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Study Questions: Course 12-2: Natural Alchemy, Evolution of Religion

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Chapter 1, The Foundation of Religion

1. What is the primary drive of all life?
2. What purpose is served by the Drive for Nutrition?
3. What purpose is served by the Drive for Reproduction?
4. In their expanded form, what is included in the three irrepressible drives?
5. Every step of progress taken in evolution, and by man, is in response to what three drives?
6. The effort to realize what today, and at all times in the past, has been the object of religion?
7. Why in the past has new and valuable information about the inner planes been suppressed?
8. Why must ways be devised by which special privilege cannot prevent people from knowing and publicly discussing the facts of both planes?
9. Why does truth alone make men free?
10. Why are those who permit their emotions to govern their conduct and beliefs like the European Lemmings?
11. Why is emotion, when guided and conditioned by reason, such an important tool?
12. Upon what two things depends the success of every undertaking upon which man enters?
13. Have most people evolved far enough above the animals not to be more powerfully influenced by their habitual reactions than by facts and logic?
14. Just what is truth?
15. What is the one logical reason why those in authority either in politics or religion try to prevent facts being made available and given through public discussion?
16. Why should religion acquire as many relevant facts as possible to both planes, and advocate the type of life that will in greatest measure insure the four freedoms?
17. What is Naturism?
18. What is the difference between Naturism and Animism?
19. Are the beliefs of Animism as erroneous in all respects as academic individuals have led the public to believe?
20. Do the rain dances of primitive tribes often bring rain?
21. Through what now recognized power is the rain made to fall?
22. What is Fetishism?
23. How does Totemism differ from Fetishism?

24. Illustrate how modern adoration of screen stars and notable people is a step in the direction of the Hero Cult.
25. What is the finer aspect of that which is known as Phallic Worship?

Chapter 2, Early Religions of the World

1. Who were the first truly human men?
2. To what extent did these first human men believe in psychokinesis?
3. What type of religion had the people of the New Stone Age when they first arrived in Africa, Europe, Asia and America?
4. Mention some of the practices and observances of the Heliolithic religion
5. Where did the American Indians come from?
6. How long ago did the Amerindians appear in America?
7. To what extent did the Indians of North and South America believe in God?
8. Were the American Indians given to offering prayer?
9. Did the American Indians believe in what is now called psychokinesis?
10. Did the American Indians believe in the survival of the personality after physical dissolution?
11. Is the Eskimo a believer in spirit communion?
12. Did the Indians have traditions concerning some of the constellations?
13. What type of Indian became most proficient in astrology?
14. What is the most important rite of Oceania?
15. What psychokinetic ceremony is used in Australia to kill a victim?
16. What is the basis of the Huna philosophy of Hawaii?
17. What is the chief Shinto God?
18. What habits of life were encouraged in early Shintoism?
19. What is a torii?
20. Up to the time of the Japanese defeat in World War II, what was the chief Shinto doctrine?
21. From what type of religion was derived the belief that the Mikado of Japan was a god?
22. Who were the Dravidians?
23. What are the characteristics of the devotees of Siva?
24. What was the foundation of Lamaism as practiced in Tibet?
25. Who is the head of the Buddhist Church throughout Mongolia and China?

Chapter 3, Religion in Historic Times

1. From whence is our knowledge of the beliefs of the early Nordic people derived?

After what Nordic god(dess) were the following named, and to what planets do they correspond:

2. Wednesday?
3. Thursday?
4. Friday?
5. Tuesday?
6. Did the early Nordics believe in a life after the dissolution of the physical?

7. From whence came most of the Olympian gods of the Greeks?
8. About what date did the Greeks begin to influence the scientific trend of astrology?
9. What type of extrasensory perception did Socrates have?
10. About what date did the wisdom of Babylon, including knowledge of astrology, move to Alexandria and start having an influence over Greek and Roman religion?
11. What influence had the older Etruscans on the later religious beliefs of Rome?
12. Under what Roman emperors were there official astrologers?
13. From whence came the chants, rituals, pomp and show of Christianity when it was adopted as the state religion of Rome?
14. Who were the Druids?
15. How strong was the belief of the Druids in a life after physical death?
16. What three religions did Manichaeism endeavor to reconcile?
17. Did the Nestorians believe the Virgin Mary was the mother of God?
18. Where is the stronghold of the Druses?
19. Did the early book of Mormons condone polygamy?
20. What group of people among the Mohammedans correspond to the monks of Christianity?
21. What is the outstanding tenet of the Sankhya philosophy?
22. What are the two main Vedanta sects?
23. Who are the Sikhs?
24. What two religions did Jainism endeavor to reconcile?
25. What is the outstanding doctrine of Zenism?

