

## Meeting 024: 09-Mar-2021

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### UK session

**Attendees:** Robin, Paula, Gwynne Mayer, Rob Davis, James, Ofelia Lopez, Brigitte Dempsey, John, Lynne Elliott, Michelle F, Robert, Aaron Settles, XJ

GM: How does the change of these continents affect our reason and understanding?

RB: Ask how it affected you. We were once an innocent child. Our existence was essential and we were frequently present. Because that is what existence was. Most of what we were encountering for many years was new.

GM: So splitting off into different train of understanding knowing that essence we are trying to reach is being challenged at the higher centers. Felt there is an imbalance in me – have to get reset.

RB: Most of this is personal. Own history and whatever your experiences. Don't have a strong parallel. I was once a child and I took a decision that I was going to be different. Something happened that upset me and I took it as a failure. That mattered. Point that adolescence took off. Innocence being eroded by establishment of intellectual center. Wild time of adolescence – trying to adjust to becoming an adult. Atlantis is lost at that juncture. Move from child to adolescence. Three parts – moving instinctive center has formed Pearl-land.

GM: What part does Pearl-land play in those centers moving to Hindustan? Talk about trinkets, beauty, superficial stuff. Transition to go to Hindustan and understand the words of Buddha. Adolescent religious drive. Orthodoxy and crystallization.

RB: Question about what do you have faith in? Something. Have to live a life and can't by deducing everything yourself. Others have faith in, or don't. Various religions – Tikliamish very strong into sacrifice of emotional part. Liked to do that and thought it was fun. That was their way of living. Maralpleicie living emotional life. Issue of poppy seeds – help them self-calm. Have faith of a certain kind – emotional faith. Met enough people in America who adhere to one of the different Christian sects who unashamedly profess a faith connected to a Church. Not rational. America more strongly emotional than British. British mostly atheists now. Always cynical. Intellectual nation. Americans combination between intellectual and emotional – so many committed to Christianity.

LE: 3 centers have specific trinkets they are committed to. Each center – in America and in UK, not rational, totally emotional. Not objective truth. Installation of kundabuffer and removal left consequences – disabled to see reality as it is. Centers don't rule in that way. Interested in jewellery – form of great importance – outside item you can put on. None of those things amount to anything. Not important. Lost ability to see reality as it is.

GM: All have faith – irrational. Need on a superficial level for the rational. Consequence that comes from rational, but irrational is all over the place. No set consequence. Working 3 centers from lower point into the higher and through some kind of consequential realisation. Causing our own consequence – would have to see things rationally.

RB: Problem for people in the work. Going to live out a life of mechanicality. Buddha going to try to deal with these people characterised as one-brained by appealing to their reason.

the Reason of the three-centered beings of the planet Earth results in a Reason called 'instincto-terebelnian,' that is, a Reason which functions only from corresponding shocks from

without;

Everybody only has a formatory apparatus. ... may seem they are responding rationally, but they are repeating stuff. In countries dominated – sense of faith in intellect, most of what science comes out with is believed. Some go around laughing at the Christians that believe the earth was 5000 years old and that the dinosaurs died in Noah's flood and the same people believe any old thing. First position in escaping formatory apparatus is cultivate idea that I don't know for sure. What do you know for sure? Only things that happened in the last few seconds or in the past hour or two. MIT professor is believable, and he is allowed to lord over stuff that he doesn't know. Moving/instinctive center cares about beauty. Doesn't decay as you get old, nor does the intellect. None of us look how we did when we were 25.

GM: If you don't have this tension that is constant – questioning what is true – no hope of building a higher body. Has to be some kind of essence that challenges balance. Child is still there and wants to play. Get thrown off by religion. Makes me want to throw up.

RB: Before the Work, made your own path. I was a fan of Buddhism in adolescence and rejected Christianity. Buddhism is incredibly intellectual religion. Doesn't have heart in it an appeals to the intellect. Introduced Saint Buddha at a time when he couldn't have existed – in reality was around 500BC, not in Babylon. As first of sacred individuals he is going to talk about. Going to fix humanity by virtue of reason. Once we manage the emotional side, our path is the path of reason. Problem is we think low-grade reason is high-grade. Interesting disconnect – Beelzebub goes to Tikliamish lands in Caspian Sea and in Maralpleicie lands in Sea of Beneficence (near Gob). From there to Pearl-land in a caravan and not a simple trip. See him passing through volcanic areas. Places where nothing grows. Old lava fields on Lanzarote, the plants are abundant. What he is describing ... those places don't exist.

