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UK session

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J: Coating? In Upanishads you put on a coat which is your body ... or a coat of paint that is applied. Grabbed all the words and listed

PS: Add to that crystallized?

RB: Coating of pearls. Body kesdjan or body of soul – a matter of coating or crystallisation? If a matter of crystallization you add one more crystal and whole saturated solution becomes crystallized. If coating, it is different.

J: Building up mass – particulates? Coating more on increasing vivifyingness of vibrations.

RB: Substances have different vivifyingness of vibrations – all substances.

BD: Just reading about Reich and G. Draws parallels between orgone energy and sexual energy, points out that is a moving pulsating substance. Not something you paint on once and is done. Has to be fed constantly, in a state of excitement to heighten vibrations. Living substance as a coating.

RB: Good way to think about it. Coating in mundane sense – things that have solidified, but talking about substances that in natural state would not be solidification. Created a form – lattice or matrix that is permanent, but may be liquid, gaseous or plasma – more likely to be plasma because they form in layers. Rarefied substances. Will pulsate.

J: p53 of 1943 Paris meetings – distinguish between pulsation and impulse. Distinction?

RB: Interesting that he goes to 3 separate groupings of humanity and as though they are the only ones available to visit and in Tikliamish appeals to reason of inhabitants and outcome is mouthpiece is martyred and not particularly successful as sacrificial offerings continue. In Mar-alpleicie and Pearl-land he flat out lies and solution is complete – they stop. What is meant here?

J: 2 wrongs make a right. Things are already messed up and we live with these conditions and only way to break out of representation of reality is to introduce another falsity in case of normal average person living mechanically.

BD: Troubling. Doesn't try to get them to think properly in terms of developing themselves. Just to stop sacrifices. Not going to get their act together.

RB: St Buddha taught these things ... doesn't correct.

AS: People not capable of hearing the truth.

RB: Has worried me – what people take as knowledge is formatory repetition, not knowledge at all. Can report words that came out of Mr Ouspensky and sounds right, but they are just repeating the words.

RB: Allegory – moving centered stuff – way we would expect physical to behave. He doesn't say how these people were sacrificing one or two brained beings – doesn't say that was going on.

RB: Walking around on stilts and putting veils over mouths – Jainism. Completely absurd.

Absurd that there is bacteria in still water and not in running water. How to not damage life-forms?

BD: In Tibet, monks running around to save earthworms to save them during construction project.

CO: Working on ourselves and parts that will be destroyed and that is part of the process.

RB: We are going to destroy some of our many 'Ts. Karapet of Tiflis – dogs that were running wild – some saved and some slaughtered. How we treat the dogs inside us.

BD: Multiple digs at spiritual practices. Mentioned Prana – as if single particle – different from ordinary interpretation. Kundalini – huge part of eastern teaching. Theosophy and occultism. A lot of scorn for spiritual practices for Pearl-land.

RB: Never a friend to theosophy. Made an expedition because of information that had been published by M Blavatsky and was a waste of a year because of a lie.

RB: Prana? Same we read about in Yogi text books?

AS: Probably something completely different because the meaning has been lost over time.

BD: Same as okidanokh.

RB: Reasonable. I was told it is acquired by breathing – in the air.

J: What connects the elements together, quality of etherokrilno.

RB: Speaks of etherokrilno and stuff emerging from and uniting again which implies a basic quantum approach ... can bubble up here and disappear and then appear somewhere else ... electrons.

J: In terrain of okidanokh or etherokrilno? Context of developing - p245 both chief fundamental sacred laws – key ideas of The Tales. Coating ... particles ... comes from suffering of God?

RB: Need to involve other things for referential context. You, three-centered beings of the planet Earth, having the possibility of acquiring in yourselves both chief fundamental, universal, sacred laws, have the full possibility also of coating yourselves with this most sacred part of the Great All-embracing of everything existing and of perfecting it by the required Divine Reason.

BD: Would require conscious use of them.

