of the mountain whose height has hitherto defeated all efforts. *EA, p.158-159* The attempt of humanity to achieve the top of the mountain whose height has hitherto defeated all efforts. But—and this is the matter of moment and of interest—when humanity emerges into the light and

relative glory of the new civilisation, they will at the same time conquer this last remaining summit. *EA, p.159* Well, you know, humanity has a funny way of being both behind and ahead. In one way, we are far behind where we should be, and in another way, we seem to be exceeding the schedules which are anticipated for us by the greater lives. For instance, we already discovered atomic energy in the age of Aquarius when it was scheduled, or expected at least, to be discovered in the age of Capricorn. And we have conquered Everest, and now many are climbing Mount Everest, which is an amazingly symbolic idea—so many of humanity can put the heights under foot. And of course, on the way to the heights, some struggle and die. This is how it is, I think, for the initiate as well, as he's struggling towards the heights of consciousness. Not all attempts to scale the heights are successful, and some lead to a temporary, seeming tragedy. We could also ask, in the light of what the Tibetan has here said, whether in a way we have emerged into the light and relative glory of the new civilization and therefore have conquered this last remaining summit. Well, there are so many things that seem to be stressed in the life of humanity on the planet that we could well question whether we have really emerged into the light and relative glory of the new civilization. But the indications are certainly present—at least the indications of the light and relative glory of the new civilization are present. We can somehow anticipate what they will be. Excuse me, a little sip of tea here. So we have, you know, in some way it could be that we—humanity—are ahead of schedule in certain things. We've certainly shown our prowess at the ability to climb this mountain. I think—is there one? Are there more than one that have undertaken the climbing of Everest without oxygen and, you know, just in the natural state? I think I've heard of one such—at least one such individual. Okay, so this is all hinting at the idea that humanity is heading towards the state of initiation. That which is of the densest materiality and which is the consummation of earthly grandeur *EA, p.159* —that's Everest— will remain—but it will be beneath the feet of humanity. *EA, p.159* So this is the promise of the Aquarian Age, which is an age of aviation. We already have the aviation of the Aquarian Age, and we will have kinds of aviation which will make our present patterns of flight and methods of flight seem antique. And we will be masters of the realm of air. Already that seems somewhat to be happening. We have mastered the water; we have also mastered travel underwater. We have the airplane; we have the rocket. We have left the planet, and I wonder when Master D.K. was writing whether he anticipated such a rapid growth of humanity towards space travel, because none of this existed when he was writing in the 1930s and '40s and certainly would have seemed fanciful to most. And here we are, sending probes into space to the farthest reaches of our normally known solar system and beyond—beyond the realm of Pluto. So we are doing some extraordinary things. We take it all in stride; we say, “Well, of course humanity is intelligent; we are progressing.” But I wonder—when Master D.K. did not foresee, or did the hierarchy foresee, the mastery of atomic energy by humanity, or at least the development of atomic energy and atomic weaponry by humanity so soon? Whether they also did not foresee our adventures into space and other scientific developments? Well, I think from the year 1950 to the year 2000, the fifth ray had to be phased out—at least its intensity had to be withdrawn—because I think humanity was traveling progressively too fast along this line. And of course, development of humanity should be balanced among the rays if it's going to be safe. We can only imagine, given the primitive psychology of humanity at present and the type of morality that it has, what an incredibly advanced technological civilization could mean, given that type of morality, very dangerous, I think. Okay, we move to the third. Third factor here. We were talking in general at first about the concretizing faculty. Yes, so we're talking about the density, and then the second paragraph talked about periodic arresting or conclusion. And the third: Thirdly, Capricorn is, as a consequence of all the above, the sign in which is inaugurated a new cycle of effort, *EA, p.159* Usually that is a distinction given to Aries, but we can see as well Capricorn is a first ray sign. Through it is transmitted the first ray, yes, and perhaps even emitted the first ray. Perhaps its own periodical vehicles, at least one of them, is characterized by the first ray. A new cycle of effort, perhaps an initiatory cycle. The two signs of initiation are now Capricorn and, in the distant future, Aries. So considering Capricorn is a sign of initiation, the term initiation is, in fact, the inauguration of a new cycle of effort. So Capricorn is, in the consequence of leading to death through crystallization, leading to a point in the cycle when one can go no further. As a result of all this, a new cycle of effort will be inaugurated, whether this effort is in connection with the individual man or with the initiate. *EA, p.159* If, after all, one is going to achieve the heights, if one is going to climb the mountain, either of ambition or of initiation, a new effort is required. I would say, let's just say in general, that effort is required in order to make the climb. And here is one of those important statements: Effort, strain, struggle, the fight with the forces native to the underworld, or the strenuous conditions entailed by the tests of discipleship or initiation—these are distinctive of experience in Capricorn. *EA, p.159* So we have five factors here. None of them sound particularly relaxing, comfortable. Matter of fact, if you want comfort, I think perhaps we would go around along with the lunar signs and perhaps with Cancer, which is a softer sign, at least softer on the inside. The houses in which we live are hard on the outside but rather cushy on the inside, you know: soft chairs, sofas,

carpets, draperies. All of these are ruled by the sign Cancer in one respect, and they provide comfort to the form, although they may provide veils which prevent the true life from achieving freedom. Effort, strain, struggle, and fight with the forces native to the underworld—yes, Capricorn has a strong connection with that domain which we call hell and which the Tibetan locates on the seventh subplane of the astral for the average Christian or average believer of any religion. So fight with the forces native the underworld, or the strenuous—there's strain and strenuousness—strenuous condition entailed by the tests of discipleship. These are distinctive of the experience in Capricorn. So we can see why this is a sign of initiation, because initiation requires all of these abilities to really—if it's going to be achieved—great effort, great strain, great struggle, fight, strenuous application of energies. The life of the initiate is not an easy one; it's not a comfortable one. One has to fight for the status of the initiate. In ancient days, as you may perchance have heard, there were only ten signs, *EA, p.159* You know, well, at least at this point he's not saying ten constellations, is he? Has my point—as I've been trying to make that point—not saying ten constellations? No, not that. and—at that time—Capricorn marked the end of the zodiacal wheel, and not Pisces as is at this time the case. *EA, p.159* Well, unless—unless for initiates, we can ask how the year was divided at that time, or was there some, oh, no man's land or undefined period between the Capricornian part of the year and the Arian part of the year? What—you know, what exactly was the calendar like in those days? We are not given to know that at this time. But at least, perhaps for initiates, Aquarius and Pisces were operative—operative. The two signs of Aquarius and Pisces were not incorporated in the signs *EA, p.159* Okay, that's interesting. But you know how I would say it here: the two constellations of Aquarius and Pisces were not incorporated in the signs. Anyway, those—those energies were not available to humanity as then constituted, for the simple and sufficient reason that humanity could not respond to their peculiar influences; *EA, p.159* But I will simply ask here: but what about the initiates of that time? the vehicles of contact and the mechanisms for responses were not adequately developed. *EA, p.159* So today, when we are responding to Aquarius and Pisces, it must mean that we have developed in our energy system certain capacities or faculties which were missing in those earlier days when humanity, when the man of the period, could not respond to those energies. Originally, there were eight signs; then there were ten and now twelve. *EA, p.159* And that he also tells us of some in-between states when maybe there were ten or eleven, something of that nature. So we have eight, eight, ten... yes, right, ten and twelve. At some point he talked about eleven signs. So certain signs begin to coalesce, and they change the number of signs to which man was responding, or the number of energy centers to which he was responding. So this eight, ten, twelve combination tells us about Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces—an important triangle. And you know, Mars is also a planet of finality. Saturn is a planet of finality as the ruling of Capricorn, and Pluto, the hierarchical ruler of Pisces and the esoteric ruler as well, is a planet of finality. Death—death or finality—is involved in all three of these, all three of these instances. Okay, so let's see what it says here: 1? In Lemurian days, during the early period of animal man and before humanity appeared on earth, *EA, p.159* Well, Lemurian days go way back before individualization, so I assume he means here... okay, he probably means before individualization. in the interim period of development, eight signs influenced the planet and the kingdoms of nature found upon it. *EA, p.159* —eight signs. Well, this is an interesting hint, because he seems to be extracting Leo and Virgo. Perhaps Sagittarius was included, as animal man was present. But if we want eight signs and we extract Leo and Virgo, is Scorpio the final sign? Let's put this down here and say that when eight signs prevailed, was or was not Scorpio the final sign? So this is animal man. Lemurian days extended for millions of years before the process of individualization actually took place in the middle of the Lemurian period. So humanity—the individualized animal man—had not yet appeared. Let's define humanity here: defined as individualized animal man had not appeared. in the interim of the development, eight signs influenced the planet *EA, p.159* —he's not telling which yet— and the kingdoms of nature found upon it. There was no response to the influences of *Leo EA, p.159* which is the sign of individualization, and *Virgo. EA, p.159* in which the implanted Christ energy is growing. So Leo—let's just say sign of individualization—and Virgo, in which the implanted essence of the solar Angel is not yet present, and so the inner Christ is non-existent. And therefore... well, not existent—that's enough. The mystery of the Sphinx did not exist and these two signs were not then part of the zodiacal wheel. *EA, p.159* So it's really not as simple as going from Aries to Scorpio—those are eight signs—but we have to remove two. I think we must include Sagittarius for the centaur, for the animal man, definitely. And let's put that down: that Sag should be included for the centaur—the centaur. Well, we can think of the centaur as the symbol of animal man. Certainly it is animalistic man, and perhaps for a pre-individualized man. When we talk about individualization, it's largely an interplay between Gemini and Sagittarius. Gemini provides the angelic content of the individualization process, and Sagittarius the animal content—the animal man content. So if Sagittarius is included, which of the next three signs—Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces—would be included? You know, I don't... that's not easy to answer. Of course, there is some... there is a factor connected with Capricorn that we can call the satyr. It's a bit like the

centaur—it's also animalistic man. S-A-T-Y-R. And the satyr has, apparently, the torso of the man, but it has the legs of the goat. So there's probably some mysteries here as well. I would say, as well, it's got to be... I think either Capricorn or Pisces. Pisces may not have been a sign to which man could respond spiritually when there were ten signs, but one wonders whether its early, very materialistic meaning could have been involved when there were eight signs. So it's not quite as simple, is it, as just going from Aries to Scorpio and saying "eight signs"—these eight signs were obvious—because we are eliminating signs which have to do with individualization, because there was none. Then individualisation took place and the seed of Christhood was planted in man and these two signs began to influence humanity, and gradually that influence was recognised and the zodiac was then known to have ten signs. *EA, p.159-160* Well, I think we've been given the hint because when the zodiac has ten signs, Capricorn is obviously included. So it seems that the centaur and the satyr are both part of the eight-sign Zodiac, and then when we add Leo and Virgo we get the individualized—the individualized man. So it seems like the animal part of Sagittarius and Capricorn were included in the eight-sign Zodiac. It seems that the animal aspect of Sag and Capricorn were included in the eight-sign Zodiac. Okay, and then indeed Aquarius and Pisces were at least spiritually left out of the enumeration. The Mutable Cross dominated, but it was then the Tau *EA, p.160*—and that of course meant that Virgo was the short leg here of the Mutable Cross, for Pisces was lacking and only Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius were evidenced *EA, p.160*—were evidenced—and this is still in the early days of individualization. Following in the early days—well, spell it—days following individualization, Aries to Capricorn marked the circle of experience. *EA, p.160* and Aries to Capricorn also marked the experience in the eight-sign Zodiac without the two signs of Sphinx, the mystery of man being presented by these two signs—signs of individualization where we have the Beast and the angel. In this case, the angel provided by Virgo—Virgo actually is the sign which seems to be very intimately related to the Deva kingdom. So just as Gemini, another Mercurian sign, is related to the Deva kingdom, and sometimes we do see the woman as the angel with wings representing Virgo. So we have the angel and the animal, but Pisces, offering the opportunity for redemption, was not present. Although, as I said, in my own mind it's still difficult for me to see that either of these signs did not at least offer some—well, kind of elemental possibility to human beings of the period. We would—you know, there's so much of mystery implicit in what the Tibetan is saying here, because, you know, apparently every—in every month the Sun is traveling through 30 degrees of a sign, and then we would reach, let us say, a 60-day period when the energies of Aquarius and Pisces could easily be appropriated by the animal aspect of man in an animalistic way through desire and form being the ruler, and through the rampant materialism of Pisces in which the individual cannot tell the difference between him and his environment. There are all kinds of lower ways of appropriating these signs, but that has to be, I'm afraid, one of those questions which remains in the air for a while until we can definitely solve that with increased light on planetary history and probably the ability to read with accuracy the Akashic record the way the Tibetan can do. So, you know, I was thinking about water, and there's so much today made about the ability of water to store impressions, as if water has memory. And I thought, well, that fits very, very well because in a way water is an exteriorization of the energies found upon the astral plane where the Akashic record, storing all of the memories of nature, are found. So on the plane of water, as a terribly considered, there is the memory of nature, and to find that substantial water—the water of the liquid subplane of the systemic physical plane—to find that that substance would also store memory or impression is somehow congruent with the idea that the astral plane is home to the Akashic records. [split 1] text 01 Okay, we move on here. 2. In Atlantean days, man had become so responsive to the planetary and solar influence that the door of initiation into hierarchical experience was opened and two more signs were added. *EA, p.160* because these are signs having to do with initiation. Let's just say that Aquarius and Pisces are signs relating to that stage of human development when initiation is possible. So the spiritual potentials of these two signs could be responded to by the man of—by the—let's call it a progressive man of that period. Probably there were still so many who could not respond to what Pisces and Aquarius offered in those days, and even today there are so many people who may function as undeveloped Pisceans and Aquarians—you know, confused, sensitive, dispersed, full of desire, full of selfish use of resources for themselves, and so forth. I've talked about both of those signs in that connection, but they cannot imagine or understand what the higher Aquarian or higher Piscean can really do. These two signs were the higher correspondences of Leo and Virgo because after all, Aquarius rules group consciousness and initiation leads you into group consciousness, and that is the obvious point of development of the individualized ahamkaric individual in Leo to become truly group conscious. And Virgo allows the Christ to be nurtured and eventually born and to come to fullest fruition as Venus is exalted in Pisces in the sign Pisces, where that individual Christ becomes the world savior responding even to the higher forms of the Christ energy. These two signs were the higher correspondences of Leo and Virgo and were the polar opposites of these two: Aquarius and Pisces. Their influence became active and effective and thus they formed part of the zodiacal wheel

because man began to respond to their potencies. *EA, p.160* So in a way, the zodiacal wheel of signs is not the same... the zodiacal wheel of signs is not the same as the zodiacal wheel of constellations. It then became possible for the fixed cross to function esoterically. There we go, esoterically. Okay, so it's almost as if, you know, Aquarius being on the Fixed Cross, let us say, functioned exoterically before this point. This implies that Aquarius on the Fixed Cross... whoops... Fixed Cross did function exoterically before this point. So we're adding two signs to the zodiacal wheel of signs because man can begin to respond to them, and therefore the Fixed Cross of initiation can begin to function. Sometimes it's said that the third initiation was all that could be achieved in Atlantean days, and sometimes the fourth. We'll have to examine the references. It then became possible for the Fixed Cross to function esoterically in the life of humanity, and the first reversals of the wheel *EA, p.160* which presumably are taking place for those who are approaching initiation from the time of the filling out of the fifth petal of the Egoic Lotus, and the first reversals of the wheel in the life of the advanced men of the period took place. *EA, p.160* So they were definitely treading the path of initiation, even though it would be what is called preliminary initiation or probationary initiation, not the third initiation in the case of so many, although at that time the Christ and the Buddha did take the first... the first great initiation of third initiation. So first reversals of the wheel, because, you know, reversals of the wheel can mean different things. That depends upon the phase of reversal we're talking about. But I think you can already feel from the time you get into the love petals, you can already... and you're beginning to sense that there is a higher... that there is a pair of opposites after all, and there is a higher something, and that higher something is attractive and has something to offer. And as you begin to gravitate towards that higher something, it is preparation for the reversal of the wheel. And when we consciously struggle towards that higher self as if to live our life in response to that higher self and its values and qualities, then we are definitely reversing the wheel. Maybe the wheel is finally reversed following the great temptations in the desert, because you're not going to go backwards. Although still there is a counterpole, and it is a clockwise rotation that continues in your form, even though from the point of your consciousness you are moving forward on the counterclockwise wheel. Those ideas of clockwise and counterclockwise get a little bit confusing because really, forward movement is on the counterclockwise wheel, and retrogressive movement, ordinary movement, the kind of movement that happened when man was individualized but really didn't know who he was, that's all clockwise motion. Sometimes in occultism we dignify the idea of clockwise movement, and we will only in temples and in rituals use clockwise movement because we are afraid that counterclockwise movement is somehow evil. But all of this is very relative, and depending on your point of view, clockwise movement is counterclockwise movement and counterclockwise movement is clockwise movement. You know, if I am standing here and you were standing there and I move my hand like this, you see maybe even the reflection in The video will show this. I'm moving my hand in a clockwise manner as far as I'm concerned, but the so these are relative terms, and eventually the wheel has to turn in both directions and on itself in all ways, which the Tibetan assures us we have to see to believe, you know, because he can't really describe it, at least in the words that we have. So in those days, in Atlantean days, the first reversals of the wheel and the life of the advanced man of the period took place, and it was this reversal which was the true cause of the great contest or battle between the Lords of the Dark Face (as they are called in *The Secret Doctrine*) and the Lords of Light—a contest which is today persisting. *EA, p.160* We can see that the Second World War did not resolve it. We can see that there are many today who are under the influence of the materialistic, selfish influence of the Lords of the Dark Face, and the other term that was used that was contrary to the Lords of the Dark Face is the Lords of the Shining Continents, the Lords of the Shining... content and something like that. The face shown with the light of their aura because the material of their vehicle had achieved that type of vibrational frequency which gave the radiation, and the true identity or the soul is not shining through the face of a Lord of the Dark Face. But when you look in the eyes of one who is a Lord of the Shining Continents, then the soul is shining through those eyes. Certain men then reached the stage of discipleship wherein they could consciously mount the Fixed Cross and be prepared for a major initiation. *EA, p.160* Well, okay, now as I've sometimes said, what is major? There are different... usually we think it is the third initiation, and indeed that is... that is what we usually regard to be the first major initiation. But there were, preceding the first initiation, certain minor initiations such as the initiation which occurred... D.K. tells us when describing the petals of the Egoic Lotus it occurred when the first three petals were able to open up fully, and then another and later initiation that seems to be occurring in the vicinity of the fifth or sixth petal as it is opening but not fully opening. These are minor initiations, and they are initiations of... initiations of humanity, and compared to them, even the first initiation of the birth of the Christ in the heart is considered a major initiation. So it's major in that context when compared to these earlier two initiations. I might be able to just, you know, if I'm lucky here... I don't like to waste time by looking too long for things. Minor initiations, and maybe I can find something here that will give us that kind of hint. There are also other ways that I can do this,

