

23 THE BLACK LODGE

23.1 Introduction

¹It is obvious that the planetary hierarchy has found that the time has come to warn mankind of the black lodge. Even so, it is with a great hesitation that I am writing the following. Facts in the subject are too few, so that assumptions easily creep into the text, and as a matter of principle I want to refrain from any guesswork in my essays.

²All consciousness in the cosmos makes up a total unity. The meaning of life for the individual is to enter, with his self-identity preserved, into a collective self in order to serve life. That is the only way to enter higher kingdoms. It is the first step towards becoming one with all. The goal of life for all individuals is to acquire omniscience and omnipotence in the total cosmic consciousness, where all cooperate for the benefit of all in all kingdoms.

³However, there are those who refuse to give up their egoism, their self-centredness, and self-glory, refuse to renounce anything that prevents the individual self from joining the collective self. For these individuals the only solution is to join that collective which is made up of precisely such individuals. That collective is called the “black lodge”.

⁴Those who enter the black lodge thereby make it impossible for themselves ever to reach beyond the mental stage. Their objective physical and emotional as well as subjective mental consciousness afford them human superiority in the corresponding worlds and anything beyond that they do not desire.

⁵There are shortcuts that lead to knowledge and power. But they lead invariably to the individual’s losing his prospect of attaining higher worlds and kingdoms.

⁶The world wars demonstrated the human ignorance of man, how fast “civilized nations” could sink down into barbarism. So far nobody has understood what esoterics teaches, that the human individual, as a perfect “personality” and as a mental self, can choose absolute evil in order to become a ruler in the physical world and to refrain from further consciousness development.

⁷Anyone who in one incarnation after the other lives for himself only, who asserts himself at the expense of all living beings, who is not willing to give up his selfish power, will eventually be unable to break with this tendency. This leads to a kind of self-blindness, which in time becomes incurable. He becomes a Hitler type who finally says, “if I shall perish, the whole world will perish with me.” Perhaps this information gives a clue and can be a mark of identification.

⁸All men develop equally through the stages of barbarism, civilization, culture, and humanity. It is only when the individual prepares himself for the transition to the causal stage that you will find “Hercules at the crossroads”. It is only here that the individual has a possibility of a real choice.

23.2 The Origin of The Black Lodge

¹The black lodge arose in Atlantis. Incarnating members of the planetary hierarchy made up the “higher priesthood” whose task it was to guide the evolution of human consciousness. They were the teachers of the élite of mankind. This élite, the “lower priesthood”, had acquired esoteric knowledge of reality, the worlds of man, the energies in these worlds and how to handle these energies. They had learnt how to control physical matter by mental energy, so-called magic, to the extent that they felt sovereign. They were given the choice to serve the consciousness development of mankind as a self-sacrifice or to rule over mankind and the lower natural kingdoms. They chose power. In their sense of sovereignty they defied the higher priesthood, which they also banished. Thus they came to make up the “black priesthood”. In order to be able to keep their power as long as possible, they decided to

counteract consciousness development by all means, to prevent others from receiving a knowledge of reality and from attaining the level where they would no longer be the unconscious agents of the black ones.

²According to the laws of life, misuse of knowledge leads to the loss of this knowledge. The knowledge of magic existed with the black priesthood and was taught in their temple schools. There was only one way for the planetary hierarchy to obliterate that knowledge, and that was by drowning all who had no right to it. This was done several times, and finally by submersion of the last remnant of Atlantis, the island of Poseidonis, in the year 9564 BCE. Fortunately, the black magicians, jealously guarding their power, prevented magic from being known outside of Poseidonis. Otherwise it would have been necessary to wipe out also the peoples that lived in the highlands on other continents and so had escaped the flood.

³After the planetary hierarchy was banished, mankind has had to “mind its own business”, manage without the guidance of higher natural kingdoms. The result of this has been twelve thousand years of suffering. The hierarchy left both the physical and the emotional worlds, worlds that were taken over by the black ones.

⁴However, not everybody had taken part in the black priesthood’s rebellion against the planetary hierarchy. Those individuals who had reached the stage of culture and had been on the side of good had not forfeited their right to remember their old knowledge anew. It was to their lasting benefit that the planetary hierarchy about 45 000 years BCE instituted the first secret knowledge orders. They were intended only for the “humanists” of the time.

⁵It should be noted that the masses were controlled by the agents of the black ones and that the knowledge of reality existed in the esoteric knowledge orders only. Ever since the planetary hierarchy was driven away, mankind has been led astray by its “spiritual leaders” and still is.

23.3 The Unique Position of Our Planet

¹The monads that in the process of manifestation have acquired a repulsive basic tendency have been parasites in the vegetable kingdom, predatory animals in the animal kingdom, and continue to be “parasites” in the human kingdom. They have chosen to develop according to the law of least resistance. This will finally become the most difficult and longest way.

²It has been necessary to separate these monads from the law-abiding majority by concentrating them to our planet. Partly because the lawless in a mixture with the law-abiding would make it exceedingly difficult for the law-abiding to develop their consciousness. Partly because it is necessary for “those without love” to learn through painful experiences how perverted an attitude that goes against the Law is and how it counteracts the meaning and goal of existence. This they do best through experiences with other individuals of the same basic tendency. Most of them eventually come to realize that it is an idiotic attitude. But before then they are unwitting agents of the black ones, the more so since in the short-sightedness of their life-ignorance they believe that they derive advantage from violating the right of others. That was the meaning of that immemorial symbol, “to sell one’s birthright for a mess of pottage”. If they could see their future incarnations, they would act differently.

³From intimations made by D.K. it seems as if the monads having a repulsive basic tendency were gathered to our planet at its genesis, being brought here not only from other planets in our solar system, but even from the six solar systems that make up our lowest cosmic seven-globe. Some of these might even have belonged to our earlier solar system of the first degree. The work of salvation done by our planet therefore consists in the fact that we have relieved not merely the other planets in our solar system, but also six other solar systems, from the black ones, who thereby could be restricted to our planet. No wonder that Terra offers a veritable spectacle for visitors from other planets and even other solar systems.

⁴It is the fate of our mankind that we have been gathered together with these types of absolute evil (absolute as far as it is possible for us to judge the matter). This of course makes life on our planet difficult, the evolution in the lowest worlds especially hard to master. But this is no reason for us to complain only. Because we have also received assistance that is not given to the evolutions on other planets. We have also been given possibilities of developing into specialists so that in other solar systems, as members of governments, we will be able to handle such phenomena, a thing that appears to demand extra capacities. Besides, there are possibilities for those who so desire to make a rapid career in a unique manner. It is certainly true that this requires one-pointed purposefulness and endurance. Only on our planet can the individual pass through the human kingdom during one eon. And those who have reached the stages of humanity and culture have the fifth kingdom within close reach. That can be called an adequate compensation for those who are willing to use the opportunity.

23.4 What The Black Lodge Is

¹The black lodge consists of humans beings who have reached full objective consciousness in the physical-etheric and emotional worlds. These so called black magicians are immensely far ahead of the remaining mankind just within these worlds. They are sovereign in the physical and emotional worlds, but not in the mental world, where the power of the planetary hierarchy is undisputed.

²The emotional world is the world of the black lodge. That is where it is situated and from there it seeks to control mankind.

³In the two worlds where the black ones exercise their power, they are able through their “suggestions” to promise “all worldly glory ” to the life-ignorant and so induce them to cultivate their bad qualities as well as to run the errands of the black ones. They fight evolution with all means. They defy the planetary hierarchy. In order to be able to rule over all living beings in their worlds against the law of evolution, they have in full consciousness severed the connection between the triad envelope and the causal envelope.

⁴When evolution, in spite of their attempts, has reached so far that the majority of mankind have, just as the black ones, acquired full consciousness in the physical, emotional, and mental worlds, then their power will come to an end. Their final fate will be that the irresistible powers of evolution will force them to “remake the journey” and to acquire a new causal envelope. For all shall reach the goal of life, and there is no possibility of resistance to the energies of the seven ever higher divine kingdoms. In the long run, nobody can resist the Law and all resistance brings about suffering. The black ones have a horrifying bad sowing to reap and that to the last kernel.

