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UK session

Attendees: Robin, Paula, Ofelia Lopez, Robert Davis, Gwynne Mayer, John, Carole Orem, Brigitte Dempsey, Lynn Elliott, Michelle F, Robert, James

MF: Again the number 18. We had it in the last chapter in a different context.

RB: The number 18 significant because there are 18 idiots that the human being can become.

LE: G talked about 23 idiots didn't he?

RB: He talked about 21 and the 21st was the unique idiot – God, and the two below were not available to human beings. When he was arrested – twice in France – one had to do with trading in money illicitly. Talked to other inmates and the asked whether he had been in prison before and when he said 'no' they all looked down on him. So next time he was asked, he said 18.

LE: Do you think 18 refers to levels of development. Have to ascend to various aspects? Through various stupidities to get some sort of enlightenment.

RB: Every individual is a subjective idiot of some kind and in the Work have to abandon natural idiot and go back to the bottom and ascend. Beyond a certain level he never said anything, because there were toasts and never got to much beyond 9 ...

LE: What would it be to descend to a normal idiot? Get down to essence?

RB: Stopped toasting the idiots when G died, because it was said nobody knew enough to be able to do that.

RB: Can read you out the idiots: ordinary, super, arch, hopeless, compassionate ...

LE: Reminds me of personality types so much, some of them at least. When he was doing that was trying to hint that each one has a personality type that falls into one of those idiots.

RB: If everyone has subjective idiot, that would be correct. Start climbing ladder and experience the world as each of the idiots. No idea where that takes us.

MF: The Realized Idiot – book by Bruno Martin – collected from personal notes of people associated with G. Every idiot has to do with Tarot cards of M Stuart (?). He once made with us an exercise that we had chosen Tarot card and wondered about it for me in the situation where I am now. He had some books in English, but not this one I guess.

RB: Will look for it in English

MF: Maybe I can translate it (with Brigitte)

[It is available on Amazon in English]

CO: Maralpleicie – emotional center – introduction of poppy as a distortion of emotions. Is that what this is about?

RB: There is a broad brush across Tales – when he talks about opium/hashish about emotional center. When he talks about alcohol, about intellectual. Alcohol deadens higher part of intellectual center. Opium deadens higher part of emotional center.

GM: Why would it also not deaden intellectual thinking? Any addiction to deaden that area.

One more important than the other – opium with emotional.

RB: My brother once tried to destroy his life with morphine at one time. He also tried to destroy his life with alcohol. When he was in a drunken stupor, not intelligible at all. G did a lot of work as a hypnotist in curing addicts – to make money – and could do that and charge well.

GM: Connection between toast of idiots and using alcohol – alcohol had to be part of the toasts and diminishing part of the intellect to get to ...

RB: Scepticism – people said that alcohol made them more present and it hasn't had that effect on me.

MF: I never drank alcohol until recently. There was a feast and had some vodka and could speak fluently. If it has some effect on intellectual center in this case a good thing.

RB: There have been tests on alcohol and performance and the problem is it raises and reduces performance.

GM: Purification process? Are the idiots in higher centers as well?

RB: Everybody is idiot, even God is idiot.

LE: If you don't take too much alcohol, must calm down anxiety, emotional center. If they start having a problem with alcohol not the case.

RB: What it is doing is there is frequent bickering between psyche and the other is emotional and I think the emotional side is better able to manifest because it isn't being reined in by the driver of the carriage.

RB: Gulgulian? One of those words that is clever – roses, roses – Armenian. What are the Pirmarals and why are they seeking them?

GM: On a bed of roses?

RB: If you take opium

J: Pirmaral were deer and the horns had some sort of elixir good for health.

RB: Can take that further?

RB: Pir – honorific for Sufi master. Horns are symbol of wisdom.

RB: People who are hunting them are seeking knowledge and the place is named after them.

BD: Biodynamic gardening – powdered antler horn used to help growth of plants – Rudolf Steiner.