except the computer is not exactly cooperating. Minor, minor, minor, minor... okay, okay. Well, maybe it's always best to have these things up first, otherwise you have to go through the entire... you have to go through the entire H.I. So initiation defined, initiation defined, intuition, initiation, intuition... okay. Minor initiations preceding the first... well, the search function beat me to it, so that's okay. Let's see, here it is, and I guess I would have to increase the size of this. Yes, okay. "At this stage we are considering," that is, the organization unfoldment of the first tier of petals, "the egoic influence is felt at the beginning. The egoic influence felt at the beginning is but small, but when the three petals become sufficiently active and alive through the energy accumulated and stored up in the ego during the activities of the personal life, a form of initiation then takes place which is a reflection of the... reflection on a lower plane of the great monastic initiations." Presumably its reflection on the astral plane, maybe astral, right? "The energy of... in the outer circle of petals causes it to spring apart from the next circle and to unfold." Spring apart and unfold. "This threefold energy becomes interactive, and a very definite stage is reached. This series of initiations..." Well, he only mentions two, but he calls it a series. "This series of initiations is seldom recognized within the physical brain consciousness owing to the relatively inchoate state of the bodies and the unresponsiveness of the brain matter. Yet they are nevertheless initiations of a definite, though less important character, and they involve primarily the display within the personal life of man of an intelligent recognition of his group relationships on earth. So this is the first one of these minor initiations described. It's rather selfish in character and it displays, for instance, something the union worker would display, but is indicative of group interplay, somewhat selfish in character. And then a similar process takes place when the second tier of petals is organized and ready for unfoldment. But notice it's not springing open and unfolding - it's only - there's only a readiness for this. So we don't get to the full unfoldment of the second tier of petals for the second minor initiation. This time the World Teacher, the Master, and the ego concerned are cooperating, for these smaller initiations deal with the love nature, with astral or emotional organization, and with the recognition by the man in his personal life of some form of unselfish love - some form of unselfish love - and of a love for some object, person, or ideal which leads to altruistic endeavor. And that's the nature and the navigation of the lower self. So that's not yet the birth of the Christ in the heart; it precedes it and it occurs on the astral plane. Because the other initiations are monadic in nature, the great monadic initiations can be considered from that perspective of the major initiations. And these two - the ones that D.K. is describing - they occur before, and they are not registered in the brain because the brain is not yet of that quality. The brain cells are not yet - as a matter of fact, the first and even the second initiation might not be registered in the brain cells. A recollection under many circumstances, or most circumstances, of the first and second monadic initiations may lack. All right, well that's just a little digression there, but I think it's important. So why I talked about it is that these men in Atlantis were able to consciously mount the Fixed Cross and prepare for a major initiation. Perhaps the minor ones had already occurred, and we usually think of it as the third, but we could mean - but we could mean even the first, the birth of Christ in the heart. We could mean even that, because that, as I've tried to justify, can be considered a major initiation in relation to these two earlier minor ones. This the Forces of Materiality and of Obstruction *EA, p.160* - the selfish advanced individuals, often mostly from the previous solar system (as they are sometimes called) fought and the battle was fought out and conditioned in the sign Scorpio. *EA, p.160* And I think it lasted a very long time, and I think we're not just talking about a smaller processional age of 2,160 or even 2,500 years. I think we're talking about a very long period; perhaps it was an entire Platonic year conditioned by the sign Scorpio. Well, you know, chances are all of us were involved in that great battle one way or another, because if we were Earth humanity individualized in the middle of the Lemurian times, we were certainly part of the Atlantean demonstration. And this big battle occurred in the middle of the Atlantean root race, and those who came in from the moon chain came in in the third sub-race of the fourth root race, which was before the middle period. Chances are the big battle was in the four of four - the fourth sub-race of the fourth root race - or in the - or initiation becoming possible in the fifth sub-race of the fourth root race. So it could have been a time of battle then as well. And if we were from the previous solar system, then D.K. tells us we were on this planet even before the individualization of animal Earth man took place. And so the experience of the human being from the earlier solar system on our particular planet in this fourth chain and fourth globe was very extensive and has lasted more than 21 million years. In other words, those from the previous solar system have been on this planet for more than 21 million years, although the question about whether they experienced the moon chain or not is still to be resolved. I think there are instances in which some of these beings from the earlier solar system did experience the moon chain, and maybe the Buddha is one of them, although that remains to be ascertained. 3. Today, in Aryan times, a similar conflict upon a higher turn of the spiral is taking place. *EA, p.160* We're still battling with the Black Lodge. We are still battling with the Black Lodge, okay? And thus with cosmic evil. The reason is that certain world disciples and initiates have reached the point in their unfoldment wherein they are

ready to mount the Cardinal Cross and take some of the higher initiations. *EA, p.160-161* So every time there is a possibility of really moving ahead into a higher tier of reception and expression, a higher initiatory level, the forces of obstruction don't want to see that happen because the more true initiates there are in the world, the more their agenda is threatened—the agenda of the members of the Black Lodge. Mounting the Cardinal Cross, as we already have discussed, is not just a question of the fourth degree but occurs after the fourth degree. So what D.K. is really saying here is that many masters are being made—in process of being made. Many masters are in process of being, quote, “made,” and there are quotations to say that the fifth initiation will be taken by many imminently, though some people, I think, rush it just a bit. Okay, so at this point in our—just as in the early days it was possible for man to take the first initiation in Atlantean period and maybe, I guess, even the third initiation, even though the third initiation was the highest of the initiations to be offered in the Moon Chain, because the Buddha took his third initiation in the Moon Chain. Whereas, well, he was certainly capable of taking that initiation in the Moon Chain—he either retook it in the Earth Chain or was almost on the point of taking it on the Moon Chain when some circumstances intervened which did not allow this to occur. But just the way initiatory opportunity was available in Atlantis, so still higher initiatory opportunity is available in the Aryan race, and hence an even more intense confrontation with the Black Lodge at this time. And we are right in the middle of it. The first and second world wars were examples of it, and our condition at the moment is decisive whether there will be a third world war, which would be an extension of this battle and could, as D.K. indicates, mean the end for humanity as we know it, or whether we can circumvent that terrible possibility by being rather wiser than we have been in the past. So in these days, fifth degree initiates can mount the Cardinal Cross and take some of the higher initiations—maybe not the eighth and ninth. So the conflict is on—this being, you know, written in the 1930s just imminently before the Second World War precipitated. So the conflict is on between humanity (under the control of the Lords of Materiality) *EA, p.161*—a tendency they absorbed in the previous solar system—and the Hierarchy (under the control of the Forces of Light and Love), *EA, p.161* And, you know, the Forces of Light and Love—these forces are still higher than those of the spiritual hierarchy, if we can realize that. And then we would ask: are the Forces of Materiality still more potent than the forces of the Lords of the dark face, members of the Black Lodge? and right before our eyes the battle is being waged. The influences of the twelve signs of the zodiac (particularly of seven of the signs) are being engaged, for today men of all types and rays are responsive to their influences and are implicated in some form or another in the affair. *EA, p.161* Maybe which of these seven he means will be—will be indicated. I think we would have to say that Leo, Pisces, and Capricorn were involved because he particularly points out that triangle, and we could speculate as to the others, probably with pretty good reason. Yes, the decisive battle is now being fought, and towards the outcome of this battle, the scriptures of various traditions point—especially, well, well, in both the Hindu scriptures anticipating the Kalki avatar who comes forth as the Savior on his white horse—quite an archetype there—and the Book of Revelation, which foresees the second coming of Christ in victory and the binding of Satan for 1,000 years during a period of peace. Those are all symbolic numbers, of course. So we are even now in the thick of it, and though this was written 80 years ago, it still carries the same kind of authority and truth because it's not dealing with relative matters—it's dealing with aspects of the divine plan and with periods in that plan which have been long anticipated. You will note that—yeah, I was thinking about this idea of Capricorn dealing with forces native to the underworld—conflict with the forces native to the underworld. Well, certainly the underworld includes the Black Lodge, because they tend to use especially the forces that are found in the dense physical body of the Solar Logos and Planetary Logos. That is, in many ways, the underworld, and the true initiate or Master of the Wisdom is engaged in this conflict most strenuously, as are the Christ and the Buddha, and really all sincere disciples and initiates. We are all engaged. So far, the Third World War has not yet precipitated on the physical plane. There are many what I can call indicative conflagrations and explosive outbursts of a far greater explosion that could take place. This explosion is discussed by Madame Blavatsky, is discussed by Master D.K., and what it really would mean in terms of human terminology is an atomic war. And this is what we are all trying to prevent. We do have the encouraging words from Foster Bailey when he was writing in the early 1950s. And maybe it was “Running God's Plan” or “Changing Esoteric Values,” and in one of those books he talked about his conversation with the Tibetan, in which the Tibetan had assured him at a time when the Russian arsenal was growing—a Russian arsenal of such weapons—that there would not be an atomic war. And that is our only hope that in these times of religious fanaticism and spreading nuclear technology, that the same indication holds: that there will not be an atomic war. We're told that Christ is expending every effort that He can possibly make to avoid a final war. We are told that in some of the later writings of the Tibetan's, so they obviously could foresee what could happen with the release of atomic energy and the presence of the religious fanaticism of the sixth ray energy not yet dissolved or faded out at the very end of the cycle, but not entirely vanished. So times are serious, but we move forward as if the new age is on its way and as if the possibility of

the re-initiation into the Earth is only a possibility and will not become an actuality because we will be able to be wise enough not to fall into that trap. You will note, therefore, that if the concentrated forces of the Cardinal Cross are definitely potent at this time (as they are) the battle is terrific, because, *EA, p.161* The battle is terrific. Now this is being written, remember, before the Second World War precipitated, and we remember the warning that the kind of war which could come in the Department of Religion, and presumably with atomic weapons, would make all the earlier wars look like child's play. And well, not to dwell on that subject, I think we all get the picture here. So there are concentrated forces of the Cardinal Cross: especially Capricorn, very strong; Aries present, trying to initiate the new age; Libra attempting to bring a degree of fairness and right human relations into the interplay of humanity—Libra being very potent, increasingly potent in the planetary horoscope—and Cancer representing the mass consciousness which we always have with us and which can be swept into a great and raging sea of irrationality unless our educational systems can offset that tendency. So the battle is of tremendous potency because it's interesting, you know, here we are discussing Capricorn, and he is dealing with the conflict with the forces native to the underworld. That's what he's talking about. 1. Humanity, as a whole, is in a state of turmoil, prior to a great step forward in self-conscious unfoldment, *EA, p.161* and that, of course, is initiation. We have had one large step establishing self-consciousness long ago—21 million years ago—and for others even earlier on in other spheres of planetary life, prior to a step forward in self-conscious unfoldment and in the expression of the sense of responsibility which is the first flower and fruit of self-conscious awareness. *EA, p.161* So we are on the threshold of this forward step and on the threshold of a new form of expression of the sense of responsibility, which, of course, is the voice of the soul—the pressure of the soul operating in the personality life. Indications of real soul contact are that sense of responsibility we have been taught, which is the first flower and fruit of self-conscious awareness. And in this particular case, I'd like to think of the self-conscious awareness as of the awareness of the soul, as if it were the self. This fact is responsible for sweeping into the conflict in a peculiar and pronounced manner, the forces of Cancer (involutionary in nature), *EA, p.161* Is he counting the seven now? Is he going to count the seven for us? Let's see. Is D.K. counting the seven signs which are of peculiar force in today's difficulties? Okay, counting, counting. The forces of Cancer (involutionary in nature) and the mass always has to be dealt with, for it is not an educated force. It's a selfish and instinctual, powerful elemental force. The forces of Leo (concerned with individualisation), as more and more people come to themselves and realize that they are, in a sense, unique units and demand expression of their uniqueness. We see this happening all the time. And the forces of Gemini (expressive of man's essential duality) as the soul will increasingly become a factor in the thought of the human race. the forces of Cancer (involutionary in nature), of Leo (concerned with individualisation), and of Gemini (expressive of man's essential duality). *EA, p.161* And you know, these three signs were also operative at individualization 21 million years ago. These are the very signs: the first incarnation of the mass of men being taken in Cancer; Leo ruling the solar Angels, in a sense, and bringing in the factor of self-consciousness through the intervention of that ahamkara—reflective sense of “I-ness”—in the egoic lotus; and Gemini representing the angels and expressing the duality of man, which is established when the human race is established—the higher self is established in contradistinction to the personal self. And so the pairs of opposites begin to be experienced where they were not before individualization. So we have three signs here. Let's see if we go back just a little bit. I think we will see D.K. talking about seven of these signs. There's a big conflict, and particularly seven of these signs are operative. So let's see if he's starting to talk about these— trying to talk about these signs. He has told us that in this day and age, the disciples of the world are fighting the battle in Scorpio, whereas the average human beings are making decisions in the sign Libra. They are not rational decisions; they're based upon their sense of desire. And one of the important things we can do is to help humanity as a whole rightly orient their desires. Okay. You find, therefore, today, the activity of the mass consciousness of Cancer which is indicative of the activity of the Cardinal Cross in the involutionary stage; *EA, p.161* We did discuss that, and that is the mass that has to be leavened. And it's because of that Cancerian quality that we begin to get movements towards what might be called—as it was in Soviet communism—the dictatorship of the proletariat. It's like the dictatorship of mass consciousness. It's anti-elitist, anti-hierarchical movement, and therefore it's anti-evolutionary in a certain respect, because the base of the pyramid should not dictate to the capstone of the pyramid. That's setting all the higher laws on their head—upside down. Okay, so this is indicative of the Cardinal Cross. the self-consciousness of man as indicated by Leo, the most human sign of all, *EA, p.161* That's one of those great quotes: “Leo, the most human sign of all.” In a way, humanity came to birth as a result of the Leo influence and also the Capricorn influence. But there would—that reflective consciousness that we call self-consciousness, where the knower knows that he knows, or even that he exists—this is one of the first steps of Leo. And we are told that three million years after individualization, under a Leonian influence, the man awoke to himself and realized that, in fact, individualization had occurred and that he did exist. It's possible to be

individualized and not yet know that one is an individual. And it only took three million years to discover that—a long time! Okay, the most human of all signs and indicative of the Fixed Cross; and Gemini, which gives the sense of the dual nature of man—human and divine—which is the goal of the consciousness of experience upon the Mutable Cross. *EA, p.161* So, in a way, Gemini represents the goal of becoming aware of the pairs of opposites within oneself, so that one is no longer under the lower unity, where one thinks that all that one is is before one's eyes, and one is not the immortal soul—one is simply a personality in matter, and that's all that one will ever be. And when death comes, that's the end. of that material being. Many people are still subject to this limitation of consciousness. So we have three signs here, and D.K. has been talking about seven being active in the great battle. But he's also been talking about the Cardinal Cross and how the factors on the Cardinal Cross are now strongly implicated in the great battle, and I've gone through them and tried to show how they could be implicated. Yes, the search for fairness in the world, for for a humanity ruled by the rule of law and international courts and so forth—this is all Libran. The mass consciousness is Capricorn—the, uh, excuse me—Cancer. The coming in of the divine law under the hierarchy is Capricornian in nature, and Aries inaugurating the new age. Those are some of the very potent intensifiers coming from the Cardinal Cross, all mixing in in this great and decisive battle that will decide whether humanity goes forward or turns, uh, retrogressive. So you consequently—he's describing these three, though, now, which is Cancer, Leo, and Gemini. You consequently have a sign in each of the three Crosses particularly active today in influencing the masses of men everywhere. *EA, p.161* Well, we're trying to get the masses, aren't we, to move out of the strictly material, egoistic, self-conscious stage? Well, you were trying to get them to move out of the uneducated mass consciousness, at least into the personality stage—that would be one step—and then after they become definite personalities and self-aware individuals and want to begin improving the quality of their life, they will move upward toward Gemini and appreciate the duality which exists within their nature and that the lower Leo also indicates a higher Leo. And the Gemini, in a way, measures the relationship of these two Leonian centers: a higher self and a lower self. Gemini represents the brothers in the light and the brother of form. So we can see the movement from Cancer to Leo to Gemini. A little study of world conditions, as far as man is concerned, will prove this. *EA, p.161-162* says the Tibetan. Okay, we're on page 162. I didn't really stop, you know, at the hour point there, um, often I do. But we are—we are in Esoteric Astrology, number adventure number 68, and we so far have been working for about an hour and a half. 2. The disciples of the world today and advanced humanity are equally in a state of turmoil. *EA, p.162* I guess D.K. is describing this incredible disturbance which is happening not simply as a disaster, but as an indication of divine possibilities. “They are equally in a state of turmoil. They are being tested and tried, *EA, p.162*—test, trial, and triumph, right, under Scorpio. So the test and trial are occurring under Scorpio, and hopefully then the third of these descriptive words occurs: triumph. “Struggle, strength, and Sagittarian attitudes”—this indicates the movement towards the victory. And this also characterizes those who are born under Scorpio: test, trial, and triumph, and struggle, strength, and Sagittarian attitudes. So these disciples are being tested prior to taking a major step forward—in some cases this will be the taking of the first initiation and in others the second. *EA, p.162* But remember, D.K. seemed to be hinting that the Black Lodge isn't so much worried about first and second degree initiates, but the fact that an increasing number of masters might be made, and that those would be formidable opponents to the materialistic agenda which has been embraced by the blinded members of the Black Lodge. Okay, so the first and second initiation here—this testing, this trying—This is brought about by, and brings in, the forces of Taurus, Leo and Scorpio, plus a general pervasive influence coming from Gemini. *EA, p.162* Now we've added a couple of more signs here, haven't we? We've added—we're up to five if we're talking about looking at the seven that are most engaged. We are up to five signs, having introduced Taurus and Scorpio. Okay, um, we're talking about the first and second initiation. Taurus bringing in illumination, which is a requirement in some degree at the second initiation—spiritual intelligence and the illumined mind are needed. That's not necessarily the illumination of the third degree, and Scorpio—the great struggles found at each of the first three initiations. And generally, the whole question of there being a higher self and a lower self is constantly with us and in the background, and that sense of the higher—of the brothers, the brother in the light, although in a way both can be called brothers in the light. But the higher brother is coming in increasingly as humanity becomes more educated, and the possibility of initiation becomes more established. So this is brought about, this initiation, by the forces of Taurus and Scorpio. Here we do seem to be implicating Taurus in this initiatory procedure. And as stated, this type of illuminating of the astral body—and you think about how we dispel glamour using Taurus or Venus or the ajna center connected with Taurus, and how we direct that beam of light toward our personal glammers or towards world glammers—Taurus is definitely involved in clearing the way for and the possibility of becoming de-glamorized and thereby taking the second initiation, though some glammers do remain. You have here three signs found in the Fixed Cross *EA, p.162* —notice we don't have Aquarius yet—and one in the Mutable Cross