⁵As soon as people learn about the black lodge, they are at once ready to deport to it everyone who is not good enough, just like the Christians exiled to eternal hell all who did not belong to their sect. Those who believe that they have a capacity to judge in esoteric matters are probably the ones who totally lack such a capacity and unsuspectingly drop the biggest bricks. It must therefore be emphatically asserted that man is quite unable to decide whether anybody belongs to that lodge.

⁶The symbolic term “satan” meant the black lodge and its members, not its conscious or unconscious agents on different levels in the physical and emotional worlds. D.K. makes many interesting hints that explain how the superstitions of “satan” etc., which have run rampant in the Christian church, came into existence.

23.5 The Will to Power Leads to The Black Lodge

¹The human monad, enclosed in its triad and isolated in its causal envelope, cannot acquire knowledge of higher worlds than the mental. It cannot from its own experience know anything with certainty about kingdoms higher than the human, about higher kinds of

consciousness than the human ones, anything about the meaning and goal of life. However, the human individual can reach a sovereign knowledge and power in the physical and emotional worlds. In so doing he easily has the idea that power is the highest purpose of life.

²In his incarnation as a saint the individual gains command of his emotional energies and thereby becomes independent of these. On the highest level of the mental stage, the mental superiority leads to a struggle between the will to unity and the will to power. This struggle can come to a fatal conclusion if the individual has not acquired that essential quality which has been given the partly unsuccessful term “humility”, the understanding of the sovereign mentalist’s real limitation. If, through trying setbacks or seductive successes, the power tendency of pride is cultivated, there is a great danger that the individual in his choice between serving and ruling takes the fateful step that leads to his entrance into the black lodge.

³The great temptation, which every individual eventually has to face, is the temptation to assert his own egoism, to choose power. The power that the dark ones entice people with and offer to them appears overwhelming to those who are greedy for power. The choice to renounce all power forever is then inconceivable and absurd. The monad, the self, therefore refuses to give up its independent existence in the triad envelope, refuses to enter into the higher causal envelope.

⁴Anyone who resists the temptation and chooses unity decides to give up “his own self” for something that he has only heard about and actually cannot be certain of getting compensation for. He gives up his own power in order to serve and to help those whom he could otherwise control to become his equals in knowledge and power.

⁵The choice is between reaching “omnipotence” in the physical and emotional worlds or joining the planetary hierarchy, between remaining in the triad envelope or definitively entering into the greater causal envelope and becoming a causal self. The right choice means that the self gives up its egoism, its egocentricity and from then on lives not to reign supreme but to serve evolution.

⁶To make the right choice takes more than understanding hylozoics as a working hypothesis.

23.6 The Entrance into the Black Lodge

¹The entrance into the black lodge is called the “Dionysus initiation”. It implies that the individual consciously severs the link between the first and the second triad, between the triad envelope (with the enclosed monad) and the causal envelope. Subsequently the new black self remains in its incarnating triad envelope, being separated from higher worlds, from a contact with its “higher self”. In so doing the self refrains from the possibility of acquiring higher kinds of consciousness, refrains from further consciousness expansion. This was called “to abjure one’s humanity”.

²It is not possible for the self to make this definitive choice between white and black until it is sovereign in the mental envelope, has reached the “stage of Hercules”, the verge of the causal stage. The border between white and black goes between the higher causal envelope and the lower triad envelope. It is only at this stage that the self is able to decide which way it will go; it is only Hercules at the crossroads who can make the choice. It takes a Hercules to sever the tie between the triad envelope and the causal envelope. Moreover, it takes a knowledge of the method of doing this.

³Anyone who enters the black lodge has subsequently no possibility of incarnating but is forever reduced to dwelling in the emotional world with its illusionism. The black “Dionysus self” can physicalize, however, can form a temporary dense physical aggregate envelope that is amazingly similar to an organism.

⁴Anyone who enters the black lodge is guaranteed power, the power the lodge confers “for all time to come”.

⁵Anyone who enters the planetary hierarchy renounces all power for all time to come. The power that the individual then is set to exercise is under the control of higher kingdoms and besides is in agreement with the Law.

⁶The first self (man) acquires intelligence; the second self, unity as its essential capacity. A first self that has cut itself off from the second self, remains definitively an individual isolated from unity without possibility of sharing in the cosmic total consciousness beyond the mental world. There is no possibility of joining a group-soul (as is the case in the three lowest natural kingdoms). This also makes it clear why a man cannot reborn as an animal and enter into an animal group-soul.

⁷A Dionysus self certainly gains insight and abilities by vitalizing and activating centres in its etheric, emotional, and mental envelopes. Expressed simply, that self acquires the ability to use the resources of the three aspects of reality in the worlds of man. However, the Dionysus self cannot thereby acquire intuition, only telepathy. Causal consciousness (47:3) remains inaccessible to the satanists.

⁸In the old esoteric symbolism, the condition of the Dionysus selves was called the “eighth sphere”, an expression that has prompted speculative geniuses to start fantasizing about all sorts of “extra spheres” in the cosmos. Of course there are no such spheres. When will people, instead of advancing their guesses, ask themselves: what facts do I have for this? If they did so, at least 90 per cent of the “truths” of the day would automatically never see the light of the day.

23.7 Only Mental Selves Gain Entrance into the Black Lodge

¹It is a big mistake to believe that anybody can take the “Dionysus degree”, enter into the black lodge, without having reached the summit of possible human ability: self-activity in 48:2 and 47:4. The black lodge does not admit anybody who is not able to completely control emotionality (feeling and imagination) by mentality. This can be achieved successfully only by someone who has reached the stage of the saint (emotional sovereignty), then has become the highest kind of mental self (acquired the highest mental capacity, system thinking) and thereby has become an integrated personality. To have the incarnation of the saint (48:2) behind oneself is necessary to acquire the ability to control the energies of emotional attraction within 48:2 and in so doing become a mental self (47:5, later 47:4). Once acquired, this ability is the property of the self.

²The fact that the self does not use the energies of attraction to activate the passive essential energies in its embryonic essential envelope and thereby omits to supply that envelope with essential molecules, but uses those emotional energies for selfish purposes and to counteract evolution, is a consequence of the self’s inexorable striving for power.

³It is true that the self is not able to reach the highest mental level without help. However, requisite energies are supplied by the black lodge when the individual has gained a knowledge of the Law and purposively applies this knowledge in the service of the black ones. It is required to have been the tool of the lodge during a series of incarnations. This has exacted from the individual that he, in life upon life, has made his way to the top of human society, has endured the reaping of bad sowing to the limit of human ability in all respects. That is more than many people can stand. There are incarnations where his sensitivity has been intensified to the extent that life is just one suffering. You will pray to be spared this any more times.

⁴Almost all of us have dabbled in black magic in some incarnation. But the consequences of it have been such that we have learnt to avoid such stupidities for the future.

⁵Fortunately, “to renounce one’s humanity” is not as easy as the black lodge wants ignorance and the greed of power to believe. The black lodge does not admit idiots. They are exploited all the same.

⁶The black lodge does not receive others than mental titans. It does not need to do otherwise, since everybody who is below that stage and counteracts evolution in some way is an unknowing victim and instrument of the black lodge. Only those are protected who are prepared unselfishly to serve evolution, the consciousness development of all.

⁷At the present stage of the development of mankind it is not easy for the individual even to acquire perspective thinking (47:5). That is good for him, because with the higher insight the responsibility is increased, which means that the greater power of the mental energies also entails greater consequences – and thereby responsibility – in respect of the laws of life. If the individual, at this higher mental stage, has not definitively made the right choice between self-assertion and service, he runs a high risk of ending up in the black lodge.

23.8 The Black Unity

¹It is a big mistake to believe that unity, collectivity, in itself would be a sign of higher development, absence of egoism. Most collectives are rather proofs of the opposite. Both unity and collectivity intensify everything, both good and bad. They amplify egoism to an extent never dreamt of. They give above all the sense of both right and might. Fascism as well as Nazism, Bolshevism and the many religious wars have clearly shown this.