Chapter 4, Tao, Confucianism, Zoroastrianism and Mohammedanism

1. What are the three chief religions in China today?
2. What are the weaknesses of Taoism?
3. Does Taoism consider that the universe has intelligence?
4. What is the meaning of Tao?
5. Does Tao teach life after physical dissolution?
6. From what is derived Confucianism?
7. Do the Chinese believe in astrology?
8. Who was Zoroaster?
9. What is the Avesta?
10. What is the main theme of Zoroaster's teachings?
11. Who are the Parsis?
12. Did Mohammed try to destroy the teachings of the Bible, or those of Jesus?
13. What is the Hegira?
14. What prevented Mohammedanism sweeping the world?
15. What was Mohammed's opinion of three gods ruling over the world?
16. Was Allah, the One God, a god of partiality, dispensing special and unmerited favors?
17. What kind of a hell did Mohammed picture?
18. What kind of a paradise after death do the Mohammedans believe in?
19. In the U.S. about how many different creeds base their doctrines on the Bible?

20. Upon what evidence does each of these sects demand that its teachings shall be accepted?
21. Who are the Sunnites?
22. Who are the Shiites?
23. Bahaism is a heresy of what religion?
24. What weakness of Mohammedanism is also the weakness in the beliefs of certain astrologers?
25. Psychologically, just what does conversion accomplish?

Chapter 5, Hinduism and Buddhism

1. Who are the Dravidians?
2. About when was writing brought to India?
3. What kind of culture was prevalent in India previous to the Aryan invasion?
4. What was the origin of the Veda?
5. What section of the Veda contains the first extensive speculative philosophy of India, and is the foundation of the highly meritorious philosophies of India?
6. For what purpose was the Rig Veda used?
7. What were the four early outstanding castes of India?
8. Is Hinduism a religion of set beliefs?
9. Has there been freedom of belief in India?
10. Instead of denying any god brought to them, what explanation was given by the Brahmans?
11. On what one matter did the Brahmans insist and allow no freedom?
12. Why did those of high caste have little sympathy for those of a lower caste who lived in misery?
13. How does the caste system thwart progress and lead to the exploitation of the common people by those of special privilege?
14. Did Buddha denounce belief in the host of gods, godlings, spirits and demons generally believed in by his contemporaries?
15. Did Buddha reject the notion of some of his followers, as did Jesus, that he was Lord of the Universe?
16. About when is there first proof of written scriptures of Buddhism?
17. What is the big contrast between the doctrines of Buddhism and Christianity?
18. Do the Four Noble Truths of Buddha encourage belief that life on earth is worth while?
19. What is to be gained by following the Noble Eightfold Path?
20. To what did Buddha attribute all the miseries and discontent of life?
21. Is the Buddhism of today similar to the simple doctrines taught by Buddha?
22. Are there many Buddhist sects?
23. What is the fundamental weakness of Buddhism?
24. In retaining their authority over people, what is the contrast between the method used by the priests of the East and the priests of the West?
25. What means were employed both by the priests of the East and the priests of the West to enslave and make obedient their followers?

Chapter 6, Judaism and Christianity

1. What kind of religion had the Hebrews before they contacted the higher culture of Babylon or Egypt?
2. According to the Bible, where were the Hebrews during the 40 years after escaping from slavery in Egypt, and before invading Canaan?
3. What became of ten of the tribes of Israel?
4. What tribe was taken captive into Babylon in 578 B.C.?
5. How did the Babylonian captivity improve the Hebrew tribe?
6. Before the Babylonian captivity did the Hebrews have any commonly recognized literature?
7. What literature had the Hebrews at the end of the Babylonian captivity?
8. Do the descendants of the Hebrews have exclusive right to use the symbol of two interlaced trines?
9. What sacred literature came into existence for the Hebrews after the Babylonian captivity?
10. What are two unique features of the Hebrew Religion?
11. For what purpose in 325 A.D. did Emperor Constantine call the council of Nice?
12. Give an example of extrasensory perception employed by Jesus.
13. Give an example of psychokinetic power used by Jesus.
14. What were the three highly important messages Jesus gave the world?
15. Did Jesus try to destroy the Jewish religion?
16. What did Paul teach relative to a woman's complete submission to a man?
17. Why, in a day when the old Hero Cult still had such a powerful grip on the people, was it to be expected any extraordinary person would be considered a god?
18. How late a date was it before anyone made any inquiry as to the date of birth of Jesus?
19. From what did Christianity adopt the pomp, show, rituals chants, incense, figures of saints, and other church accessories and ceremonies?
20. Is the commandment relative to not making any graven image commonly obeyed?
21. To what extent should the commandment that man should not steal be extended?
22. Are most of the doctrines of the sermon on the mount sound?
23. What is the Old Testament account of the communication of one who had died with one who still lived on earth?
24. What is the New Testament account of the communication of those who had been dead hundreds of years without reincarnating talking to one who still lived on earth?
25. What means has orthodoxy employed to enslave the people of the