RB: No idea what deer horn is made of and what may be used for. In sweat lodge with Apaches they create big fire and put stones in and they bring the hot stones in center of tent. They use antler horns to carry the stones – sacred in some way.

BD: Could collect them when they drop them at the end of the year.

R: Horns aren't on deer – have antlers. When Steiner talked about horns from bovine family. It can go extinct, but not the deer – they grow back every year.

P: Symbolic rather than literal.

GM: Isn't Beelzebub a goat?

RB: Don't think he is a goat. Depiction by Catholic Church.

GM: If not a goat and not from fallen angelic realm, then what?

RB: He is from fallen angelic realm ...

BD: Legends of Peter Pan – horns and hoofs

J: Bottom of p208 and start p209 – they have no special name for them (deer). Biodynamics – take cow horns and fill with horse manure and bury them in the ground for about a year and then use the substance for fertilizer or compost purposes. Animal manure extracts something from the horns ...

RB: Maral – red-tailed deer. Pirmaral is not a Maral. No special name, indicates not referring to deer. Caspian red deer is the Maral. Noble Deer.

P: Why did they take the family?

RB: Couldn't establish new tribe.

BD: Couldn't marry the daughter.

RB: Fertile area and has been populated for a very long time.

GM: Are the two rivers connected with the Caspian Sea – still?

BD: Also Kolhidious and Beneficence – sound like opposites.

R: Doesn't Kol mean black?

LE: Euphrates and Tigris?

RB: Would have to have landed in the Persian Gulf and not sure why that would be called the Sea of Beneficence.

MF: City Gob on SE shore of the sea. Far away from Caspian Sea now ...

GM: In the beginning – 12,000 years ago – was it possible that there was a body of water on that city?

MF: Have tried to map out the places that G mentioned – Gob and Mesopotamia far away from each other.

J: Shared a map of the area from an A&E talk.

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Figure 3. Locations of Beelzebub's descents (X) and *Occaston* moorings (●).



P: Remember that talk and it became clear to me that *The Tales* isn't an accurate historical account. Helped me to think more about allegorical meaning.

GM: Multiple layers of meaning.

RD: What age are we looking at in development?

RB: Age of majority – 18-21

J: Just reached responsible age?

RB: Three centers matured and process of sand covering things. Described as transapalnian perturbations. Loss of Atlantis – childhood disappears, age of majority later. Discussions later about what happened when Atlantis sank ...

BD: Back to horns – symbology of Capricorn crashing through – when he gets horns back, more like deer antlers.

RB: Definitely after fashion of deer antlers crowned with at the end.

RB: Beelzebub described at the beginning the 3 brained beings on the planet earth and don't have hooves. Foot connection with life and saying we need to present ourselves emotionally and we have shoes on our feet and don't have hooves. Hooves signify 2-brained.

RB: Devil representative of 2-brained beings. Under the rule of the devil and feed the moon and devil representative of moon and influences human beings.

GM: Do they stay in world 96 forever?

RB: Some 3-brained beings don't use more than 2 and are food for the moon.

GM: Poppy seeds. People attracted to something that would purify higher centers with poppy seeds or alcohol. Not part of self-calming, part of higher order. In 60s doing all kinds of trips to legitimise our higher centers. Want to validate ... Peyote, Ayahuasca – something about these plants that is not about addiction.

LE: Doing alcohol or other similar behaviour – doesn't help us. Most of us can't handle it.

BD: There is a story of G giving a concoction to people for them to be able to observe how their personality is different from emotions.

RB: G made a point that there are schools that use substances to help people see better. What actually happens is people don't know how to use these substances.

GM: People who become schizoid, but think some people have had insights. I did tremendous lectures on mushrooms that I can't even remember. I know there are insights.

J: If you read the unpublished notes of The Rope, G was giving the members a substance and used to inject it. In a later part of the book is a story of a Jewish pharmacist called Dover's Powders that is supposed to have Opium in it ... and the public don't know.