²The satanists apply all the laws of life, but only as far as it suits them and their purposes. They even apply the law of unity, although their unity is black. They are intensively united with their “black brethren” since the “group power ” amplifies the individual energies a thousandfold.

³To the inexperienced, the motives of the black ones seem to be unselfish. They never are, however. Only causal consciousness makes selfish motives impossible, the causal consciousness that belongs to the mental atom (47:1) of the second triad and is the prerequisite of essential consciousness.

⁴So-called magnetic attraction, the energy that effects group formation and solidarity, is equally characteristic of the black ones and the aspirant to essentiality. This is a fact which has been overlooked in occult teachings so far. The members of the black lodge have the developmental levels of attraction behind them since long ago. They have the ability to use the energies of attraction when it suits their aims. But they are not attached by pertaining energies, which the humanist is not either.

⁵The black lodge has twelve chiefs. The assertion that they cannot co-operate is a serious error. They know as well as the planetary hierarchy that co-operation is a prerequisite of efficient results.

⁶Therefore, what reveals the difference between good and evil is not unity. Instead it is universality. The unity that benefits life is universal and does not exclude anybody. Everybody has a share in the cosmic total consciousness. True unity cannot be understood until the individual is conscious of his share in this indivisible unity where everybody exists for everybody else. Anyone who has entered into this unity has ceased being a selfish self, has forgotten himself. When everybody thinks of everybody else, then there is no need to think of oneself. Essential consciousness means more than just to forget oneself. It means that the opposition of me–you is unthinkable.

23.9 The Struggle between the Planetary Hierarchy and the Black Lodge

¹The planetary hierarchy and the black lodge are the two opponents struggling for the rule over mankind. This struggle between them is fought in the mental world. Their struggle in mankind is fought in the emotional world (the world of attraction and repulsion) and

manifests itself in the physical world with its two opposite strivings: the will to unity and the will to power. In this connection it is pointed out that the will to power also includes the striving for honour and wealth.

²Ever since the planetary hierarchy was banished in Atlantis, the physical and emotional worlds of our planet have been in the power of the black lodge. On the whole, mankind has been idiotized by the black lodge and by its often unwitting agents, who have produced countless misleading ideologies. Mankind has been dominated by the black ones and in a totally different way than the theologians have been able to grasp, since they themselves have fallen prey to satanism.

³The majority of the monads (primordial atoms) that form our planet have a repulsive basic tendency. That is why the satanists have found it easy to inflame hatred between individuals, not only in the human kingdom but also in the three lower natural kingdoms. Mankind is so idiotized that it cannot be made responsible for its follies and wicked deeds. Responsibility ensues only when the individual has the possibility of free choice, and that possibility has hardly existed.

⁴The black ones are more powerful in the physical and emotional worlds than the individuals of the fifth natural kingdom. The black ones use the “energies of involution” while the white ones must keep to the “energies of evolution”. Involutionary energies are stronger in the physical world and remain so until the majority of mankind has reached the stage of culture. Only then will the united energies of attraction, being evolutionary energies, become overwhelming.

⁵At the showdowns between the black lodge and the planetary hierarchy in the physical world, the black ones have almost always triumphed and the planetary hierarchy has had to withdraw. One of the rare exceptions was at the latest conflict during the Second World War. There was a situation in the year 1942, when the black ones seemed to triumph once again, but fortunately for mankind, Hitler and his gang were defeated. Even the black lodge was defeated in the process, but far from definitively. Because Hitler’s agency was soon taken over by the Communists and the Zionists, which both are a constant threat to world peace.

⁶Most importantly, however, mankind did not have to experience a new tyranny as in Atlantis. If the Axis Powers, Germany, Japan and Italy, had succeeded in winning the Second World War, the same individuals as in Atlantis would have gained the power over mankind, and then mankind would have had to be drowned in a new flood. Therefore, it was the salvation of mankind that the United States intervened so energetically and managed to end the war.

⁷Many idealists grasped so little of this and were so blinded by the German propaganda. The persecutions of dissidents and especially the testimonies about the gas chambers should have opened their eyes. But they did not. One will not see what one does not want to see.

23.10 The Planetary Hierarchy Obeys the Laws of Life

¹The black lodge has been able to triumph not because its power is greater, of course, but because the planetary hierarchy obeys the laws of life. In so doing the hierarchy receives instruction from cosmic kingdoms via the solar systemic government and the planetary government.

²The hierarchy cannot like the black ones suggest their ideas to mankind by forcible telepathy. It can neither terrorize nor use power. The hierarchy must grant freedom and work for freedom, which is fought in countless ways with all manner of misleading, false, and idealizing presentations. The hierarchy cannot lie and seduce like the black lodge, cannot promise their agents all kinds of physical favours: health, honour, and success in life. The hierarchy can only appeal to the common sense of mankind. However eagerly the hierarchy

wishes to spare mankind fumbling in the dark, hopeless fictions and unnecessary suffering in all respects, it can do nothing as long as mankind will not accept the knowledge offered.

³The planetary hierarchy does what it can to thwart the plans of the black ones. Mankind is not at the mercy of the arbitrariness of the black ones, because then life could not go on. But the hierarchy must act within the limits of the laws of life. They must not destroy the triad envelope of a black magician. When that envelope eventually bursts, it is the end of him anyway.

23.11 The Black Ones Use Methods of Force

¹The planetary hierarchy regards as “black magic” everything that infringes the law of freedom; every attempt to try to force others to feel or think in a certain way (even for so-called noble reasons). This also includes religious or political, etc. ideologies.

²The black ones can force misleading ideas on people. They can idiotize people and brutalize all who will let themselves be brutalized at all. They can in many ways force individuals or collectives to say and do things they otherwise would not do. The black ones do all that the white ones cannot do according to the Law, and they have succeeded in doing it throughout history. If men have not themselves acquired good qualities to a considerable degree, they easily become victims of the infernal suggestions of the black ones.

³In all such cases, the planetary hierarchy can intervene, however, because the law of freedom has been violated. If the hierarchy really intervenes depends upon the law of reaping. Only those who have not sown bad sowing, and therefore do not need to experience bad reaping, can receive protection from the powers of reaping. Those human beings who are lawless and follow their worst instincts of course always become victims of the black ones, willing agents of their worst suggestions.

⁴It is no great matter for the black ones to make anyone think and feel what they want within the domain of that person’s ignorance of life and egoism. This they do in such a manner that the victim believes that his thoughts and feelings are his own and, above all, that they are true and right. An intellectual capacity, who is worth cultivating, whose intellectual pride, ambition, and lust for power can be stimulated, has almost always become a prey to the black ones. How easily they are able to catch even the most intelligent was most apparent when such ones became victims of the Nietzschean illusion of the “superman”.

23.12 The Black Lodge Works Only With the Matter Aspect

¹Whereas the planetary hierarchy, when working at the lowest molecular kinds, works only with the essential atoms in them, the “brothers of the shadow” do all they can to bind consciousness to physical matter. The black lodge works exclusively with the matter aspect, in the last resort with the mental forms in the mental world (with the corresponding consciousness and energies). They present the best examples of the possibility of the mental energies to become sovereign in the matters of the emotional and physical worlds. Only causal selves can understand the immense power of these energies. It is not at all strange that individuals bereft of intuition can be “bewitched” (self-blinded) by their own supremacy when exercising that sovereign ability. The black selves have specialized in this ability and learnt to exploit the pertaining energies, which impress even the second selves in the fifth natural kingdom. The latter have never had any reason for such a specialization, since they, when they were mental selves, strived to acquire causal consciousness, knowing about the risks of making mistakes that mental selves (first selves) incur. Those members of the planetary hierarchy who have investigated the capacity of the highest black selves in doing so have had opportunities to study the effects of the mental energies in their highest potency.