GM: Wondering how this affects the centres. Sea is blood of planet and connecting ... where is the desert in me, volcano?

LE: Caravan life? Description of life and volcanic aspects difficulties connecting rational with emotional.

RB: How does the moving center connect to emotional center? Pearl-land – what are the priorities - live and breathe, same as Maralpleicie and Tikliamish. Not obsessed with wanting the country to be center of culture for the planet. Like to adorn themselves. Does vanity belong to moving/instinctive center?

MF: On Santorini – smell of sulphur, so not good for life. On Lanzarote, people trying to make best of black soil.

RB: If something won't grow is a water problem. Between moving and emotional not water. Disconnect. Have to cross the Himalayas and not volcanic, but lack of water.

RB: Caravan – people moving together for safety. How does moving center communicate with emotional center?

GM: Instincts aren't working. If I'm not moving stays intellectual. Have to travel with instinct. Have to always be in balance and watch the atmospheres that we are in.

LE: If somebody steps on my corns immediate response and I want to physically move or do something. Might not show externally. Move away or towards.

XJ: If intellectual center comes in ... pornography ... stop negative emotion from expressing, that is pornography. Higher level doesn't arise.

LE: When you think you are losing it ...

BD: Understand instinctive/moving the least. Keep being told to use all three centers and blind to how it communicates or relates to other centers. How can this chapter help me? Buddhism more higher intellectual centers and don't understand how it relates to instinctive moving. Also don't understand love of beauty. People who are obese and so much is deteriorating. Confused.

RB: First to understand is 2 distinct centers. Moving/instinctive – dividing line inner and outer. About maintaining body – instinctive center is a genius. Ability to persist, calculate, work things out.

BD: Can't communicate with it!

RB: You can communicate and you do. Never felt any pain? Trying to tell you something.

BD: Smarter than me.

RB: I tell you to breathe deeply – can you? Giving instinctive center orders. When you decide to go to sleep – working with instinctive center. I come to your house and bring food – it doesn't matter what it is, your instinctive center will digest it.

BD: Continues to be a mystery and not sure how it is part of the threesome that we are supposed to develop.

LE: My emotional center has recently got better and since that happened I have started to take better care of my body. I had nothing to do with that, except that I could see that being intellectual wasn't enough. Then the instinctive center started to work.

RB: You can talk to the moving center. Lift your arm up.

XJ: Why do we overeat, not exercise ...?

RB: Go there in a while. Before that get variables understood. How many had children and watched them. They learn to talk to their moving center.

GM: Learning to say to take a breath, go and work in the garden. Even in movements, I would rebel against them telling me how to move.

BD: How do the three things get intermeshed ... moving center is the greatest mystery.

RB: G has made Pearl-land about visual things. Only part that can create images is moving center. Doing in concert with emotional and intellectual center. Model the way the world works with our intellect and it doesn't work that way. If you say you can't model the way the moving center works - because the model is wrong. I have problems with my emotional center – event occurs and I am negative. Only way to deal with it is to see what is going on. If it is something new, e.g. despair. Not going to self-observe as it occurs. Need to see it – insert consciousness at the point it initiates.

XJ: You do have a reaction – like when you see Russia invading?

RB: But you do have a choice. My initial thought is Hungary all over again – me replaying a tape that went back to Czechoslovakia and Prague Spring ... have been practicing ... Shall I despair, or shall I laugh. Shall I be glad because this world has been teetering on the edge and is now going to collapse? Lots of choices – not only those that immediately occur. Write a poem? Compose music?

XJ: You received the impression – sounds like you are feeding on it?

RB: Not simple. If you receive a piece of information, before your awareness, already processed. At that point you intervene. The same associations occur, but you have the choice whether you react to them. Once digested, there is awareness, or there isn't. Same as digestion of food.

Impression has to be digested ... stop inwardly and wait to see what comes up.

GM: Regurgitate before digesting. Emotional reaction – has to be ... real aha moment, to catch the thought before the emotion. Atmosphere that is bringing in ...

LE: If you don't have a reaction immediately ... would you think less of yourself?

XJ: I can do this even before I knew Gurdjieff. Negative emotions. When that happens, you are already a piece of shit. I can stop a lot of negative emotions from expressing.

LE: What he says is don't express negative emotions.

XJ: I can say I am a nice person and not going to react. Socially better, but not in evolution terms. I fantasise about retaliating, or can just take it in. Better?

