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The following questions are for study purposes only.**

Study Questions: Course I, Laws of Occultism

Chapter 1, Occult Data

1. What does the word occult mean?
2. Define Occultism.
3. Why is the common application of the word occult arbitrary?
4. When does any phenomenon seem mysterious?
5. How can the soul progress? Upon whom can it rely for correct information?
6. What is the first glimmer of consciousness?
7. Upon what undeniable premise must any correct system of a philosophy start?
8. What is consciousness? And upon what does its expansion depend?
9. Is reason an experience?
10. What is knowledge?
11. Define truth.
12. Why must we rely upon experience, either mental or physical?
13. What is the relationship between adaptation and life?
14. Give an example in nature of a dependable faculty other than reason and the five physical senses.
15. How can the value of any conclusion be determined?
16. Why do we commonly rely upon the five physical senses and reason?
17. Under what circumstances should dreams be relied upon?
18. If there is a conflict between the reports of the physical senses and the reports of the psychic senses, how do we know which is accurate?
19. What two tenets of the Ancients have been verified by modern material science?
20. Cite an example of the transmutation of one metal into another.
21. How may the truth of any occult science be determined?
22. Mention 2 ways of educating the psychic senses
23. How is man's belief in immortality paralleled in the animal kingdom?
24. Upon what are occult truths based?
25. Why do we seek knowledge of the laws governing other planes?

Chapter 2, Astral Substance

1. What is the difference between field and matter?
2. What is the difference between a positron and an electron?

3. What is a proton?
4. Of what are atoms composed?
5. What is the most essential difference between etheric energy and physical energy?
6. What is embraced in the term Psi phenomena?
7. What is extrasensory perception?
8. What is psychokinesis?
9. At the velocity of light what happens to an object's length?
10. At the velocity of light what happens to time?
11. At the velocity of light what happens to gravitation?
12. What kind of power is exercised by the thought-cell groups of the individual's unconscious mind to mold his physical environment and bring into his life the conditions and events they desire?
13. What relation commonly exists between physical substance and its astral counterpart?
14. How do we know that nothing we learn is ever really forgotten?
15. Which of the two environments, inner or outer, has the most influence over man's thoughts, feelings and actions?
16. By what things of the outer world is man influenced?
17. By what things of the inner-plane is man influenced?
18. Why can the person ignorant of the astral world and its energies live only half as successfully as if he understood and used knowledge of both planes?
19. From what one primal physical sense do biologists hold the five physical senses were developed?
20. Why is the sense of sight not strictly a physical sense?
21. What inner-plane sense, widely diffused and universally possessed in some degree by animals and men, through specialization gives rise to clairvoyance, psychometry, clairaudience, spiritual communion etc.?
22. Potentially, is anything in the universe beyond the range of extrasensory perception?
23. Can things in the past and things in the future be apprehended by the astral senses?
24. What is required by genius?
25. What distinguishes information which comes from some inner-plane entity, from the conclusions reached by the unconscious from its own inner-plane observations as well as information acquired through the independent use of its astral senses?

Chapter 3, Astral Vibrations

1. What is the source of the energy of all life on earth?
2. What is the test of any theory?
3. If a bullet were given a speed greater than that of light, what would happen to it?
4. Why are so many difficulties in the way of explaining the behavior of light, radio and other electromagnetic phenomena?
5. Illustrate how substance manifests entirely different properties when its vibratory rate is speeded up.
6. Give two reasons why a knowledge of astrology is absolutely essential to completely master any branch of occultism.

7. What is the most perfect instrument in existence to determine man's relationship to the universe and to God?
8. How can man test whether or not he is influenced by planetary streams of energy impinging upon his astral body?
9. What determines the influence of planetary energies upon earthly life and destiny?
10. How does the sun's energy reach the planets?
11. From whence is the energy derived for the expression of things of a mental and spiritual nature?
12. How far from us are the other known universes?
13. What difference exists in the energy before and after it reaches the sun?
14. Why do each of the planets transmit a different kind of energy?
15. Describe astral light.
16. Mention some commonly observed septenary divisions of nature.
17. Why do certain objects transmit the force of one planet more readily than they do the force of other planets?
18. Name one quality of the influence transmitted by each of the ten planets
19. In human thought, how do each of the ten planets express?
20. What affects the tone quality of a given planetary influence?
21. What is the zodiac?
22. Do the Constellations and Zodiacal Signs of the same name coincide in the heavens either in location or extent?
23. Which angles of union of astral vibrations are integrative, and which are disintegrative?
24. How are thoughts carried from one part of the universe to another?
25. What are the four chief factors pertaining to the manner in which the planets affect life upon earth?

Chapter 4, Doctrine of Nativities

1. Does the destiny of the soul commence when it is born into human life?
2. What is the Hermetic Law of Correspondences?
3. What is the difference between a metal's sensitiveness and that of higher life? Why?
4. How is intelligence displayed by planets?
5. Why cannot the chemist make food to sustain life from inorganic elements?
6. What is the function of the heredity genes?
7. What is Personal Magnetism?
8. In the soul attracted, what depends upon the intensity of the union of the parents?
9. What determines the physical strength and vitality of the soul attracted at the time of union?
10. Which one of the parents furnishes the foundation for the child's vitality, and which one the foundation for its physical constitution?
11. Why do the mother's emotions and thoughts during pregnancy influence the character and destiny of the child?
12. What relation must exist between the child's astral body and the astral vibrations from the planets at that place for the child to be born and live?
13. Must the vibrations of the planets correspond precisely to the astral form of the child if it is to live?