RB: Parktdolg duty ... transformation of negative emotions ... right proportion of time – have to be asleep for a certain amount of time. If we have acquired, we would be using them regularly on a daily basis and would have laws of 7 and 3 operating within ourselves.

J: Depending on external shocks to keep the triangle in the middle formed ... original case before endlessness manifested to give shocks necessary to create triamazikanno in oneself.

MF: Mr Prana? Found passage in CS Nott and Teachings of Gurdjieff, p204 – prana is substance of essence. Shaw came near to it with lifeforce. Life of kesdjan body is prana ... being must work on himself to perfect germ of a soul. In yoga, just encountered only as prana breathing. When we made this breathing was astonished how fast I was calmed down.

RB: Octave of body kesdjan is breathing – consequence of 2nd food.

MF: Back to Toulousites ...

LE: Prana – life force. Linked to book to BD mentioned, Reich.

RB: Reich – have to learn different terminology. Orgone energy – replace with Prana and would be same stuff. Physical body is of the earth and when body dies most goes back to the earth to be used again to create ... under influence of note Mi. Kesdjan body, emotional body of the planets and don't have direct influence ... effect on atmosphere and magnetic and electric. No movement of substances from Earth other than magnetism, electricity or light.

LE: Creative action – babies. May appear to be of the earth, but creative act of special kind. Not just planets – another aspect.

RB: Planetary influence – takes place at moment of conception. From Views ... Act of sex involves participation of energy. Planet closest to Earth has greatest effect on being that is being conceived. Happening at atmospheric level.

LE: But without participation of human beings would be no creative act. Connection between ray of creation down to human beings that create more human beings.

RB: My source for this is Tibetan Book of the Dead. Man, Woman and another soul create a child. Behaviour of the soul in the bardos that occur after death. Soul exposed to highest possible of energies but can't stand the pain and goes from one bardo to another until it is attracted to a womb – animal or human being. Can go to all the traditions ... only one that tells story of reincarnation – have to work for it. One possibility is complete obliteration – all unity you might have aspired to ... broken up in to parts. Nothing left of what you were. Disturbing idea if it walks alongside 'I want to be more than I am'. This section is very relevant to this. What is the Most Great Greatness?

AS: Pearl – allegory for kesdjan body. Have to cultivate like the pearl farmers – irritant.

J: Particle of God within our common presence.

RB: Depends on what you know and what you have internalized of the stories told in ISOM – atom of objective science is an atom of God. Whole of Universe is the Absolute in various levels of density. Distinction being made. Particle of God or of Sun Absolute or of a Galaxy? All would be particles. From the moment I read about prana, I kind of believed it. Surrounded by particles that are vivifying.

RB: Mister Prana and Mister God?

BD: Seemed totally natural to me that there is a vivifying force and positive if we can draw into ourself. Talks about here as a single thing, not a universal force. Then the Mister Prana – human beings can worship as outside themselves as opposed to something they can use.

BD: Maybe just taking all eastern traditions down a peg or two – same as meditation in previous part. Debunking of eastern traditions.

RB: Remember being deeply perturbed – famine in India – some official was asked about it (in 60s) and a number had died and he said it doesn't matter because they are all going to be reincarnated anyway. The problem is if you say you already have this you are not going to work for it. Think the idea of the Trogoautoegocrat is helpful – nature is ruthless – creates 10K seeds and one will grow. Guppies have between 1000 and 10000 offspring.

J: Developing triamazikamno in oneself ... example of completion of an octave from do to do. Is making my bed a complete octave? What would be the minimum at the end of the day to say I have succeeded.

RB: Read the newspaper until you were bored with it.

J: Descending octave?

RB: No descending octaves happen without an ascending octave. Most people in The Work don't understand fundamental thing about an octave. Example of creative octave? Working on Yourself! Not a creative octave. Best example would be creation of something to its completion – could talk about building a house. If you cook breakfast and eat it

PS: And clean up afterwards.