23.13 The Right-Hand Path And the Left-Hand Path

¹Like all esoteric concepts (reality concepts) also all those concepts have been idiotized which could have served to explain the phenomena connected with “satanism” rationally and expediently. The black ones certainly do what they can to lead people astray by ridiculing the subject. Perhaps the following can clarify the difference between the white and the black paths.

²The matter aspect is the aspect of the so-called left-hand path. The monads evolving through the human kingdom have to develop the consciousness aspect. The interest they take in the matter aspect easily leads them astray. This explains how the dogma of matter as evil could arise.

³The matter aspect dominates in the four lower natural kingdoms, however, and should do so in order to be the firm foundation upon which objective consciousness can be based without any great risks of disorientation. But when the individual becomes a mental self and mental consciousness dominates, it is important that the matter aspect steps back to the consciousness aspect. The matter aspect then has served its purpose and is no longer needed as a basis of the life view. As a mentalist man has a particular prospect of activating mental consciousness, which in the human kingdom is the basis of the consciousness aspect. It is as a mentalist that the individual makes his choice between white and black magic. The mentalist possesses the necessary qualifications to become a magician: being able to use mental energy to control all the lower kinds of matter (using 47:4 to control everything lower, 47:5–49:7).

⁴All man’s consciousness expressions give rise to material forms in the emotional and mental worlds, at the stage of the magician in the physical etheric world as well. Those forms of matter have either an attractive or a repulsive effect. Forms consist of matter and therefore ultimately of monads, which are influenced to attraction or repulsion (during the course of the eons the repulsive influence lays the foundation of the repulsive basic tendency). It can well be said that mankind at the stage of hatred does what it can to “satanize matter” storing its repulsive tendency and repulsive power. Every consciousness expression can be said to be either white or black, attraction or repulsion. Perhaps the above can afford some food for thought.

23.14 The Fight Will Get Tougher

¹Only in our times, from the year 1875, has the planetary hierarchy been able to make a new attempt to approach humanity, that is, by permitting its disciples to teach the knowledge of reality publicly. This was impossible previously due to mankind’s total disorientation. As the esoteric knowledge has been permitted for publication and the planetary hierarchy has decided to appear, the black lodge has taken counter-measures. Thereby the struggle between the white ones and the black ones has intensified. It is to be foreseen that the fight will be even more intense the more the black ones are pushed back. Because the black lodge knows that the day when the hierarchy is called back, it is the end of its power.

²The black lodge will imitate the reappearance of the planetary hierarchy and seek to compete by means of its own hierarchy. When the planetary hierarchy reinstates the ancient mysteries (known from the history of Greece), the black lodge will establish its mystery schools, societies of all kinds suitable for different stages of development. The most prominent of these, the ones intended to train black masters, have taken over the teaching methods of the planetary hierarchy. An outsider cannot descry any difference between the white and the black method. In fact these coincide over 90 per cent. For the practitioners of both methods it comes down to acquiring physical, emotional, and mental sovereignty. Regardless of the method used, the individual must make himself independent of the consciousness of his envelopes and be able to determine the contents of their consciousness.

23.15 The Range of the Power of the Black Ones

¹The black ones have perfect emotional and mental telepathic capacity, and so thoughts of them or of something that touches their sphere of interest can be immediately apprehended by them. They are also able to utilize everything contained in the first self's consciousness so that nothing "human" is hidden from them.

²The black ones have acquired complete etheric and emotional, but not mental objective consciousness. They control all energies in the worlds of man and wield the immense power afforded by this everywhere where they are not checked by the planetary hierarchy. Anyone who is not protected by the planetary hierarchy is completely defenceless if he would become the target of one of their attacks.

³The black ones never reach beyond the highest mental, 47:4. Therefore the causal world, the world of ideas (47:1-3), is out of their reach. All the causal ideas that are concretized into mental ideas, however, are appropriated by them, and they spy on everyone who is able to contact causal consciousness to catch something new, if possible. They are especially eager to gain cognizance of the plans of the hierarchy, and so its disciples are especially supervised by mental robots transferring all mental material telepathically.

⁴The power of the black lodge therefore does not reach to the causal world. Anyone who has become a causal self and liberated himself from all dependence on emotional illusions as well as mental fictions and lives in the world of reality ideas is protected in doing so. Certainly, the planetary hierarchy has undisputed power also in the mental world. Mentalists cannot decide, however, whether a certain idea is a figment of the imagination or a perspective idea (a causal idea scaled down). To do so takes at least causal consciousness of the lowest kind, 47:3.

23.16 Human Beings Are the Pawns in the Game

¹The black lodge knows that its power will end when mankind has realized that the meaning of life is consciousness development. Therefore it tries to direct the attention of mankind to physical interests only, the physical world, material comfort, material possessions, and material undertakings. It is the physical material values that separate humans beings. When the black ones lose their power, the fight for goods and money will end.

²The white lodge tries to direct mankind's interest to consciousness ("spirituality") to the acquisition of consciousness in the causal envelope, to the attainment of the stage of ideality.

³Therefore, human beings are the pawns in the game between the white and the black ones. The struggle is intensive and so far it is still uncertain how mankind will choose. The black ones hold many trumps, especially the common misunderstanding that physical life is the only life there is and that "death" is the end of everything. Those who have an antimetaphysical attitude play unknowingly into the hands of the black ones.

⁴What has made the Jewish nation a constant tool of the black ones is precisely their physicalist attitude. It is also true that there have always been idealistic Jews who have fought that tendency. Those are not the merit of the nation, however, and cannot therefore be quoted by the nation as examples of its idealism.

⁵Mankind is the natural kingdom forming the transition from ignorance to knowledge and understanding. If mankind can be made to annihilate itself, then evolution will be impeded for an indefinite time and the black ones can keep their power. The three lowest natural kingdoms are their slaves, blindly obeying the vibrations permeating them, not sensing their slavery.

⁶The major part of mankind is at the lower emotional stage (the stages of barbarism and civilization, 48:4-7), where repulsive vibrations preponderate, and therefore they are dominated by hatred in all its countless expressions of consciousness. Men have developed their worst qualities at the stage of barbarism and are developing their better qualities at the stages of civilization and culture. But it can still be said that, in times of upheaval like the

present ones, the worse qualities are more easily roused than the better ones. This means that in the fight between the planetary hierarchy and the black lodge, the latter seems to triumph the more easily.

⁷Not until the majority of mankind has reached the higher emotional stage (48:2,3), will the vibrations of attraction be dominant. Only then will the power of the black ones over mankind end. We are living in the very transition from the lower to the higher (48:4), and that is why the black ones are fighting more intensively than ever before. The two world wars (1914–1945) were only the beginning.

⁸Mankind does not have an easy time of it. People's almost total ignorance of life, their illusions and fictions, their belief in their own ability of judgement without facts, their egoism and striving to line their own pocket at the expense of others, their fear of all things in life, their ignorance of why they feel and think, their seemingly ineradicable habits and tendencies, make them unsuspecting tools of the black ones. They make evolution difficult for themselves and for others.

23.17 The End of the Power of the Satanists

¹The biggest obstacle to evolution has not been ignorance and egoism but the dependence of mankind on the black lodge in the emotional world. The black ones have reigned almost supreme in the physical and emotional worlds and have led mankind to commit the most bestial crimes, making them believe that it is possible to do evil that good may come.

²The satanists know that the very day that the planetary hierarchy reappears and retakes the position it had in Atlantis, their power will come to an end. Because the black ones live on the illusions and fictions of mankind, which then will be rapidly superseded by true ideas. Therefore they work frantically to stupidize people, to mislead them, and, above all, to cast suspicion on esoterics.

³When mankind realizes that we are here to develop our consciousness and not to amuse ourselves in a childlike way, this will enhance man's ability to think by himself and to become independent of all manner of fancies and telepathic influences, and decrease the possibilities of the black ones to direct human beings. People will then easily see the idiocy of envying others and of desiring to avenge violations, in most cases imagined ones, based on misunderstandings. People will more and more realize that they are ignorant of reality and life and will start to try and gain knowledge.

