

Meeting 123: 27-Mar-2024

— From 1227 - 1233 —

EU Session

Attendees: Robin, Paula, James, Ronald, Sasa, Gwynne M, Robert D, Carole O, Aaron S, Michelle F.

RB: [Presentation: The Creation]

PS: The point is that the said investigations and experiments showed me very clearly and very definitely that in everything under the care of Mother Nature the possibility is foreseen for beings to acquire the kernel of their essence, that is to say, their own “I,” even after the beginning of their responsible age also.

Is this a bit odd – everything?

RB: Buddhism – kernel inside of each living being that undergoes a transformation after death.

Question – involution and evolution – what point does it dissipate and what happens when it does? Not having achieved unity at point of death, what happens?

GM: Something becomes so less important – become less identified with areas and they dissipate, and one connected to the other in ways. Practice of staying in collected state and going in flow of river. Analogy of river important. Where we place our attention in this flow?

PS: Even a rock can have its own I – so there is hope for us.

RB: Bad news for the rock – going to take a long time for it to die and dissipate. Everything not plasma ... when you die will dissipate.

GM: The bones are our rock.

RB: After a fashion. Bones fairly high hydrogen compared with rock. Bones are biologically alive, just have a lot of calcium in them. Experiment in a lecture – one side a human bone and it was being played upon by a Bunsen burner and on the other side another human bone in a bath of acid. At the end of the lecture he took the human bone out of the bath of acid and tied it in a knot and the other he hit and it shattered to dust. Bones are alive!

PS: Most things alive (all?) have a film around that is not alive.

RB: Food, breath, impressions going into circuits and stem cells always rebuilding you. Estimate is after 7 years everything rebuilt.

GM: Osteoporosis – weak bones – have ability to see quality of replacement. Not everything new is how it was at first. What you eat and how you take care ...

RB: Garbage collection is the problem. All the cells that are not stem cells – die and have to be swept up by phagocytes. Some stuff can't deal with – poisonous stuff.

RD: Obesity epidemic – poisons stored in fat.

RB: Quantify problem – too many poisons. Mechanisms – skin, liver, kidneys ... can only get rid of so much. Somebody who has taken in too much of a substance that shouldn't be in the body – mechanism for getting rid of it can be 10 years. Kidney failure – too much poison got there.

PS: Cancer cells – only when the body can't get rid of them is a problem.

RB: p1230 And at the end of the flow of the other stream, as has already been said, into the crevices of the Earth's "nether regions," where it participates in the continuous process called "involutionary construction" which proceeds within the planet, it is transformed into steam and distributed into corresponding spheres of new arisings.

Okidanokh – part of you but if you die in a particular way dissipates and part of it goes to form something else.

GM: Part of evolution also?

RB: Acts of nature – guppy fish – prolific in number of progeny. Male fertilises eggs and 10K baby guppies and 2 become grown up guppies. Plant life – always making seeds. I bought a bag of pumpkin seeds I bought in bulk and thought – could grow a field of pumpkins with that. They are all going to get eaten by human beings. Swallows – lays 4 eggs and if they manage to feed one batch of 4 they will fledge – doubled. If Summer isn't too hot will try to do another 4, but don't usually succeed.

GM: Bats in Austin.

RB: Bats, because they hang upside down when they are asleep, need a structure to attach to and under that bridge there is a perfect place for bats to hang. The system of lakes is alive with insects and those bats flying out every night do for tons of insects.

RB: Over 7 billion human beings on planet Earth and may still increase – still reproducing. Was around 250million in Roman times. Descent of humanity – quality falling and quantity increased. If there were more conscious people would excrete more H48, 24 ... by their behaviour – the substances that feed the moon.

The whole of nature is feeding the Moon.

Almost everything we think about the world is a story told by people who don't know. Statement that 'your being attracts your life' – nobody understood. Causal principle is your Being. If you change your being by increasing your being – different events will occur. Because of nature of Trogoautoegocrat has to be the case. ... great nature wants that.

GM: 1231/2 possibility is given to us ...

RB: There is justice in this. Those who work on themselves diligently can cross over ... Not everyone who works on themselves – some of those who came in the door, left through the window – and nothing happened.

GM: Happens all the time. The energy – hydrogen energy – that dissipates in that person that they no longer have the ability to stay?