GM: Women of the Rope sent away to work on themselves further – so injection didn't work. Time element and receptivity of body.

RB: if this is the emotional center – tendency to sacrifice 2 brained beings. Strongly associated with Opium here. How do we fix the tendency of emotional center to deaden itself. What should we do? Substances, or psychological trick.

J: Bringing your family. Coming from Atlantis before it sunk. Going back to childhood and bringing something – ancestors.

GM: Essence gets blocked – if it is Atlantis in us – by all the different locations in the body.

RB: In Tikliamish growing 2 brained beings and cutting throats on alters – by violence. Here putting them to sleep.

LE: Even though I do eat animals, never felt absolutely OK about it. Reduced how much and what I consume. Alcohol and any mind-altering substance, easier to let things slip by. Don't know what has made a difference, but my consumption of alcohol has gone right down recently. Think the people in the Poppy business could convince themselves that it was OK to kill chicken or whatever.

RB: I can add this. Past couple of years – I can have a glass of wine or whisky and in the last couple of years have noticed that there is no possibility of a higher state after that. No accidental possibility of self observation moment after that. It is a decision to do it when I do and sacrifice the rest of the day. Something I read in Islamic sources – interesting that they use drunk as a symbol of love of the absolute.

LE: Didn't want to be impaired in any way. Reality is difficult at the best of times. Going into new relationships insisted no alcohol involved. If I consciously want to have a drink and with a full meal or to have fun – think it is slightly different, but know it isn't possible to have anything real.

GM: The older I get the more I want to be alert. I used to drink and it didn't affect my alertness. I don't want to miss information. If I have a couple of glasses of wine ... can't be alert.

LE: Clearly an issue – if you don't drink it brings attention.

GM: In old G groups used to wish they would drink.

RB: I think Ouspensky had a disease, and he infected all his pupils – lose sense of humour and become serious in all situations where seriousness is a bad idea.

RB: Rimala – means white antelope in Arabic.

RB: Maral, I get, but not so much -pleicie.

RB: Thinking of starting a reading group for Meetings With Remarkable Men and Life is Real. Need to have read the Tales to be able to get anything from it. All allegorical.

RD: Fishes and birds – Greeks and wishing. The king – Zion. Con?

RB: Heavenly paradise achievable on Earth.

P: Possibly con ‘with’ or conu ‘knowing’

GM: Fishes to do with Pisces – feeling, water

US Session

Attendees: Robin, Paula, James, Bobbie, Stephen Frantz, Sandra Whitmore, Anne Little, Jeff Tripodi, James O’Donnell, Richard Miller, Ronald Lee, Anthony Tan, John Amaral

SW: GM sent us a tape of the Trevor Stuart talk on exact language. Impartial thinking is blended points of view, allegories carry multiple meanings that are not random ... modifiers ...

Helpful as I was reading these particular pages.

RB: Writing something at the moment focusing on this – isn’t really possibility of fathoming the gist without approaching it through allegory. The literal interpretation of the text doesn’t take you far at all. The emotional response to reading or hearing it read will get you somewhere ... takes a long time to get the allegory.

SW: Maybe multiple points of views of allegories. Single meanings or multiple?

RB: Question as to what you mean by multiple meanings. Fundamental – analogies between distinct cosmoses and between internal and external world. Not a new phenomenon, but G does it all over ... unlikely that anything would have a single meaning.

BP: The fact that there are two titles to the book makes me think that it goes in more than one direction.

RB: The title that G gives for this book when he is referring to in its own text is an Objectively Impartial Criticism of the Life of Man. That particular title has a mix of small and large text and the title Beelzebub’s Tales to His Grandson is full caps – indicates sacred. Can extract where he is talking about man in a literal difficult to misunderstand fashion. Also mixed up with Mullah Nassr Eddin. Opening up what BP said. Question about this passage is what is it about?

J: Is it about will? Horns on Pirmaral – reminds me of primal. In Orage’s commentary, will symbolized by the horn. Take the horns from the animals and pulverize into powder, not as solid or strong as real will.