Chapter 7, The Stellar Religion

1. What instructions should a religion give?
2. Here or hereafter, what must man possess to be able to cope with life successfully?
3. Why is it inevitable The Religion of the Stars will become the world religion of the future?
4. Why is materialism on its way out?
5. Why is orthodoxy on its way out?
6. How long has it been since any systematic effort was commenced to gain facts relative to the inner plane?

7. What would happen to orthodoxy if the implications of facts already demonstrated by scientists relative to the powers of the mind were grasped by the public?
8. What, more than anything else, blocks scientific acceptance of inner-plane energies?
9. What is included in psi phenomena?
10. What prevents scientists investigating and giving a truthful report on the influence of inner-plane weather?
11. Does the vast amount of evidence that has been collected about life after death verify the notions relative to the hereafter taught by orthodoxy?
12. People who try to adjust themselves to life according to the notions of their forefathers usually live in what kind of condition?
13. In addition to the innumerable university experiments that have proved extrasensory perception, have many people proved it through spontaneous experiences?
14. What is the big problem at present where extrasensory perception is concerned?
15. What influence have time, distance and physical obstacles on extrasensory perception?
16. What are some of the valuable uses for which extrasensory perception will be employed when it is possible to bring it under control?
17. What is psychokinesis?
18. Give instances in which the use of psychokinesis has proved valuable?
19. When brought under proper control, what are some of the uses for which psychokinesis could be employed?
20. To what extent is man influenced from the inner plane?
21. Through what means do objects have an inner-plane influence over man?
22. What are the two ways in which people's thoughts exert an innerplane influence over others?
23. Of all the inner-plane energies, which are most powerful to influence the individual's life?
24. By applying knowledge of inner-plane energies, how much should an individual be able to increase his spirituality, success, happiness and health?
25. What is the moral code against which can be measured the validity of any moral precepts advanced by any religion?

Chapter 8, Astrology is Religion's Road Map

1. Why is the Stellarian religion called The Religion of the Stars?
2. What has the energy of the ideas most people hold relative to inner-plane phenomena to do with their refusal to investigate them, or to accept them when their existence has been demonstrated by competent persons?
3. Why should we not expect inner-plane weather to operate according to the same laws weather operates on earth?
4. How many distinct kinds of inner-plane weather are there?
5. How do we know what usually to expect in the life of an Individual who is under a certain type of inner-plane weather?
6. Is it more amazing that the inner-plane weather affecting one person in the same vicinity, that the future can be perceived, or that things can be seen on the opposite side of the earth by E.S.P?
7. Can man at present prevent most of the physical weather he experiences?

8. Can man, with his present knowledge, prevent the inner-space weather mapped by progressed aspects?
9. What can man do to his advantage when he foreknows either the outer-plane or inner-plane weather?
10. To what extent are the minds of people insulated from each other?
11. Man seeks to find guidance in religion for the satisfactory expression on earth and in the hereafter for what three drives?
12. What freedoms are all life-forms striving to gain, and what additional freedom does man seek?
13. What knowledge and its application will most advance the individual or the race toward gaining the four freedoms in full measure?
14. What is the most important progress from the standpoint of any religion?
15. In what way does a knowledge of astrology enable the individual to develop his character and live his religion more successfully?
16. In what way does knowledge of astrology aid parents in the moral training of their children?
17. In what way does astrology indicate the natural aptitudes of a child that should be given special training?
18. In what way does astrology assist adults to select the vocation in which they will be most successful?
19. In what way can astrology be used to promote better health for the individual?
20. What is meant by the birth-chart constants of an event or disease?
21. What is meant by the progressed constants of an event or disease?
22. How can knowledge of the birth-chart and progressed constants of events and diseases be used to improve every department of an individual's life?
23. To what extent can astrology successfully be used to predict outer-plane weather?
24. How can astrology be used to enable individuals and nations to get along together more harmoniously?
25. Toward what condition, guided by astrological energies, is the soul steadily evolving?

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