⁴As long as the black ones exist on our planet, they will work against evolution by all means. The question is if there can be peace on earth until the black ones have been transferred to another solar system, one of a lower degree. Many people ask why the planetary government just simply does not do this. But the government cannot do that on its own responsibility. It must first receive the permission to do so from a cosmic reaping power system. Such a permission will probably not be given until mankind has reached the stage of culture and the repulsive basic tendency of the monads has been superseded by the attractive one. Until then, the black lodge fulfils a function and does useful work as the agent of bad reaping.

23.18 Influence from the Black Lodge

¹Direct or indirect influence from the black lodge manifests itself everywhere where you can ascertain such things as strengthen egoism and egocentricity, isolate people and cut them off from unity, intentional repulsion, hatred, infringement of freedom, persecution. It should not need to be said, but it is apparently necessary to point out that persecution of all kinds is typical of the spirit that the black ones have succeeded in conveying to mankind ever since Atlantean times.

²Anyone who in some way or another can activate hatred, propagate views that spread fear, anger, anxiety, envy, contempt, suspicion, pessimism, etc., serves the purposes of the black ones. These emotional expressions are manifestations of hate, precluding that tendency to unity which is the condition of reaching the fifth natural kingdom.

³There is an assessment of love, which desires to remove the obstacles to evolution, and an assessment of hatred, which implies rejection. Destructive criticism isolates, severs the bond with the individual criticized. Anyone who excludes someone from unity in so doing isolates himself.

⁴The power of the black lodge lies in its ability to divide. Since 80 per cent of mankind still are to be found at the lower emotional stage (48:4-7), the stage of hatred proper, the agents of the black ones find it easy to cause division everywhere, between nations and within nations, even between old friends. You can often see how an association or a group of old companions and friends breaks up without a valid reason. The ability of the lodge to fabricate what appears to be sufficient grounds for such a division and to get the majority to blindly accept the reasons is phenomenal.

⁵The ability of the black lodge to get people to follow its impulses passes the comprehension of the uninitiated. An egoistic man without firm concepts of right can be controlled by the black ones without difficulty. People do not know where their thoughts, whims, passing fancies and “ideas” come from. They believe that their ideas are their own, especially when these are strongly marked and overwhelm them.

⁶The weapon of the black lodge is chaos. The effect depends on the fact that this power works in all groups and all ideologies. Chaos is brought about as indifference, fear, uncertainty, and insecurity are instilled in mankind. This chaos is then exploited by individuals who are greedy for power and glory, are of domineering nature, individuals existing in all nations without exception. The nations must come to understand the necessity of replacing such persons with other leaders in whom the will to unity is the basis for their thought and action; that is to say, no party leaders who cause division.

23.19 Religion and Morality Are Their Weapons

¹Religion and morality have always been the worst enemies of the great light-bringers. Does that tell you something?

²It was with “satan” (the black lodge) that “sin came into the world”, because these soulless individuals succeeded in making men believe in satanism, that “sin is a crime against an infinite being and requires therefore an infinite punishment in eternal hell”. There is no sin, only mistakes in regard to the Law, and those mistakes we must make good until everything is restored. To make people swallow satanism, the black priesthood made efforts to eradicate the knowledge of reincarnation with all means. They were very inventive in finding means of doing so.

³After the founder of a new religion was gone, the teaching was always taken care of by those who had the power and was “neutralized” – the work of the black ones. In fact, these agents of the black hierarchy were divided into degrees. There was always an “inner circle” which had esoteric knowledge and which only the members of the circle knew anything about.

⁴The Jesuits are working with all means to rehabilitate their order and to show its ideality. They have also seen the necessity of parading non-dogmatic prominent scientists. But those who want to learn about the historic contribution of the order should study jesuitism in Blavatsky’s *Isis Unveiled*. You can say whatever you like about Blavatsky’s manner of presentation. But downright honest she was, and as for facts, she told no more than she knew, which was quite a lot.

⁵The planetary hierarchy foresees that if religions are not freed from fear and aggression, if they do not seek that synthesis which eliminates the mutual antagonism and competition of the nations, if the Vatican does not stop its political intrigues and its exploitation of the masses by keeping them down in ignorance, then this will in the future lead to a new world war, this time a religious war, which in its bestiality will supersede everything and will spell the annihilation of life on our planet. That would be the triumph of satanism. If so, it would not be the first one. Astronomers have observed that in the wide interval between Mars and Jupiter, instead of one planet, there are hundreds of asteroids (so far they have discovered more than 1700). They were once part of a big planet. Will Terra share its destiny?

⁶Especially slander, moral gossip, is the most efficient weapon of the black ones. As soon as somebody has succeeded in making a real achievement in the service of good, he becomes inevitably the victim of always self-blind, hypocritical, indignant, and often maliciously delighted moralists and thereby he and his work are neutralized. Moralism is poisoning, and morality has become the most efficient weapon of poisoning. So it will also always be until mankind has reached the higher emotional stage.

⁷It is a strange tendency, always trying to drag other people down. The good that a man does they leave unmentioned. But if they hear any slander, they hang on to the telephone the whole day to spread the poison further to as many as possible.

⁸Morality is the most prominent sign of dishonesty. The Pharisees were the representatives of the ideal of the saint. Moralism is satanism.

⁹Satan (the black lodge) is the greatest moralist. He defends his devilry by pointing out that god (the planetary hierarchy) is immoral! In contrast, satan is a saint in words and manners.

¹⁰Many people who possess physical courage are emotional or mental cowards. Emotional cowards do not dare to do the right thing because of fear of scorn, contempt, or criticism. Mentally cowards do not dare to think because of fear of the "wrath of god", etc., a fiction that abolishes life's lawfulness.

¹¹"A poor tool of the satanists, an ignorant deceiver is anyone who claims that only the most perfect purity can reach a higher stage of development or who speaks disparagingly about a woman, she may then be whatever way she is." (Then 44-self M.)

23.20 The Black Lodge Fights Consciousness Development

¹When mankind has acquired causal consciousness, it will be the end of the power of the black lodge. Knowing this, the black ones have just one goal in view: to prevent evolution with all means. Above all they try to counteract human consciousness development, making their agents fight the pioneers of evolution in all domains.

²This they do by cultivating hatred in all its forms, through wars, chaos, tyranny, anarchy, etc., by fostering the individuals' superiority complex and the isolation resulting from it.

³They work on securing all dogmatism, ideologies of all kinds, the more the better, and the deeper the division, the confusion, and the disorientation, and the more a higher insight of reality is counteracted. All religions that prevent people from gaining a knowledge of reality have their energetic support. They promote all political ideologies that sooner or later lead to curtailment of freedom of thought, result in standardization, force group thinking with taboos of thought of all kinds.

⁴What the planetary hierarchy has at its disposal to balance all the people of the lower stages is the small élite who have reached the perspective consciousness of the humanist stage and whose contributions to debates pass the understanding of most people.

⁵The black lodge has nothing against individuals at the stage of the mystic or the emotional saints. On the contrary. Because the mystics have no real knowledge of reality, lack exact concepts. They are dreamers, victims of the creations of their imagination and trips in the emotional world, which remains the world of illusions disorienting in reality. The mystics

lack common sense. Therefore they are harmless. They rather serve to secure the power of the religions.

⁶The black ones stick at nothing when idiotizing mankind and have so far (especially in our days) unfortunately succeeded too well in their intent. Mankind lives in a chaos of illusions and fictions. Particularly the masses on lower levels follow like a flock of sheep their blind leaders who lead the masses to destruction, when, as they have been made to believe, think that they are on their way to paradise on earth.

⁷The black lodge does all it can in this respect without ever caring for how much suffering it causes mankind, how enormously more difficult it makes the development of the individuals by idiotizing them, forcing misleading illusions and fictions upon them.

23.21 The Black Lodge is Hunting for All Esoteric Knowledge

¹It was only at the destruction of Poseidonis that esoterics was made really secret. Atlantis had to be submerged, above all to eradicate magic. It is true that the black lodge from then on established its own secret orders. But what was mostly taught in them was quasi-knowledge. It is from such sources that the prevalent superstitions about magic derive. They did not possess any real knowledge and least of all any real magic. The black lodge has no interest in giving their henchmen in the physical world any true knowledge of reality, only so much that they can serve the interests of the black ones expediently.