MF: Why is it that at certain times parts of the planet become centers for war and others become large populations – nature requires – can only be achieved by close proximity ...

MF: Toulousites – also in CS Nott (p104) and had been writing in the garden and speaking about the law of three. [shared diagram]

LE: Est and non est?

RB: Father, Son and Holy Ghost are not each other, but are all God.

RB: Saint Kirmininasha.

What is that? Krishna? If so spelt it wrong.

BD: Would be too easy – on subtle plane all the time.

RB: Depiction of Krishna is same as depiction of Christ – not a saint a genuine messenger from above – level of Sun or higher.

MF: Warning – blessed is he that hath a soul ... sermon on the mount.

BD: Who is first shall be last ...

MF: Similarity.

Senkoo-ori

MF: koo – are and ori – they or you. Armenian. Where are you? Locality where searching for?

J: Saint Buddha's methods – enduring unpleasant manifestations of others. Not in solitude. Friction and eating suffering and experience but not identified. If most sacred prana is crystallized ... wants to crystallize ... is the means the endurance of unpleasant manifestations of others. Consciously or unconsciously ...

RB: Intentional suffering?

J: Conscious labour is to use voluntary attention to follow your aim and intentional suffering is seeing it through.

RB: Consciousness is strongly associated with intellect. To know together. Act begins with intellectual center taking position – conscious labour. Intentional suffering is an act of will and belongs to emotional part.

J: Denying force?

RB: Everything contextual. Experience of intentional suffering – best understood as the opposite of self-calming. Certain emotion arises because of a shock from outside (for instance) creates a motion that has you moving in the direction of self-calming, but you don't – you move in opposite direction.

J: Use of word 'will' in the Work. Nasty term that J G Bennett – capitalized it and now we know what it is. Is Will the intentional use of maintaining voluntary attention.

RB: My mechanism for dealing with things J G Bennett wrote – ignore them all. But I knew people who were with Bennett ... If you want to know what Will means – better to consult Madame De Salzman, Rodney Collin, Nicoll. Had intellects that were disciplined. Wasted time trying to understand things Bennett had written. Even apply to the book on energies – tried to do an analysis and don't think it made sense to him. Will – quoting Ouspensky – best comment from Gurdjieff: Frank Pinder phone call from Paris – get everyone together in the study hall and I will give a lecture. Everyone got together and 10, 15, 20 ... 45 mins ... after 50 mins heard G's car driving up and he walks in and says "patience is the mother of will, if you have no mother how can you be born?" and he walked out. Only will is will of the Absolute and rest is fractions of it. Patience in emotional center.

J: Development of emotional maturity in an individual.

RB: Can find examples of what seems like will. Undergoing Lent. I went on a fast beginning on Ash Wednesday and since then not eating meat or fish. Is that will? Don't think it is because I can do that. That was intellect. Is it difficult to abide by. If you have done it before, decide not to eat and that is the end of it. Ouspensky called negative will. Not doing something. Using will to deny. Kind of will but subsidiary. Nicoll asks Ouspensky what was experience of will like – Ouspensky said 'solving a mathematical problem'.

J: Connects back to intentional concentration of voluntary attention towards an aim.

RB: That is the positive side of will – has same feeling to it. Don't solve problem of will with intellect. Solve with emotions.

BD: When I get to the end of the task there is the last resistance and that is where will comes in to complete the octave – it is emotional.

RB: Washing the dishes – think you have finished something – completion is washing up afterwards.

RB: Learned in Work days – given a task to do and had 2.5 hours in morning and last 5 mins was always tidy up and put the tools away. Learned that a job is complete when you organized the mess you made that was part of the job. When you think you have completed something, you get a feeling of satisfaction. If it occurs when you have tidied up and put the tools away ... those are the actions of completion.

J: Dancing between law of 3 and law of 7. Through completing the octave ... have affirmed and ... denying force and got through the ... was intended to be completed.

