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# Study Questions: Course 20, The Next Life

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## **Chapter 1, Turning the Dial to Inner Planes Serial No. 173**

1. Why is it advantageous to know the conditions with which we shall be confronted on the next life?
2. What are the three chief sources of information concerning the conditions to be met in the next life?
3. In what way do the objective convictions tend to warp and distort what a seer perceives of the conditions of the next life?
4. Why, even when they are accurately recorded, do the accounts of the conditions in the next life tend to vary?
5. How accurate a picture of the higher astral and spiritual world is it possible to convey to minds still residing on earth?
6. Name three men who have contributed much to our information of the next life.
7. In what way do accounts of the conditions of the next life at present fail to meet the exacting requirements of physical science?
8. Indicate how, in the future, it is probable precise proof will be made available.
9. What three contrivances probably will be used to furnish this proof?
10. What form of energy made available will promote the invention of these machines?
11. Indicate how the physical plane and the astral plane are like two different broadcasting stations either of which can be tuned in on.
12. Illustrate by radio, how it is that when our consciousness is tuned in on what is being broadcast from the physical plane, we may be quite unconscious of what is being broadcast over the system of any other plane.
13. Indicate how certain properties belong only to one plane, and how a plane of higher or lower frequency has properties that are quite different.
14. Illustrate, by radio, how Arthur Conan Doyle might be present and giving messages in New York and in London at the same identical moment.
15. Illustrate how an object or person can lose certain properties and gain others without losing its identity.
16. Why is it common for students of the next life to speak of the astral world as a region of four dimensions?
17. Explain the vertical relation of the various astral planes.

18. What results when you raise the essential vibratory rate of your body to the frequency common to some higher plane?
19. Indicate how the objects of one plane, even though having properties quite dissimilar of those of another plane, are equally as real as those of the other plane.
20. Indicate by a comparison with the radio how it might be easy to conclude that the conditions of one plane alone were the only ones existing in the next life.
21. How is it possible for an entity to move across the planes?
22. What are they called, who thus commonly move across the planes?
23. What do they appear to be doing as seen by those living entirely on one plane?
24. Do people walk, or do they fly, in the next life?
25. In the next life, are buildings erected by manual labor, or by means other than the manual process?

## Chapter 2, Properties of Life on the Inner Plane

### Serial No. 174

1. Indicate through a comparison with over attention on routine tasks, the condition causing a soul to be earthbound.
2. Explain why a soldier killed in battle sometimes does not know for a time that he has been killed.
3. Describe the thought-form property of the astral world.
4. Upon what depends the endurance and power to affect environment of a thought form?
5. By what two methods can a house be built in the next life?
6. Are the thought-built environments of the astral world always harmonious to Nature's progressive purpose?
7. What happens either to entities or environments that oppose the Deific plan of progressive unfoldment?
8. How do people on earth sometimes build an artificial environment on the astral plane?
9. How long does it take an individual in the next life to learn all there is to be known?
10. What kind of intelligence can be imparted to a thought-built entity?
11. To what extent are the conventionalized ideas of heaven and hell realized in the next life?
12. Explain how a visitor from some other planet to earth might at first get a very erroneous notion of the conditions that exist here.
13. How accurately are things perceived by those of earth who travel temporarily on the astral plane?
14. Explain the power of the objective mind to censor what is perceived by a person traveling on the astral when he returns to earth.
15. What effect has desire in the next life?
16. What determines the level to which an individual moves in the next life?
17. What determines the kind of environment on this level to which an individual moves in the next life?
18. What are the five outstanding common properties of existence on the inner plane?
19. What is the scenery like on levels not distant from the earth?
20. What quality have the colors of the astral plane?
21. What takes the place of birds and trees and flowers on higher inner plane levels?
22. Why is there greater segregation of people on the inner plane?

23. Are the ties of physical life continued on the inner plane?
24. How can debts be liquidated on the inner plane without contact with the creditor?
25. Why do those who are above the lower levels of astral life almost never express a desire to return and live again on earth?