GM: Comparing, already identifying.

LE: if we don't express negative emotion and observe what is happening inside, changes everything. Don't get hung up ... is better, can move on and not be identified.

XJ: Agree.

LE: Wouldn't go into I'm a goody two shoes. Event happened, can't have been prepped, insulted, observing inside and if you stay with it, changes it.

AS: I can see that.

RB: Two fundamental techniques – be silent and walk away. Can do inside as much as outside. Not combine with what is in front of you. You decided not to eat it.

RB: Talking about the moving center here – pearl doesn't get created in five minutes. Things the moving center values, talisman. Can only have meaning to moving center. Probably other indications in here before we get to the Buddha himself of things that relate to the moving center – but we didn't get there, talked about negative emotions. A lot more to bring to that conversation. Didn't leave it because we left Maralpleicie – further material in later chapters.

## US Session

**Attendees:** Robin, Paula, Sandra Whitmore, Bobbie, Stephen Frantz, Ronald Jones, Jeff Tripodi, Richard Miller, Anthony Tan, Anne Little, James O'Donnell

SW: Turquoise, pearls and merchants. Meets in a Chaihana and from J Bennett's paper on the death of G – did a lot of work in tea houses and chaihanas. Eventually leads him into a shock. Turquoise and pearls – looked up last week. Like geology and gemstones and have worked with them a lot. Turquoise especially – colour allegorical meaning. Symbolism – breastplate of Hebrew high priest – protection and life. Talks about why they are using for adornment and more ... carrying stones of life into Pearl-land to trade for pearls which represent kingdom of heaven and wisdom. Bible references to meaning of these stones. Turquoise represents Lucifer, Tyre in Lebanon, Jesus said merchant would sell all that he had to buy the pearl that would get his notice.

RJ: Another angle – pearl symbol of wisdom – precious for Work. Adornment to cover up insignificance. Atlantis had gone into degeneration of spiritual practice – mirrored at the end of the passage also.

SW: Dark side to both stones. Turquoise = hubris (Lucifer). Pearl = vanity. In the Old Testament women criticised for wearing pearls and gold.

BP: Destruction of oysters – have to kill oysters that don't have pearls to find pearls.

SW: History of the people of Pearl-land same as history of Maralpleicie. Destroyers – first of Atlantis and then cities they find in Ashhark. 2nd great perturbation – Atlantis going in bad direction.

RM: Pearls produced by friction – sand inside them?

SF: Threw away the friction and wanted to retain what another by their labour had produced. Seeing this as a continuation of what we were originally spiritual practices without any of the original juice.

RM: In first descent impression was not merely a super-duper ideal state – King Appolis forcing people to labor to build fantastic city, so already degraded state in some way. Not sure why anybody has to build grand cities.

SF: Increasingly beset by questions about who is Beelzebub. Observing and reporting to Hassein things he has noticed about Kundabuffer, but not his main concern. Main concern is animal sacrifice, even though not widely practiced. What does it represent and why chief priority?

SW: Interference with trogoautoegocratic process. P234 (top) and another place.

SF: All manifestations of kundabuffer ... main thing impaired is exchange of substances. Hasnamuss can crystallise higher being bodies and still be Hasnamuss. Relationship in minds of these beings to the cosmic octave ... if what you are doing interferes with exchange of substances ...

RJ: Animal sacrifice metaphor for self-calming – possibility for remorse of conscience. Covering over so that oyster no longer irritated, or a good thing – elaborate one-brained attempt to not have friction. What killing of animals really is – standing in for inter-center activity of chance of remorse of conscience.

RM: Hasnamuss – do not have ... objective conscience. Can't tie in with something in our subconscious as opposed to resurrected – acquire through

RB: Conscience exists in everybody ... lacking data for conscience

SW: Hasnamusses formed religion:

Hasnamusses were formed into responsible beings; and when these latter began spreading ideas more maleficent than usual among the beings of that group, there was crystallized in the presences of the majority of the three-centered beings of the third group, that special psychic property, which, in its totality, already engendered a factor which greatly hindered the normal 'exchange-of-substances' actualized by the Most Great common-cosmic Trogoautoegocrat.

SF: Anything that escapes the factor of inner friction is off the mark. The factor somehow the belief that you can evolve without friction?

RB: Reference to the fact that we need to feed the moon. Hindering the normal exchange of substances – furnish food for the moon – sacred Askokin. Paradox: Sacred individuals noticed that the generation of substances not happening – send Buddha and also send Beelzebub – double-booking here.