conditioning and affecting the world disciples, *EA, p.162* Four signs conditioning and affecting world disciples, and three signs affecting the mass of men and the average human beings. And those were—we recall—they were Cancer, Leo, and Gemini. And now we have added Taurus and Scorpio, and all of them of terrific importance and potency today, owing to the stage of development and the sensitivity of the disciples and world initiates. *EA, p.162* So great constellational energies through the signs through the signs are potently affecting all kinds of human beings from the undeveloped to the average to the progressive, which are aspirants, disciples, and initiates. Yes, we live in times when the heavens are demanding a change on our planet. And sometimes, because of the turmoil, we cannot see clearly how the progress is going, what the stakes are. We become bewildered by the chaos and turmoil before our eyes, and we don't really see very encouraging patterns taking shape within and behind all of the turmoil. So we have to have faith, and we have to believe in what the Ageless Wisdom has taught us. And we have to be perceptive and to see the good emerging in the midst of all of the turmoil and the chaos. If we become fixated on the turmoil and the chaos, we may lose faith and flag in our industriousness, in our service, and therefore be of less use than we otherwise might be. But I think when we study Master D.K.'s books, we understand that the good is indeed emerging and that we will be in a condition—we humanity—to rejoice in the wonders of the new age before long. We just have some perilous times to go through with vision, faith, understanding, and a knowledge of this great teaching which gives stability to the consciousness because it describes things as they are actually, things as they are really, and things as they are intended to be and will be in time. Okay, we've been looking here at the effects of this great battle going on—the effects on humanity as a whole. Okay, I'll make that nice and big so we remember what we're doing here. And the effects on disciples, which—there's also quite a turmoil happening, as anybody who's really following the life of discipleship will realize. And then we go to the initiates. And when we go to the initiates, we see whether we are continuing to add signs to make seven. 3. The initiates, in their turn, are being subjected to the impact of energies from Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces *EA, p.162* Well, we've added two more signs. Looks like we're going to get our seven here—an inflow of force from each of the three Crosses. This happened in each instance, always. Always, let us say... Let's say three crosses are contributing to each of these phases. Okay, now that probably should have been—that was a two, and this needs really to be a three. I wonder if I can do that. Yep, I think so. All right, so with respect to the initiates, the initiates in their turn are being subjected to the impact of energies from Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces. So we've added Capricorn and Pisces, and now we're talking about the first five initiations, and we're talking about Pisces in terms of the final initiations—namely, the fourth and the fifth, I would think—an inflow of force from each of the three crosses. These three forces enable the initiates to take the third initiation. *EA, p.162* So now he seems to implicate Pisces in the third initiation as well. Pisces seems implicated in the third initiation. Perhaps the necessary detachment is involved here under Pluto and the ability to finally decide for the life of God, so to speak, rather than the life of earth and flesh and kin, as one of the old commentary stanzas discusses it when presenting to us an old Atlantean chant taken at the time of the third initiation. A great detachment under Pluto seems to be required. So before we get to what D.K. may do about this, let's look at the signs Cancer, Leo... We have a Scorpio. Okay, we have... we should have started over here: Gemini. We're not doing them in the order that he discussed them, of course. So at first we discussed Gemini, Cancer, Leo. Well, if we really want to be... Taurus. Okay, we have five here. Now we have Capricorn and Pisces. These are seven signs. Now the order in which he discussed them for the average human being was Cancer, Leo, then... um... Gemini. Then for the disciple it looks like he... let's go back and take a look there: Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio with Gemini pervasive. And now he is discussing Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces for the initiate. I think we have to remember these triangles. So we say triangles conditioning the battle, or the... yeah, battle in three levels. So the first one was Cancer, Leo, and Gemini in that order uh... for humanity. Then he discussed... um... Taurus, Leo, and Scorpio plus Gemini for disciples. Let's make it capital. Then... um... Scorpio... whoop, I want to erase that. Then... uh... Scorpio... uh... Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces for initiates. These were the order... the order in which he discussed these. And... um... yes, I... I think, you know, here is a... uh... a clarification and illumination. I think we understand the first one quite well: from the mass to the individual to the sense of duality of soul and personality. Then with Taurus, it's the ridding of glamour leading to a stronger sense of the higher self, followed by the tests of that self or soul, all of this taking place under a growing sense of duality with the soul aspect of that duality becoming stronger all the time. Then we have the triumphant disciple in Scorpio leading to the stage of initiation in Capricorn and to still higher... uh... initiations and detachment from the normal experiences of the world. Now D.K. did say this allows the initiates to take the third initiation, but this same triangle we have here would allow the initiate to go even farther than the third initiation. So those are seven signs which seem to be implicated in the struggle. We're leaving out Aries, Virgo, Libra... um... Sagittarius, and Aquarius. Okay, left out are Aries, Virgo, Libra, Sagittarius, and Aquarius, although all of these signs play a very important role in the modern era in different

ways. So we have to look at the way D.K. combines these signs, these different combinations being implicated in different types of processes which are occurring at the present time. [split 2] text 02 It will interest you to note that average humanity is, therefore, subjected to the influences of three major signs at this time and conditioned by potencies coming from each of the three Crosses. *EA, p.162* Okay, so Cancer, the Cardinal Cross; Leo, the Fixed Cross; and Gemini, the Mutable Cross. These present men with the responsibility of choice, evoking their free will, their trend towards self-determination and their established decision at this time of world crisis. *EA, p.162* Sounds like he is somehow involving Libra as well, but maybe Gemini is giving the choice. The mass consciousness has no really... really free will about it. One is compelled by one's instincts and desires and doesn't even reason about it. One just does what one is prompted to do and feels like doing. But the... um... the responsibility is coming in, the free will is coming in via Leo, self-determination via Leo, and... uh... Gemini is always presenting a polarity of higher self, lower self about which a decision can be made. You know, which way do you go? Where do you throw the majority of your strength? On what side do you throw the majority of your strength? So that's one. You will note that the world disciples are related to the mass of men through their responsiveness to influences emanating from Gemini, *EA, p.162* The mass of men has that pervasive sense of duality, a strengthening sense of duality, and to each other through Scorpio. *EA, p.162* Well, Scorpio is also found among the initiates. But let's just say world disciples are all having Scorpio experience, even if their personal horoscope does not contain Scorpio. And that's a kind of important distinction there, because we sometimes think, well, our astrology is only what our chart indicates. But that's not so, because our astrology is also very much what our particular level of unfoldment or development indicates. That too. And this is some place where we are a little bit remiss. We are not really fully understanding that. It's a bit like saying, "Well, I've got the fifth ray in my ray chart." Okay, well, perhaps I do. But there may be a stage of your development where the fifth ray is pervasive because of that stage of development, because it's needed at that stage of development. You might also at that time have the fifth ray in your stage where the fifth ray is necessary and called for. Like, you know, all those disciples who are approaching the third initiation—the third initiation is ruled by the fifth ray. Now, we cannot say that all those approaching the third initiation who are taking it necessarily have the fifth ray in their makeup, but they somehow have access to, or can express in line with that fifth ray, because it is required of the stage in which they are presently focused. In a way, in all of these vehicles, we have all the rays— all the ray potentials. It's just a question of their relative emphasis. I think we will find that the permanent atoms which generate the various vehicles, which are said to be qualified by the rays, have within them the potential for all the rays. It's just a question of the preponderance in any particular vehicle and the way the rays are, shall we say, focused and released by the permanent atom into the substance which is to create the vehicle. There may also be atoms that are vibrating to particular ray frequencies, and perhaps they are gathered according to the way the permanent atom is sounding, expressive of one particular ray for one particular incarnation. All of these are the technicalities of vehicle building and relate to how our ray chart is actually formed and how the rays condition these vehicles, and will be part of the science of the future. Very interesting. For right now, we just have to deal with the sense of the qualities which pervade us. Okay, so world disciples have this Scorpio part, and they are related to initiates via Scorpio. Let's just say disciples are related to initiates via Scorpio and to themselves via Scorpio, since all of them are in the scorpionic phase of unfoldment. Discipleship is very much a scorpionic issue. It's got a lot of Virgo in it as well for purification and training, but Scorpio for the fight and the battle and the overcoming of the negativity and the releasing into freedom as a result of that fight. This produces in them the capacity to respond to test, to a sense of the vision (through the illumined eye of Taurus) and to use their power of individuality through a developed personality and through the potency of Leo. *EA, p.162-163* So you see, if you are a disciple, this is making a difference, really, in this sense, what your horoscope is. You will be having the vision under Taurus. You will be tested and responding to the tests under Scorpio. You will be developing your personality under Leo, and it's developed personality is a good instrument to be used by the soul. And you will also be getting a sense of the higher self under Leo. So let's say, whether or not you have these signs in your horoscope, you are responding to them because you are a disciple. Initiates are brought into relation with the world disciples through the constellation Scorpio. This we have said, because initiates are struggling too. Initiates are struggling as well through Scorpio. Initiates are brought into relation to the world disciples through the constellation Scorpio, to the hierarchical centre *EA, p.163* which is the ashram itself, to the great ashram through Capricorn, and to the mass through Pisces, the sign of all world saviours. *EA, p.163* And there's a close relation between Pisces, the sign of redemption and salvation, and Cancer, also ruled by Neptune and being a mass sign. So Pisces must redeem Cancer, and Cancer... So they're both water signs. They both have strong Neptune. They both have a strong identification with matter and with emotion. Pisces... Whoops, put it in the wrong place. Pisces must redeem Cancer. Okay, all right. So what he's done here is really important. He's said, "Look, we've got a great turmoil,

struggle, conflict, battle. It is affecting three different types of human beings: average humanity, disciples, and initiates, with, I suppose, aspirants and probationers being at the upper end of humanity or at the early phases of the stage of discipleship." Then he's talking about the three or four particular signs that, in this battle, particularly affect those three stages of humanity, those three types of human beings. Then talking about how disciples and initiates are related to themselves, to each other, and to humanity. So this is an important little section. When thinking about what's going on in the world and when we interpret events in the news and so forth, we should bear in mind these particular signs that are so operative and look for expressions of them. We certainly see the mass consciousness everywhere. We see powerful individuals emerging. We see the sense of duality everywhere because people are caught in the pairs of opposites under Gemini, but also the sense of that higher life. People are beginning to grasp a vision. The disciples certainly are, and they are struggling to make the vision a reality, and they are using the full force of their dominating personalities to do that and also the force of their higher self. And they are having an increasing sense of the pairs of opposites, with the higher of the pairs of opposites becoming stronger all the time. Then, behind the scenes, the initiates are working, struggling, struggling to overcome the forces of the world which are pitted against them, but achieving great realization and connection with the higher ashrams through Capricorn and are coming right back into the mass via Pisces. They're interfacing with the sign Cancer, the instinctual sign, the tendencies of the mass, and they are using compassion and pervasive wisdom and skill in action and self-sacrifice to deal with the masses of human beings and also to educate the disciples of the world. Because, after all, if Pisces can be related to Cancer—that's the initiates' relation to the mass—it can certainly be related to the Scorpio factor within discipleship. Namely, there is great understanding. Okay, well, looks like these are the seven, aren't they? Oh, we work them out first, and then D.K. will give his unique explanation. So I'm going to pause here for just a moment, as two hours have transpired. So this is the end of Esoteric Astrology... Well, not really going to be the end. It's number 68A and B, and we have gone from pages... Whoop, not physical plane pages... 158 to 162 thus far. Let's see how soon 163 shows itself, and is it one? Oh, it's 164. So it looks like we've gone all the way to page 163, and we will pick up in a little bit. Maybe this will be a slightly longer Esoteric Astrology adventure. I know it's harder for you to download them when they're like this, but it saves so much time on this end. And perhaps I'll ask our technical department to split them up a little bit. And in any case, they'll be split up on YouTube in 15-minute segments. End here (68 a and b) Okay, we will be back. All right, let us resume then. We have been working on Esoteric Astrology 68, and we're about two hours into the program. We're talking about Capricorn, and we're talking about seven constellations which are involved in the great difficulty, struggle, turmoil through which humanity is passing. Probably D.K. is speaking of this in terms of Capricorn's struggle with the forces of the underworld, struggle with the forces native to the underworld, as it is said. The word "native" somehow implies the instinctual nature. Seven constellations are, therefore, predominantly brought into a close combination at the present moment of crisis and are responsible for world affairs as they are found today: *EA, p.163* So, okay, and we have Cancer and Capricorn on the Cardinal Cross. The idea here is both gates stand wide. Well, the gate into initiation via Capricorn, certainly so. But what does the Tibetan mean here by both gates? Is the gate into—from the animal kingdom into the human kingdom—standing wide open? probably not. There are just a few of the domesticated animals that will be allowed through in this particular round. So the gates of Cancer and Capricorn — well, certainly the Capricorn gate is open — but from another perspective, we can think of the gate as standing wide as the members of the Hierarchy pass into the mass consciousness of humanity and there do their work associated with the externalization. The idea that also lesser members of the Hierarchy will be born into humanity and are passing through the gate into human service through the process of incarnation. This is one way of looking at "Both Gates stand wide." *EA, p.163* There was a time, I think, when perhaps both gates were open, but usually maybe not at the same time so much in terms of initiation or individualization. It was probably after the gate of individualization was shut to the animal kingdom that the gate of initiation opened, or that they happened somewhat simultaneously in Atlantean times. What else do we have? Leo and Taurus, Leo and Scorpio on the Fixed Cross. And this is a funny word: "disciples." "The disciples dominate the world." So we have here, you know, who are the disciples? The disciples dominate the world. I think I can't quite make this work exactly the way I would like, but I think you get the idea here. This idea of "dominates" — no, this is not going to work. Anyway, the disciples dominate the world, and the domination is indicated by the powerful personalities of disciples that can rule, control, direct, and so on. All this under Leo. There is also the consideration of Scorpio, which is the sign of the disciples particularly, and we have the members of the New Group of World Servers under Taurus. They are disciples, and we have the strong Vulcanian will under Taurus. So we have three aspects of the — mutable — excuse me, of the Fixed Cross operative here. The liberating aspect of Aquarius is not yet with us, but it is beginning to come in strongly as the New Age gradually emerges. So in many different countries, many different places, people who are in prominent

positions might be considered, in one way or another, disciples. Whether their technique is always superb or even wise can be questioned, but they are nevertheless disciples. They do have their personal liabilities, but personal liabilities are not viewed as so important as the larger objectives which they are achieving. So Leo, Taurus, and Scorpio on the Cross of Discipleship. And even some of the individuals who have had quite a horrific effect on humanity have been referred to by D.K. as disciples. If we look at this, we go here into the book. I think there's a place where we might be able to... "Disciples of Shamballa." I think there's one place where that is discussed, and he's talking about Atatürk, well, in a very positive manner, I would say. And is he talking about others here as well? He has... Yeah, he has discussed sometimes Stalin, Hitler, Franco, Lenin — people of this nature as associated with the center Shamballa. "It might be opposite here to point out that such first ray exponents of force are often misunderstood and hated. They may and often do misuse the energy available, but they also use it constructively within the desired limits of the immediate plan. I would like to state that a lot of the first ray disciples — hard and difficult — there are disciples of Shamballa just as there are disciples of Hierarchy, and this is a fact hitherto not recognized and never yet referred to in the current writings that are called subjects. It is wise and valuable to remember this. They are powerful, these disciples of Shamballa — headstrong and often cruel. They impose their will and dictate their desires. They make mistakes, but they are nevertheless true disciples of Shamballa and are working out the will of God as much as the disciples and masters of the Hierarchy are working out the love of God. This is a hard saying for some of you, but your failure to recognize this truth and respond to it does not affect the issue. It simply makes you individually a lot harder." So I think he is talking about some of these figures who have played their role on the world stage in headstrong and often cruel ways, but behind it all is a certain amount of constructive action within the present limits of the plan, and so they must be considered as doing, working their role, expressing their role. He does in this particular paragraph speak of Atatürk, and that the historical records will indicate how fully, how wisely, sanely and disinterestedly he used this type of force for the attainment of first free objectives. Well, Atatürk's work is presently being challenged. I think as Turkey slides back into the Islamic fold and under the control of Islamists. I don't know what D.K. would say about this, but I think that he was commending Atatürk for bringing Turkey forward from that point. But the entire world under fear is undergoing a certain kind of regressive possibility. It's happening in many nations. The forces of regression are very afraid of the impending Aquarian energies, which even if they don't understand, they can certainly feel. And so there will be a tendency to want to move back into a safe and entrenched thought form. And hopefully this will not happen. Hopefully the constructive forces of the world are strong enough to prevent this from happening. "The disciples dominate the world." Then "Gemini and Pisces: "World salvation is possible today." *EA, p.163* You know, I just can't stand the way this looks. I think if I just bring it down... Yes, I'll bring it down to number 10, and then there will not be this peculiar alignment. So D.K. has divided these seven signs in different ways, and we see the key ideas: "Both gates stand wide." The Hierarchy is coming and going, we might say, into the Hierarchy and from the Hierarchy back into humanity. The disciples dominate the world, and whether they are always recognized, loved or hated, they are doing something constructive for humanity. And then we come to this "Gemini and Pisces: world salvation is possible today." You know, these are the linking signs, Gemini and Pisces. They are very strong second-ray signs, and salvation is coming particularly under the second ray. The World Savior is found on the second ray, and we know when we try to relate the opposites in the zodiac that usually it's Gemini which is the relating agent. But when Gemini itself is involved as opposing Sagittarius, it's Pisces as a relating agent. And here we are looking at the two signs which are uniquely second ray. These are signs connected with the Master K.H. and are said to be found within his horoscope: Sun in Gemini and Pisces rising. I think a lot of the World Savior types have Pisces rising. I think this is true of the Christ. If I were to look at the Christ's chart and try to understand something of this, I'd say it could be Sun in Libra with Pisces rising, or maybe Sun in Pisces with Libra rising. Looking at the Buddha, it apparently is, I think, Sun in Taurus, Pisces rising, although so many different versions of the Buddha's chart exist, and we are not in a position to ascertain which is accurate. And you know how it is when you're making the charts of the great ones: you can always justify them somehow. I've seen a number of charts of the Master Jesus. We all have the good points. I think one of the ones with the Sun in Capricorn and Virgo rising, which is the same as the horoscope of the Jewish group, is one of the most convincing of the horoscopes, I would say. Okay, moving on: The exoteric and the esoteric planetary rulers of Capricorn are the same, and Saturn rules the career of the man in this sign, no matter whether he is on the ordinary or the reversed wheel, or whether he is on the Mutable or the Fixed Cross. *EA, p.163* So we have to have in our quiver, as it were, lower and higher interpretations of Capricorn, of Saturn. And you know, one of them deals, of course, with the difficulties and obstacles and pressured circumstances of life. I guess you can never escape that with Saturn and with direct limitation and karmic retribution. And another, the higher, I think, deals with life after a great choice has been made, and it deals with conformity to divine law under the spiritual will, and it indicates a great

