

## Meeting 114: 24-Jan-2023

— From 1161 to 1172 —

Attendees: Robin, Paula, Sasa, Carole O, Gwynne M, Aaron S, Ronald,

RB: [Presentation: The Fire Triple]

GM: If I read in not a collected state ... I read it at least 3-4 times to get any impression because of my inability to take it in in a collected state. I stay in a state of friction with those centers.

RB: We have a problem with this book – if we were better than we are it would be easier for us. In order to understand parts of this book it has been necessary to break it down into sections ... almost as if it was written in another language. G chooses to do whatever he wishes with language.

I am still fairly fuzzy about this section – it is important and valuable.

I have observed people in various groups people who don't know the work. Other than in a way that was described here ... must not inner consider ... need to externally consider – repeating it from a reason of knowing. Don't know what they are talking about.

GM: Still putting yourself in your perception of the position of the other ...

RB: It is a problem. If I observe you being irritated ... try to put myself in a situation where I remember when I was similarly irritated. Seeking such resonance allows you to externally consider ... doesn't happen on day one.

GM: G Work methodology relevant to any work with other people. Trying to remember how it feels to be in that state ... trying to read what he is saying about impulse. What is he talking about: being-impulse. Wedged in there ... in that struggle to be in resonance with someone else.

RB: He says here that if we receive impressions in a particular way – the impression comes in and our response starts to become mechanical from the impulse it creates – we can't digest the impression. We might not be successful ... first thing is to bring active force to the thinking center. Even if it is an emotional impression – still thinking center receives it first. Thinking center makes the choice ... to pause and receive – so emotional center has time ... That is going to create friction. Always difficult.

In a really common situation – on a Zoom meeting when someone else wants to speak at the same time ... always inclined to let other person speak ... more of you there if you step back and let other person speak. Can tell how balanced what they are saying is by their tone – may have strong identification. Part of you – that identification causes friction.

Saying directly – I wrote this book in this way – opportunity to accept information in a way in which it could become understanding for you.

He is saying: I am an expert in human beings – hypnotised them – I know how to put information into them.

GM: When I interrupt you – my need to know is greater than my need to be polite. If I have to say what you just said, would be Gwynne interference of understanding.

Getting ready to do a massive workshop on Gurdjieff for the Theosophists. Introduction on self-observation and self-remembering. All I can do is give clues ... going to be a ton of wisecracking going on behind my back. How ... in 2 hours. My aim to bring G into the main-

stream in a way that is applicable to those who may never pick up ISOM.

These books are the philosophy behind ISOM ... all the work books. Have to read Beelzebub many times.

Going to send you the pdf and recording.

Important not to get a superficial understanding ... teaching a superficial workshop.

RB: Depends on your state. If you can devote some of your attention to staying as present as possible. Everybody read a lot of books – never encountered people who understood anything. Rina Hands said of the first page: if that's what he wrote, that's what he meant. That helped.

My experience – nobody even understood ISOM. People would have deliberately ignored ...

GM: How does being-impulse ... if not in collected state when we read and cherry-picking. G is hard.

Sophia Wellbeloved, Keith Buzzell ... great but if I can't understand where they are writing from ...

RB: You have to make it all yourself. In a group and people say things – can't afford to accept it – have to think do I think that. People have too little humility. In certain circumstances not able to think they could be incorrect. You have to assume that you are at least slightly wrong.

Dialog-based presentation – correct approach. Understanding comes from questions ... Not valuable if people sit there and agree – should be trying to put a different spin on and see where that goes.

So many people believe any old shit that comes out of conventional science. James Webb telescope showing things that existed before the Big Bang – just stupid!!

GM: My kids tell me I sound so convicted – dogma – truth is I am looking for what people know. Look like I am intelligent ... know nothing.

RB: Have some sort of separation when you articulate ...

GM: Be the observed, observer and witness. In psychology trying to instil in everybody. Teaching people how to sense their trigger and then trace back to the thoughts behind it. Est movement.

RB: Point about G's sexuality – we do not know what a man at that level should be. Coming from envy.

GM: Have to give up personality ...

Do something that no one else does. Give new information.

RB: So many things we can't understand because we have a conception of what words mean. Definition of knowledge – in most people is incorrect. Difference between understanding of knowledge. Egypt is a country in Africa is knowledge. Not same knowledge as facts of self-remembering - higher knowledge, but still only knowledge. Can treat it in the same way. Won't be able to use it because have to digest it. Can trot it out and look like you know stuff. Problem is with the word knowledge.