²When war broke out between peoples of different religions, the black élite were always there to try to take over the secret archives at the conquest of temples. Perhaps they contained new facts. In any case they were not to be known by the “uninitiated”. In general, the conquerors were disappointed, since such valuables had long before been taken away to “inaccessible” places. The archeologists of the future will, “when the time is right”, make many astounding discoveries.

³The first self cannot acquire knowledge of reality and life and of the laws of life. The same is true of the members of the black lodge. They are first selves and therefore are reduced to the esoteric knowledge that has been made public and the knowledge that they managed to snatch up in the mental consciousness of disciples. Therefore disciples are taught not to think of real esoterisms or discuss them among themselves without taking special precautionary measures, so that nothing leaks out into the mental world. They are enjoined not even to think of the black ones unnecessarily, because whatever is attended to is strengthened, a fact that the black ones are not slow to exploit in their own way.

⁴The black ones thus are in possession of all the knowledge of reality that they ever since Atlantis have managed to acquire by spying on the knowledge of all disciples. They are the first to profit by the knowledge that can be obtained through the esotericians. They are the real “brain pirates”. They then distort this knowledge to fit their purposes, at the same time insidiously warning their supporters to believe what the esotericians have said. That is the ancient infallible tactic. “The world wants to be deceived.”

23.22 The Black Ones Fight Esoterics

¹When an esoterician, who does not want to mislead people with new illusions and fictions, appears and desires to give people the true knowledge of reality and life, he will soon be the target of untrustworthy and malevolent criticism from all sides, even from those that should know better.

²When a disciple of the planetary hierarchy comes forward with a work, at first the black ones do everything to hinder its distribution. When this no longer succeeds, some ambitious person is inspired to publish something similar, which has a misleading effect, is widely spread, praised, and accepted.

³The only “occult” writers who received their ideas from the planetary hierarchy are Blavatsky, Sinnett, Besant, Leadbeater, and Bailey. Therefore they were able to formulate the least erroneous and misleading of all knowledge systems, “theosophy”. It is typical that this system has faced the strongest opposition and that practically everybody “knows” that it is the most consummate humbug. But all the other occult systems, which have had a misleading effect and in particular have slashed theosophy, never met with any opposition.

⁴The only esoterician who has been able to write simply, understandably, factually, and exactly, describing reality from the standpoint of objective consciousness, is Leadbeater. His writings represent true common sense. Of course, the subjectivists or those who have fallen in love with the oriental symbolism will never approve of him. Besides, he is the worst enemy of the black lodge since he is the most dangerous with his exact view of existence affording clarity and acuity. It is true that he is not a hylozoician, but he nevertheless treats of the matter aspect in most respects just as a hylozoician would do. The black ones knew how to neutralize him.

⁵The esotericians want to inform mankind about the black lodge. Naturally, the black lodge wants mankind to remain ignorant about its existence just like many other essentials. Just like all new ideas and facts of reality, in this case, too, the weapons of ridicule and contempt will be used. The representatives of science, philosophy, and religion will sharpen their pencils to write about the “new superstition”.

23.23 The Black Ones Are Behind Quasi-Occultism

¹Whenever the planetary hierarchy through its disciples undertakes something intended to benefit mankind, such a venture is unfailingly met with a corresponding counter-measure from the black lodge. When the planetary hierarchy founded secret knowledge orders, the black lodge was not late to establish its quasi-orders. It has actually happened that information about plans of the hierarchy has reached the black ones so that they have been able to anticipate the agents of the hierarchy. Because the black ones have everywhere their spies who intensively search for all plans, all knowledge ideas, etc.

²In the year 1875, the planetary hierarchy permitted the previously secret knowledge of reality – “theosophy” – for publication and succeeded in making it spread.

³The black ones have fought theosophy with every means available to stop people from examining its reality content. After it was not any longer possible to stop the spread of the esoteric knowledge by persecution, slander, or ridicule, the black lodge established in all “civilized countries” a multitude of occult sects that seemingly teach the knowledge but teach it in such a way that it must be misunderstood and so will be harmless. Such black societies have fraudulently assumed the names of older orders and sailed under false colours also in other respects, parading “masters”, for instance.

⁴Since the black ones are lawless, it is much easier for them to win mankind over to their cause. Human egoism is well provided for and the support is much greater. The black ones also work more intensively, which was suggested by the saying “the children of this world are wiser than the children of light”, an esoterism that has always been misinterpreted.

⁵Black publishers have brought out works about and by “masters” and have published falsified letters from masters with their “portraits”.

⁶The black lodge has seen to it that so many divisive and disorienting “occult systems” or theories of reality have arisen that most people cannot tell truth and falsehood apart.

⁷One remembers spontaneously Christos’ parable of the enemy who sowed tares. It has gone the same way with almost all religions. They have been idiotized, been made unusable in the service of good. They have counteracted consciousness development, which they were intended to further. Through their intolerance they have preached hatred. In this respect Buddhism is an exception.

⁸The planetary hierarchy is clearly aware of the fact that esoterics, when it can no longer be silenced or ridiculed, will be distorted with so subtle methods that people do not notice that the result is the opposite of what was originally intended. Truth will never be allowed to stand unchallenged. And the enemies of truth exist in all camps.

⁹The black lodge has always taken steps to falsify the esoteric teachings and to mislead the seekers. In this domain there is consequently chaos. That is always to be expected. Even clairvoyants (Swedenborg, Steiner, Martinus, etc.) have believed themselves called to enlighten mankind with their own imaginative systems, which of course has added to confusion.

¹⁰Increasingly more occult sects (under the most innocent names, of course) will with all means try to combat all of those that can be suspected to be disciples of the hierarchy or to run their errands. The most infallible way of “neutralizing” the servers of the hierarchy has been the weapon of slander poisoning everything.

¹¹However, the planetary hierarchy has decided to give the world the true knowledge of reality, and therefore the days of the quasi-orders and the occult sects are numbered. The planetary hierarchy is taking action to prepare for their appearance to take up the battle against the black lodge, who since Atlantis has been allowed to reign in the physical and emotional worlds.

23.24 Social Orders Are the Tools of the Black Ones

¹There are two international so-called social orders the leaders of which are conscious agents of the black lodge. That does not at all imply that all the members of such an order know its real purpose. There is an inner secret circle, however. Entrance into this is only for those who after careful testing have been found “reliable”. This élite of unscrupulous people learn about the “left-hand path” and become the conscious agents of the black lodge.

²Outwardly the order flaunts noble causes, such as charity of various kinds, leaving the mass of the brothers in the dark about the inner circle abusing their loyalty for its own purpose. These deceived, honourable people also make up the façade that dupes public opinion.

³The members of the inner circle know how to conduct, with infernal cleverness, the common decisions within the order in everything that concerns the real purpose. It has proved that everything secret that is not guided by the planetary hierarchy is suitable soil for the enemies of life. In extreme cases the influence from the black ones has resulted in a kind of collective “possession”, so that even otherwise level-headed members have been seized with psychosis.

⁴It is to be expected that in the future these orders will blacklist the co-workers of the planetary hierarchy and eventually combat them. The hierarchy inculcates upon their disciples never to count on compassion of any kind on the part of the black ones.

23.25 The Black Lodge Does All It Can to Mislead

¹The satanists are untiring in finding new ways of misleading mankind. Sometimes their prophets make discoveries of old manuscripts which afford the new and only true explanations. At once scholars appear who are prepared to popularize the discoveries. At the same time esoterics, the only truly rational “working hypothesis”, is dismissed without examination by the authorities of public opinion.

²There are already secret orders that attract people lacking in judgement and mislead them. The life-ignorant perhaps smile at this statement just like they smile at everything else of which they are ignorant. The fact remains, however.

³The black ones have succeeded very well in throwing dust in people's eyes where the essential issues of life are concerned, for example making people fear death, which is nothing to be feared: the return to the causal world with its perfection in all respects.