## Chapter 3, Birth into the Next Life

### Serial No. 175

1. Into what three types may birth on the physical plane be divided?
2. Into what three corresponding types may births into the next life be divided?
3. What conditions usher in the accidental births into the next life?
4. What are the conditions of natural birth into the next life?
5. What is meant by the surgical method of birth into the next life?
6. When people are born into the next life do they at once move into the region where they will dwell for a long time?
7. Why is it often easy for a person who has just passed from the physical plane to communicate with a loved one yet on earth?
8. What is the true time of birth into the next life?
9. Usually are there attendants who from the other side welcome and assist people who pass to the next life?
10. Why does it usually take so long for suicides to be fully born into the next life?
11. Why is it, in the death of the physical body, that often there is full and alert consciousness at the last moment?
12. As soon as a person has passed from the physical plane, does he know all about the condition of his loved ones on earth?
13. What astrological conditions govern the true birth into the next life?
14. What is mapped by the astrological chart of birth into the next life?
15. To what extent do astrological energies continue to influence people after they have passed to the next life?
16. In what way do astrological discords have an influence in the next life?
17. Do we have to wait until we pass to the next life to regulate the manner in which we react to astrological and other discords?
18. What provision is sometimes made to take care of large groups which pass at once to the next life?
19. How may the birth environment of those of mean dispositions differ from the ordinary conditions of birth into the next life?
20. To what extent in the next life do the features express the true inward character?
21. What causes an individual to appear old in the next life?
22. Do those who pass to the next life in childhood remain as children?
23. At what point, after passing to the next life, does advancement begin?
24. What alone keeps an individual in the next life on the level and in the environment where he finds himself?
25. What attracts a teacher or guide to a person who has passed to the next life?

## Chapter 4, Astrological Influences in the Next Life

### Serial No. 176

1. What is the law which determines the kind of events we attract to us in the next life?
2. What is an individual's character?
3. What determines whether the birth-chart of the next life is more fortunate or less fortunate than the birth-chart of physical life?
4. After passing to the next life, can an individual engage in his favorite recreation?
5. After passing to the next life, does the individual immediately discontinue the use of the foods to which he is accustomed?
6. When the individual arrives in the next life, will he continue to have a heart, a stomach, and lungs?
7. Why is one newly arrived in the next life often guided back on a visit to the loved ones on earth?
8. What effect is produced upon those of the next life by sorrowing for them?
9. The expression of what selfish sentiment usually is the real motive for grieving for those who have passed to the next life?
10. How do those who have passed to the next life often help us?
11. How do people sometimes hinder, and how do they sometimes help, loved ones who have passed to the next life?
12. Do those who pass to the next life usually soon meet loved ones who have passed before?
13. When we have passed to the next life will we meet those we have wronged on earth?
14. Who is the real judge, and when is the judgment day?
15. What are the only two ways in which we can rectify a wrong to another, either in this life or in the next one?
16. What is the effect of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" doctrine on one who holds to it in the next life?
17. What is the nature of the light of the next life?
18. How are those still on earth who have made some spiritual progress recognized by higher intelligences of the next life?
19. What kind of illumination is there in the under-spheres of the next life?
20. What special training is necessary for those who do missionary work in the astral hells?
21. What difficulty is experienced when one tries to move to a sphere higher than his own dominant vibratory rate?
22. What is the nature of the clothing worn in the next life?
23. In what way is a knowledge of the conditions to be encountered in the next life an advantage to one who goes there?
24. How extensive is the influence of astrological forces upon life?
25. Of what value are those astrological influences of the next life that correspond to oppositions and squares?

## Chapter 5, Occupations of the Next Life

### Serial No. 177

1. Does money have an existence in any realm of the next life?

2. What is the only currency in the next life that has a real purchasing power?
3. Has ambition a legitimate object in the next life?
4. Are people evaluated falsely in the next life?
5. Is it necessary to pay for the truly desirable things of the next life?
6. What, in the next life, will attract to you those desirous of helping you?
7. Is the “something for nothing” motive valuable on any plane?
8. Why do many people recoil at the idea of work?
9. What determines what we like to do?
10. What is back of the special ability each soul possesses?
11. How does the next life economic system differ from the prevalent system of earth?
12. What function is performed by doctors and nurses in the next life?
13. What is the function of missionaries in the next life?
14. Describe some of the devotional exercises of the next life.
15. What is the origin of the common notion that nearly everyone in the next life is a guide or missionary?
16. Is there much research work conducted by the astrologers in the next life?
17. Are all the astrologers of the next life infallible?
18. Can all the astrological calculations of the astrologers in the next life be understood, even when seen, by astrologers yet on earth?
19. Do people yet on earth sometimes visit the halls of learning of the next life?
20. What functions in the next life are performed by farmers and miners?
21. What functions in the next life are performed by teachers and writers?
22. What functions in the next life are performed by mechanics and engineers?
23. What is the significance of the parable of the talents related in the 25th Chapter of Matthew?
24. What is the origin of the talents with which an individual is born into the physical life, and what the origin of the talents with which he is born into the next life?
25. In what way is the function of the artist much expanded in the next life?