ability to carry out the divine plan. Because the structure of the divine plan is Saturnian, and under Capricorn—Capricorn's ruler Saturn—this plan is more deeply understood. When he has taken the third initiation and can consciously mount the Cardinal Cross, *EA, p.163* Notice that Again, we're not talking about anything immediate in time. He says he can, after the third initiation, consciously mount the Cardinal Cross, but he doesn't say that he will do so immediately after the third initiation. We have to remember that this mounting of the Cardinal Cross, D.K. says, and no on certain terms, is done really after the fourth initiation. But after the fourth initiation is after the third initiation as well, isn't it? So sometimes he makes general statements which put you within the approximate time period of a possible event, and then he becomes more specific about when such an event will take place. And really, as I've said often, upon the fourth initiation, the initiate is on neither the Fixed Cross or the Cardinal Cross. When he has taken the third initiation and can consciously mount the Cardinal Cross, he is then released from the ruling of Saturn *EA, p.163* Uh, yes, and we're told, you know, that Saturn does not follow the man onto the Cardinal Cross, and that's the reason for its fall in the preeminent cardinal sign Aries. And yet, if Saturn is the ruler of the entire cosmic physical plane and serves as correspondence of the physical permanent atom of the Solar Logos in relation to the cosmic physical plane on the highest of the sub-planes, the Logoic sub-plane, then you can see that, you know, at the sixth initiation you're still not off that cosmic physical plane, and yet you are definitely upon the Cardinal Cross, and at the seventh as well, where, uh, in relation to which you are still not off the cosmic physical plane, and only at the ninth initiation do you leave behind the cosmic physical plane. You're still on the Cardinal Cross, of course, and then in a sense one would leave Saturn behind. But of course, Saturn has a very strong cosmic mental aspect to it as well, and I wouldn't be surprised if, you know, some influence from the cosmic mental plane is not involved in Saturn. Saturn is a great planetary Logos. It's a sacred planet, is going to have a causal body on the cosmic mental plane, perhaps on the second level of the cosmic mental plane. So there are different levels of Saturn to which we respond, and when we leave one level of Saturn behind by mounting the Cardinal Cross, we're leaving mostly the karmic part of Saturn behind as it relates to the individual karma experienced on the Earth. Remember how important Saturn is in the life of a great being who uses Saturn, Mars, and the Earth as three forms of expression. Saturn is the mental body of that great being, probably the Brahma of our solar system. So it's difficult to say or to think that we leave all of Saturn behind even when we mount the Cardinal Cross, because simply by being upon the Earth we are experiencing the downflow of the mental body this great Brahmic being that Saturn represents. But anyway, you know, for practical purposes and in the life of the individual initiate, he comes under the influence of Venus at the third initiation and no longer the lower sort of karmic influence of Saturn, wherein he has to pay the price of ancient error and where he is assuming burdens based upon his own imbalanced action of the past. So this is a very illuminating—it's a love-wisdom influence, but the aspect of illumination I think is particularly strong in Capricorn when Venus is the hierarchical ruler. and comes under the influence of Venus, who is governor or ruler of the Hierarchy which is that of the Crocodiles. A reference to the tabulation heretofore given will show this. *EA, p.163* Now this is dual hierarchy, which means what? Does it mean part of it is very positive in relation to the solar Angels, the other part of it is perhaps more personal, more elemental, and is relating to lives that are still imprisoned and the tendencies which man, the personality, has to live that lower life and sometimes a somewhat, uh, crocodilian life? Remember we have, um, we have the crocodile, the goat, and the unicorn, and they represent three different phases of the life of man in Capricorn. So we cannot consider the crocodiles high. The dual hierarchy is part of that mystery which D.K. said we will not solve—the mystery of the fifth Creative Hierarchy, the mystery of the solar Angels. Interesting, I've seen a picture, a painting, a diagram of Lakshmi, who was Venus, the Hindu version of Venus, Lakshmi riding upon the back of the crocodile, and it is the power of the solar Angel to subdue the crocodilian nature of man, the reptilian brain and all that it prompts towards, which is a lower form of cold-blooded life which has not yet been heated by the warmth of the heart which Venus confers. So there are some crocodilian Capricorns who, if they cry, it will not be out of sympathy, but it will be crocodile tears—always for a purpose, always for a motive under the third degree. Third aspect of divinity: It is only when a man is upon the Cardinal Cross that the significance, purpose and potencies of the Creative Hierarchies become clear to him *EA, p.163-164* Have we not been struggling? Indeed, the purpose and potencies and Creative Hierarchies become clear once we are masters, because that's when it can be said that we are truly upon the Cardinal Cross— not at the third degree. No, that is directly contradicted by what D.K. does say. and the “doors of entrance” into all of them stand wide open. *EA, p.164* Interesting. Perhaps the more advanced man can function through the lower hierarchies in a very conscious and skillful way, and perhaps he knows what are the methods by which he can enter any of the higher creative hierarchies. But even as a wisdom, I cannot see how one could simply choose to enter hierarchy two or hierarchy one, or any of the manifested, unmanifested, or therefore liberated Creative Hierarchies. One might understand what those doors are, comprehend them, and they might stand open to one's knowledge at least, but the actual entrance—I have

difficulty seeing how anything but a gradual and well-planned and well-earned entrance into these hierarchies over vast periods of time could be accomplished. On the Mutable Cross and on the Fixed Cross we have the so-called green ray, controlling not only the daily life of karmic liability upon the path of evolution, but also controlling the experiences and processes of evolution. *EA, p.164* So look—is green extending farther than we thought? Because would you not think that disciples are subject also to the blue ray? It would seem to me to be the case, but disciples on the Fixed Cross are still very much disciples within personalities, and until the fourth initiation is over, they're not really liberated from that personality. And so because the personality is still a factor, therefore the green ray is still an aspect of their life. So we'll take him at face value here. On the Mutable Cross and on the Fixed Cross—that's a surprising thing, because the Mutable Cross is definitely under the green ray, but in a way the Fixed Cross seems to me to be under the blue-green or green-blue ray, and therefore the experience on our blue-green planet Earth should really accentuate the more intense parts of the fixed cross experience: blinding light, fiery pain, bitter woe, and yet the cross of liberation. It controls not only the daily life of karmic liability—now karmic liability is under Saturn, the green planet, or at least the third ray of which Saturn is the predominant expression is the green ray—and the will to evolve is related to the path of evolution. It's the third ray type of will: will to evolve, will to evolve. But the path of evolution is also controlling the experiences and processes of evolution, so that's also a green influence as well—the will to evolve. And certainly that is operating also for disciples, but other forms of the will take over, you know: the will to love, the will to serve, the will to save. These all take over eventually. The reason for this is that Capricorn is an earth sign, particularly with resonance particularly to the cosmic physical plane and to the systemic etheric physical plane, which is the correspondence—the lower correspondence to the cosmic physical plane. And these earth signs are all involved with some measure of concretion, which is a— I don't know how we would call it—a denser or a more aggregated relationship of the factors of the atoms involved, whether those atoms are strictly physical, etheric, or astral, or mental. There is a closer and tighter relationship between them under earth sign influences—earth sign influences. The reason for this is that Capricorn is an earth sign and because the *third* and *fifth* rays work pre-eminently through this sign, embodying the third major aspect of divinity, active intelligence plus that of its subsidiary power, the fifth Ray of Mind. *EA, p.164* We're talking about the color of green, generally related to the third ray of active intelligence, and I've often wondered here how this is expressed. The third and fifth rays work pre-eminently through this sign. Now, it's the word “through this sign” that is very important. We know that Capricorn is a constellation distributes the third ray and also the first and the seventh, but you know the way the planets are involved in a sign, and the third and fifth rays work through the planetary rulers of this sign. But do they work through the sign? That is a question. I mean, how definitive is this language? The planetary rulers of this sign express the third and fifth rays, but does the sign too express the fifth ray? The third it does. And there's something about Capricorn in relation to the concrete mind, in relation to the universal mind, which makes me think that the fifth ray could come through the sign as well as through Venus as the hierarchical ruler of the sign. Unless when he says “through this sign,” he also means through the rulers of the sign. But we know that much: the third and fifth ray do come through Saturn and Venus. But our greater question is, does the fifth ray operate constellationally just as the third ray does? Okay, so we're talking about the path of evolution under the third ray, and the fifth ray is in a way a concretization of the third ray, just as the seventh is of the first and the sixth is of the second, leaving the fourth ray in a unique position. The reason for all of this expression under the third ray and under the color green—the green ray controlling all of this—is because Capricorn is an earth sign, and the color green is related to the fecundity of earth and to the general reproduction of forms in the area of earth. Capricorn is an earth sign because the third and fifth rays work pre-eminently through this sign, and you kind of wonder, are there other signs for which they also work pre-eminently? And we will find esoteric and hierarchical positions in Gemini and Libra, for instance. What did I say? Gemini... in, yeah, in Libra particularly, and in Gemini for the fifth ray, where they also work very powerfully. But the word “pre-eminent” is interesting. So third and fifth pre-eminently through this sign, embodying the third major aspect of divinity: active intelligence plus that of its subsidiary power, the fifth ray of mind. So he seems to be saying that the sign itself, the constellation itself, sign itself, embodies three and five. Well, this is something a bit of a mystery to be solved. How many rays can come through a constellation or sign of the zodiac? Capricorn already has its full complement of three with one, three, and seven coming through. Does five also come through, or is it simply through the power of Venus? There's many ways in which concretization is connected with the fifth ray, and D.K. tells us that the overproduction of concrete things is coming as a result of a fifth ray impulse. So our Capricorn has this concretization, the ability to concretize, to materialize as we've been seeing, to crystallize, and so does the fifth ray. There is a definite resonance there. So, and here is... and this is the place, this is what really makes me pause. These third ray and fifth ray, the third major aspect... “embodying”—see, “embodying” suggests the sign. This suggests the sign, suggesting the

sign and not just the planets—embodying the third major aspect of divinity: active intelligence plus that subsidiary power, this ray of mind. Although in a way, the fifth ray always was part of the third ray, as is the case now when the fifth ray has been faded out in its own right, withheld somewhat because mankind is getting ahead of itself in terms of knowledge. But the fifth ray is still reaching us through its superior, the third ray. So as a part of the general third ray expression, the fifth ray comes in. But now look at this: These *EA, p.164*—and by “these” we mean the third and fifth rays—pour through Capricorn to Saturn and to Venus and so reach our planet, the Earth. *EA, p.164* There's not much question about it there. The third and fifth rays are there already, pouring through Capricorn. to, uh, Saturn and to Venus. So it's not just the ray of Venus being the fifth ray emitting the fifth ray, but it's coming through Capricorn. So I think that's pretty definite, and even though DK does not explicitly in so many tabulations give the fifth ray as a ray being, uh, emitted by Capricorn even transmitted through it, uh, we do have apparently in this section the indication that these rays pour through Capricorn and reach the planets with which they are identified. The third ray is identified with Saturn but first of course with Capricorn. The fifth ray is identified with Venus but first it appears to pour through Capricorn and so reach our planet here. Saturn is one of the most potent of the four Lords of Karma and forces man to face up to the past, and in the present to prepare for the future. *EA, p.164* The four Lords of Karma—I've talked about them before. They are found in *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*. I don't know, page 112, something like that, or perhaps... perhaps, uh, well let's see... uh, return and, uh, pain. That's it, that's the place. 117. Okay, here are the four Lords of Karma, and they have a symbolic meaning. The names of the Lords of Karma signify symbolically and from the angle of their inner meaning: relationship, enlightenment, pain, and return. Have a feeling the pain part is Saturn. Relationship: Venus. Enlightenment: Mercury. And return... well, we could see involves cycles here. What could it be? Is Jupiter, uh, which, uh, well it's a cycling, it's a... it's a cyclic process coming back into incarnation under the law of opportunity. I think I've speculated on this. Pretty sure about relationship, enlightenment, and pain in terms of their planetary associations. Return is somewhat Uranian, but we cannot take these extra-Saturnian planets, I think, as Lords of Karma. I wonder if the Earth itself, under its symbol of the cross, is a Lord of Karma and the frequent return to incarnation—return to the flesh—is part of that. Perhaps. Okay, page 116 and 117 in *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*. Okay, Saturn is one of the most... excuse me... potent of the four Lords of Karma and forces a man—this is what it does—to face up to the past. He pays the price of ancient error. He conditioned his vehicles in the past, and the conditioning remains until he changes that. In other words, you make your bed, then you lie in it. Uh, for... uh, face up to the past and in the present uh, with practicality, to prepare for the future. So this is the factor—uh, the third-ray factor of the urge to formulate a plan. It's one of the methods of inducing soul control. It's connected with the third ray where the third aspect is infinity, and it's naturally associated with Saturn. Planning is a great, uh, Saturnian virtue. Such is the intention and purpose of karmic opportunity. *EA, p.164* face the past, realize the present moment, and... and plan for the future. So that seems to be one of the reasons the way karmic opportunity is presented: face the past and plan for the future. From certain angles, *EA, p.164* let's see how does that work? Yeah, well, you have to deal with the causes you set in motion, and you want to better conditions—make conditions better. Saturn will help you do that, give you the sequential path, the critical path as it's sometimes been called. And that's a very Saturnian thing: the critical path to the objective. But let's just say that the urge to better conditions comes in under Uranus, as he tells us. So Uranus may present the flash of the, uh, vision of the future objective, but Saturn incrementally plans its way to reach, uh, that objective. From certain angles, Saturn can be regarded as the planetary Dweller on the Threshold, *EA, p.164* Okay, so it's something that has to be passed in the right way and according to law in order for the lives and life of this planet to progress. So the Dweller on the Threshold idea: wherever Saturn is found in your chart will present some aspect, some dweller aspect, some unfinished business, something that has to be proved to be set in the right condition, to be overcome. The dweller is all that wants to hold you into the present crystallized condition. Then you have to find a way to redeem this dweller, no longer to be held by it, to pass through, to pass beyond it. for humanity as a whole has to face that Dweller as well as the Angel of the Presence, *EA, p.164* Humanity considered as—I would say—the disciple humanity as the disciple has to face the dweller and know the evil tendencies within itself, which we well see and which any one of us investigating the matter individually can well see. We have to face all the misdeeds and the miscreations. Miscreant—that's an interesting word—somebody who has created badly, a miscreant. All that the miscreant within us has created out of alignment with the plan, and maybe even in an adversarial position with regard to the plan, and also that higher part of ourselves in relation to which we have to turn on the light until it becomes so intense that the dweller is overcome. In the ancient catechism, this is described— has to face that Dweller as well as the Angel of the Presence, and in so doing discover that both the Dweller and the Angel are that complex duality which is the human family. *EA, p.164* And here I would say it's the personality of the human family and the content of the egoic lotus of the human family. In this case, when

we talk about the word “angel,” what we should not mean is the returning nirvani from a previous mahamanvantara, but we should mean that part of the human nature which is underlaid by the great solar Angel of the human family and which is really filled with transpersonal characteristics, aided and developed by that part of the consciousness of the great solar Angel which underlies or pervades or sustains the egoic lotus of humanity. Okay, so the Dweller and the Angel are that complex duality in this fourth kingdom. You know, eventually under the law of magnetic control, the Angel will control the Dweller. Fourth kingdom, fourth period of hierarchy, fourth law, fourth systemic law: law of magnetic control. And resolving this complex duality into harmony—Saturn, in a peculiar relation to the sign Gemini, *EA, p.164*—you're the sign of the constellation. The lord of Saturn and the— makes this possible. *EA, p.164* Um, let's see: “has to face the Dweller.” Let's see what is becoming possible. Uh, Saturn, planetary Dweller and Threshold, and humanity will have to face the Dweller and the Angel. So makes this possible—i.e., what is it? It's possible, i.e., that humanity will face its Dweller. No, Dweller and its Angel—the humanity will face both and know for a change that it is a complex duality and not simply project the negativity sensed within itself upon other members of the human race. So once we face these, we realize that the enemy is within and that we ourselves, you know, in the Christian terminology, are born in sin and the idea of the original sin and all of that having to do more with the condition of the lunar vehicles. And of course they dwell too much on the sin part and not on the God immanent part. God immanent is not admitted, but God transcendent is. So we have simple man and good transcendent God, and this is not recognizing that complex duality. So modern religion—let's say Christianity, Islam, etc., maybe Judaism as well—perhaps the Abrahamic religions do not recognize this complex duality because they do not recognize God immanent, although I do believe in Christianity there is much to indicate that God is immanent, but it depends on who's been doing the interpreting and how the interpreting is presented. Individual man makes this discovery and faces the two extremes whilst in the sign Capricorn; the fourth and fifth Creative Hierarchies do the same thing in Libra. *EA, p.164* This is a profound statement. Well, anyway, I think we understand that—uh, let's see—Gemini: uh, the human race faces its Dweller and its Angel. In Capricorn, the individual man faces his Dweller and Angel. Then we have this very provocative statement: um, the entire fourth creative hierarchy— are these meant to be considered separately? Because, you know, in a way the fourth Creative Hierarchy is a bit like the Dweller, and the fifth Creative Hierarchy of solar Angels is a bit like the Angel. But maybe both of them are facing their Dwellers. So maybe both the fourth Creative Hierarchy and the fifth Creative Hierarchy have Dwellers and a higher aspect as well. We certainly know this of man as the fourth Creative Hierarchy, although we are speaking really of monads here. But perhaps in Libra, which is in a way 180 degrees away from the ascendant, given the archetypal areas on the ascendant, we face our exact opposite. So, uh, we maybe the fourth Creative Hierarchy will always have its Dweller in relation to the lower vehicles of expression of the monad. So what is the Dweller to the monad? To the monad, the Dweller in a way is the soul plus personality. That is interesting. So if—if true—interesting if true. Mary Bailey used to tell me that her husband Foster Bailey used that little statement often: “Interesting if true.” So, so let's just say that the fourth Creative Hierarchy of monads—of human monads— has as its Dweller the combination of all that expresses on the—in the—in the dense physical body of the, uh, Solar Logos, i.e., okay, i.e., the combination—oh, let us spell it—of soul plus personality. So in a way, uh, you know how it's very difficult for even the soul-infused personality to become the monad, because in a way they are opposite. So if we start to identify—if we identify as a spiritual triad midway—suppose this— suppose we identify as the spiritual triad midway between the monad and the soul-infused personality, then what is the Dweller? Okay, then—then indeed the dweller is the soul-infused personality, which is considered to be a limitation. Both soul and form together must renounce the principle of life and thus permit the monad to stand free. Okay, that's the tenth law of healing, and it shows that kind of position, okay, where um, the monad is the true angel, as it were, the true divine presence, and everything that is not the monad is the dweller—but especially that which represents to the monad's form within the dense physical body of the Solar Logos, namely that which goes on on the higher mental plane, which we call soul, and then personality. Now, what about the fifth Creative Hierarchy? Does it have a dweller aspect? Well, maybe every Creative Hierarchy has a spirit aspect in the dweller aspect in a midway position where the member of that hierarchy has to stand. But in this case, we have perhaps an easier solution, because we know that the fifth Creative Hierarchy is dual. So with the fifth Creative Hierarchy, we know it is dual, and one part of it is the crocodiles and the other the angels. So maybe the dweller for this Creative Hierarchy is very much that which is called the crocodiles, or the lives on the lower mental plane, compared with the lives on the higher mental plane. But of course, this is too simplistic a solution, because really, where is the monadic nature of the members of the fifth Creative Hierarchy? That might not even be on the cosmic physical plane at all. It might be on the cosmic astral plane, and there might be some kind of expression that's taking place on the cosmic physical plane which is considered as a Dweller, I can't really say what that would be, and some intermediate