RB: Begins with magnetic center – in personality. Enters through information. People have

religious experiences or 'high moments' that enter through essence. But most people when they come to the work ... magnetic center ... because personality – can be covered up. Why G talks about things being covered by sand. Law conformable. Any hydrogen in any position anywhere – if it isn't going to ascend, will descend. Limited period where can stay where it is. We try to create the third state and if we succeed a silence occurs and will ascend – if can't maintain, will descend into imagination.

GM: Instinct to get back to that space is what matters. Striving – intrinsic part that is driven to get back to that space.

RB: Main problem is I know the theory reasonably well and know that the intellect has to be active and passive to the silence above it. Normal reality is it isn't active force and passive to impressions and you run like clockwork. As soon as you have found a way to be active becomes robotic – becomes passive. Need to come to the event differently. You can arrange 'alarm clocks' ... doesn't work.

CO: What exercise are you using to activate the intellect?

RB: A lot is in the pdf that I circulate. Activities of intellectual part of intellectual center. e.g. Constate, Pondering, Cognize with attention.

CO: If I want to right now come to myself ... body, intellect, emotional ... not responding to an input – come to a 3 centered place.

RB: Not a realistic question – if you were not receiving impressions, you would die. Always experiencing. About digesting events of outside world and sometimes inside world.

PS: Even in a quiet, dark room, still receiving impressions.

RB: Yes. Put people in those situations ... in warm saltwater bath, dark, silent – usually causes hallucinations.

Techniques same for inner world or outer world.

If you want to do something fairly arbitrary ... can always stop thoughts. Take no notice of all the associations that rise up. All the thoughts one has are produced in conjunction with your associations. Not entirely due to associations – if something happens in outside world – impressions and associations they threw up – behaviour will be a result of those combined with mechanisms. Can always ignore associations that come up from impressions. Try it for a while. Way to stop thoughts is to start counting. Useful to do if you are in motion and thinking center is making a mess of it – start counting in canon.

GM: Counting sheep not enough ...

RB: Spend part of the day pondering. If there is nothing useful going on your mind.

I was recently hired to go to Germany to make presentations about the Work. They have never met the Work before – so going to teach them objective science. They have been told stuff for the whole of their life ...

James: Where and when?

RB: June. Will send you the dates if you are interested. Will let you know. Had me rethinking ... Taking Michelle because some of them don't speak English. I have 20 or 25 1-hour presentations. I have to start taking things out. Law of Three ... not going to do hydrogens ... choosing areas of ignorance to leave with them. ISOM about to be republished in Germany because out of print.

GM: Makes you feel like a prostitute ...

RB: Going to do movements. Monastery near Hamburg. Run by someone who appears to be high level being. Had a chat with him over Zoom and he is something IMO. I should be able to learn from him.

Most information on the Work is stuck in formatory apparatus and people can repeat it to you without understanding any of it.

RB: When I came across the idea you could come across a theory of the universe that was entirely materialistic and included God – blew my mind. And is such a simple solution. All that atheistic crap that pervades all of science disappear instantly.

Conversation between two members of the Work – anything God can't do – can't beat the Ace with a Deuce.

They contacted me in August and were looking for someone who could talk about the Work in a way that would work for these people.

GM: A lot of people are really interested and some have read ISOM and some Beelzebub and want to get practical. I can't be too difficult in my language that I don't lose them. Find language that doesn't go against G's work that works with them. In therapy can stay with The Work – have them observe themselves objectively – quit projecting ...

RB: First thing that was taught to me – nothing you can change about yourself, nothing at all, except attitude. But if you change attitude, everything can change. Don't understand that to understand the idea of being able to do, you have to change attitude. Hard because you already think you can do.

GM: Effort and struggle.

RB: Have no will. Often wondered whether I had any will because I failed at everything. Everyone walking around with sparkling personality covering up their deficits.

RD: Capitalism – puts attention on the guppy fish that make it and ignore the others.

Ronald: OM C. Parkin – they guy in Germany?

RB: Trying to read his book and it was translated from German and doesn't work well. Clear there is knowledge there but not good reading.