SW: Appreciate that, particularly because I couldn’t remember what horns symbolize. Later horn cure for all diseases. Will cure for all diseases. Using it as a drug. Seeing the use of a powdered horn to cure diseases as a first vision of using drugs – later poppy seeds.

J: Something else Orage said, referring back to struggle with yes and no in last meeting. Wish is always for or against. When freed from polarization becomes will. Still contains potentiality

... reason ... two horns sprouting from the head, seat of will and reason.

RB: Pirmaral. Maral is a red deer. Pir – Sufi honorific for Sufi master. Hunting Pirmarals – if they were after deer horns, didn't need to hunt them. Fall off every year. Implication that these people – brought their families along – seeking something spiritual, if something is at a high level will be degraded and taking what they are hunting to meaningless levels – what human beings do every time.

SF: Sea of Beneficence – higher emotional center. First Akhaldans didn't know what to do when they became aware Atlantis might be sinking. Discovers place like Eden. Higher emotional center would be refuge for loss of essence. Poppy chewing – way that bliss might be connected with spiritual development becomes an end in itself rather than something higher. Causes everything to degrade and lose touch with basic tasks in this world – blissed out.

J: Beneficence. Good deed. Is this the Persian Gulf?

RB: It is a mystery. At one of the A&E Conferences map and Sea of Beneficence in center of Gobi Desert. There are lakes around there, but not anything. And difficult to find two rivers... Natural to associate with Tigris and Euphrates, but 1000s of miles away – not even close.

J: G eating a boiled potato ... first question was 'what is suffering' – not physical pain but suffering that weighs on feelings and mind. In general everyone suffers ... yours is mechanical. 2 rivers: in 1 suffering conscious ... to get to 2nd river must leave everything behind.

RB: In the last chapter of the book – 2 rivers running adjacent and in a lecture he gave somewhere. He doesn't appear to be describing one river of mechanical suffering and another of consciousness here. More like Tigris and Euphrates, bringing plenty ...

JT: Made me think of Hindu ...

RB: Naria means river in Farsi or Arabic. Can also mean fiery.

SW: Freak. One meaning was drug-user.

J: Freak. Bold man or warrior in German

BP: Sudden change of mind.

SF: This drug has something to do with kundabuffer – everything turns into its opposite – p214

J: Seemed to be a habit of Persians to smoke or ingest opium.

RB: Not surprising – on border of Afghanistan.

J: There were government shops in Pakistan where you could go and buy it.

RB: Akhaldan means container of consciousness.

Earthquake connected with activity of Sun. Caused by electric discharge – same for volcanic eruption. G may have known these things. Only reason to observe ...

RB: Astrosovor – sovor is someone who knows – professor, expert.

R: p208 – grinding up of Pirmaral horns. Someone invented that these horns cured things ... illusory directing factor that stemmed from this ... seems significant.

RM: Placebo effect. Very powerful. Positive affirmation – believing in things.

SW: and what is called their waking existence.

J: Seems like it is to do with will or lack of will.

SW: Horns symbolize ... Beelzebub's transformation

AT: Akhal – mind, intellect and reason in Malay language.

RB: That aligns. Dan is container or vehicle from Farsi.

J: Are there many Arabic roots to the words?

RB: G spoke Arabic and Farsi and probably more and greater depth than English. Farsi was language that J Rumi wrote. Common words in Arabic and Farsi. Go first to Armenian and Russian, then after to Farsi, Arabic, English, French, Dutch, German. Occasional from Serbo-Croat language. Yiddish occasionally. Never found anything in Tibetan. Very little Chinese, but Chi is obviously a reference.

RB: The Reason of what is called their 'waking-existence' – in most people is the formatory apparatus. If they are told something different can change their mind very quickly. Can have different opinion every day of the week. Seems human beings use position of authority to invent their own stuff.

RM: Religious doctrine and people who are taking Opium – Marxism the Opium of the masses. Ordinary suggestibility and believe anything anyone says.