position for consciousness where on the cosmic astral plane or higher levels of the cosmic physical plane, which is analogous to the position of the disciple standing between his soul and his dweller personality. So what are we learning from all this? Maybe we learn that the dweller is a generic structure which—which can relate to many different kinds of self— self-conscious beings, okay? Structure. And we have—we—what we see here is that a man has his Dweller and Angel, humanity has its Dweller and Angel, the fourth Creative Hierarchy of human monads has its Dweller and Angel, and even perhaps the higher—that—that group called the fifth Creative Hierarchy, which is our redeemers, they have their Dweller and their highest spiritual point, which is analogous to the Angel. A.D.K. somehow gives us some amazing um, hints in the book. You know, you could just pass them over and read them, but when you think about what he may be hinting at, it's really, really quite profound, okay? So anyway, these were in the nature of speculations, of course. [split 3] text 03Through Saturn and Venus, therefore, Capricorn is connected with Libra *EA, p.164*—so a sign of initiation, Capricorn, with the sign of legislation, Libra, and also with Gemini and Taurus, *EA, p.164* for Venus is the esoteric ruler of Gemini and the orthodox ruler of Taurus. and these four constellations—Taurus, Gemini, Libra and Capricorn— *EA, p.164* see, the—well, the main thing here: the Saturn—Libra is involved in the Venus connection and the Saturn connection. the Taurus only in the Venus connection, Gemini only in the Venus connection. And these four signs, little quadrangle here, constitute a potent quaternary of energies and between them produce those conditions and situations which will enable the initiate to demonstrate his readiness and capacity for initiation. They are called the “Guardians of the Four Secrets.” *EA, p.164*—somehow very important—the Guardians of the Four Secrets, because the initiation really is taking place in Capricorn, although all of these signs allow initiation to occur. And you know Libra can even be connected with the sixth initiation, Gemini with the fourth initiation, but we're keeping ourselves, I think, within the realm of the archetypally ruled third initiation, archetypally ruled by Capricorn. So let's look at these four secrets here. *Taurus*—Guards the secret of light and confers illumination upon the initiate. *EA, p.165* and especially upon the initiate of the second degree and maybe third degree, because remember as a second degree initiate you have to have spiritual intelligence and an illumined mind. But maybe, you know, since Venus is so important at the third initiation, that the mother of illumination—mother of illumination—Taurus would be invoked and somehow spread its light. Maybe it is participating in this light supernal of Capricorn, because after all there's a huge illumination compared with Taurus. Even if you look at it in the larger sense and outside the microcosmic context, you will see Taurus in a way is even a greater source of illumination than Capricorn. Okay, so that's the secret of light. And maybe what is the secret of light? What is the secret of light? Is it how light is matter and light is form? All forms are light forms. And how is it that the great Sophia or the great light becomes form? How does that really happen? How does God descend to manifest? Being descends to manifest. How? What is this precipitation all about? You can be sure that if it's precipitation, then Capricorn and Saturn are involved as well. *Gemini*—Guards the mystery or secret of duality *EA, p.165*—usually soul and form in this case, but it can also be monad and soul plus personality. So either way, guards the mystery or secret of duality and presents the initiate with a word *EA, p.165* Don't the Geminians love words? Because, and do so to the second ray, you know, a word to the wise is sufficient. Presents the initiate with a word which leads to the fusion of the greater pairs of opposite. *EA, p.165*. What are the greater pairs of opposites? Could be spirit-matter. The normal pairs of opposites are soul and personality, and the greater pairs of opposites maybe spirit and matter. Okay, a word. So often words are conferred and they have a special potency to bring about certain effects. Rule 11 about the group and the word which will carry out this task: “But the group transfer the fire within the jewel and the lotus into the triad and let them find the word which will carry out this task.” The word has now gone forth from the great point of tension, accepted as a group, and the word goes forth. It's a word of power and it has a special effect. And Gemini, being one of the most verbal—related to Mercury—one of the most verbal of all the signs, naturally is receiving a word here. What is really the mystery or secret of duality? How can—in a way, you know, the secret of duality, if I say as it strikes me—the secret, the greater secret of duality is the secret of emanation. How can a one become a two and still remain both one and the two? How can the two really be the one and still each of the two be apparently independent in their expressions? So it's really the secret of how the one becomes the many—the secret of how the one becomes the many. But for all practical purposes, it's going into D.K.'s statement that spirit is matter, matter is spirit, and soul is them as well, and they're all three pervaded by life. How can all of these three be different and yet the same and be pervaded by one synthesizing factor called life? So when he says the greater pairs of opposites, I don't think it's soul and personality. He usually just talks about the pairs of opposites as soul and personality, but it's the mystery of the secret—the secret of how soul and personality relate and how spirit and matter relate. It's all contained in that word that in the second sentence of the philosophical exposition, uh, Dina 2, page 285: “Being descends to manifest.” How is it that being can descend to manifest? And he says creation is... then how can being be something else other than what it is? But it's... it's being, and it's also in a

manifested form. It's, uh, it's God and the many forms that God takes. What is that secret, and how does emanation work? Then Libra guards the secret of balance, of equilibrium, and finally speaks again the word. We've got these magical, powerful words which release the initiate from the power of karma. So we're almost talking about, uh, a shambalic uh, a shambalic state, uh, leading to the sixth initiation of decision. Um, so the power of the Lords of Karma... well, that's on the Cardinal Cross, you know. We... we are released... we are released from karma on the Cardinal Cross, and, uh, thus Saturn falls in Aries. So there are many times we have to achieve balance and equilibrium only to have it disturbed by the initiatory processes. But the final condition that this might refer to is even the sixth initiation, and, uh, from a very balanced, poised, with a completed point of view, a harmless position, that great decision can be made. Uh, perfect poise, a complete point of view, and divine understanding—these are all Libra qualities relating to harmlessness that has been totally achieved when this great decision is made. When really is the initiate released from the Lords of Karma? Well, in terms of the lower worlds, the initiate is released at the fourth degree at least, uh, and then... and then Saturn, in one of its aspects, cannot follow the initiate under the Cardinal Cross, which is, I think, mounted at the fifth degree, though, you know, even more thoroughly as a liberated monad at the sixth degree. So Libra has some powers way up there. It's not like we can think of only the human phase when we are dealing with these... these signs of the zodiac. They... they have applications at various levels of the human stages of human development, and we might think of, well, some of these signs are only active in the earlier initiation, but then take a look at the later ones, and you will see that once again they are active. *Libra*—Guards the secret of balance, of equilibrium and finally speaks the word which releases the initiate from the power of the Lords of Karma. *EA, p.165* What do we have here? We have Libra with the secret of balance. Oh, how about making that big? Libra with the secret of balance, and we have Gemini with the mystery or secret of duality—not only a secret but a mystery as well, which means that ordinary methods of understanding it are not given to success. In Taurus, the secret of light. Interesting—here it's Mercury that confers illumination. But Mercury is definitely related to Taurus. It's the, uh, the Buddha planet, uh, Taurus being the sign of the Buddha, Mercury being Buddha esoterically. So even though Mercury is not the ruler of Taurus, Mercury and Taurus together are involved in the secret of illumination. >wrap quote>*Capricorn*—Guards the secret of the soul itself *EA, p.165*</wrap> Well, since these are secrets, you know, we're not going to be fathoming them to the full degree, of course, but we'll, you know, hint our way towards what they might be, and then some fine day the intuition will speak, and we will know the secret of the soul itself. and this it reveals to the initiate at the time of the third initiation. *EA, p.165* because until that time man is not the true initiate. He's only a probationary initiate, and until that time the ancient, uh, authority of the personality is not yet won over. This is sometimes called the “secret of the hidden glory.” *EA, p.165* So there's a great, you know, glorification... glorification occurs at the third degree, a kind of glorification, a glori... glorification, the glorification. Okay, a glorification at the third degree. And Christ was transfigured before the three disciples that he took with him into the desert. They were prostrate before him, and they represented the physical, emotional, and mental natures, and there was a great illumination, this glorification. Saint Paul experienced that as well. But glory only continues to become more intense, and we cannot say that the glory of the third degree is greater than that of the fourth—it isn't—and so forth. The glory continues to augment. What is the secret of the soul itself? Well, this would involve the Solar Angel, the fifth Creative Hierarchy, and the way, I suppose, in which the fifth Creative Hierarchy and Solar Angel is related to the egoic lotus and to the position of incarnating man upon the higher mental plane. Uh, you know, there are many, many factors involved in what creates the soul of man on the higher mental plane, and perhaps these are revealed factors which create the soul of man on the higher mental plane. Perhaps, uh, these are revealed so. And of course, life upon the higher mental plane is glorious by comparison. It's life within the radiant egoic bodies. The, uh, the egoic body—it's life, uh, that is no longer opaque. It's life that is translucent and even, uh, well, moving towards transparency. It's a—we've been told about the tremendous display of glory upon the higher mental plane, the radiance, all the colors, the way the egoic lotus is something of beauty to behold—a flower created by the processes of divine nature itself. These are factors which may be revealed at this point, at the third initiation, somewhat of how it was that the Solar Angel, being a great being, participated in the soul of man and gave it its augmentative possibilities. All right, now we seem to be—uh, here we are. We are a little beyond the three-hour mark, so this is still Esoteric Astrology Adventure number 68, and, uh, section C. And, you know, I hope I don't regret this, but I'm going to go on, um, perhaps making this a four-hour presentation. Not sure. I know it will be harder to download, but it is saving time, as it is at night that I can let this um, convert into a form that will be usable to you. End here 68c So we will come back to this. Uh, we were on page whatever we were on, uh, when we started this. Yeah, we were on page 163, and now we are on page 165. Is that it? 165. So section C, and these are pages 163 to 165, and we'll be back shortly. Okay. So, now let us continue. We are going into the fourth hour here, but of course this will be broken up in different ways so that it will be easier to use. Through certain

other of the planetary rulers, through the medium of which the third and fifth rays work, Capricorn is connected with other constellations besides the four above mentioned, but these four are for our purposes the most important. *EA, p.165* So, through certain others of the planetary rulers, through the medium of which the third and fifth rays work, Capricorn is connected with other constellations. Well, I guess we could say, you know, the third and fifth rays—third ray's operative through the Earth, and Capricorn would be therefore connected with Sagittarius. The fifth ray, in terms of the present assignments, is only operative through Venus, but of course both third and fifth ray work through Uranus. So you wonder about Capricorn in relation to Aquarius. The third ray is only operative through Saturn, so Libra is there. Capricorn is there, and Libra is one of the constellations to which it is related. But D.K. probably has in mind some other planets. Mercury carries a great deal of the third ray, probably on the personality level and also on the monadic level. But I don't think D.K. is worried about those at the moment, dealing more with the soul. So basically, what we have is, thus far, hmm, we have a— yes, here there: Taurus, the secret of illumination; Gemini, the secret of duality. These are both Venus connections. And Libra, the secret of balance. So all of the Venus connections are there. The Saturn connections here in Libra as well. Capricorn, the secret of the soul itself. So I wonder how many others he could be speaking of, unless he's speaking of the alternative rulerships, alternative rays in other of other planets and of other signs of the zodiac. But, um, through the third and the fifth— yes, yes, here's how we can do that. We can do it this way: through third ray, Capricorn is related to what? Cancer. Okay. But we're not dealing with the—well, we're dealing with the third and the fifth rays now. Through the fifth ray, if it comes through Capricorn, which we have been inferring that it might, Capricorn is related to Leo and Aquarius. That's another rulership, but this is taking place On the level of the constellations, we are not dealing so much with planetary rulers here as we are rays passing through constellations and obviously through the first ray. Capricorn is related to Leo and Aries. Well, we are doing a little bit of this. Students can work out the remaining interlocking energies for themselves, if they so desire, *EA, p.165* That's the word: interlocking energies. This is what we are studying here—the great science of relations. Relations. And we can make these relations according to the planetary rulers, according to planetary rulers and constellational energies, and according to the energies passing through the constellations themselves. So before we know it, we will find that some constellations are more related to others than other constellations are to those others. But we will also find eventually that every constellation, as part of a group, is related to every other constellation in that group. Every planet within a group is related to every other planet within that group—otherwise they wouldn't form a group, although some relations are stronger than others. So we can work this out if we desire to do so by relating the rays, planetary rulers and constellations through reference to the tabulations already given. *EA, p.165* If we can find more fifth-ray planets— some have hypothesized that the undiscovered or hypothetical planet Sigma has a strong fifth ray, and some have called it the esoteric Saturn—then we can find the relationship of Capricorn to Sigma via the fifth ray, and so forth. The subject is, however, definitely confusing to the beginner, *EA, p.165*—maybe that's an understatement—and it is for this reason that I am dealing here with the philosophy and symbolism of the signs first of all, so as to familiarise the student with the general scheme and the universal broad interlocking. *EA, p.165* And as usual, D.K. is moving from the general to the specific, which is the occult way of proceeding. Okay, we go on. There's a lot here about the third and fifth rays, which are two rays very connected with the path of discipleship, just the way Capricorn is. Capricorn is the sign of initiation, but let us remember that for the first two initiations, the individual is technically upon the path of discipleship, and only at the third initiation is he no longer technically called a disciple but an initiate. So the path of initiation really takes off after the third degree, but the path of discipleship includes the path of probationary initiation, which is for the first and second degrees. The third and fifth rays are peculiarly active upon the path of discipleship, but now, interestingly, the planets which are peculiarly active upon the Path of Discipleship, technically considered, are Mercury and Saturn, which are a fourth ray planet and a third ray planet, though Mercury, as I say, is probably more essentially a third ray planet than it is a fourth ray planet. I consider Mercury to be of a fourth ray soul nature but probably ultimately a third ray monadic nature and also a fifth ray monadic nature. So there's those two planets on the Path of Discipleship: Mercury and Saturn do ultimately bring in the third and the fifth ray. It depends how deeply we want to go into the levels of these planets and the rays which rule those levels, periodical vehicles, and so forth. The third and fifth rays—why is he talking so much here about the third and fifth rays? Well, yeah, they are coming through Capricorn as planetary rulers' rays of planetary rulers, but also apparently, as I pointed out earlier, as rays which are constellationally emitted or transmitted. The third and fifth rays are peculiarly active upon the Path of Discipleship, just as the sixth and fourth are dominant upon the Path of Evolution *EA, p.165* which is a lower path and maybe also the path of aspiration, and the first and seventh upon the Path of Initiation. *EA, p.165* This is a very important little formulation here: three and five, with its mental polarization, on the Path of Discipleship; six and four, more with an emotional polarization, upon the Path of Evolution and of probationary

discipleship, or transition is in process; and one and seven on the path of will, which is the Path of Initiation. The second ray *EA, p.165* is the great controller— controls and dominates all the other rays, as you well know. *EA, p.165* Okay. Hmm, now here's a tabulation. We're talking about path evolution. Really up to the, uh, almost up to the first initiation, but we have to consider the path of aspiration and probationary discipleship, which are operating even before the fifth petal is completely unfolded. Path of discipleship from the first of the third initiation. Path of initiation from the third initiation onto the ninth. And, uh, here are rulers of these. He's already told us about the sixth and fourth ray. Well, on the path of evolution we desire, we aspire. Um, let's see... oh, that's pretty good lining up. Mars is the sixth ray planet and is obviously bringing a great deal of idealism and conflict on the path of evolution, and especially as we begin... well, it's active all the time, but as we become aspirants, we aspire for the sixth ray and we enter into a period of conflict where the different aspects of our personal nature are at war with each other, eventually integrate, and then are at war with the soul. So Mars and Mercury, Mercury being the star of conflict active on the path of evolution. But let's... let's remember that if we go to page 70 of Esoteric Astrology, we will also see that Mercury and Venus particularly rule the path of discipleship tests. Let's take a look at that. Whoop, that was wrong. Can press that. So let's try again. And this time press that one and let's see... Astrology. Okay, page 70, and we will see it. But disciples upon the path of discipleship are strongly influenced by Mercury and Saturn, one bringing illumination and the other offering opportunity. So Mercury, although assigned via its ray association to the path of evolution, also has a very prominent place on the path of discipleship, doesn't it? Okay, and how do we look at these? Well, a path of evolution... the we are no longer dealing strictly with those seven constellations which were involved in the great conflicts through which humanity is presently passing. Now we are dealing with uh, constellational energies as they are drawn in by the planets, and the planets are listed here according to ray association. So Aries has Mars as the orthodox ruler, Gemini, Mercury as the orthodox ruler, uh, Cancer is brought in through ray four and the moon could be listed there because the Moon brings in ray four, and so we're looking for all planets to bring in ray four. The moon is not listed as on the path of evolution, though I think in many ways it should be. So why don't I just kind of put in non-official parentheses the Moon? All right. Virgo with Mercury as its esoteric ruler and Scorpio with Mars as its exoteric ruler. These five signs are particularly active upon the path of evolution. All right, maybe we can even line that up properly. Not sure. I'd like to line it up properly. It may not be possible if I make them small enough. It may be possible. A little fastidious, I agree. All right, now we talk about the path of discipleship, uh, particularly rays three and five. Now, as I said, then I pointed to page 70 of Esoteric Astrology. It's the Mercury and Saturn, but here we're dealing with the planets as they appear because of the rays that rule the path. So Venus rules the, uh, it's ruled by the fifth ray or transmits the fifth ray, and Saturn the third. We should also include in a way Mercury because Mercury is very third ray, but we would have to do so in, uh, parentheses. Yeah, in parentheses, meaning the Tibetan didn't write it. Okay, now going back just a little... okay. Then, um, Gemini would be included because we're talking about the Venus as its esoteric ruler. See here? Note here: on the path of evolution, the signs involved are based on the exoteric ruler. So let's just say the signs involved are based on the esoteric... exoteric ruler. It's easier to say orthodox, but he doesn't want us to do that. He prefers a more definite and closely related uh, use of terminology with exoteric and esoteric. Okay, now, um, when it comes to the path of discipleship, Gemini as Venus says it's esoteric ruler... uh, Sagittarius is coming in here. Why? Well, it distributes certainly the fifth ray, but also I'm very surprised to see that the Earth is not mentioned because... and yet accepted that it is an exoteric planet in a way. But Earth, of course, distributes the third ray. But on the path of discipleship, it's a non-sacred planet, so perhaps is not involved. And yet, over here on the path of initiation, Pluto, a non-sacred planet, is definitely involved. So Earth looks like it should be involved, and Capricorn is coming in under Saturn and the third ray. Sagittarius is coming in under the third ray, which has Earth as its esoteric ruler, although the word "Earth" is not given when we come to the path of initiation. Rays one and seven: rays of will, a more abstract and more encompassing aspect to the will into the first ray, and a more concrete and specified and focused aspect of the will under the seventh. So Vulcan comes in as the esoteric and hierarchical ruler. Pluto is the esoteric and hierarchical ruler, and Uranus as the planet through which the seventh ray is transmitted. So Taurus comes in under Vulcan for which first ray Vulcan is both the esoteric and hierarchical ruler. Libra comes in under Uranus, being the esoteric ruler, and Pisces is coming in under Pluto in the first ray, being the esoteric and hierarchical ruler. And there would probably be other ways we could deal with this. I mean, there are, of course, first ray constellations like Aries and Leo and Capricorn which are not mentioned here. So this is pretty much being mentioned in this way through the planetary rulers. In other words... oops, that's not what I want. Let's see here. Let's just say here... here, the planetary rulers seem to determine... well, let's just say the planets associated with the rays seem to determine which signs are implicated on the path of initiation. But let's remember that we were dealing with initiates just a little while ago in terms of those seven constellations, and