RB: One more reading before we finish this book. When we finish could read through ISOM piece by piece. Paris Meetings. Areas of focus in The Tales. Could redo Purgatory and Arch Preposterous. My opinion – shouldn't stray too far from The Tales. Subliminal. Putting ideas in your head – subtle changes in attitude that he is trying to inculcate by sheer repetition. Always thought that war was an atrocity – didn't need to tell me. He keeps going on about reciprocal destruction of human beings – who is doing this? Could I murder someone? Would I ever want to destroy another nation? No. But has become a habit ... War in Ukraine – nobody seems surprised about it any more.

We really don't know what humanity is like.

PS: People who are honest and give it any thought – they would say it makes no sense.

RB: Mass shootings – nobody seems to want to do anything about it.

RD: Has got worse – TV ...

RB: Four year old killed his sister with a gun he found.

RD: Other technology also.

PS: Haiti – guns supplied by America. Technology created in America and generally damaging. But even without guns wouldn't they still kill each other – reciprocal destruction.

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US Session

Attendees: Robin, Paula, Gary R, Robert P, Bobbie P, James O, Jeff, Stephen F, James O'D, Sandra, John Amaral

RB: [Presentation: The Creation]

SW: I hear a lot of people talk about the two streams as if they understand it. However, not easy to understand. The stream that ends in steam seems attractive until the end.

Not everyone has a smooth existence up to the age of maturity.

RB: Steam – drops of water – unity you had as a drop of water destroyed – not just personality, everything, reduced to steam. To participate in the general life in the planet and become material for use by other drops of water. You were destroyed utterly. Nothing survives.

SW: A lot of people talk about as if they understand it ... this gives them hope – hope of crossing over from one place to another. Not listening to the rest ...

BP: Not passively.

RB: Have to put in some effort.

PS: All the water of one stream, soon after passing this place, flows into a still more level valley, and with no surrounding what is called “majestic and picturesque” scenery to hinder it, ultimately flows into the vast ocean.

Ties in with the idea of having to give everything up?

BP: How I take it also.

SW: No individual fate – only for the stream.

For the drops, there is not a separate predetermination of their personal fate—a predetermined fate is for the whole river only.

RB: Makes it clear that fate is something you have to earn. Individuals don't matter. France was extraordinary after time of Napoleon ... while Napoleon himself appears to be the very essence of fate, all those French guys fighting with him don't count. The ones that died ... doesn't matter really. Sad but how it is. Think of Aztecs, Incas, First Nation – utterly destroyed by Smallpox – didn't matter.

SF: Before the dividing of the waters all the individual drops subject to predestined flow ... at the dividing of the waters seems to be – those who enter adulthood have some inkling that they don't have their own I and those completely oblivious. Until that point can go either way. Nicoll – as children were closer to self-consciousness – first conscious shock, everything experienced was as if new. Inner life and external life mingled and inner life was real to me and at

some point became less important. Majestic and picturesque – distractions of external life.

SW: Accident and education – maleficent again.

RB: Have to separate the two – we all received a lousy education. Education G advocates in the Tales one we never got. We may be able to argue that one received slightly better education ... people telling you stuff ...

There was a period after 2nd WW and into 60s where being a school teacher was considered to be important and tried to adhere to a set of educational ideals. Then the government decided to trash education – set up teacher training colleges and cheaper teachers. G writing about the time when that kind of education existed.

PS: Those who can do and those who can't teach.

SW: What to do with all these young people – work in factories and vote in certain ways. My parents didn't go past the 8th grade. Put to work in coal mines at 10 years old. I don't want to be a school teacher today, but what are people going to do with all these young people.

PS: Some people will learn regardless of their formal education.

RB: If they have some motivation ...

SW: p1231 As most of the hearers present have already, as is said,

“crossed over” into responsible age and frankly cognize that until now they have not acquired their own “I,” and at the same time, according to the substance of all I have said here, have not pictured for themselves any particularly agreeable perspectives, then, in order that you—just you who cognize this—should not be greatly, as is said, “disheartened” and should not fall into the usual what is called “pessimism” everywhere prevalent in the contemporary abnormal life of people, I say quite frankly, without any *arrière-pensée*, that, according to my convictions which have been formed thanks to long years of investigations strengthened by numerous quite exceptionally conducted experiments on the results of which are based the “Institute-for-the-Harmonious-Development-of-Man” founded by me—even for you, it is not yet too late.

This is really an odd point of hope – you have to work for it. Pessimistic view of life, including our view of education.

SF: Wouldn't be sitting here otherwise.