RB: Good to have an example. Creative octave example. Most people have ideas and don't even start. Struck the do and that is all that happens. Fall at the first Si-Do interval for most things in life that are creative acts. If you go past that it will end at Mi-Fa interval and to pass that need help from someone else. Interesting how I write books and how Gurdjieff wrote his book – not the same. He knew Mi-Fa interval is when you have completed the draft. The note Mi – never done the way G did it – had it read out and observed impact and made changes. Enneagram, not an octave. He figured the note Re where he was making changes had completed and then it would go to the publisher and complete. The way publishers help is that after the draft is finished, it will be sent to readers and get their opinion and then they publish the book. Different octave to market the book.

J: Sensing exercise at Do-Si interval?

RB: When you do sensing in the morning is attempted act of will and how you define the end defines what you are doing. Was taught to go around body 3 times and limb by limb and finish with Lord have Mercy. Another is set alarm for 20 mins and sense your body. Your experience

will tell you where the problems occur. The question is what is the aim? My aim eventually came to be I am going to do it every day and be fresh when I can. That is just what this guy does. You can buy a book on mediation and find 10 different methods ... go to YouTube and find guided meditations. Question is what is your aim? To find silence at beginning of day. To spend 20 mins meditating different aim.

J: Aim is sensing body – Re-Do interval is that. Establishing I Am is Re-Do

RB: No interval at Re-Do.

J: Isn't objective to complete octave?

RB: 2 types of octave. Creative octave Si-Do interval filled by will. Most of the octaves of the Work are ascending octaves and hit interval at third not Mi-Fa interval. What is ascending and descending – what is being transformed. In The Work it is you that is being transformed. You have to be passive. Every note in the octave you have to do passively. Receiving ideas of the work passively and ingest them and understand what they mean. If you think you know as soon as you read you didn't digest it and you failed. Receiving and digesting information is the Do. Next note is called applying ideas to yourself. Inner Considering as an example. You have to be passive and apply the idea and watch what happens. Mi is realisation of personal difficulties – what happens when you take any ideas of the Work. Those are the first three notes ... then you hit the interval. You have to be passive and something higher has to eat you.

US Session

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RJ: Warning at the bottom of p246 seems unfair

SW: Kirmininasha – a little ebit of love. Nasha – name used a lot. Kir – etymology? Judgmental, perceptive.

J: Name reminds me of Krishna. Agree about the statement – has scared me for many years and seems unfair. Introduction of word 'prana'. Sanskrit word means breath, vital force, principle. Reality at all levels.

RM: Also have – don't recall where – love everything that breathes. By taking care not to kill unnecessarily – taken to extreme.

J: Think refer to Jain religion. Spent some time with them – Gujarat – Shatrunjaya hills – Palitana. 3,500 steps to get to the top. Full moon and a lot of Jains there and also nuns and monks dressed in white. 850 temples at the top. Jains wear veils and stops them breathing in insects and also inhibits unnecessary talking. Have a brush to scatter insects in front of them. Moksha – escape karmic prison. Starve to death. Also wore stilts – special shoes raised 2 levels to avoid trampling on insects. All correct.

AT: Had similar experience – Jain priest who wore white ... assistant to chief priest. When I read this clearly meant Jains.

J: Divided into 2 sects. One is naked – wear no clothes. The other wear white.

SW: How do they get into state of purity? No secular form of Jainism.

J: Live in communities and are respected in India. Very honest and trusted.

AT: I met Jain priest in London. They have very strict dietary requirement – can't eat after a certain time. Only eat once a day.

J: Going up the mountain was a beautiful experience. Teams of guys with sticks and seats and carried people up if they couldn't walk.

RB: Older than Vedas. If we took Buddha to be real, Jains were not perverting anything – they came before the Buddha and therefore their 'eccentricities' were not perversion of Buddhist doctrine. So G just patched this in here ... If you get the impression that they were devout then this isn't so much foolishness as just a set of rituals of people who are devout.