Everything has different meanings at levels of Ray of Creation. We are not at the level of the truth of the world of the Sun. We kind of know that if someone is talking about the Work and it is from formatory apparatus – they are lying. I have a tendency of just being brutal.

GM: Going to offer people to come and work on self-remembering and self-observation once a month for 2 hours. Want to stay with my aim. Make it practical.

Teach 50-100 people in these workshops. Had to confront them.

PS: What does this mean

When they were already seated and when Ahoon had also arrived, Beelzebub began to speak as follows:

RB: Doesn't give anything to Ahoon – always defers to Beelzebub. Ahoon not there at the beginning. Transformation going on. Atlantis – Beelzebub not in charge. Elders of the tribe – after that elders not mentioned. Beelzebub has absorbed into his being and that is the point that Ahoon arrives – Ahoon is part of his former personality. Higher part of intellect using formatory apparatus. Say you have knowledge about psychologist – haven't changed it, used it. Storage of something you can rely on.

Don't know why Ahoon has to be there ...

Sasa: How to work with Reason of Understanding. First active force, second passive force, remembering of the past and then third force ... Ahoon – formatory or remembering, taking part of passive force, so Hassein can take reconciling from active force – Beelzebub. Have 3 and passive force has to be Ahoon.

GM: Struggle with our duality in our remembering process – where is the neutralising force?

Sasa: He says first is newly perceived impressions, second existing data in location – already there, then ... new impressions from Tales from Beelzebub – Hassein is friction trying to receive.

GM: Happening and rest – contemplation thing.

RB: Thing he does with Hassein – puts reader into position of Hassein. Your favourites, your planet. If we properly received the information Hassein had received would also be weeping for humanity. Also connects with ISOM – don't only have to acquire unity in ourselves – have to acquire unity in all centers. Have to be aware of importance and link with what we already know.

Let's say we come up with something and give to others – if they don't go on and digest it, it is lost by others.

RB: I was on a Zoom call yesterday – talking about something I knew – after 15 minutes I became aware it was totally formatory. Everyone was spellbound, but I wasn't present ...

Sasa: Knowledge – levels from everyday living and knowledge from higher. Connected with what Ouspensky called A and B influences. What others understand as words we should be in a different state to absorb – Tales push us to different state to be able to absorb B influences and maybe even C influences in this work.

What Rina told you about exactness – in this chapter has contradictory sentences – never gives his opinion to Hassein and then says 'I give you my opinion' a few pages later. Plays with exactness – to put us in a different state to try to perceive. Like in movements to connect something almost impossible to produce something new.

RB: Thinking of making lists of these things – at various points appears to criticise a behaviour and then later exhibits same behaviour. Passage on Tolstoy – wrote a new gospel – he took orthodox Christian gospels and rewrote and was criticised ... but Gurdjieff is writing a new gospel. What way is what he is doing different? Most evil individual in the Tales is Lentro-

hamsanin – suggested changes be made to organisation of the world and Beelzebub is suggesting that changes be made ...

First descent to Tikliamish to persuade people not to make animal sacrifices and at the end ... insisting that people should make animal sacrifices. There is a lot of this. In each situation ... asking you to find a place in yourself to work it out.

He was telling stories ... was giving his opinion. Where do we find this in ourselves – everybody knows that the whole of the work is a contradiction – various things I cannot do, but I am trying to do them.

People fail to admit that they cannot do things. In ISOM – only super-efforts count. I have asked and ... they lie through their back teeth. It is to connect large accumulator to various centers. That is what it is.

The Work is throwing these things into your experience.

Sasa: Reason of knowing – this contradictory information ... evaporates after some time.

“Although in respect of the Sacred Triamazikamno the process of the arising of both kinds of being-Reason flows equally, yet the fulfilling factors for the actualization of its three separate holy forces are different. Namely, for the formation of the Reason-of-knowing the formerly perceived contradictory impressions crystallized in any one of the three localizations which three-brained beings have, serve as the affirming and denying factors and the new impressions proceeding from without serve in this case as the third factor.

If one center receives and other rationalises – possible to absorb.

RB: B influences are accumulative – they add to each other. In my life various things that interested me. Dowsing, hypnotism, yoga ... then came in contact with the Work and amplified and met someone who was in the Work – it was over – life as a normal man over – magnetic center forces you to live another life.

Sasa: Influence C – how you talk about Rina Hands.