Cataclysm not according to law – shouldn't have happened – comet? Never supposed to be 2 streams, but there was an accident and some people only able to occupy only the Involutionary

stream. Thanks to that comet was a split that allowed some to fall from their pre-determined fate.

RB: Trying to convey something with that and the introjection of the organ kundabuffer. Not according to law – done by the Archangels ...

PS: Or by Great Nature?

RB: Something not in accordance with the law of 7 & 3 and they are already bad enough with their pesky intervals.

SW: Great Nature responsible for Angels and Archangels?

RB: Diagram for that is the step diagram.

Everything from square Archangels to Kernel is Great Nature. The domain of nature is initiated by the do of the side octave of the Sun. All of these squares are part of nature.

SW: Not sure whether Great Nature is part of Earth. Bigger than that.

RB: Great Nature is part of Earth – smaller than that. Great Nature is a living thing and the planet Earth is a living thing and Great Nature is the physical body of the planet Earth. Planet Earth also has a kesdjan body and body of the soul/body of Reason and Great Nature is not necessarily part of that. Analogy between you – have physical body and a kesdjan body ... may not be crystalised ...

PS: Is it possible that Great Nature is the higher part of Nature, so the Angels and Archangels.

RB: he is annoying – uses terms great and not clear.

PS: Could be levels?

SF: If higher bodies for the Earth – kesdjan body for the Earth – manifestations of the Earth evolving and becoming more like a Sun. What is the Moon for the Earth and what is analogous in me?

RB: Moon is a fetus. Nothing analogous in you in terms of a physical fetus. Females who have had a fetus inside – not same as a man.

SF: Earth doing Involutionary service – downward octave going by bringing new planet into being.

RB: May be that the Earth needs a Moon to be able to evolve.

SF: Final sentence in this reading grabbed me.

I this time would

call “the-reflecting-of-reality-in-one’s-attention-upside-down.”

Think we are seeing something outside of us but really seeing ourselves. Stops us from seeing something higher than ourselves. Notion of being reflected back on ourselves.

JA: Keith starts by talking about the brains as vehicles for image. Inside ... world of ideas. Each of those brains has a history and recapitulating ... animals – have one-brained or two-brained animals. Hierarchy – story of Looisos coming to Beelzebub and asking hi to intervene. Question is why doesn’t Looisos do it? This is the province of the Angels – to maintain the quarters, the Universe, to follow the order of world creation and maintenance for all of nature. I think Great Nature is the created universe. We have influence on us of stars. At the beginning on Sun Absolute and almost brings to halt and sends him to Ors and ... Looisos asks him to help

him out. Capable of doing what Looisos cannot do. To do with animal sacrifice.

RB: Animal sacrifice.

JA: Makes up a story and people stop sacrificing animals. Intervention not according to law – come up from the bottom, not from above. Gurdjieff working his way up – looking at mankind ... his curiosity that started when he was really small. At the end of Tales has this indirect question through Hassein – what can be done to save the beings of planet Earth. Hinting that the problem we saw on Sun Absolute is the same and he is bringing his learning to bear. Organ like kundabuffer – or implanted like kundabuffer. Implanted – story about animal sacrifice about implanting an idea. Kundabuffer makes us see our images upside down. Topsy-turvey. Means priorities are skewed. Idea that the universe set up with laws of 3 & 7 is gong to have hazard – not going to be a perfect order and good that it is not and possibility for people to question. Wouldn't be hazard wouldn't be reconciliation of the Heropass – all things that can be. One thing stands out – endlessness or God we may know and other part that we may not know. The part that operates from law of 4 – not 3 & 7.

SW: Resurrection – ironic – before Easter. P1232. Don't see anything strange or unusual.

BP: Nor is the necessity of resurrection our appearance before the awful Judgment of the Lord God ...

PS: It is defined in the saying which has reached us from remote antiquity, “Without death no resurrection,” that is to say, “If you do not die you will not be resurrected.”

Why did he have to repeat it?

BP: you ...

RB: Messed up by Church. Be clear that it is messed up. Not true that you have to physically die.

SW: Fundamentalist groups I have known and Saint Paul talked about physical resurrection. Would be saddest if it weren't true we were going to rise from the dead. Literal.

RB: All this rapture stuff accompanied by dead people rising out of the grave to join the rapture ... hell of a trick.

JA: Rapture related to the ascension?