we had Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces, not Taurus, Libra, and Pisces. So those other signs were brought in because of their functions on the path of initiation. Scorpio being active certainly the first three initiations, and maybe in a different way at the fourth. So, you know, there are so many ways to relate rays, signs, planets—all these interlocking relationships. And sometimes D.K. doesn't decide to emphasize all of them but is becoming selective. In this case, Venus and Saturn are pretty much being brought in in the path of discipleship because of the third and fifth ray. But we've got more going on when it comes to the constellations implicated, because we've got fifth ray Venus ruling Gemini esoterically, and we've had third ray Saturn ruling Capricorn esoterically. But what's Sagittarius doing there? And that has to be a different relationship, not coming in via the planetary ruler but coming in via the fifth ray, perhaps. Although if Mercury or the Earth were included, or let's just say Earth, even then Sagittarius would be implicated—third ray Earth. So we're looking at the path that people tread, and as they're on this path, we should look for these rays being operative to characterize the way that they are treading that path. And when they are treading these paths, we should look particularly towards certain of the planets as characterizing that phase of the path which they are treading. Of course, the path of evolution is so long—millions of years—that it too can be divided up into subsidiary sections. And according to those sections, different planets will be operative. We can't just say Mars and Mercury are operative throughout the whole of what—24 million years? They are, but other things are also operative. I think we need to hierarchicalize the level of intensity of any particular planet at any particular stage of development. If you're a primitive Lemurian type, the Moon and Mars will be very active, and also Saturn in terms of karmic liability. If you're an emotional Atlantean type, Neptune in lower aspect and certainly Mars are active. The Moon still remains active. Other planets can come in, of course, and they all have the way they can be applied at that emotional stage. If you are a concrete-minded Arian, Mercury in its concrete aspect, Saturn its concrete aspect, even Uranus representing orthodox science, as we've been told in relation to the decanates, can come in. Did I say Saturn? Yes, I think I did. Earth can come in. Earth can also come in in the Lemurian phase and so forth, and those will be, you know, planets which are pretty well present and important for people passing through those stages. If you're going through the stage of personality integration, of course the Sun is very important, just like it is for everybody, but it'll be more important because it's an integrated factor. Maybe Jupiter too will be important, and Mercury relating things together. Mercury, the fourth great planet at that fourth stage, they're called personality integration. Later, if you're trying to integrate with the soul, well we certainly know Venus comes in as very important, indicating that stage. So does Jupiter, a secondary planet of great fusing and integrative power. So when we're working with people's horoscopes, we have to look at what the horoscope itself shows, yes, and that's most particular. But always, what stage of the path are they on? Now I don't know how wide a perspective we esoteric students really have, because so often we're working with people like ourselves. We're not necessarily working with people who are longing for personality satisfaction per se and for some spiritual elevation of that personality satisfaction. We're not very much working with pure Atlanteans or Kama monastic people. We're certainly not very much working with Lemurians, of whom there are not so many, nor are we necessarily working with true initiates, because maybe they wouldn't, you know, need our advice. Maybe they might know more about it than we do. So, um, what's the phase of the path that people are on? This, of course, one has to be most delicate about. You can't go telling someone, "Oh, you're on this phase of the path. I just know it," you know. It's better to let people discover these things for themselves. It takes longer, but it's more solid method of approach, although you can, you know, among those who can um, be trusted to take your thoughts with a grain of salt or as possibilities, you can hint. You can also say what you know from the teaching, and you can discuss that at this stage of the path, thus and so is going on. Does this seem to correlate with your life? But you don't want to, you know, take out the pin and put the butterfly in the collection. That's not the way we have to operate, and we could be wrong. That's the point. So we do need people to go through all kinds of speculation about themselves, and even quite fanciful speculations about which we think they should know better. Eventually they will come to the correct conclusion, and as they're— that if you're in a position to really know something, then your words will be more respectfully absorbed and without emotional reaction. You will notice from the above tabulation one or two interesting points. These should be carefully considered by all astrologers after determining the approximate place of the subject upon the evolutionary path in one or other of its three divisions. *EA*, p.166—because of course evolution continues, and the path of discipleship is, after all, a path of evolution, really—so, um, and notice that word "approximate." It's so important, you know. Using the concrete mind overly much to pinpoint exactly where someone is upon the path may involve a huge error, because the concrete mind just doesn't see what the soul is, and there may be so much more to the soul expression or the soul nature than what is being expressed. So that word "approximate" is very important, and at least it gives us a reasonable range of accuracy as we are deciding what planetary rulers to use and how to interpret uh, different planets. It's astonishing how stubborn certain characteristics and

flaws we have in our nature can be, and how long they take to work through. You think that just knowing about them would be enough to help dissipate them or transform them in a reasonable amount of time, but uh, I had a little experience. I talked to a guy that had been working in the Arcane School long time ago. It was forever and ever and ever. He'd been maybe a member of the same school for 30 years, I don't know. He'd graduated from the highest degree of it, and he said, "You know, Mike, I'm just the same blank I always used to be." I won't tell you the word, but this was in a moment of self-assessment. May have been a little harsh on himself there, but it's hard to get rid of some of these stubborn traits which seem to stick with us. After all, they've been long in the making. Just because we can identify them now doesn't mean that they so easily go away. I've seen people really work on themselves. I've seen first-rate people really try to cultivate loving kindness. I knew a first-rate person long ago with the first-rate soul and secondary personality, and you could just feel how that first-rate wanted to blast right through. But the addition of that second ray so, for good therapeutic purposes, stopped it, modulated it, modified it, re-presented it, and it was not yet a spontaneous expression, but it was certainly a work in progress. First, that the constellation Gemini appears twice on account of its close connection with the fourth Creative Hierarchy. *EA, p.166* So there are a few interesting things that are coming here. We are told first that the fourth Creative Hierarchy... Yeah, there wouldn't be a fourth Creative Hierarchy without Gemini. It's one of the signs most important at individualization, providing let's say the solar angelic aspect of man, or stimulating that part of man. Remember, we have Gemini here as related to Mercury and Gemini as related to Venus. By the time it's related to Venus, the higher aspect of the twins is being strongly emphasized. So anyway, it's here partially because of the rays: Ray Four Mercury ruling Gemini and Ray Five Venus ruling Gemini esoterically. But he's telling us perhaps a deeper reason for its presence twice in this in this important list of the rays which rule the three phases of the path of evolution: evolution, discipleship, initiation, and the planets and signs thereby associated. Second, that during the period of the Mutable Cross five constellations are concerned with the experience of man upon the path of daily life *EA, p.166* Um, five perhaps because it's the cross of many changes, and the the submerged soul, or the immersed soul, has to be subjected to many different impacts in order to develop that kind of flexibility and versatility of response which will be needed later. the path of daily life, of constant rebirths and of karmic difficulty. *EA, p.166* Constant rebirth suggests cycles. Karmic difficulty certainly suggests Saturn. The mundane life. Okay, the mundane life here is the life of earth, life upon earth. Five are involved. Four of them lead to Scorpio, in which sign comes the point of the reversal of the Wheel. *EA, p.166* Scorpio and Libra — uh, Scorpio and Libra under Uranus bring about the reversal of the wheel. Um, interesting about Scorpio because there's quite a battle in order, with the tendencies of form and of consciousness moving in two different directions, and the person is tempted and fights against those temptations. So we can understand how, if the disciple is triumphant at one of those early phases of Scorpio, the wheel begins to reverse. And you can see how a certain person with a lot of Leo and plenty of Scorpio, at a certain stage of evolution, could indeed reverse the wheel because we'd be dealing with the fifth petal under Leo, and the fifth petal, uh, in some ways is also ruled by Scorpio, if you think about it. Yeah, if we go backwards, is that correct? If we start with um, Pisces, Aquarius, um, Capricorn... Um, maybe we have to do it... How would we do it? Because it's the guardian of the fifth gate. So we have five petals to go through, and if we move backwards: Pisces, Aquarius, Capricorn, and then we have Sagittarius and Scorpio. Yeah, starting with with Pisces, we will have Scorpio representing the fifth petal and Leo representing the fifth petal, and that's the petal in which the first reversal of the wheel is occurring, and the solar Angel looks in and says, "Now I can do something with this personality which is becoming rightly oriented." So five constellations at first, and four of them lead to Scorpio. So let's go back here and take a look. Yes, there we are: Aries, Gemini, Cancer, Virgo, in that order. I'm not sure... Aries... It might be Aries, Cancer, Gemini, Virgo. But anyway, there is a purification that occurs and an internalizing of the process of bringing out the inner Christ, which, in emerging, causes a great battle which is achieved, or at least experienced, in Scorpio. Four of them lead to Scorpio, in which sign comes the point of the reversal of the Wheel. *EA, p.166* Libra and Scorpio, really, for the reversal of the wheel. Elsewhere he talks about Libra and the reversal of the wheel, both of them strongly ruled by Uranus, as we can tell because, although esoteric ruler of Libra is... Scorpio is... excuse me, is Uranus. The exalted planet in Scorpio is Uranus as well, and Aries too is involved with the reversal of the wheel, just the way you would expect opposites to be implicated in anything that a particular sign does. Okay, so Scorpio becomes very important on the path of evolution. There are plenty of battles that a person has to go through, overcoming that monster of selfishness, until finally we begin to approach... See, the reversal of the wheel really takes place in a way before the initiatory process begins. The reversal of the wheel is what allows aspiration to manifest in a strong way and an even probationary discipleship, which has plenty of battles. So it's almost as if path of aspiration, path of probationary discipleship, and the first three initiations—five opportunities for Scorpio in different ways to manifest itself, although most characteristically we know Scorpio is connected with the second initiation. Third,

that on the Path of Discipleship three constellations control and lead up to the activity of Capricorn, at which time initiation becomes possible. *EA, p.166* So going back here, we have Gemini, Sagittarius, and Capricorn, but I don't see Scorpio. Scorpio should somehow be here. It says three constellations do what? Gemini, Sagittarius, and Capricorn. I'm surprised not to see Scorpio. Maybe there's a transition point: Scorpio on the path of evolution leads to Scorpio on the path of discipleship. We really shouldn't leave the path of discipleship without Scorpio, and of course, Scorpio is closely related to Mercury. It has a... the mind has a double power in Scorpio, and hence fits well on the path of discipleship, though D.K. tells us that in Scorpio the third ray fails to appear. But I often wonder why he doesn't implicate the other fixed signs as well about the non-appearance of the third ray. He particularly mentions it in Scorpio, but then again, in Scorpio the entire conflict has to be brought down under the physical plane, which is generically ruled by the third ray, and so in a way that third ray is there. So on the path of discipleship, three constellations control and lead up to the activity of Capricorn, at which time initiation becomes possible. *EA, p.166* Well, at least two of the constellations which are Gemini and Sagittarius... at least two of the constellations, Gemini and Sagittarius, lead up to Capricorn, and perhaps Capricorn controls before it is specifically the sign of initiation. But I would say Scorpio really should be involved on the path of discipleship, but not according to the ray we're talking about here, although I would say on the path of discipleship there are plenty of conflicts. I'm looking... I'm thinking of F.C.D. of A.S.E.J.O. League and Discipleship in the New Age—powerfully fourth ray individual, probably an initiate of the third degree, probably took that initiation in that life, it seems to me, and fourth ray very prominent, although Scorpio maybe not so prominent. So that's third... You know, there's so many intricate interrelationships here, and we have to have the opportunity to think these through. I welcome the opportunity to discuss these books with you because I think in a way it's allowing me sort of to think on my feet, as it were, and to think in a deeper way than I may have over the many years that I've studied this book. I think I can remember when I first purchased this book back in 1971, probably in the Gnostica Bookstore, something like that, thereabouts, you know, early, early in the game, maybe early in 1972, and it was an old copy of the book which I still have and which is nicely falling apart at the moment through overuse. But I remember that moment when I reached for Esoteric Astrology on the shelf and I picked it up and saw some random underlining from a previous owner of the book, and I realized that person had not really wanted to get very deeply into it. And then I have held that book for a long time, filling in many things. Okay, onward. Fourth, on the Path of Initiation the activity of all the three Crosses is felt simultaneously through the "released powers" of Taurus, Libra and Pisces. *EA, p.166* Now we do remember that for initiates it was... before... A Capricorn, Scorpio, Capricorn, and Pisces - that was what was conditioning their battle in the world. At this time, but at least in terms of the rays connected, Ray One and Ray Seven, if we're looking at how the planetary and ray conditioning of the path of initiation, we do find these particular constellations implicated. And we do want to remember that any planet, when it's functioning, will bring in a sign with which it is associated. But the sign must be associated at one of the levels of rulership. In other words, let's say if we have Uranus, and we're just the power of Aquarius, but not necessarily the power of Libra, and certainly not the power of Aries, because the individual just isn't there. We have to consider the level of rulership that is appropriate to the individual before we decide what sign that planet is bringing to that individual. You will note also that - see, okay, so we have a Fixed, Cardinal, and Mutable Cross. You will note also that the first ray influence, expressing through Pluto and Vulcan, *EA, p.166* one of which is a non-sacred planet, is only felt in a positive manner upon the Path of Discipleship. *EA, p.166* So then, what's happening with that First Ray on other phases of the path? Let's just see the degree to which Pluto and Vulcan may be involved on the Path of Discipleship. We know they are, but it's a question - well, they're not here in terms of discipleship as described here in this tabulation, because it looks like a pretty mental proposition having to do with the illumination of the mind, the Three and Five and Venus, and that sort of thing. But this is the path of will, so only upon the Path of Discipleship is the First Ray felt in a positive manner. And we might even be talking about that part of the path of discipleship which is related to initiation, because also, in a way, we realise that all initiates are, after all, disciples. This first ray potency has only lately been experienced by humanity as a whole as it neared the stage of being the world disciple, *EA, p.166* You kind of wonder about the effect of the 1825 Shamballa impact - impact of 1825 - and the subsequent Shamballa impacts of 1975 and the year 2000, not to forget the possibility of a kind of Shamballa impact occurring during the - almost occurring in the First World War. But that would have been more even a solar impact, which would have been astonishing. But the Solar Logos almost intervened in the third year of the late war - it's called the First World War - but it wasn't necessary. So it's only lately been experienced by humanity as a whole. Now that would be almost 200 years ago, but in terms of when the Tibetan had written the book, it would have been about 110 years. and vast numbers relatively stood upon the Path of Discipleship and Probation. Hence the recent discovery of Pluto and the sensed power of Vulcan, veiled by the potency of Mercury and hidden behind the planet. *EA, p.166* Now there is one of those occult hints,

and some have followed that out to say, "Well, Mercury is always within three degrees - Vulcan always within three degrees of Mercury - and it's literally hidden behind the planet." But some who have researched the matter more thoroughly have said that's not really possible. So it's a qualitative veiling behind the potency of Mercury and hidden behind the planet. I think the Vulcan researcher David Walters has come up with good reasons and good interpretation of this, or at least the interpretation that we cannot say that it's literally hidden behind the planet Mercury. But this is giving a very powerful hint, and certainly Vulcan is in an intra-mercurial orbit. One of the astrologers I studied with, Charles Jayne, said there's also another intra-mercurial planet, and I think Master K.H. said so as well - maybe it's in the Mahatma Letters. But Charles Jayne identified that other intra-mercurial planet as Adonis. Whether or not this is factual, time will tell, but he did know what he was doing. So the potency of Mercury - Mercury and Vulcan oftentimes show up in the same decanate involved with initiation, and I'm thinking particularly about the third decanate of Capricorn, where the Sun, Mercury, and Vulcan all are appearing. And I think we'll have a chance to study that very shortly. And there's already one we have discovered - we're talking also about a union of these three. That's not what I wanted. Um, what I wanted was my table of decanates, if I can find that without undue, uh, search. Let's see. You know, you have to go through a great number of searches as you do this, so this is more... And I'll just... yes, decanate graphics, and this would be a graphic here. And if we make it quite big, we would have the following. Okay, this... and at the very end, uh, Nicholas... this is his... A lot of these are his interpretation. The various interpreters of decanates that I know about are Nicholas Nelenn, Holger Staunsberg, Stephen Pugh, a little bit myself here too. And there are always differences. But here, at the very last part of Mercury of Pisces, we have the Sun, Mercury, and Mars. So Sun and Mercury are brought in there, but not Vulcan. At the very last part of Capricorn, we do have the Sun and Vulcan, and I think Mercury should also be included. So this is the wheel of... how can I call it? This is the wheel of form, I believe, on the inside, and the wheel of consciousness on the outer... on the outer side. All right, um... Yeah. Now, um, going on... well, not... one shouldn't really go on, um... Vulcan and Mercury... yeah, well, how can we relate them? The potency of Mercury is strong for illumination, but the potency of Vulcan is mighty for illumination and produces an incredible blaze of sort of first ray light, the kind of thing which overcame Saint Paul on the road to Damascus, which leads to the blinding influence which helps, I would say, with the blotting out of all form, blotting out the light of form that can happen at the third degree under the satori experience, illumination, enlightenment experience. Mercury can still see the form very well in the illumination, but with Vulcan, the blaze of light is so strong that we do have the blotting out of the light of form, and later in Rule Nine, the lighting out of all form. So that's the potency. You know, he said, "Well, Neptune is hidden behind the Moon, and not so many people can stand the unveiled Neptune." In other words, if the Moon slid away and Neptune were fully revealed, it would cause increasing... a great increase in sensitivity. You might almost be overwhelmed by all the influences that came in, Neptune being such a indicator of receptivity. Well, the same here, in a way, with Mercury and Vulcan. It's an illumination... illumination relationship. They both have fourth ray: Mercury as the soul, and I think Vulcan as a part of the monad. But there's this blinding light of Vulcan, which is hidden behind the ordinary illumination of Mercury, I think. It's that. And "hidden behind the planet"—is that literal or is that metaphorical? So, you know, here we have, in a way, Mercury veiling Vulcan. That's an interesting connection: Mercury veiling Vulcan. Normally, we have the Sun veiling Vulcan, Neptune, or Uranus, and we have the Moon veiling Vulcan, Neptune, or Uranus, or maybe sometimes the Sun veiling Jupiter in case of Leo, perhaps. But here we have Mercury veiling Vulcan, and they really are involved in some of these initiatory experiences, I think. When we read through the final decanate of Capricorn, we will learn that all three of these planets are involved in that blaze of light which produces the third initiation in Capricorn, at least. If all of those three planets are to be maximally potent in Capricorn, it probably will be the third degree. This doesn't mean, of course, that people cannot achieve other initiations in Capricorn also, with a measure of illumination and a measure of spiritual will, and, you know, that those planets can't be involved in that way—they can, of course. I'm calling the Sun a planet; it's not, really, but the convention is to call it thus in astrology. Okay, so he has elaborated here on the interrelations of these rays, planets, and signs at the different stages of evolution. And we always learn more when we can make a relationship, because the connection between things... in the connection between things, the light breaks forth. There's an arcing as we relate to things; there's an arc of light which is created, and we understand something more about the two things than in isolation we understand them in relationship. <wraps quote>Second ray influences and potencies are abidingly present and pour into our planetary sphere and life, via the Sun (veiling a hidden planet) and Jupiter. *EA*, p.167</wrap> And I, you know, a hidden what? Um, let's say non-sacred planet, although the Sun is very sacred. And, uh, secondary influences pour in via the Sun as a star because the solar Logos has a secondary personality and secondary soul. But via the Sun, secondary influences do reach us, um, through a hidden, undiscovered—I think non-sacred—planet. I think Dr. Baker speculates about this, and the Tibetan seems to suggest it when it lists the Sun