⁴The fact that the truth always meets with resistance everywhere and that a lie is always believed is proof of the power of the black lodge.

⁵"There is a kernel of truth in everything." There is a kernel of truth in most lies and the most obvious lies. But that is no defence. A true kernel is a fact. But if this fact is put together with false statements, then the truth has been distorted.

⁶Writers on esoteric subjects should consider the fact that the satanists eagerly study their works, not to learn but to find arguments to exploit of and so mislead people. Therefore it is important that what is said is exact and unambiguous and cannot be interpreted in the opposite sense. The satanists are specialists on misinterpreting all that can be misinterpreted, so that it is misunderstood. This is done in such a clever manner that the inattentive reader walks into the trap without even suspecting it. You should also consider the fact that the misunderstandings that have once entered your consciousness remain hard to eradicate.

23.26 Black And White Inspiration

¹All consciousness expressions are simultaneously energy expressions which sooner or later have an inevitable effect. Those thinkers who have misled mankind with their imaginative speculations have been the victims of such mental energies, which urge them to produce their nonsense, often under privations of all sorts. If they have been able to effectively disorient people with their ideas, then their thoughts have received an enormous addition of energy from the black ones, which has had the effect that the thinker has been compensated for his work of sacrifice, and of course has further confirmed him in his fictions and sharpened his acuity.

²The energies from the planetary hierarchy have not been able to reach this effect, since they do not stimulate conceit, vanity, and other repulsive qualities. Add to this the fact that very few people at the present stage of mankind's evolution are at all able to grasp the reality ideas and so receive stimulation from the right direction.

³Those who wonder why the least rational ideas are always accepted before the rational ones, perhaps more easily understand it when they learn that all ideas that disorient mankind have been made suggestive by the black lodge.

23.27 Examples of the Illusions of the Black Lodge

¹The so-called third position, "neutrality", which refuses to take a stance in the struggle between freedom and tyranny, has actually chosen tyranny. That was the meaning of the words by Jeshu, "he that is not with is against". There is no neutrality in the struggle between black and white, between good and evil, between right and wrong. It is our duty to stand against evil, not let evil rule. It is our duty to defend ourselves against bandits and robbers. It is our duty to fight teachings that are hostile to life, not to let untruth reign.

²It is emphatically pointed out by the planetary hierarchy that at the present stage of mankind's development, and as long as the black lodge has the power to stupidize and brutalize mankind, peace is an illusion. There can be no peace as long as individuals strive for power to enslave mankind. If mankind does not want to resist evil with all lawful means, mankind will be drowned again and again, until evolution has reached such a stage that mankind is able to choose the right side in the struggle of life. "God" (the planetary government) does not do what according to the Law mankind has to learn. If men do not want to resist evil, they must accept to be the victims of the black ones, lose their freedom and their human rights.

³The state is no god and lacks the right to order people to think in a certain way. The individual does not exist for the state, but the state exists for the individual. Nations that fight those axioms are in the power of the black lodge.

⁴We shall not have “ideal states” until the planetary hierarchy has been called back and has taken over the management of the affairs of our planet. Kingship “by the grace of god” was originally the sojourn of these “gods” in the human kingdom. The “gods” reigned in wisdom until the black lodge, which has always succeeded in misleading and idiotizing people, got the masses over to its side and thereby put a stop to the evolution of consciousness.

⁵The talk about a “world state” and “world government” is one of the countless ways the tools of the black ones use to stupidize people with a view to driving them into slavery. It has never entered into the plan of the planetary hierarchy that there should be a world government but rather a league of nations, a brotherhood of nations based upon mutuality regarding needs, understanding, and aid. A superorganization of states into one single world empire, demanding its special unity, would counteract evolution. Every race, every nation is a unity and has its particular purpose, its contribution to make to the common development. This presupposes that the whole takes precedence to the part; the weal of humanity, to that of the nation. This presupposes further that there is general freedom for all within the limits set by the laws of nature and of life, freedom in relations between the states. A larger contribution by some nation does not give it the right to speak about superiority. The law of freedom is valid for both nations and individuals. The essential and common is the understanding of the meaning and goal of life.

⁶The unification of mankind requires that the intelligentsia of the nations has realized esoterics to be the most rational of all working hypotheses. Only then will it be possible to unite the followers of the different religions and ideologies, only then shall we have that broad tolerance and perspective consciousness free of prejudice, that freedom from illusions (hate and fear) which is still missing due to the selfishness of the representatives of both capital and workers, in national egoism and conceit.

⁷“Goodbye to all that.” The evolutionary way of man consists of a series of “awakenings” and at these he is seized with the desire to throw “overboard” all that he has acquired so far. There will be many opportunities to do so through the long series of incarnations. This only shows how far he has still to go before he becomes one with all. Then he will live to help and to raise.

⁸The Christians see the “blessing of god” in “good” reaping: wealth, fame, success in enterprises, etc. The esoterician has learnt that in any case good reaping has not the least to do with the “satisfaction of god”, rather the opposite. Good reaping and individual consciousness development rarely go together.

⁹Considering the great lot of hocus-pocus practised with “spirits”, etc., the planetary hierarchy energetically asserts that nowadays no member of the hierarchy appear to a human being either in the physical or emotional worlds. All such appearances are black. Rudolf Steiner, who “consorted with elevated spirits”, was totally led astray.

23.28 Agents of the Black Lodge

¹Those who embrace the naked principles of deliberate egoism and ruthlessly use all means to reach their goals, be it the goals of power, wealth, or glory, taking the power into their own hands, etc., run the risk of becoming the unknowing agents of the black ones. Exceedingly few of these suspect that they are tools in the service of the black ones. Whole institutions and societies run the errands of the black ones.

²There are conscious agents. Blavatsky pointed out Gladstone and Bismarck as such ones.

³The agents of the black ones in the physical world receive their inspirations from the black lodge. Their intelligence leaves nothing to be desired.

⁴Many occultists (“esotericians”) are the unknowing agents of the black ones. They are recognized by their creating division and disruption. A typical example of their working methods is Rudolf Steiner. He tried to split the Theosophical Society when he could not become its leader. Subsequently he did all that he could to distort the knowledge. Like Nietzsche he was unsuspectingly influenced and misled. Both managed to mislead hundreds of thousands of people.

⁵The most obvious characteristic of the agents of the black lodge is the tendency to dictatorship, which desires to curtail freedom, preferably suppressing it in all its forms. There is a kind of dictatorship that can be defended and that is the one that uses power to defend freedom. Power is the motto of the black ones.

⁶Communism has made a system of lies, deceit, murder and slavery and is the supreme triumph of satanism. It is the best demonstration of the fact that socialism must lead to an unprecedented tyranny.

⁷It cannot be too strongly asserted that “the enemies of freedom are the enemies of light”. There is an essential difference between political regimes that permit freedom of speech with a free press and the ones in which freedom is suppressed. If the free press is lacking, people will be systematically misled and crammed with lies, which was the case in the Soviet Union and still is in Communist China. Not to be able to realize this testifies to total lack of judgement, particularly characteristic of the advocates of the “third position”. Where this freedom is lacking, the government is a tool of the black lodge, which the Catholic Church also has been.

23.29 Soulless People

¹The term “soulless” denotes such a human being as has consciously severed the connection between the monad (in the triad envelope) and the causal envelope (the “soul”). It has been said that the members of the black lodge lose their causal envelopes at the dissolution of the solar system. In fact, upon joining the black lodge such an individual no longer has any real causal envelope, only the small part of it made up of 47:3-molecules and surrounding the envelopes of incarnation, the part that is called the triad envelope (in Theosophical terminology: the “personality”).

²Moreover, esoteric writers have never clearly understood the difference between the self and its envelopes. The self can destroy its envelopes, with all the consequences of this action. But the self as such can never be lost. Sooner or later, in some other solar system, or even in another cosmos, the self will be able to actualize its divinity.