SW: Beelzebub came down some time after Buddha and he formed a religion.

RB: Another part of ... complete absence of animal sacrifice, unless take the destruction of oysters. Depends what you mean by sacrifice.

SW: p230 Trogoautoegocrat reference – blood of the planet ... Oysters have something to do

with that?

RB: All of nature requires water. Carrier of everything in life. Our blood is water.

Hentralispana discussed. No real ideas of etymology.

SF: Human blood carrier of second being food.

Wind the breath of the earth?

RJ: Blood same salinity as sea water. Distinction between fresh water and salt water in life of the planet?

SW: Living between two great rivers ... reference to river he talks about at the end of the book.

“At first they populated there in Pearl-land only two definite regions, namely, the regions around the mouths of the two large rivers which flowed from the interior of Pearl-land into the large water-space, just in those places near which many of the mentioned pearl-bearing beings bred.

PS: Get the impression that some of this is related to body/organs. Lungs?

BP: Lungs and emotional center – close to heart.

SF: Top p228. Better to go directly ... decision to approach higher emotional truth rather than roundabout way

RJ: Wants to experience directly – immensely altered with terra-firma projections ...

PS: Something crystalized

RB: Going from one place sea of Beneficence to Pearl-land – land of beneficence. Almost impossible journey. Places he talks about ... projections normally indicate intellectual center. Nothing grows there that isn't dessert – no water. Stuff grows where there is water.

SW: Journey back to the traders of the stones – pearl of great price. Association arose in his mentation

“This association then arose in my mentation chiefly because I had long before heard a great deal about the rare peculiarities of those parts of the nature of that peculiar planet through which the proposed route of the caravan lay and, in consequence, what is called a ‘being-love-of-knowledge’ which was already crystallized in me, having received a shock for functioning from all that had been overheard, immediately dictated to my common presence the need to be persuaded of everything personally, directly through my own perceptive organs.

Look for the pearl of great price and then verify.

JOD: Heard how difficult but wants to experience for himself.

SF: Territories you go through if you die to old emotional self – encounter different ways of experiencing world. Reminded me that Beelzebub is a seeker also – capable of being shocked and getting new ... 3 parts: Beelzebub, Ahoon, Hasein – having to jettison previous bits.

RB: Strange

“And only after a month's travel, according to their time-calculation, did our caravan from Arguenia come to places where in the soil the possibility had not yet been quite destroyed of Nature's forming surplanetary formations and creating corresponding conditions for the arising and existing of various one-brained and two-brained beings.

Nature begins that with soil. Delivers blood of planet to plants. Probably not talking about soil.

SF: India a place where some ancient tradition still alive – in 60s had to go to India to get at the truth.

RB: Difficult to put a date on that – spiritual tradition of India

SW: Connect with Saint Buddha. 2 religions: 1 bad and 1 good. Interesting at first that the sacred beings willing to send down helpers to undo conditions of kundabuffer – realised for Trogoautoegocrat ... for ? To cover own embarrassment?

RM: Caravan from Arguenia – friction, debate, conflict.

RB: Could read like that.

RM: Discussions could be considered argument – different perspectives of the truth.

SW: Silver? Place of silver to place of gold?

SW: 2nd transapalnian perturbation. All the stuff going out of Atlantis and into the earth. Destruction of Pirmarals and oysters ... meaning?

RJ: p230 kind of famous what is called 'Talisman ?

SW: Magic charms to ward off evil.

SF: Started just before disappearance of Atlantis. Loss of essence – if we feel inner truth going start to make charms to stand for our identity.

BP: Inner insignificance. Completing of religious rite.

RM: Sinking of Atlantis – loss of experience of essence – even not totally knowing what essence isn't. What I'm born with ... loss of essence is loss of experience of the body, perhaps. Always thought I knew what essence was ...

BP: Associate with innocence

SF: Generalization – children not concerned with who they are. Boundaries different. Before puberty suddenly become concerned with identity. External things become crucial.

RM: Young children get frustrated, upset. Negative emotions, but part of them. Ahoon represents essence in some ways – necessary. Saint Venoma – venom – transported by and make efforts based on venomous reaction – motivation. Not to be discarded, killed. First spaceship able to move from place to place using instinctive reactions. G feeling venomous about treatment by soldiers making him fix the typewriters. Rethinking what I thought I knew. Beelzebub beyond that but Ahoon is not.

BP: If we cultivate and make it purposeful ...