RB: Gulgulian – interesting word – Gul is Farsi word for Rose. Gulgulian which is the name for Opium is Rosesroses. Just been to Tikliamish and they are slaughtering 2 brained beings everywhere and in Maralpleicie there is a lack of enthusiasm for slaughtering 2 brained beings. What is mentioned is Opium – which is the slaughtering of 2 brained beings because it paralyzes the emotional center.

RM: Went to a farm event years ago and there was a bull there and was told not to touch the horn because it was sensitive. Not sure if it is related.

RB: Bull keeps its horns forever.

SF: Trying to put 2 descents together – first minimising importance of 2 of the centers and in this chapter, if a Pirmaral was a holy being, what the freaks did was take a part and grind into a powder – extremely artificial – for people who fell ill. People who appear to be insane ... just take this. Happens on continent of Atlantis, so what does that mean. To make this artificial powder, leaves out the nourishment of the whole being, hunted to extinction. Became this anodyne, instead of something that could enable them to wake up.

RB: If you experience Christianity in a particular way has a profound effect, but if you simplify for the masses, becomes formatory and mechanical behaviour – killed it, hunted to death.

J: Real will – will of I should be independent – horns represent will. All will is always for or against, all will is willy-nilly. Disease – means want of ease.

SW: p213 – will of Fate

RB: Konuzion: Zion possibly Earthly paradise. Conu open to debate. Con from Latin? With.

BP: In Turkish Conu means topic

J: Geographic association with Mesopotamia – Akhaldan and Acadian culture?

RB: When it comes to geography and G's behaviour as an author - often switches and leaves what he has stated previously. Trust the allegorical, not literal. Talks about Buddha and thousands of years away from when he actually was – happy to do that. Difficult to know whether taking one idea and overlaying on another.

J: Incredibly beautiful emotional structure

RB: Depends upon the individual, but times when this book can reduce you to tears.

RB: Fate comes from the planets

JA: Could be alluding to hazard

JT: Contrast between this and second flight

RB: Maralpleicie is clearly emotional center and Tikliamish was about intellectual center – bad habit and argue against it and acquire a kind of momentum. Outcome was death of Abdil, but started to diminish animal sacrifice. But their fault was suppression of emotional center. Here turn to opium to suppress unpleasant feelings. Ultimate self-calmer.

SF: If each of these descents meant to highlight reasons we are so deluded. Tikliamish – intellect declared over emotional and in this emotional center seeking oblivion.

RM: Some people's approach to religion is self-calming. Connection with Opium and Religion.

RB: Will see more of that. Marx.

RB: Tendency of human beings to try stuff out because they heard about it. History of heroin addiction in UK. In 1960s less than 100 addicts. Once you were an addict could get it through the health system. Number of individuals who were managing their addiction. The Daily Mail exposed this and gathered information to make out that the doctor was pushing drugs and got him barred and 100 heroin addicts were no longer able to get it and within a few years heroin addicts were in 1000s.

SW: Looked into getting Marijuana infused chocolate, but cancelled the order.

SW: Wife was named, but not the leader. Rimala. 18 came up again.

J: Flight, rather than descent – title of chapter

R: Next is sojourn.

RB: Ascending octave, so note Mi – 3rd visit to Earth.

JA: Connection between Opium and emotional world. Facebook used for emotional communication and perhaps encourage addiction to. Next step is metaverse in which people can experience immersion in alternate reality. Social societal falling out with Facebook. Trying to shift gears and find something more powerful to suck people in – more serious kind of Opium.

J: Feel sorry for the young people today. Totally asleep because of technologic advances.

JA: Isn't all bad. In music business been saying that technology would put people out of work. Ebbs and flows, so can imagine there is a kind of digestion that has to take place of these developments. Scepticism is good, for instance. Dependent on the technology.

RB: Technological juggernaut will only be stopped by failure of electricity. Whole emphasis of improving the fantasy through technology is that nearly all the money is in pornography.