³There are two categories of soulless people. The first category are those for whom it is possible to recall the causal envelope and in so doing mend the severed bond between the triad envelope and the causal envelope. The second category are those who have gone so far in evil that they cannot long for the good, noble, beautiful, true. When they have destroyed every possibility and Augoeides understands this, he abandons the causal envelope, which then dissolves.

⁴In “esoteric” literature it has been asserted that soulless people cannot incarnate any more. This is true only of the second category of soulless people, however, those whose causal envelopes have been dissolved after their Augoeides have finally abandoned them. Until that happens, the Augoeides of such a human being has been hoping against hope that the man should request to have the connection re-established.

⁵Thus there are soulless people for whom there is still some hope. They are characterized by their lack of understanding of the necessity of evolution and welfare of everybody. They gladly join organizations which emphasize the welfare of their own groups at the expense of other groups or individuals. Such organizations are characterized by an all-pervading psychosis to which the individual members fall prey.

⁶A soulless individual may very well be friends with people, may often be highly popular and be considered by public opinion as a true man of honour and a benefactor. But if someone stands in the way of his intentions or is perceived by him as dangerous or revealing, then that individual must be prepared for a great deal of trouble.

⁷Hitler and the six highest chiefs around him were, according to D.K., “soulless”. They received their terrible power from the black lodge. They can thus be cited as striking examples (cunning, heartless, merciless). Goebbels is an example of the degree of intelligence they can attain. Never count on their gratitude. Other people are valuable only as tools for their purposes.

23.30 Disciples and Aspirants Must Be Alert

¹Members of the planetary hierarchy clearly state that wherever they work in the worlds of man, the black lodge is after them and seeks to destroy whatever they achieve. That is why it is necessary that disciples use their understanding and discernment and that their alertness must never relax. If the black ones have succeeded in picking up some detail of the plans of the planetary hierarchy, they will try to prevent it and to launch projects in idealistic disguise and with duped idealists as a deceptive façade.

²Aspirants to discipleship must always count on being put on their black list. Disciples are opposed in all ways. That aspirant who has been accepted as a disciple need not fear the attacks of the black ones, because the defensive resources of the planetary hierarchy are at his disposal. Anyone who is not assured of this defence, however, is wise not to occupy himself with this issue even in his thoughts or talk about it. To be put on the list of the black ones leads to a life-long struggle against secret enemies.

³Conceit always falls victim to its presumptuousness. If anybody believes himself to be special, it is easy for the black ones to make him believe he is specially chosen. There are many people in the emotional world who believe that they have met their “master”, not suspecting that these are representatives of the black ones, confusingly like the higher selves they impersonate. It happens that these perfect actors dupe even disciples before they have become causal selves. Annie Besant is an example of how easily even a disciple makes mistakes. Much that she took as “orders from the master” came from the black lodge instead.

⁴It is so easy for an individual to believe that he is something very special. When he learns about discipleship, there is a risk that he believes himself to be chosen. And the “master” lurking in the emotional world has no difficulty in getting a new victim in his claws. Against such forces man is defenceless with all his cleverness. Nobody is “ready” who believes that he is.

23.31 Not Even the Black Ones are Excluded From Unity

¹It should be pointed out that the members of the planetary hierarchy still regard the black ones, those who have consciously severed the connection between the causal envelope and the triad envelope, as their brothers, even if they seek to counteract the effect of their destructive work wherever they can. The black ones are brothers chiefly on two grounds.

²The monads of the black ones share in the cosmic total consciousness, which has the effect that they sooner or later, on an enormously long detour, have to do their evolution over again.

³The black ones benefit, in their own way, the process of manifestation by working at involution, even with the wrong motives, with the purpose of stopping evolution. It always appears in some respect that evil must serve good.

⁴That is why not even the black ones are excluded from unity. They are blind, are victims of the illusion of absolute self-assertion and can never in their severed triad envelope reach causal consciousness and the knowledge of the unity of life. They will have to acquire a new

first triad and a new causal envelope, and there is no need to talk about what this means in terms suffering.

⁵Everything makes up a unity, and all share in this unity, the unity with all. Anyone who feels isolated has by ignorance (mental, emotional) excluded himself. And this is one of the countless examples of illusion and fiction. Because nobody can really exclude himself, only imagine himself excluded.

23.32 AMORC (*Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*)

¹In 1932, The Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC brought out a handsomely bound book of about 175 pages, written by Raymund Andrea, F.R.C., Grand Master of the Rosicrucian Order for Great Britain, and entitled *The Technique of the Master, or the Way of Cosmic Preparation*. In 1953, the fifth edition was printed.

²Here is a work of a totally different formal quality than most writings from the same source. The book is well written, and even if no disciple of the planetary hierarchy would be duped, there is a great risk that most occultists would not see through the cleverness with which the author knows how to cast suspicion on the endeavours of the planetary hierarchy to give mankind a knowledge of reality and life. The author quotes diligently from statements by several 45-selves (“masters”) published in Theosophical literature. He does so with due respect and in such a way that the uncritical reader easily believes that the author is himself a disciple of those masters.

³The author has “no wish to cast the slightest reflection upon any body of students.” At the same time he says: “A Theosophical leader once remarked that his society was, from top to bottom, full of sponges.” It would be interesting to know the name of this “leader” and in what context this statement allegedly was made.

⁴The reader is warned not to follow the wrong instructions and unsuitable methods of other orders, societies, and sects. The “Rosicrucians” know them all, but those of AMORC are the only right ones. Other systems teach abstract meditation or “meditation on the Self”, which does not lead you anywhere. AMORC alone can instruct the student in how to “use the self”. It is not easy for the ignorant to see that the word “self” is taken in two different meanings (lower and higher, the self in the first triad and in the second triad).

⁵The “Rosicrucian Order” AMORC is always the same in every aspect. Only AMORC is in possession of the teachings of the genuine Rosicrucian Order. Only AMORC has the right methods of development. It is evident, however, that AMORC has thoroughly studied all that has been published through the planetary hierarchy and used it for its own purposes. *The Technique of the Master* is an example of this. It is full of quotations from 45-selves M. and K.H.

⁶AMORC does what it can to facilitate your studies. Its world view is the simplest conceivable. Existence is divided into “two spheres”: the “sphere of cosmic consciousness” and the “sphere of the personality”. The sphere of the personality includes the physical, emotional, and mental worlds. The description of the cosmos is reminiscent of the nirvana of the yoga philosophers or the cosmic self or the absolute, which absorbs the personality. So simple is it when you have reached that far.

⁷Eleven chapters treat of the fundamentals of the technique, the preparations for it, delusions about it, its impersonality, its magic, the masters on the technique, vocation in relation to the technique, personal adjustment to the technique, the neophyte and his critics, and in conclusion the question of probation.

⁸As you know, the white ones and the black ones walk the same way and generally use the same methods for the activation of consciousness up to the acquisition of a “personality”: the control of the envelopes of incarnation by mental consciousness. Then comes the parting of the ways. It is typical that the author lumps all higher kinds of consciousness together by

using the term "cosmic consciousness", which he defines with expressions taken from the yoga philosophy: absorption into the absolute, a meaningless phrase which sounds fine and which at once sends off all higher consciousness into the inaccessible. Because it is right there that the aspirant to black mastership stops: before causal consciousness.

⁹If you pay attention to this, you can with profit read the author's attempt at developing a technical procedure for the activation of emotional consciousness. The presentation is brilliant and contains many valuable remarks. The black lodge has in the author found the makings of a black master. The occult societies have very few members who have achieved anything similar. It is amazing to observe the technique of the black ones, so similar to those of the white ones that only initiates can discover the subtle changes. It should be remarked that the symbol of the black ones (the symbol of involution) – the equilateral triangle with the apex down and the base up – is frequently displayed in the book. The symbol of the white ones (the symbol of evolution) is, as you know, an equilateral triangle with the apex up and the base down.

¹⁰In case criticism is necessary to clarify errors, it is not only justifiable but also the only way to make people see illusions and fictions. Those who say that you should not criticize but be content to give people the right knowledge have not understood that without criticism people cannot tell truth and falsehood apart. The injudicious cannot even see the difference between criticism and grumbling, constructive and destructive criticism.

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