RB: It is. I thought about it for years – what was she. She had 2 groups: London group and Northern group. I was part of both groups and when she died, I left. I thought about times when she told me things and asked was she conscious – concluded she was. She was C influence – didn't have a powerful impact on all, only some. I had other experiences because of my experiences with Rina.

If people ask me whether I believe in God – I say I believe in something higher, because I experienced it. Can't tell them about it. I had a vision of Christ at one point in time – my grandfather 100 years before also had a vision of Christ – was told about it later when he was dead. Am I part of a bloodline, or is all of that an accident? One of the reasons for wanting a better unity than I experience is to resolve the confusion – because I really don't know.

GM: You could be a merovoginian...I also have had 2 visions of the Christ.

RB: Question that comes to mind – Hassein is sobbing. Beelzebub is pleased.

PS: Facing the corner of the room ... significant?

RB: Should we be looking to respond in the way that Hassein response. Information about massacre in Ukraine – sad that human beings would need to do that.

PS: My reaction also to that kind of news – sad – it is overwhelming ...

RB: So many people give to charity ...

PS: Possibly to feel that they are ‘doing’ something – I don’t think they can in reality.

RB: What was Gurdjieff trying to do? Look at what Gurdjieff did and no idea how he was trying to achieve ... setting up Prioure, American groups, writing music ... amazing contributions. What was it for?

This chapter he is very definite – making the point he has given the possibility of higher level of reasoning than you now have. Whoever received it?

PS: And what scale was required?

Ronald: Down to individual dinners at the end.

RB: One group – making the meals, toasting idiots, movements classes, readings.

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## US Session

Attendees: Robin, Paula, Robert P, Sandra W, Ronald, Bobbie P, Stephen F, John A, Gary R, Jeff, James O’D

RB: [Presentation: The Fire Triple]

SF: In previous readings ... reason of knowing and reason of understanding always under debate. Still don’t have experiential distinction between two processes. Something at enters and then entirely disappears vs something that enters into my essence. How the three forces work. New impression is neutralising and reason of understanding is activating force.

Unless you are there and present for the receiving not a new impressions – can’t become food and I can’t operate like a three brained being – can’t digest anything.

SW: I think I understand this whole chapter. Really like – one of the best things I have read. Full of compassion. Particularly in the last page.

Information and knowing settle ... knowledge is random and transitory. Most data carries no significance at all for welfare of their existence. Knowledge fades away and information becomes a permanent part of your essence.

Says body serves the essence. Essence is the chief part of the being and the body must serve ... demand no more than is possible from the body.

Localisations – centers ... “I find it necessary to repeat that the ‘active mentation’ in a being and the useful results of such active mentation are in reality actualized exclusively only with the equal degree

functionings of all his three localizations of the results spiritualized in his presence, called 'thinking-center,' 'feeling-center,' and 'moving-motor-center.'"

Been told it for years and here it came through. Acquiring any part of knowledge for it to be part of coating the soul or kesdjan body, all three centers have to be involved.

SF: Experience when you have all three parts involved.

SW: Looked for them today. Physical experience – have to dispose of something and have to conserve it – physical thing, remembered impression and emotional reaction in terms of memories of the past. Physical – can throw it away, mental – where did it come from? Not really a new impression.

Noticed – talking about the octave – centers of gravity – octave, starting a 'do'. P1167

"And for the Reason-of-understanding these factors are as follows: the first, that is the 'sacred-affirming,' is the newly perceived impressions of any localization which has at the given moment what is called 'the-center-of-gravity-functioning'; the second or 'sacred-denying' is the corresponding data present in another of his localizations; and the third factor is what is called the 'being-Autokolizikners,' or as they otherwise call it 'Hoodazbabognari,' the sense of which name signifies, 'the results of the persevering actualizing of the striving towards the manifestation of one's own individuality.'

To me this is 'do' in all the centers

Third is persevere in spiritual pursuit of own individuality.

SF: Take the reason of knowing – mundane example.

... previously received contradictory impressions. What car to buy: racy and cool vs low maintenance. Friend tells me not to think about the first – new impression comes in and neutralises. New impression creates a synthesis. Leaves you with nothing – a lot of mouse-eaten half-facts.

SW: Receiving a suggestion – form of hypnosis.

SF: Trying to understand in terms of forces.

In reason of understanding, the impression is sacred affirming. Has to be activating me in some way. Having an impression never had before – waking me up. Confuses me – corresponding data – in my emotional center? Maybe. An experience? Third factor, seems to be completely dependent on self-remembering. Awake to what is happening within me – present to it.