## **Chapter 6, Education and Progress in the Next Life**

### **Serial No. 178**

1. After passing to the next life, how soon will your education begin?
2. Why is education necessary in the next life?
3. In what way does real education differ from mere schooling?
4. What are the three distinct phases of education in the next life?
5. What is the measure of an individual’s mental education?
6. In what respects is the method of educating children in the next life superior to the system employed on earth?
7. In what respect is it a handicap to pass on to the next life in childhood?
8. How do the vicious of the next life sometimes try to satisfy their base desires through someone still on earth?
9. How, in the next life, is an individual assisted to find his cosmic work?
10. Why is technical training desirable in the next life?

11. What is one very satisfactory method of teaching natural science in the next life?
12. What device is sometimes employed in the next life to depict the effect of different political systems?
13. What device is employed on the inner planes to depict the influence of a particular emotion upon the character?
14. Why is an individual's usefulness limited by the discords within him?
15. Do discords within the finer form diminish the ability of the individual?
16. In the emotional laboratories of the next life how is the individual taught to approach a disagreeable task?
17. Are any discords present on the very highest planes of the next life?
18. In the emotional education of the next life, what is taught regarding the proper attitude toward astrological discords?
19. What is the solution, on the earth or in the next life, of directing the life and destiny?
20. Does the individual who desires to progress avoid obstacles and difficulties?
21. Do events, on any plane, bring us discords?
22. What happens on any plane when an individual stagnates?
23. Has mere information the power to enable an individual to change his plane level?
24. Describe a device used in the schools for spiritual education to show the effect of changing the basic vibratory rate?
25. In what way can the dominant vibratory rate of an individual be increased so that he moves to function on a higher plane?

## **Chapter 7, Earthbound Souls and the Astral Hells**

### **Serial No. 179**

1. How extensive are the astral hells?
2. Are the astral hells very important?
3. Why is it desirable to consider the astral hells?
4. How do people become earthbound?
5. How are earthbound souls similar to the paranoiacs of earth?
6. What others of the next life are like paranoiacs of earth?
7. What is necessary to cure either a paranoiac or an earthbound soul?
8. What are some of the specific attachments that bind a soul to earth?
9. What crime associations cause an individual to become earthbound?
10. Why is it a mistake for people to cling too persistently to thoughts of earth life?
11. Why is it better even for those who believe in repeated human incarnations, not to dwell too constantly on rebirth?
12. What is the process of releasing an earthbound soul?
13. Why is it often difficult to get into conversation with a ghost?
14. What subject is the easiest avenue to open a conversation with a ghost?
15. Is the earthbound condition always complete?
16. What is the condition that causes a soul who is not earthbound to be strongly earth-attached?

17. Why is it impossible for an entity of a lower plane to injure an individual of a higher plane so long as the higher entity keeps to his own plane?
18. How is it that a lower entity can injure a higher individual if the latter lowers his vibratory rate to the lower plane?
19. How are individuals in the lower strata of society frequently influenced to acts of depravity and crime from the astral slums and hells?
20. How is it that some people who attend séance rooms and who themselves are not strongly influenced, nevertheless afford means of connecting other and more negative individuals with injurious forces from the next life?
21. Explain the significance of electrical potential in determining that an individual may be positive to one person and negative to another.
22. How are the missionaries treated who go into the lowest astral hells?
23. What is the proper method to employ when there is an attempt at obsession?
24. Why is it inadvisable for those of earth to try to help those of the next life who occupy the slums and astral hells?
25. What particular mental attitude alone makes it possible for the vicious of the next life to injure a person yet in the flesh?