J: Yes. Extremely clean and divine and devotion was apparent in them.

SW: If you can perceive the fineness of those emanations, what does that say about you?

J: Sometimes there is a wish to be open to others in me.

SW: Are times that we are sensitive to emanations that we are not at other times. Might give us hope

SW: Regret to have to say – wiseacring

J: Telling lies. Allowed in the pursuit of our aim?

RJ: Question of what wiseacring is. If has aim and uses these things and misleads people intentionally. Has been given a task from above. Questions our concept of lies and truth ...

RM: Seems to be concentrating on – Buddhists unable to concentrate on bearing unpleasant manifestations ... not in relationship with others. Law of 3 – internal law of creation – based on idea of exchange of substances between people. Fasting themselves to death similar to being fed once a day and being deprived ... a little water and bread. Wonder if equating with meditation, but more to do with having to be alone.

JT: Misunderstanding re Prana on p245. Misconception later about Kundalini – seems to be saying in this passage that all of these religions from the continent of India are misleading. Somehow psychoanalysis also – Jung had an Indian servant and got a lot of ideas from that.

RJ: p245 misunderstanding – whether born with prana – back to p246 – seems like complete opposite. Already born with a soul and just be good will go to heaven in the end. If you start to develop one and falter, you are screwed! Different tone. Almost back to self-calming. Hamolinadir – have a soul and will be fine. Why spending time on the etymology of Kundalini – should starve ourselves to death or not kill the animals. Extreme version of anti-material asceticism.

SW: Talk about prana and kundalini/kundabuffer in detail. Took to mean G was critical of monasticism. Bringing out in this country.

GM: Asceticism - exists in all religions and amount of attention one has to spend. Not about relationships. Critical about ... kundalini, breath, sex center. If you aren't doing that it won't work. Crystallised prana is crystallised essence in higher bodies. If you are an ascetic, simple to keep attention focused on that.

RM: Kunda – 49 definitions of kunda. Flower, Jasmine, white flower. Peculiar one is impregnation by one that is not a husband. Dominant meaning white flower.

RB: Nothing to do with reflection?

RM: Sex energy and relationship and that phenomena and role of that energy.

SW: Sacred fire, fire pit and bird ... idea of snake coiled at the base of the spine.

GM: Lotus also reminds me of flower – 7 petal lotus and chakras.

JT: p251 – Scheherazade? What is that about?

SW: Only that he refers throughout the book as fantasist. Entered into black hole on right side of her navel.

GM: Says it all. Fantasy he mentions always about imagination and fantasmagoric behaviour we have and go down a black hole when we do that.

J: Scheherazade mentioned 5 times in the tales. Means daughter of the realm and one reference in 1001 nights ... navel could contain an ounce of musk ... aromas. Center of the universe. Meteorite hit somewhere in Greece and Zeus placed at center of temple at Delphi ... Rome took a lot of the intellectual aspects and changed the name of the stone. Umbilicus Urbis in Rome. Underworld. Where the Romans worked out how many miles to reach their provinces. Center of Roman universe. Also some people turned on by navels sexually. Connection with kundalini?

JA: Moving center of universe – Greek to Roman.

RM: So, to the side of the navel?

J: Appendix lies on the right side. Mole is a spot. Soil or defile. Cleric only interested in worldly things.

RM: Recently listening to his description of the purpose of the appendix – place for storing gas in order to have a bowel movement.

JA: Attraction to things sort of having to do with sex. Gobi Krishna's book and Chia – energy going up the spine. When I met Keith Buzzell – constant thread in his thinking was that sex as described by Ouspensky was a class of materiality that was attention. Very helpful in understanding many other things – function of enneagram for instance. These energies as reported in ISOM are levels of materiality and sex energy finest energy body is producing and how wrapped up with electricity or chi. Relationship between sex and attention is very important.