RB: End of the first of these two paras. Namely, for the formation of the Reason-of-knowing the formerly

perceived contradictory impressions crystallized in any one of the three localizations which three-brained beings have, serve as the affirming and denying factors and the new impressions proceeding from without serve in this case as the third factor.

Not going to change ... will go out of your focus at some point and will have to be refreshed for you to have recourse to it – not been digested, just been stored.

Second thing – occupying position of making decision and reconciling with other information you have and neutralising force attempts to perfect yourself.

Let's say information about the Work that you hadn't heard before – start to try to include it in what you already know – perhaps new information about how we make judgements. Against information you already have – which you know – driving force is self-perfection.

I have a lot of interaction with information about The Work – my best attempt at understanding is this – now this new information has arisen, can digest that.

RP: Example of Hasein – p1164 – previous accidental association – can't have second being food – bliss – feeling center. Very happy with that result. Understanding in emotional side that doesn't jibe with other parts of associations.

Jeff: Something there too about the tempo in the example you were discussing – to do with higher emotional experience. Hasein not accustomed to – balancing tempo of new experience.

I agree with what Robin was saying – top of p1168. Being-Partkdolg-Duty – associated with reconciling force of Reason of understanding.

SW: Tempo ... newly acquired subjective tempos – harmony?

RB: Tempo refers to relative speed – usually with respect to music – time, season (Latin). Certain experiences are different tempo. P1162 – Hasein saying

“Do not worry about me, my dear Grandfather, this state of mine will soon pass. Evidently during the last ‘dionosk’

I actively pondered a great deal and in all probability, from this unaccustomed ‘newly tempoed’ functioning, the general tempo of the functioning of the whole of my common presence has changed.

My experience says every not and then at some event in the Work, the tempo changes. Ended up confused about this because of Peter Ouspensky insisting that the moving center works 28K times faster than the thinking center. I fell down the stairs once – doing it slowly – same as normal speed, but something doing it slowly. Car accident ... nothing like 28K, but different.

SF: Guide and index – throughout the book. Key word.

RB: Aside from literal definition – speed – don't know what is meant.

BP: Gradual equally important. Comes to me in trying to learn a movement. Takes all three parts of myself – every now and then comes together. Can see these ingredients coming to-

gether.

SW: ... not require of it more than it is able to give. P1171

P1172 “Besides this question of Justice, it is necessary to act toward the unconscious part of a being in such a way as to make it possible for certain functions to remain inactive from time to time, in order that it might be always possible for this unconscious part gradually and in its time to blend its newly acquired subjective ‘tempos’ with the objective ‘tempos’ of our common Megalocosmos.

RB: In me it began to think ... thinking center just a function. Like a crossword – thinking center will just think ... idea that a large number of our thoughts are consequences of thinking center doing some thinking.

Piece of information from Madame de Salzman – all the centers are just functions – parts of me that were identified with my response to things as if it was ‘me’ – just one of my functions. Can take decisions – but have to be there.

SF: Insomnia last night and tried to put attention n breathing and watched my brain explode in random thoughts.

RB: You have seen it at least. Maybe have to see it three or four times to know what to do about it.

SW: Information – permanently part of your essence.

RB: In ISOM – these ideas come from higher mind. We are trying to digest them so that we have same material that higher mind has and accurately represented in ourselves so that we can use them.

Other incidence where he goes passive ... later fact ensuing ... remembered in me by association. To say I remember would indicate some kind of unity in order to remember it.

SF: Explaining to Hassein why he chose to teach him in a certain sequence, certain pace. Ego-plastikoori – this book – meeting 114 – has this created new Egoplastikoori? Talking to me at that time?

RB: Things he does that are not usual – Mullah Nassr Eddin. As soon as something is needed it is filthy and eaten by mice ... never been able to get it out of my head since I first read it. Like a bad advert – except that he is claiming he stuck them in you and somewhere that is useful. Nobody reads this book as it is supposed to be read – as if out loud to someone else ... asking you to do a three centered activity – vocal chords, intellectual center – to parse the words, and emotional center – to consider the audience.

Third reading – try to understand what it means – things that are too hard. I can’t quite articulate what okidanokh is – have a lot of information – believe when I can thoroughly understand will have a better understanding of the Tales. Good idea to do that with the word tempo.

PS: Tempo of the filling of the vessels?