## **Chapter 8, Domestic Relations of the Next Life**

### **Serial No. 180**

1. Does everything at once straighten out in a satisfactory manner in the next life?
2. How is food provided in the next life?
3. Why is shelter needed in the next life?
4. Are there storms in the next life?
5. How do the houses of the next life tend to conserve thought energy?
6. Does day and night exist on the astral plane?
7. What kind of house will you be compelled to live in when you pass to the next life?
8. Will you be compelled to build your own home in the next life?
9. From whom will you procure the clothing you will wear in the next life?
10. Is clothing worn solely for protection and beauty in the next life?
11. Is the next life devoid of wit and humor?
12. Are domestic ties severed at the moment of physical death?
13. Is anyone forced into marriage in the next life?
14. Do people marry for selfish advantages in the next life?
15. What is the basis of attraction into marriage in the next life?
16. Because two people were married on earth are they compelled to eternal companionship?
17. Why are one-sided love attachments rare in the next life?
18. What adjustments take place in the next life when an individual has had, at different times on earth, several husbands or several wives?
19. When only does the affectional attachment of husband and wife in the next life become permanent?

20. In the next life, are those who have previously been husband and wife but now are separated, or are married to others, still friends, or are they enemies?
21. How are conditions and motives faced in the next life?
22. What is the great problem, on any plane, in regard to available energy?
23. How, in the next life, do harmonious domestic relations assist in the problem of quantity and quality of energy?
24. Is the next life free from trouble, difficulties and disappointments?
25. Why are those of the higher regions of the next life free from sorrow?

## **Chapter 9, Social Contacts and Amusements in the Next Life**

### **Serial No. 181**

1. Will you contact many races of people in your next life?
2. Do all the highly developed beings in the universe have the human form?
3. Explain the origin of the human form.
4. How extensive are the territories possible to visit in the next life?
5. Is one compelled to take trips of exploration in the next life?
6. How are directions determined in the next life?
7. Is it possible to have hazardous adventure in the next life?
8. Does one make any new acquaintances in the next life?
9. How do those of considerable spiritual advancement communicate with their friends on earth?
10. Is there more than one method of inter-world communication?
11. In addition to the well-established stations for communication between the astral world and the earth, what part do ingenious individuals play?
12. How is it that prayer can sometimes be seen on several plane levels?
13. What determines how high a plane is reached by a prayer?
14. Why is a prayer addressed to an angel or to the Omnic Deity more potent to reach a high level?
15. How can those of the spiritual world communicate with or influence those on earth?
16. Is it rare for information from the true spiritual plane to reach the earth?
17. Explain the relay system of manifesting some phenomena on earth.
18. Are the programs emanating from higher levels always serious?
19. How much importance is given amusement in the next life?
20. What kinds of pleasures alone offer, on any plane, entanglements for the soul?
21. What are the four phases into which the progressive people of the next life divide their activities?
22. When, in the next life, is the education considered complete?
23. What are the facilities for gaining information in the next life?
24. Describe an initiation from a lower to a higher plane.
25. To what extent are the activities of the next life monotonous and stereotyped?

## **Chapter 10, Through Astral and Spiritual to Celestial**

### **Serial No. 182**

1. What is the chief function of the animal kingdom?
2. Where does man usually gain cosmic consciousness?

3. Where does man usually acquire divine consciousness?
4. If you know what to expect, will it shorten the period of adjustment into the next life?
5. Should you descend from the higher levels of the next life, what would the effect of the astral atmosphere be like?
6. What is the purpose of a preliminary survey after you reach the next life?
7. What is the most important thing about your existence?
8. In what way is the standard of living better on each succeeding higher plane?
9. In what way does knowledge assist you to advance in the next life?
10. In what does developing harmony within assist you to progress in the next life?
11. What things contribute to develop a higher basic vibratory rate?
12. Upon what hinges the general process of advancement from one plane level to the next higher?
13. Why is interest in one's work never lacking?
14. Describe the second death.
15. What awaits you in your spiritual home?
16. Are responsibilities less in the spiritual world?
17. What is the peculiar significance of the boundary of the sixth and seventh state of the spiritual world?
18. In the union of soul-mates, is there any loss of identity on the part of either?
19. By comparing with an atomic system, indicate the nature of a soul-mate system.
20. Is the liberty of movement of either soul restricted by the union with the soul-mate?
21. Indicate how the soul-mate system has a form while not altering the individual forms of the two souls it embraces.
22. By the rapport sometimes maintained between husband and wife while on earth, even while they travel widely apart, illustrate the form of the soul-mate system.
23. What condition facilitates husband and wife establishing and maintaining a permanent magnetic rapport?
24. Illustrate how a soul-mate system has powers far exceeding the powers possessed by the two separate souls it embraces.
25. What is the function of the soul-mate system when it passes beyond the spiritual and into the celestial realm?