GM: and learning to alchemise. 2 snakes going up the spine and ability to eat its tail ... if sex center not functioning correctly can't produce higher hydrogens. The ascetics don't have to split their attention – devoted to that ascetic way. Like Scheherazade is not part of real world – fantasy. Kundabuffer as opposed to Kundalini?

JA: Keith was a DO and knew the body well and don't remember him saying there was a vestigial point where the kundabuffer had been removed. What is left is implantation by hypnotic means. In last pages of The Tales ... another organ like kundabuffer. What is saneness, what is like? Like could mean another hypnotic implantation. Tweak of Endlessnesses nose, because the thing that got Beelzebub banished had something to do with ... ends up right there. Major theme is hypnosis and if kundabuffer was not an organ implanted in physical means ... something that happens at base of spine. Consistent with Doaist Yoga, Kundalini Yoga ...

J: Form of hypnosis Beelzebub uses ... without discussion that all beings accepted prana.

GM: in ISOM when Ouspensky sends this guy to him and telling he was a seller of carpets and send them away. So think he knew if people could be mesmerised and if they couldn't, couldn't follow his teaching. Putting yourself in a state of hypnosis when reading Beelzebub.

SW: Sacrifice of hypnotic abilities?

JA: Gave up for certain purposes and not others.

RM: Also found that one type of hypnosis cost a lot of energy and the other not so much of himself. One uses hanbledzoin.

GM: Also used his sex center – attracted people to him. Involved a lot of sexual energy.

BP: Beelzebub influencing people – what is the connection – to start with what they know. Begins with their religion and had to start somewhere. Influencing with hypnosis – don't think he needs to. Influenced by kundabuffer.

RM: Hypnosis – continuance of convincing to influencing. Spectrum.

RJ: In one of the biographical books incident described on field trip. Young lady was put into trance by a melody. If there is any truth to that anecdote, I think it is a description of an event, think what it means about his ability to know what influences an individual. Never heard of someone who could be put into a trance by a certain tune ... level of vibrations and materiality that is beyond my ability to comprehend. Highest level of magic. How broad his ability to understand inner/higher workings of people he looked at once.

SW: Just about every teenager is hypnotised by vibration and most of us are in waking sleep most of the time. Large part of everybody's life.

SW: Not giving up hypnosis entirely ... lying and wisecracking – can be used and should we or shouldn't we – may be useful.

RB: When we use the word 'hypnotism' don't have well defined. What substance is combining with what to do what? In certain circumstances people strongly influenced by adverts? What is combining with what ...? Idea that someone does something and someone does something as a consequence – that happens all the time. The interruption of the flow of hanbledzoin – at least H24.

SW: What is our experience of hypnotism? From physical, emotional or head? Almost emotion and physical intuition – result in trance like state. Relate to meditation -which makes me not happy.

RB: What do you mean by trance?

SW: Sort of bliss state, tuned out, brain fog. Awareness of energy, impressions ...

RB: Have idea that hypnotist goes through a procedure and someone is then in a trance and evidence that they can be suggested to effectively. Bite into onion and taste and orange.

SW: like trying to influence other people – like when I was teaching children. Throwing my energy into their energy and create a focus of their attention.

RB: Difficult to sort one thing from another. Nature of most people, if you give them an authority they accept, like talking heads on TV that are supposed to be experts. Is that hypnotism? Suggestibility can substitute in some circumstances, but normal suggestibility as stated by Gurdjieff is different from hypnotism. What they firmed up on after Mesmer is really low level and he knew more? Don't know. Important point to our ability to understand the Tales. Using things that are subliminal – repetitions that are not obvious until you count them and analyse. Suggestions and logical confrontation mentioned often – how about you go and think for yourselves?

J: In a meeting with the Group yesterday and was speaking with another student and she told me that during readings of Beelzebub's Tales would sometimes go into a semi-hypnotic state.

RB: Certain things are happening here ... he is at surrounding things in quotes and we are suggested to that we should examine the meaning – why is Scheherazade in quotes? ‘What they call’ – not using the word and also ‘what is called’ and that is different than ‘what they call’. The repetition of the ‘properties of the organ kundabuffer’. ‘The abnormal conditions established by them themselves’ – is this a hypnotic repetition or a shock? Because those are opposites.