as a non-sacred planet, and the Moon too, of course. But the Sun is certainly not a non-sacred planet. The Sun is the most sacred entity in our solar system, so it's a veil. And there is a non-sacred planet somewhere here, and the question is: where? Some have linked this planet with so-called Planet Isis, which is way out there, maybe with a period of some 360 years around the Sun— a speculative planet, undiscovered, hypothesized. But you would think that Planet Isis, way out there, might be more like a past master and more like one that was actively a sacred planet but now is simply in a supervisory role. But that's too far for me to venture into. I just know that Isis has a strong secondary connection and a strong connection with the sun. It could be that, although it could be a planet that is not discovered, still within the boundary of Pluto and Jupiter—of course, which is the sacred, especially the sacred secondary planet closely related to our Sun. Sometimes Jupiter and the Sun are so much alike in some ways. The Sun being the eye of Jupiter, as it has been called—but it really has a different meaning, you know, the eye of the deity of a greater deity. But sometimes the sun can be considered as veiling Jupiter, as is hinted in the Leo chapter. These sweep the forces of Leo, Sagittarius, Pisces, Aquarius and Virgo into and through our entire planet and all its kingdoms in nature. *EA, p.167* So let's take a look at what is really being said there, because remember now what really is being said is that planets—planets conduct zodiacal energies, bring them in. And we cannot speak of planetary energies alone without considering that through them come zodiacal energies. Yeah, so let's look at how this will, um, how this will play out. Leo obviously is related to the sun. Is it also related to the undiscovered, uh, hidden—the hidden secondary planet? Sagittarius related Jupiter. Pisces related to Jupiter. Aquarius is related to Jupiter. Now he's getting to the esoteric rulerships, and Virgo is related to Jupiter hierarchically. So he has allowed here all manner of rulerships. D.K. has allowed all manner of rulerships when speaking of how the energies of these constellations sweep into our planet and all kingdoms. And it wouldn't be surprising—the entire solar system. So these all have a strong Ray 2 connection. The Sun mainly responsible for Leo here, although you can't help but think that this other hidden secondary planet—presumably it's a secondary planet because the Sun is said to be a non-sacred secondary planet—and then Jupiter found in all of these other signs. So if we wonder how it is that, uh, signs of the zodiac or constellational energy reaches us, it's via the planets that are their rulers or their ray rulers. In other words, if, for instance, first ray comes from Aries, then that first ray is represented by Vulcan and Pluto, even though neither Vulcan or Pluto is the standard ruler of Aries. But again, that first ray is also represented by Mercury and Uranus and Mars. So what an interlocking network of related energies we do have! So Leo, Sagittarius, Pisces, Aquarius, and Virgo—that second ray is the predominant ray of our solar system and of our planet because it has a secondary soul, and it is present on all the aspects of the path. And these are the constellations that bring it in. Now notice above that the hierarchical rulers were not considered. I don't, uh, well, yeah, I guess they were on the path of the discipleship. Venus is a hierarchical ruler is considered, yes. But Uranus is a hierarchical ruler even on the path of initiation because it's hierarchical in Aries and even veiled hierarchical ruler and Leo is not considered. Pluto hierarchical Pisces and Venus hierarchical Pisces, but notice that Aries, which really has Uranus as a hierarchical ruler, is not considered. Although Aries is a major sign of initiation, becoming even stronger in future days, and is very much related with Libra to the Great Bear and general first ray energies, hierarchical rulers, however, are not considered on the path of evolution and not even esoteric rulers on the path of discipleship, because the rays are the most important thing here. Saturn is considered as an esoteric ruler of Capricorn, but... and Venus a hierarchical ruler of Capricorn? Well, maybe not. Maybe not. Maybe that's not how it works. Uh, Venus is considered as the esoteric ruler of Gemini. Yeah, that's it, not a hierarchical ruler. Two hierarchical rulers are found on the Path of Initiation: Vulcan and Pluto, but they're also esoteric rulers as well. Uranus is only listed as an esoteric ruler of Libra and not a hierarchical ruler. Otherwise, Aries would be present on the path of initiation, and Aries really should be present in a way, certainly the will to initiate, and because Aries is the major first-ray sign and we're talking about the first ray, and because the seventh ray comes through it as well. But, you know, D.K. will put things in, leave things out, and we have to try to understand why he does this. Okay. We're moving from the above. Few points: hints can be gathered together as to the interlocking forces of all the 12 constellations, and one day... uh, maybe it's already been done. One can sit down, and I think I've been doing it, you know, at a certain point. But I... I start these books, and I... As that, the interlocking forces of all the 12 constellations, so constellations to constellations, constellations to planets either through rulership or ray, and constellations to rays. Turn simple. So, and we could do that with each of the signs of the zodiac, each of the constellations. [split 4] text 04 From the above few points, hints can be gathered together as to the interlocking forces of all the twelve constellations, as they pour into and through all the kingdoms in nature, *EA, p.167* The kingdoms of nature themselves being ruled by different rays, and the assignments of those rays are various. You know, we can always think of the mineral kingdom is ruled by one and seven, the vegetable by two and six and four, the animal kingdom by six and three with a nascent five coming in, the human kingdom by the fourth ray, but also the fifth kingdom of souls by the

fifth ray, the kingdom of planetary lives: well, third ray and sixth ray again, perhaps. Kingdom of solar lives: ray one and seven, the opposite of the mineral kingdom. Hints can be gathered as to the interlocking forces of all the 12 constellations. He's pointed us in the right direction as they pour into and through all the kingdoms of nature, which are operating throughout the entire solar system, carrying with them also not only their own individual potencies *EA, p.167* The individual potencies mean the potencies of each one of those constellation lords, and I'll write that down: "Potencies of the constellational C.L.s." C.L.s? No, not really. A constellation lords. but also those of the seven rays, *EA, p.167* and we know how that goes. We can review it. Ray one through Aries, Leo, and Capricorn. Ray two through Gemini, Virgo, and Pisces. Ray three through Cancer, Libra, and Capricorn. Ray four through Leo... uh, uh, Sagittarius and Aquarius? Wait, yeah, is that... no. Ray four through Taurus, Sagittarius, and... and, uh, Scorpio. Okay. Ray five through Leo, Sagittarius, and Aquarius. Ray six through, um, Virgo, Sagittarius, and Pisces. And ray seven through Aries, Cancer, and, uh, Capricorn. So, carrying not only their individual potencies, which are different from the rays they transmit, but also the energies of the seventh ray... seven rays, focussed through the sacred and non-sacred planets— *EA, p.167* But the rays that are transmitted through the constellations come through those planets, even though the planet may have a different ray. I mean, look, you know, let's take a look, uh... Yeah, Mercury is one of the rulers of Aries, esoteric ruler. Well, it's a fourth ray planet, but first ray is coming through, um, Aries, and so a seventh ray. And therefore, Mercury will be a transmitter, not an emitter, but a transmitter of first ray and seventh ray, even though it's a fourth ray... third ray... fifth ray planet. So the rays begin to pile up, and the planet can emit its own ray, perhaps, but transmit a higher ray. So here comes the 12 constellations with their own nature. Each has... each is a... is a being with its own definitive nature, regardless of what rays that may be associated with, what planets it may be associated with. Each of these is a planetary lord with its own definitive nature. Okay, and also the seven rays focus through the sacred and non-sacred planets, but being constellational rays as well, the discovered and undiscovered planetary Lives. *EA, p.167* Okay, we have a number of things operating: sacred and non-sacred, but discovered and undiscovered or hidden - hidden sometimes near to discovery, but hidden. It has been occultly said - the division of these powers. Notice how he's talking about this in the Capricorn chapter as if you're on the mountaintop, able to see all these things simultaneously. It has been occultly said that a vision of these powers and their many weaving lines *EA, p.167* Notice the third ray idea there - third ray - so comes through Capricorn. There are many interweaving lines (seen as rivers and streams of light) is given to the initiate from the mountain top of Capricorn, once that summit has been reached. *EA, p.167* And I would think, you know, especially if the initiate is working along the third or fifth line, and maybe the second... uh, maybe not to the initiates of all rays, but especially I would think, especially third, fifth, and even second ray. But, you know, let's see. And let's try to remember: when that happens, it is at the Transfiguration initiation *EA, p.167* ruled - uh, archetypally by Capricorn - that this vision appears before the eyes of the astounded disciple. *EA, p.167* Notice he's an initiate, but he's still called a disciple. All are disciples - even the Christ himself is a disciple. So it is at this transfiguration initiation that this vision appears before the eyes of the astounded disciple. Must be something to behold, and if beheld, to remember. From the mountaintop of Capricorn, once that summit has been reached... So Capricorn has so much to do with the great interlocking energies because of its third and... and implied fifth ray nature. So much can be seen panoramically and penetratively from the mountaintop of Capricorn. The great experiences upon the various mountain tops as related in the Bible have all to do with Capricorn. Moses, the Lawgiver on Mount Sinai, is Saturn in Capricorn imposing the law of karma upon the people. *EA, p.167* Now you kind of wonder about Moses - he was said, along with Muhammad, to be born in Aries. I believe that's, uh... might be in The Labours of Hercules. I have the quote: Moses and Muhammad in the Aries. But you kind of wonder, because it is a mountaintop experience for Moses, and he's so identified somehow with the third initiation, with the rending of the veil at the third initiation, bringing the law. Because the lawgiver had to go to the mountain to get the law, and it is, uh... the Ten Commandments under Saturn. As far as the higher law of love, it's not that he brought that down - he brought down a Saturnian law, bringing the law of karma to an unruly people, people who had gone backwards in... uh, retrogressing into the age of Taurus and worshipping the... the lower energy connected with Taurus. So in the, um, tenth rule found in The Rays and Initiations, the lawgiver is one of those who rent the veils, and we have to assume that Capricorn was probably a big part of his nature. Otherwise, in a way, what was he doing on the mountain? So we can ask, uh, was Capricorn also, with Aries, a strong part of the... part of the horoscope of the lawgiver? Uh, Master Morya presumably has Moses - at least that's one of the assumptions, though there are issues of timing involved there. And I think Philip Lindsay, in his excellent book The Hidden History of Humanity, suggests that the taking down of the Ten Commandments may have been a much earlier event than we suppose it to have been. Okay, now he's going to, you know, get into the idea of Moses and the Jewish people. Although Moses was also said to have been an Egyptian aristocrat who was an initiate, but must have had a

very strong connection - karmic connection - with the Jewish people. Was this Master Morya? If it was, it will be quite an amazing light on the history of the Jews, because he is considered to be also King Solomon, who is... definitely was a great initiate. Um, okay. So Moses, symbolically at least, is Saturn in Capricorn imposing the law of karma upon the people. And once he's done that, it seems to have followed them all the way because the Jewish people is ruled by Capricorn in the personality, and at this present time with Pluto ruling through the person going through Capricorn, along with the charts of a number of other nations, there will be great changes, I think, for the Jewish group, especially through Israel, I suspect. But Australia and Greece... wow, look at Greece, huh, with its Capricorn personality. Australia is involved there. India is involved in one other I'm not remembering which it is, but there's one other. I do believe a clue to the significance of the Jewish people as a karmic clearing house can be found here. <EA, p.167—whatever that means, I suppose it means that when you have a lot of karma, you can be born into that group for the clearing of that karma—can be found here. When there is great karma, be born into the Jewish group for the clearing of that. Come, of course we have to also think about the idea that many of the Jewish groups seem to stay together and to re-enter and to reincarnate repeatedly in that group, although I think it's possible for many people to pass through the Jewish group and without necessarily having a long history with it. And such was the case for some of the disciples in D.K.'s group. R.S.U. was one of them, and maybe F.C.D. could be considered as one of them, although D.K. said he had overcome that particular Jewish conditioning long ago. Does it necessarily mean that one was associated with the previous solar system? I would say it doesn't necessarily mean that. In other words, the original nomads from the previous solar system can even now, I suspect, be found in many different groups, but they will be strongly conditioned by the third ray of that system. Okay, so anyway, karmic clearing house, and that means everything has to pass through it and karma is cleared. What a tremendous clearing of karma occurred in the Second World War, and I won't say especially for the Jewish group, but certainly in a way vocally for the Jewish group, even though that is being denied today for inglorious reasons. But anyway, it must have been a great liberation that occurred for many to pass through such terrible circumstances, but liberating them for a wider effectiveness once the karma has been cleared. So he says, Ponder on those words “a karmic clearing house.” EA, p.167 I guess he's talking about, you know, sort of banking terminology where checks, I guess, and certain kinds of financial papers have to pass through clearing house before they are sent on. I'm not sure it's so prevalent today with electronic methods, but in those days it was—everything had to pass through that. So that when there is a great buildup of karma, I suppose passing through the Jewish group is a way to expiate that karma rather rapidly. The Mount of Transfiguration— that's not Mount Sinai, but The Mount of Transfiguration in the New Testament is Venus in Capricorn when love and mind and will meet in the person of the Christ, EA, p.167 Love and mind, the second ray and the third ray, the soul and the personality, and he was—and really, you know, in a way the present solar system and the previous one— and “He was transfigured” before all men. EA, p.167 And that's what we all, as a race and as groups of disciples, have to look forward to: to climb that mountain of transfiguration with the three aspects of the personality prostrate before the glorified Christ. So we have Mount Sinai, the mountain of the law, and we have the Mountain of Transfiguration. At the same time, He received the vision of the Father EA, p.167 That's where vision—he received the vision of the Father and of what He had to do as He “went up to Jerusalem,” EA, p.167 Well, in a way you had to go down to the actual Jerusalem, but going up to Jerusalem is Shamballa, so indeed it's an up rather than a down. And so that vision relating to Shamballa was conferred upon the Christ at the time when the monad makes itself more consciously impressive at the third initiation. It's not just about love and wisdom; it's also about will, and that's where Vulcan comes in at the third initiation. It's a Vulcan-Venus connection, and I suppose it's a big connection between the top of the head and the forehead, and also coming to the back of the skull where Pluto could be involved in the sort of base of the spine center of the head itself. So he had to, At the same time, He received the vision of the Father and of what He had to do as He “went up to Jerusalem,” the place of death EA, p.167 which is Shambala. Of course, it was a literal death for Master Jesus that the Christ was overshadowing, the place of death and likewise the city of peace. EA, p.167 as Shambala is the only center of true peace on our planet at this time. This Jerusalem is Pisces. EA, p.167 Well, you think about Venus is the planet of peace exalted in Pisces, and as Pisces takes from all the signs and Jerusalem or Shambala accumulates all the signs and distributes them accordingly, that's the place of the ultimate sacrifice and it's the place of the great savior who is Sanat Kumara and who is somehow the great sacrifice. He is the great sacrifice. He is Pisces. We think about Sanat Kumara under the influence of Pisces. Actually, he's under the influence of all the signs, but S.K. under the influence of Pisces is the great sacrifice. And of course, the Master Jesus made a corresponding sacrifice, and the Lord Christ made an even greater sacrifice in the Garden of Gethsemane, in which he, in a Piscean manner, said, “Not my will, but thine be done,” as he surrendered to, at the sixth initiation, to great will of Sanat Kumara, which laid out before him the way in which he could become what was intended to be the world savior for two consecutive

processional ages: that of Pisces and that of Aquarius. In Aquarius, *EA, p.167* toward the end of his life, Christ, through the Master Jesus, Christ put His disciples in touch with the "man, bearing a pitcher of water," *EA, p.167* It was kind of a prophecy: "You will meet this man and you will be led to the upper room." He is Aquarius, and he's a foretelling, an Aquarian destiny for his disciples and how they have to prepare for that, having the last supper where they will break bread together. the "man, bearing a pitcher of water," Aquarius, and in the upper room introduced them to union and unity under the symbolism of the union feast. *EA, p.167-168* It's the union and unity that is to be experienced by all, or at least by many— by many, I'll say—during the age, during the age of Aquarius. For that feast, humanity is today preparing, *EA, p.168* Really requires sharing, doesn't it? Of course, now under Libra, a great adjustment is occurring between the haves and the have-nots, even within the same country, especially within the same country. For a long time, we've had the north-south divide, and I don't know how much readjustment there has been between the haves and have-nots globally considered, but now within countries, I think it's liable to be more effective. The disparity between the rich and poor in countries is now being adjusted. It's not tolerated any longer. For that feast, humanity is today preparing, as we saw when studying the last constellation. *EA, p.168* which was Aquarius, bringing union, unity. You know, we're talking about Jupiter here. We're talking about the second ray. Jupiter transmitting for disciples of the world the qualities of Aquarius. We're talking about the group consciousness of Aquarius and the circulation of energies and forces which will go a long way, I think, towards eliminating the huge disparities between the energetically rich and the energetically poor. Of course, you can't quite help that in terms of evolution because people have either accumulated a great deal of energy and can distribute it through merit, or they have not. So we have spiritually the rich and the poor, but in terms of that which gives material opportunity, we can eliminate these huge discrepancies. The astrological significance of the New Testament is as yet little understood. *EA, p.168* and D.K. has done a good job of elucidating at least some of this. Christ was born in Capricorn, *EA, p.168* Well, the Master Jesus was certainly born in Capricorn, but Jesus, signifying that which would carry the Christ light, he was born in Capricorn. We are told, perhaps under, as a rising sign, the sign Virgo. fulfilled the law under Saturn, *EA, p.168* for a long time, maybe for 30 years, although it is said that he went elsewhere to learn. But 30 is a third ray division, and so the fulfilling of the law for the first 30 years of life before he began his mission under the second ray seems appropriate. initiated the era of intelligent brotherhood under Venus *EA, p.168* which will be the ruler of the third decanate of Aquarius and is the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn. So there's a very strong connection between Capricorn and, uh, Aquarius through the decanate ruler of Aquarius and the hierarchical ruler of Capricorn initiated the era of intelligent brotherhood under Aquarius under Venus. And that has not yet taken place, but all the indications of how it can be done have been given. We have simply to follow that which is of the Christ in the New Testament, and intelligent brotherhood will come about. And there will be initiates, perhaps quite a many second degree initiates I would expect in the age of Aquarius, but some third degree initiates. And in both cases, Capricorn and Aquarius will be involved, and Venus will be involved. and is the perfect example of the Capricornian initiate who becomes the world Server in Aquarius, and the world Saviour in Pisces, *EA, p.168* And this is um, discussing the union of both the Christ and the Jesus expression. Jesus was not yet the world savior. It was truly the Christ was the world savior, but certainly Jesus was a great world server, especially under the tutelage of the Christ. Jesus was the Capricornian initiate. He had taken the third initiation as Joshua the High Priest. So the incarnations of Jesus have been given by the Tibetan, some of the significant ones: Joshua the son of Nun, Jeshua the priest, Joshua the High Priest, and finally Master Jesus taking the fourth initiation. So that's his history, sort of from the second initiation through the fourth. And then we're told as Apollonius of Tyana, which in my suspicion is Apollonius as a disciple of Master Jesus giving the Master Jesus his body for use in a tulku kind of fashion, with Master Jesus taking the fifth initiation at that time through the vehicle of Apollonius of Tyana. So that's like five initiations of the initiate Jesus until he becomes the Master Jesus. So these are all the things that happen in the New Testament. Christ was born in Capricorn, maybe quite literally so, although people have fished around for the birth of the Master Jesus, thinking it could have been an Aries, could have been here or there. But I think it makes sense in Capricorn, fulfilling the law under Saturn, which he certainly did. And that job of being a carpenter—Master Jesus as a carpenter is a very Capricornian Saturnian thing—deals with density, concretion. Some of these stories have said that he used to make crosses, which would be incredibly ironic. Initiated the era of intelligent brotherhood under Venus, and I think that would have to be the Christ through Jesus who did this and is the perfect example. And here we have the combination of their two lives as the Capricornian initiate, because long ago Christ was that who became the world server in Aquarius—and long ago Christ was that—but the Master Jesus was becoming that and the world's savior in Pisces, and Christ through Jesus could be that, thus completing the round of the zodiac and able to say triumphantly in Pisces "It is finished." *EA, p.168* And that is Master Jesus speaking—that's not the Christ, I believe. So Master Jesus speaking, meaning that it is no longer necessary for him to take incarnation in the