SW: Okidanokh – re-read chapter on electricity – omnipresent cosmic substance okidanokh.



Uses those descriptors.

RB: As soon as you hone in on that ... omnipresent cosmic substance – as far as modern science is concerned there is no such thing. Vacuum filled with radiation. Asking you to shift your world-view. Idea that you are surrounded by a substance that becomes involved in the creation of any new arising, cosmos, living thing.

One of the things he is saying – could have given to you point by point to tell you about how you work, but I didn't. I started sticking little pieces of information in different parts of you to help you digest the information about the universe.

We sort of know this – read ISOM and didn't walk away with much.

Jean de Salzmann – on one occasion Gurdjieff was extremely down because he observed that nobody was trying hard enough and he knows how hard it is. He found that discouraging.

This is reported by Ravi Ravindra in his book "Heart Without Measure" p117. The text reads:

Madame de Salzmann told of an incident, late in Gurdjieff's life, when she came upon him in a place in Switzerland. He was sitting, looking very sad and discouraged. She asked him: "Are you discouraged because we are not working hard enough? Is there something we don't do?" With great feeling he described his sadness as he conveyed to her the immense distance between what was needed and what was being done. He felt compassion for the pupils, as well as his inability to do it for them. Then he waved to her to go and play the piano.

Madame de Salzmann spoke about this with such vividness and feeling, and with moisture in her eyes, that I instinctively reached over and held her hand. She smiled very warmly. I sensed that she was feeling for me what she remembered Gurdjieff feeling for her—the great gulf between what was needed and what was accomplished. I felt my inadequacy, my nothingness. I saw that I do not undertake what is needed.

JA: Do you know when that was supposed to have been?

SW: In contrast to what he was saying about don't push too hard.

SF: p1171 – those functions should rest in you which during this time participated more intensively than usual in your active mentation, the functionings of which do not depend on the essence of beings but depend exclusively on what is called the 'harmony of the common-cosmic tempo.'

How little I have moved forward ... not really up to you, can only try your hardest and rate will improve depends not only on your essence also the tempos outside of you.

SW: Uses word 'justice' on 1172 – somebody said he didn't use the word in the chapter on Justice.

JA: Reviewing degrees of reason – in hope of ... reason of knowing, understanding. Degrees of reason in area of hydrogen digestion of three bodies and four degrees above second shock. In last chapter – where degrees of reason are laid out by name. What do they really mean?

Comparing to Search – Google nothing to say other than in ISOM – answer to pondering that only in G’s writing and only in these last chapters.

The operative word is reason – why I went to the degrees of reason ...

PS: Reason-of-knowing – top of p1169 – doesn’t tie in with my understanding of the use of capitalisation.

JA: Degrees of reason also qualifying each other. Mi/fa of third octave – mysterious question of what is supposed to enter at that point. After second shock or something from outside – from Endlessness.

Compares degrees of Reason to the Reason of Endlessness.

JA: My hypothesis is that the dissolution of G had to happen when he began to write. ... consistent with him feeling that his effort before he began to write was not effective. The method portrayed in ISOM is unidimensional and in Tales is multi-dimensional.

BP: On p344 – The Reason of man

Jeff: Zernofookalnian-friction – reduces Abrustdonis and Helkdonis

BP: kernel in Russian – essence of being, to do with wellness.

SW: Could we consider Beelzebub, Ahoon and Hassein as a triad? Affirming, denying, reconciling.

PS: When they were already seated and when Ahoon had also arrived, Beelzebub began to speak as follows:

They all had to come together.

BP: Ahoon is always there ... the denying force.

SW: Question on conscience on p1168

are there crystallized

on the basis of the Sacred Triamazikamno data for one’s own cognizance and understanding proper to the being alone; and likewise exclusively only during such processes of the crystallization of the data for consciousness in the presences of three-brained beings does there proceed what is called ‘Zernofookalnian-friction’ thanks to which the sacred substances Abrustdonis and Helkdonis are chiefly formed in them for the coating and perfecting of their higher parts.

SW: Omnipresent, Occasion, Karnak – ships. Karnak = body. Omnipresent = universe. Occasion = within solar system – inner working of human being.

BP: All communication ships.

JA: Occasion – unplanned.

SF: Also related to opportunity – travels back and forth from Mars to Earth. Opportunity to create a kesdjan body while still on Earth.

So many of these individual sentences

And therefore new data of this kind formed and fixed in this way ... no significance at all for the welfare of their subsequent existence.