RB: Don't know. Remember reading about Peter denying Christ thrice – Nicoll interpreted that the Christian church would deny Christ thrice – end of an age. Age ended in 2012 in terms of picture in the sky. Rapture is supposed to occur when the four horsemen of the apocalypse turn up ...

Islam has same end-times thing – from a different source. Seems to line up with age of Kali – Hindu thing.

PS: Does it have to be that these were independent sources, or perhaps were from the same source or passed between.

RB: Can't trust not to change anything.

PS: Things become true over time.

RB: Become more concrete over time.

SF: Can't let go of line of reflecting of reality and upside down ... optical phenomenon causes us to see things upside down – our retinas – when we see anything, it is inverted and registers upside down on optical field. Literally seeing things upside down.

.... and even such great events as wars, civil wars, and other similar misfortunes of a general character proceed simply on account of a property in the common presences of ordinary people who have never specially worked on themselves, which property I this time would call “the-reflecting-of-reality-in-one’s-attention-upside-down.”

Like we are in a hall of mirrors and don't even know.

In one's attention ... why attention?

PS: Does it remind anyone else of Plato's Cave?

GR: Don't see the important things.

RB: Is the case ... Christ healing the blind man – puts spittle on his fingers and rubs in his eyes ... doesn't see clearly – second movement, sees clearly. First of all think you know what you are talking about and perhaps taken it in very well and now seeing reality through medium of ideas of the Work but not – mainly in formatory apparatus – second movement has to be made. Now we perceive through a glass darkly ... got an inkling. Not as we have been told. Many questions that arise ... Will we see the next 20 seconds of this meeting through a filter?

SF: Read Nicoll's Commentaries 20 years ago and thought I understood them – going back to them now and didn't understand them at all. If you really believed this – would be dramatically different to how you are.

SW: Mechanicality also.

RB: When you think you are getting somewhere, you are not. Measuring device ... inept when it comes to emotions and knows nothing. Always trying to measure stuff. Any idea that comes out of that isn't any use to you. Driver of carriage can never be the passenger in the carriage.

SF: Quitting smoking can be as mechanical as smoking. Important to be able to choose. Not until you don't want something do you have permission to have it.

GR: Struggle of one's own self-denial. Struggle of yes and no.

RB: Yes. How can I be present in this moment. Only way is with the help of incoming impressions. Require incoming impressions to evoke associations in you so you can question them. Depends on the circumstances. Forced to work on keeping accounts, identification ... doesn't matter unless impressions coming in and you finding a question to put in there. Makes intellectual center active force and becomes battle of yes and no. First act is to question what is coming in.

PS: Requires a level of presence.

RB: Next meeting is final bit of this final chapter. Can read chapters of ISOM. Parts of Tales to go over again. Also mix in Paris Meetings or Lectures. Any subject anyone wants.

JA: John Henderson buried dog books. Second one – asserts that G promised to publish more books but the books are within the books that we have.

RB: In MWRM – asserts there will be 3 books – one to do with physical body, body of reason and emotional body. Not overtly in Life is Real. Calls the first book All and Everything and says it contains everything and then wrote 2 distinctly different books. First 20 pages of LiR unprecedented in anything he wrote.

JA: Occurred to me after reading Henderson – in each of the 3 series looks like he provides wrapper chapters that in themselves comprise a book. Arousing of Thought/From the Author ...

RB: Intro to MWRM ...

JA: Seems like the sequence in which you read this makes a difference.

RB: We have gone straight through all the books so can now start dotting around. Now we have a familiarity – where images from one part evokes images from another part. MWRM 30 pages. Material Question is 50 pages. Can take one of the characters out of Meetings. Lentrohamsanin, Ashiata Shiemash.

SW: Hasnamuss in general.

RB: Could do that and could tailor readings with that as the topic.

JA: How many times he rewrote the Arousing of Thought

RB: At least 12. Needs to be re-read – 50 pages.

SW: Makary Kronbernkzion ...

JA: Arousing of Thought and Purgatory – each one contains all of the teaching. Arousing of Thought in 1931 edition?

RB: Yes.

SW: My kindle keeps flashing Bruno Martin G Practice book. Any good?

RB: Yes. He wrote the Realised Idiot. Lives in Germany and was a pupil of John G Bennett and has translated into German. May be meeting him ... going to Hamburg and he has relatives there.

Will probably produce a list and we can go at different things.