usual form, at least, although you know he has his mayavirupa, I believe, and he took a further initiation as Apollonius of Tyana. So, um, and you know that whole Apollonius thing is so important to sort out because it looks like Apollonius was, um, how can we say, he had a long—he had a long life, and he was born, uh, before Master Jesus or the initiate Jesus died. So how could Apollonius be Jesus? But the way it could be, of course, is that Apollonius was the disciple of Jesus, and we all know that just the way the Christ took the body of Jesus, so Jesus could take the body of Apollonius. So it seems to me, anyway, completing the round of the zodiac as a fourth degree initiate, Master Jesus could triumphantly say, “It is finished.” “My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?” can mean many things. It can mean the solar Angel returning to the heart of the Sun, Master Jesus left on his own in a way in relation to his own inner God, the Monad. We have to see who's talking, because it was the Christ overshadowing the Master Jesus, I believe, on the cross. But who is speaking? And so often it seems that it is the Master Jesus speaking, but still overshadowed by the Christ. Okay. What a wonderful chapter this is! Uh, so deep. The whole book is such a gift to humanity. What a gift! And uh, the most occult of all the Tibetan's books because dealing exclusively with energies. Although, you know, Cosmic Fire is pretty occult, but this is dealing entirely with energy, and this is one of the books that is promised to continue uh, after 2025, or perhaps in 2025. As I said, some feel they're already doing that, but there's so much to develop in what Master D.K. gave that uh, those who feel they are giving out the third dispensation at this point are, I believe, simply continuing what Master D.K. is given. And that enough—that in itself is a worthy, worthy task and worthily accomplished by some—and should be enough. When Master D.K. actually gives out his new books on esoteric astrology, we'll know it because only a master could have written it and not simply an intelligent astrologer, of which there are a few. So let us be patient. Oops, that's not a good sign. I'm getting a little interference here, and maybe it's because of what I just said. So uh, there is a problem and—oh, and that problem—that problem just ceased. That problem just ceased. Hold on. Um, just—okay, you're right in the middle of my webinar. Well, okay, if I'm finishing up a half hour—web—I have a half hour more to go, and then I'll be happy to give you a call. But right now you're in the Capricorn chapter, and you came in announced by thunder and lightning. Okay, thank you. Thank you for coming in. It could—I have Tuye's computer uh, connected, so I'm not being thrown off. But you're welcome to listen uh, just stay on mute as she is. Oh heavens, oh heavens! Okay, well there you are for posterity. Okay, I'll just continue and I'll give you a call a little later on. Okay, bye. What a world we live in! Okay, um, Kay has been so helpful in all of these webinars, and I was wondering what was going on there. Anyway, um, now we move on a little bit because we have a little more to go. Uh, and a lot more to go before we really understand esoteric astrology. The polar opposite to Capricorn is Cancer and, as you have been taught, *EA, p.168* Yes, we needed to be taught. these two signs are the two great Gates of the zodiac— *EA, p.168* sometimes called gates and sometimes called doors. The door into life of those who must know death, and the door into life of those who know no death. And there are other ways of—not sure I said that exactly correctly. Let me just check here. The door into life—life—door into—I should—or is it doorway? Door into physical incarnation, the door into hierarchy—don't—hierarchy—door into—door into—so that may not be—maybe doorway. Let's see, doorway. Well, “the doorway into life of those who must know death”—yes, that's a Cancer—just as just as the constellation Capricorn is ever regarded as another door which is esoterically called “the doorway into life of those who know not death.” Okay, so that's the quotation on page 83 where “doorway” is used and not “gate,” but it's pretty much the same. The polar opposite to Capricorn is Cancer and, as you have been taught, these two signs are the two great Gates of the zodiac—one opening the door into incarnation, into mass life, and into human experience, *EA, p.168* and that's Cancer obviously, although in a way uh, also the doorway of the externalizing hierarchy, because they have to come down into the human experience where all the mass consciousness is found, whilst the other opens the door into the life of the spirit, into the life of the Kingdom of God, *EA, p.168*—but certainly the soul, the life and purposes of the Hierarchy of our planet. *EA, p.168* I guess we're very close to what I just—maybe what I just quoted—maybe not. No, probably not. Cancer admits the soul into the world centre which we call Humanity. *EA, p.168* and that's long ago— 21 million years ago. Well, they kind of wonder when the, you know, a moon chain humanity came in, whether those incarnations were taken in any mass sense in Cancer. They already had some petals open, so they weren't in the same condition as the very early animal man who was being individualized. So Cancer admits the soul into the world centre we call Humanity. Capricorn, possessing the secret of the soul, we remember the secret of the hidden glory. Capricorn admits the soul into conscious participation in the life of that world centre which we call the Hierarchy. Libra admits the soul into the world centre which we call Shamballa, *EA, p.168* What dignity for Libra, right? You know, consider it to be a rather mild sign, but just think of what law is, think of what peace is, what right relationship is, what archetypal relationship is under Libra. Think of that, and if we began with Aries on the lowest plane, well, let's see, where are we here? We would find, you know, here's one way of doing it. Let me show you “A Treatise on Cosmic Fire,” okay? Just from this

perspective, look at here. Uh, yeah, suppose we began here with Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, and Libra. That's one way of counting, and Libra would rule the highest level of Shambhala. And certainly possible to reverse the order of counting, and we find a lot to suggest it when we find Virgo as the ruler of the monadic plane. Why should we not find Libra as one of the rulers of the plane—the highest plane of Shamballa, as far as we're concerned? There's so many ways to count, you know. Aries has everything to do with the fire, which is tremendous power that's hidden in the mineral kingdom. Taurus with desire, Gemini with mentality, Cancer with intuition, Leo with the will—spiritual will, Virgo with the monadic archetype, and Libra with the highest law in the world—in the highest world of causes. But of course, you start up here, go Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Libra, and so forth. You can do that, but there are different assignments to these planes when we consider them in relation to the Creative Hierarchies, in which case they are beginning with Leo—Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio—and then the reversal happens. Capricorn comes onto the mental plane, and Sagittarius, which would normally be on the mental plane, is coming on the emotional plane, which makes sense with the present world period, and finally Aquarius. So these interlocking connections are very interesting to study, and we can study them through many correlations which are left to us to determine. So we have Cancer, Capricorn, and Leo, Libra. I want to put these down, you know, they're so important: Cancer, Capricorn, and Libra. Two of them are signs of crisis—Capricorn and Libra—and combined with Leo, and we'll be told about that. But, um, Cancer, Capricorn, Libra—humanity, Hierarchy, and also Shamballa. Libra admits the soul—is it the soul? What is it? The soul is such a—soul is the consciousness of the monad. That's the way I'd like to think of it. The soul is not just something we find on the higher mental plane and we get rid of and no longer have, you know. All of that is not really thinking things through, because soul is a—is consciousness, and it's a cosmic principle. And our real soul—what we really are as a soul—is our consciousness as an immortal monadic being, and going well beyond our position on the higher levels of the cosmic physical plane. So we do have soul—we do have soul all the way up until we become the one soul of cosmos, which is the consciousness of the Universa Logos, which we already are. At least this is my way of thinking about it. I may sound dogmatic on this kind of thing because I've thought about it so much, but you know, I'm prepared to understand things in a different way when the time is right. Capricorn admits the soul into the conscious participation in the life of the world center we call Hierarchy. Hierarchy is a world center, Shamballa's world center, Cancer—uh, humanity is a world center. We're talking about the throat, the heart, and the head of the planetary Logos. Libra and Shamballa, ruling the royal road, ruled by the Great Bear. And as we see on page 50 of “Esoteric Astrology,” Libra—cap—uh, Aries, Great Bear, and the Sun. The Sun ruling, probably Vulcan in that case. Vulcan has a lot to do with the Great Bear because the Great Bear rules the, uh, seven head centers of the One about whom naught may be said, just as I think analogically Vulcan rules the seven head centers of man and maybe is associated with the seven head centers of the solar Logos. Libra admits the soul into the world centre which we call Shamballa, for it is the polar opposite of Aries, which is the place of beginnings. *EA, p.168* It's almost like Aries is the rising fire at the base of the spine, and finally we reach, uh, the top through Shamballa, through, through Libra in Shamballa. But we can also do it in the other way. Aries is a very indicator of a very primitive beginning as animal man, and Libra—finally you become a, uh, what can we say? In Libra you become a planetary life, because only planetary lives can really enter Shamballa. It's at the sixth level. Libra demonstrates the perfect balance of spirit and matter *EA, p.168* which first came together in Aries and had a long way to work through until finally balanced in Libra. And maybe Shamballa too represents this perfect balance of spirit and matter. All right, we're getting there. This balance and this relation of the great opposites—spirit and matter— is symbolised for us in the personality situation balancing the pairs of opposites on the astral plane, *EA, p.168* It's a symbol. Well, the great opposites are spirit and matter, okay? But we have a little foretaste of this as on the astral plane we decide what is good and what is bad, what is tending toward the spiritual part of ourselves and what is just giving in to the elemental part of ourselves. So these are higher and lower pairs of opposites. I want to say the pairs of opposites on the astral plane— particularly the higher and lower pairs of opposites we're talking about here— those tending towards the higher part of ourselves, the higher power of the soul, those tending towards matter, the tendencies of matter from the previous solar system, and finding between them the “narrow razor-edged path” which leads the man into the kingdom of the soul. *EA, p.168* Because we, you know, in the beginning we just must not be matter, we just must not be spirit. It's not safe. We cannot at first be either just spirit or matter. We are not capable of just being spirit because not only can't we do it, but we would incinerate ourselves in the attempt to do so. And we cannot be just matter, otherwise we would not progress, and the spirit located deep within our nature would be totally frustrated. It would not be able to move towards the—it would be suffocated. So one is the path of incineration—that's too much spirit too fast. The other is the path of suffocation. So let's say, look at incineration or suffocation—choose your poison. But the path of soul is the the well-balanced, noble middle path, narrow razor edge path. And it's always rising in a way, you know. We cannot think that this path of soul is simply like

this, because, you know, the relationship between spirit and matter is always rising. So the path of soul, in order to stay in the center, must always rise. We're always having a higher point of tension. So the path of soul is the middle path, and this middle path is what we will tread. There will come a time when the monad within the monadic vehicle—whoa, audio is restored. There will come a time when the monadic vehicle itself—the spirit within the monadic vehicle is a central point—and we will be more related to something still higher. We're always treading the noble middle path between the pairs of opposites, because where we are, neither one of those pairs of opposites it represents a partial condition. But the middle path represents the union of the two, which is always balanced and appropriate for the progressing consciousness. So if we say that the noble middle path, yes, is always appropriate—appropriate for the, for the advancing consciousness—even though that noble middle path is always—noble middle path is always rising. As man passes around and around the zodiac in the ordinary manner, he continually and consciously enters into life in Cancer *EA, p.168* I believe there was a kind of a clockwise sequence given early in the book which said basically Sagittarius, Leo, Cancer, and then later we had one that was more like Taurus, um, Scorpio, Capricorn in the counterclockwise direction. So as he passes around, around the zodiac in the ordinary manner, he continually and consciously enters into life in Cancer, the constellation under which the Law of Rebirth is applied and administered. *EA, p.168* Go back again into, into matter. And we were looking at that whole idea of return as one of the Lords of Karma. So it seems like the idea of return is connected also with the law of rebirth. So he's entering here, uh, clockwise, I believe, ordinary manner. He's entering Cancer in a clockwise manner, but it's only on the reverse zodiac that man learns to pass with equally conscious purpose through the gate of Capricorn. So he can enter the hierarchy, he can leave the body, he can go on to the higher mental plane. Eventually, as a member of the hierarchy, he can enter the ashram on the buddhi plane. He can have buddhi consciousness, and interestingly enough, then Cancer is related to that very buddhi consciousness through Neptune. So always the opposites kind of meet each other. But under that magnetism of the elemental life, with the fourth sign Cancer ruling in a way the four elementals as a whole, ruling in a way the elementals as they are aggregated into a personality, and with Leo representing the kind of expressiveness of the personality and the domination of the personality by the personality of its surroundings, but Cancer is definitely related to the integrated personality, bringing all those four elementals together. So uh, Cancer, the constellation under which the Law of Rebirth is applied and administered. But it is only on the reversed zodiac *EA, p.168* when the energy is moving upward in the energy system rather than just downward that man learns to pass with equally conscious purpose through the gate of Capricorn. *EA, p.168-169* And this as an initiate, and also, yes, as an initiate, and uh, in the five initiations, Five times he has to pass through that Gate in full waking consciousness *EA, p.169* I would say on the causal plane, yes, uh, let's say uh, within the causal body, because so much is forgotten. You know, it seemed that even Roberto Assagioli, who had been, it looks like, an initiate disciple or a true initiate, a third-degree initiate, even he had forgotten some of the happenings, not necessarily the third initiation, but he seemed to have forgotten his interview with the Master K.H. and the Master's ashram, about which Master D.K. had to remind him or refresh him on certain points. So the brain can be not totally responsive to all that goes on in the inner worlds, even for a high individual. Five times he has to pass through that Gate in full waking consciousness and these five happenings are frequently called the five major initiations. *EA, p.169* And there we go with that word "major." Okay, the sense in which the third initiation is called the first major initiation is different from the way "five major initiations" is here used. Sense in which the third initiation is called the first major is different from the sense in which the five major initiations is here mentioned. And I discussed this earlier in relation to the at least the two minor initiations which precede the first monastic initiation called the birth of the Christ and the heart. So Capricorn is so important for five major initiations, but from another point of view, you wonder whether it couldn't also start at the first major and rule the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh in a generic sense. But definitely the birth of the Christ is connected with the with Capricorn, definitely, because Christ is born in Capricorn. Master Jesus and the Christ consciousness born in Capricorn, and this is the case for so many people. So Capricorn is definitely connected with that birth initiation, definitely, and even with the second initiation. That's the one who crosses the water and gains control over the astral plane, because it is, after all, the fish goat or the goat fish. You know, it's the torso or the head of the goat, and the tail is the fish of Capricorn. Viewing the fourth Creative Hierarchy as a whole, the appearance and experiences of the life of the planetary Logos through the medium of the five races—two past, one present, the Aryan, and two to come—are planetary correspondences to the five initiations. *EA, p.169* But then you kind of wonder, you see, here's where you begin to wonder, because you know it's beginning at the third. In other words, we begin at the third root race. We begin at the third root race. Third root race, yes, third root race. There it is. And so do we begin at the third initiation? But the first initiation is called the Lemurian initiation, the second is called the Atlantean initiation. So we have a way of still keeping our idea the Capricorn very definitely as one of five begins with the first initiation.

and ends at the fifth, even though there is a correspondence here working from the Lemurian root race through to the seventh root race, because after all, the Lemurian is the first conscious, self-conscious root race, at least at a certain point, and it's at the midway point. Whatever that midway point really is, it's at the third, fourth, or fifth sub-race. It is the midway point, and the third, fourth, and fifth are the middle sub-races of the Lemurian root race. But as Philip Lindsay points out in his "Hidden History of Humanity," the Lemurian root race had many, many millions of years preceding the point of individualization. Anyway, that first initiation in which the bird Christ is born in the heart is called the Lemurian initiation. So I think we have a justification here for considering the major initiations as beginning from number one, although in a special sense, the first major initiation, in other words the first solar initiation, is the third. Okay. This is peculiarly interesting to study because at the time that any particular race comes into being both the doors in Cancer and Capricorn stand wide open, being then occultly aligned. *EA, p.169* Well, why would it be so? We certainly— I can only think of one reason, really. We, you know, we don't necessarily have the animal kingdom coming through that door of individualization with every root race. We don't, because, you know, root races are progressing, and the door to the animal kingdom has been almost completely closed— a little bit open, but almost completely closed. So it was closed, probably at the time when initiation began to occur, probably in Atlantean days. I have to check that for sure. But in the Aryan root race, all right, there's a strong cultivation of the intelligence of animals, and maybe a few will get through. But the door is still closed, and moving on in this particular fourth round through the various races, the door of the animal kingdom is closed. So in what sense is the gate open—both the door in Cancer and Capricorn? And I would say because, in a way, the hierarchy requires close contact with humanity in some sense as the changes of race are occurring. The third race came into being—the God-kings were there. The fourth race came into being—the hierarchy was still there, very much so, because there was shaping up a great battle—not yet, of course—but the hierarchy needed to continue its guiding when the fifth race came into being. It's all about hierarchical guidance, I think, and a special need of hierarchical energy when new root races are coming into existence. And with the sixth race coming into existence and the sixth sub-race coming in and the sixth branch race coming in, hierarchy is also making a very determined approach. So it seems that at these important points, hierarchical guidance and direction is needed. Perhaps it's all done in different ways. Perhaps there is a flow of initiates into Capricorn, but not necessarily new human beings being made. I think it's pretty much for the initiates to flow into hierarchy and for the hierarchy's initiates to be able to influence humanity in Cancer in the right way to make the transition into the new race a possibility, because after all, new qualities are needed to start a new root race. So if new qualities are needed, then perhaps the hierarchy must help in the cultivation of these new qualities. All right, friends, so where are we? Yes, we are at the point—this has been a five-hour blast. I have no idea—I certainly hope this works. It'd be heartbreaking if it didn't. So we're finishing EAA 68: A, B, C, D, E, and we are on a page here— what page are we on? Page 169. And so the last two—let's see, 169 is where we are, and if we go back far enough, we will find that, yes, when we finished section C, we were on 165. So now we're on 169. I didn't really stop at the interim between section D and E. I'm just going ahead, so A, B, C, D, and E from 165 to 169. Usually, you know, there's about two pages per hour-long program. So as we often do, I just don't want to push my luck. It's getting late here as well, and there's a long conversion involved here. So we will here say The Great Invocation together. and then send this out to you after it is converted into a usable form. It'll be a long download, I realize, but maybe I'll have our technical department break it up into sections. We can see all right, The Great Invocation. From the point of light within the mind of God, let light stream forth into the minds of men. Let light descend on Earth. From the point of love within the heart of God, let love stream forth into the hearts of men. May Christ return to Earth. From the center where the will of God is known, let purpose guide the little wills of men, the purpose which the masters know and serve. From the center which we call the race of men, let the plan of love and light work out, and may it seal the door where evil dwells. Let light and love and power restore the plan on Earth. Oh. Um. All right, friends, it's been a bit of a marathon. I'd like to keep going, but it's late and I want to convert this in the right manner, so we will go on to Esoteric Astrology Adventure number 69. This is a five-part one. We've done well over 70 programs, of course, and I hope you're able to, you know, forge ahead, forge ahead with this. And, you know, as I say, I'll get this into some sort of package so that you're not troubled with the downloading. For every downloading, you'll have it all right there in one solid item. Okay, so it's an interesting chapter on Capricorn, and we will continue with it. Until then.