RM: Implantation of something like kundabuffer which would be the remembrance of our death – at the end of his tale – and the shock ‘blessed is he who has a soul...’ reminding us that this is our life that is at stake and reminder of our death. Stands out ...

RB: Implication is something that nobody has said anything about. Is it really horrific? Your being attracts your life. No seed of a soul – puts you at level of a mollusc.

GM: I have run into people who don’t have a soul.

RB: G said to Ouspensky – people you have met are already dead would be shocked. Doesn’t surprise me any more. People who are in the Work and people outside of the Work. Those people are not dead and those who are not in the Fourth Way, either good householders, or have no possibilities – vast majority of people. What you will attract by having the seed inside you. Could be called Being Partkdolg duty – don’t think it is any different.

J: Conscious efforts, attempts at presence, self-remembering. Struggle to resist mechanical impulse and to try to force a different inner or outer reaction – transform negative emotion to a positive one. Expression of love, as Jesus said ‘love thine enemy’.

BP: p249 have ever since hovered and still hover in vain;

SW: Suffering ... fake piety. Famous suffering was fake piety and derision for it. P244 and 245 – again with prana and I said last week that last para – talking about the reason and purpose of creation. Drawing in of okidanokh, djartklom and remorse. Repetition and connections ...

RJ: Equates holy prana with okidanokh. Don’t know about prana or the relationship between prana and kundalini.

JT: Hovering statement – conscious cycle of humanity. Still effort being made after messenger leaves planetary body.

SW: References to did Buddha say this or not? Had to read a couple of times. He never could have said that ...

RB: What do we think about Beelzebub’s lies? Shadow pattern that keeps occurring – accusing people of wiseacring, then has to do something and wiseacres big time!

JOD: One of the funny things about that is it has the same result – goes off the rails.

JT: I agree. This is Beelzebub’s journey being described as well.

GM: Don’t we all lie when we are not consciously self-observing?

RB: In the sense that we have tendency to say things with authority they don’t deserve. I exaggerate when I tell about something or other. This is a different kind of lie. Diverts a whole population of people into a belief in something that is not correct. Realizes that these people have wiseacred with teachings of Buddha and doesn’t correct it.

GM: Aren’t we doing the same thing?

RB: Different from proactively lying and creating a falsehood.

JOD: Not lying for his own good. Taking what is already distorted and extending that to get a goal.

RM: Think you are right – doing for a purpose and if we take him at his word and that there is nothing left after one generation of Buddhism – is that true – I don't think so. Wiseacrings ... urging us to think for ourselves and critically engage with his writings, rather than simply believing him.

SW: Said I think lying and wiseacring – is it a moral value, absolute or relative. OK or not? Aware that I irritate people with my wiseacring, don't do out of vanity, just have a lot to say and only so many years ... friction is good.

BP: Beelzebub is true to his aim.

RB: Disputable. Will fix things and get brownie points with God, or looked around and will tell a lie and won't make any difference. Question is have to discuss with ourselves.

JOD: Not capable of accepting our function on Earth.

J: Could also be a warning to us about the work we attempt.

RB: I think there is deeper meaning in this and crafted a story that is much more than we have appreciated. About our inner world or the world outside. Is he that good a guy?

GM: Taught me to deal with my inner devil. Example of my own practical life. Runs very deep. If we don't interpret and how we are building into our own higher centers. In Jungian psychology study the myths in you. Beelzebub is in all of us.

RB: If not practical, what are we doing? “In this book I have buried ...”

RB: Up to p251 next week. Try to make connections. Taken apart 10 pages at a time and need to make connections. How does it all relate? What picture do we have? What is the arc of Beelzebub? Relationship of Beelzebub and Hasein? No reason to read – we have 2 hours. Bring questions, or facts.