14. All that happens in the life is the result of what?
15. What is the only manner in which destiny can be changed?
16. Through what can character be changed?
17. Name the four sets of factors dealt with in scientific astrology.
18. In the astral body, what do the Signs map?
19. In the astral body, what do the Mundane Houses map?
20. In the astral body, what do the Planets map?
21. In the astral body, what do the Aspects map?
22. In the astral body, what do the Birth-chart Aspects map?
23. Name the three energy-releases; compare them with the energy of a clock, and give their time ratio of release in the astral body.
24. In the astral body, what do Progressed Aspects map?
25. Of what does a complete birth-chart reading consist?

Chapter 5, Doctrine of Mediumship

1. Illustrate how the passive is always the medium of the active.
2. What is the one great controlling power of all energies in the universe?
3. Give a common example of a distant controlling influence transmitting energy through space and setting up physical motions through a passive receiving medium.
4. The process of evolution is a schooling in what?
5. What constitutes the superiority of man over forms of life on earth?
6. What follows any tendency to relinquish control of the human body?
7. What is the first requisite to success?
8. What results from gain in control? From loss of control?
9. How is control gained?
10. What happens to man at large when he ceases to struggle against invasion?
11. To retain control, why must an invading astral entity break down the customary lines of force a person uses to control his own brain and body?
12. What negative states should be avoided lest irresponsible mediumship result?
13. What part do depraved human beings who have passed to the astral plane sometimes play in irresponsible mediumship?
14. Are there other than human forms of life on the astral plane near the earth, and what part do they play in irresponsible mediumship?
15. To what extent can the phenomena of irresponsible mediumship be duplicated by a positive method that produces no disintegrative effect?
16. Explain clairvoyance and how it may be exercised without negativeness
17. Explain telepathy and tell how thought transference may be exercised without impairing self control.
18. Explain clairaudience and indicate how it may be cultivated with no more injurious effects than to cultivate hearing.
19. Explain psychometry and show how it may be practiced without recourse to irresponsible mediumship.

20. Explain how prevision is possible, and indicate how it is not dependent upon disintegrative mediumship.
21. How is it proven that anything once known to man is never lost?
22. What is the storehouse of information drawn upon by those whom the world calls geniuses?
23. What does an unusually prominent birth-chart Neptune map?
24. What is genius?
25. Upon what does the expression of Life, Light and Love depend?

Chapter 6, Spiritism

1. Upon what depends the grade of intellectual and spiritual forces transmitted by a person?
2. In what two directions are the spiritual and intellectual energies transmitted by man radiated?
3. Mention a simple experiment which proves that the mind of one person may influence another person at a distance.
4. Explain the principle used when one person controls another at a distance.
5. When formed, what habit always insures that one is never dominated by any other person or entity?
6. Explain how stigmata are formed.
7. Explain the ability to talk in strange tongues.
8. Why can more people get psychic messages through the Ouija board?
9. What is the source of most information given through the Ouija board?
10. What three factors influence the veracity of spirit messages?
11. Do those who pass to the next plane of life immediately become wise?
12. Are there always wise spiritual intelligences eager to help the earnest neophyte?
13. How do wise spiritual intelligences impart information to their pupils?
14. Explain automatic writing.
15. What is meant by the term rapport?
16. Why does much misinformation come from those who occupy the astral plane?
17. Explain how table tipping takes place.
18. What is the chief energy used in table-tipping?
19. What is levitation?
20. How are clocks stopped, or pictures thrown from walls, at the time of death of a relative in a distant land?
21. Explain how it is possible for some mediums to increase suddenly in weight.
22. How are spirit raps produced?
23. How is slate writing produced?
24. Explain the process involved in precipitated writing.
25. What danger is there to a mediumistic or sensitive person attending seances?

Chapter 7, Phenomenal Spiritism

1. What is the explanation of monitions?
2. What is the explanation of premonitions?

3. What is the easiest method, and the most common one, by which the astral brain transmits information to the everyday consciousness?
4. How are premonitions produced that involve the moving of physical objects?
5. How may bilocations be explained?
6. What is a thought-form?
7. What kind of life generates electromagnetic energy?
8. Explain how etherealizations take place.
9. Explain the phenomena so often witnessed in seances of lights moving about the room.
10. Explain spirit photography
11. Why may fairies sometimes be photographed?
12. Explain inspirational speaking and test reading.
13. Explain trumpet speaking.
14. How is it possible to pass matter through matter?
15. Explain the phenomena of bringing flowers into a room as Apports
16. What is ectoplasm?
17. What is the usual process by which ectoplasm becomes a materialization?
18. From whence does the extoplasm draw its materials?
19. To what extent have materializations been critically investigated and photographed by men of international scientific standing?
20. How do the paraffin molds and plaster casts obtained by Geley and Tichet establish with certainty the genuineness of materializations?
21. After the ectoplasm has fully materialized, how does it differ from ordinary flesh and blood?
22. How may the haunting of a locality, independent of any person or mediumistic temperament being present, yet where some person has been killed, be explained?
23. Why is it more difficult to produce physical manifestations of mediumship in a bright light than in the dark?
24. Why is it unreasonable to demand that a medium who has once produced genuine phenomena should be able to produce it again under any conditions that may be imposed by experimenters?
25. What is the difference between disintegrative mediumship and mastership?