RM: Essence origin of reactions/automatic behaviour of the body. Child has emotions that we could judge as emotions, but part of their essence.

RJ: Puberty is the collision that knocks the world out of kilter. Conscience sinks down and became protected.

SW: Essence never been clear to me. Do I have to put a name on it – is that intellectualizing it? Isn't a unity? Like the idea of loss of experiencing the body as loss of essence. And loss of emotions ... and so essence does have aspects – 3 aspects?

RB: complete absence in this section of any mention of sacrificing of anything. Taking pearls from oysters – could say ... harvesting. Moving/instinctive center is visual. Everything important is visual. Using pearls for adornment. Strange comment at the end: Reason called 'instincto-terebelnician,' that is, a Reason which functions only from corresponding shocks from without;

RM: Pearls valuable for some and not others. For some just life, religion and what they do and others want to learn more about it. Hinduism was influenced by theosophy – gave them a way to interpret in a different way. Was in decline and became habitual, but was reinvigorated by Blavatsky.

BP: Pearl – wisdom gained through experience and needs no cutting or polishing by man.

RM: Formed in layers by repetition of something happening. Habits.

RB: Good being habits. We should be grateful to those who came before. Most of what I know has been handed down. 100s of years old. Idea that you acquire good being habits and good for you in your life very believable.

RM: Religion had caused people to react to the sound of a crow or donkey with prostration – example of good practice – no longer know why they do it.

RB: Mystery of life. Do a lot of things that we assume are rational, but don't know they are rational. Go back a couple of 100 years – surgeons didn't wash anything. Would think that was crazy. People died on operating table. We are doing it as a habit, because never seen demonstration of efficacy of that habit, just take it to be true.

RB: Havatvernoni – talking about faith otherwise lost. Can't do anything – don't know if it is a good idea. What is the faith of these people in Pearl-land?

AT: Essence is fate. Ouspensky said things happen through 4 ways. Focus on will – Beelzebub represents development of will, consciousness and individuality. Religions: studied Hinduism – division between Vishnu and Shiva. Even Buddhism has degenerated. Bearing unpleasant manifestations of others.

SF: What distinguishes Pearl-land from Maralpleicie and Tikliamish?

JT: Trying to distinguish between 3 groups.

RB: Wasn't covered in sand.

RJ: Immigrants. Sinking of Atlantis, who they were and how they divided.

RB: Run out of oysters ...

SW: Atlantis inhabitants flawed.

RM: Canada was based on killing and export of beaver pelts for England. Owned by Hudson Bay Company.

RB: Folk in Maralpleicie went to hunt the Pirmaral and ground up into dust. Hunted pearls in pearl land and made into necklaces. When they find the knowledge, demean it.

SF: What about Tikliamish?

RB: Why did Tikliamishians end up in Ashhark? Slaughtered 2 brained beings.

SF: p185 – Tikliamish considered to be richest and most fertile, good for ordinary being existence.

RB: Consonance. What does the consonance of the word Hasnamuss do to you.

SW: want to spit

BP: Has no honour

SF: 's' sound hissing – empty, errant

RB: Possible etymology is the opposite of honour. Namus is honour in Arabic or Farsi. Probably Kas, not Has. JG Bennett implied it was a word the Turks understood. If you hear a word you have never heard before, won't look it up, will take meaning from consonance and context.

RM: Hasnamuss vs Hasein. Hasein, life, flows ...

RB: Definition of Hasnamuss is end of book one. Lentrohamsanin. Defined as very bad type, that if you read through can't say you are like that. But we don't take joy in destruction of other people, subverting people. We don't have a conscience, but have morality. Most people in the Work are sincere and honest. Not trivial to take and pervert a religion for selfish ends. Thought the Pope meditated before he does anything – has a kind of conscience. But does appear from what Beelzebub says, as soon as something is established the Hasnamusses destroy it.

RM: G's portrayal of religion not a way to find truth. Hasnamusses involved in the Christian Church.

RB: Abysmal behaviour in the name of religion.

RM: Would like a way to tie the chapters together – getting lost.

RB: Could be a contribution by email. Work together. Given that we are taking 10 pages ... something where you need to look at 50 pages not going to happen without research.

SW: Could do a review session

RB: Could do when we finish with Pearl-land - do a story so far session.

SF: p234 one of the things that distinguish them ... many beings with properties of Hasnamusses were formed – characteristic – more maleficent.

JT: Brahmanism – Hinduism was reaction.