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Study Questions: Course 18, Imponderable Forces

Chapter 1, How to Act Under Adverse Progressed Aspects

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1. What is superstition?
2. What is the best way to remove excessive reverence and fear?
3. When some mysterious force is truly inimical, what is the best attitude toward it?
4. What is the most powerful imponderable force to influence our lives?
5. What imponderable forces are next in their power to influence our lives?
6. To how many people is a so-called horoscope based merely upon the month of birth equally applicable?
7. To how many people is a so-called horoscope based merely upon the day of the month of birth equally applicable?
8. How many people are subject to the influence of every aspect shown in the daily aspectarian?
9. Except for some exceptional aspect, can reliable predictions as to what will happen in any given locality be made from the aspects of the planets as given in the daily aspectarian?
10. What kind of charts give reliable day to day predictions as to the events which will occur in a given locality?
11. For what purpose is the daily aspectarian valuable?
12. Why do some people have very good luck, and other people very bad luck, on the same day?
13. Upon what type of astrological conditions should great reliance be placed?
14. Indicate by weather conditions how certain things can be done easily at one time, and not at all, or only with great difficulty at another time.
15. Just how should the Birth-chart be regarded?
16. Just how should major progressed aspects be regarded?
17. What is the problem always arising in connection with each major progressed aspect?
18. Should endeavors shown by adverse major progressed aspects always be avoided?
19. What is the best method to follow when there are signals of a severe astral storm in a certain department of life?
20. How thoroughly should you know your major progressed aspects?
21. Just how should the transits of the planets through a mundane house be regarded?
22. Just how should minor directions and transiting aspects be regarded?
23. What should particularly be considered in regard to the less important affairs of life?

24. When an affliction by major direction is operating does a harmonious minor direction of the same planets indicate a favorable short period?
25. Should progressed or other astrological conditions be interpreted in terms of events?

Chapter 2, Sympathies and Antipathies

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1. Give an illustration showing that the same environment affects different people in entirely different ways.
2. What is the relative importance of his own thoughts to the total influence of all imponderable forces affecting a person's life?
3. What is the relative importance of astrological forces to the total influence of all imponderable forces affecting a person's life?
4. What is the relative importance of other people's thought to the total influence of all imponderable forces?
5. What is the relative importance of suitable objects and situations to the total of all imponderable forces as affecting a person's life?
6. What is a decave, and what is its use?
7. How many characters, or different tone symbols, are required to completely chart a complex train of thoughts?
8. How can the key of a train of thoughts be determined?
9. From what arises the power of names and numbers to affect people with whom they are constantly associated?
10. What is the most important name with which an individual is associated?
11. To what extent do nicknames have an influence over people?
12. What is a birth-stone?
13. Is a birth-stone fortunate for the individual wearing it?
14. If the birth-stone corresponds to the sign on the cusp of Second house in the birth-chart, how will it affect the wearer?
15. What is the really important factor in reference to wearing a gem or a name?
16. What determines the importance of the house number as affecting the individual?
17. How important usually is the license number of an automobile?
18. What is meant by a character-vibration as distinct from a thought-vibration?
19. What are the two different methods of protecting oneself from inharmonious vibrations or the inharmonious thoughts of others?
20. Which of these two techniques should be used when it is necessary or advisable to cooperate with discordant people?
21. What are the three distinct categories of imponderable forces which have an influence upon human life?
22. What two types of vibratory influences have domestic pets?
23. Is there usually some compensation for bringing call to plants and domestic pets?
24. In what way are we limited in the choice of our vibratory associates?

25. How can one know whether or not the cheerful, jolly, benevolent attitude has been a success in protecting one from surrounding discords?

Chapter 3, Ceremonial Magic

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1. What distinguishes black magic from the other kinds?
2. What distinguishes white magic?
3. What distinguishes grey magic?
4. What are the three functions of ceremony in magic?
5. In what way does a symbol, name, or token connect the individual with invisible help?
6. Is innocence of their meaning a protection to those who make use of black magic symbols?
7. How is a call put through to get in touch with an astral gangster?
8. Is the time when such a call is attempted important?
9. How can the general significance of a seal be determined?
10. Illustrate by comparing criminal conditions on earth how efforts to compel astral entities by conjurations is highly dangerous.
11. What must be done to enlist the aid of a criminal on earth or a racketeer on the astral plane?
12. In what way alone is it possible for an individual to sell himself to the devil?
13. Do astral "big shots" always keep their end of the bargain?
14. Do those who use black magic prosper long even on the physical plane?
15. Is it more evil to take unfair advantage of another by magical than by physical means?
16. Why is the conscious use of elementals so dangerous?
17. Is it necessary to call in the help of elementals in any process of white magic?
18. What invisible intelligences may be called upon to aid in white magic?
19. Is either compulsion or flattery resorted to in gaining aid in white magic?
20. Of what value in magic is a long and arduous preparatory period?
21. In what way do the specially prepared articles aid in magic?
22. Why are special astrological conditions selected in the preparation of the instruments to be used in magic?
23. Of what value in magic are devotional exercises?
24. What effect upon the unconscious mind has every act performed according to strict ritual?
25. What discipline is it customary to follow in the work of white magic?

Chapter 4, Sorcery and Witchcraft

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1. What distinguishes sorcery?
2. What element is particularly emphasized in sorcery and witchcraft?
3. Why, in sorcery, are the most frightful rites encouraged?
4. What is meant when it is stated that emotions are ambivalent?
5. What kind of emotions are most effective in sorcery?
6. In the Salem outbreak of witchcraft, how many persons were executed?

7. What individual, more than any other, was responsible for the spread of witchcraft in the Salem outbreak?
8. Mention some witchcraft outbreaks in which hundreds of people were executed.
9. What were two standard characteristics of witchcraft?
10. Why were witches prevalent during the dark ages and so rare now?
11. When and where was the birth of modern spiritualism?
12. Previous to this how did the Church look upon anyone who had communication with spirits?
13. Who alone were responsible for the outbreak of witchcraft in Europe and America?
14. Why did the mediums of yesterday believe they were instruments of evil?
15. Why did witches come to believe they had entered into a compact with the devil?
16. Why did witches keep the place they held their seances secret?
17. How did witches visit their sabbat?
18. What is the probable truth of witches anointing their bodies with ointment so as to be able to visit their sabbat?
19. Why did witchcraft often become epidemic and sweep a whole village?
20. Why did sorcery find so fertile a field in convents and monasteries?
21. Even though a witch was not wickedly inclined to start with how did the attitude of the Church compel her to join with the forces of evil?
22. For what purposes were the debauches of the sabbat?
23. How do certain priests of oriental religions utilize the same principle, but not for destructive purposes?
24. What is the greatest aid black magic has ever had?
25. What is the best method of protection from black magic?

Chapter 5, Ritual and Religion

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1. From whence is modern religious ritual derived?
2. What are the three essential functions of Ceremonial Magic?
3. Illustrate a modern ease of wide spread attempted white magic.
4. In what way is an enthusiastic revival meeting like the witches sabbat?
5. Mention a close approach to the witches sabbat at the present day, except that it is directed into constructive endeavors.
6. How do religious ceremonies tune the congregation in on the invisible congregation?
7. Is the invisible congregation likely to be more liberal in belief than the earthly congregation?
8. How do religious ceremonies often limit the possibility of gaining real information?
9. Why do religious leaders advocate the apostolic succession?
10. Can spiritual ability be conveyed by inheritance or gift as if it were money?
11. In what way is spiritual ability like education?
12. What is apt to be the effect upon the congregation of being led by a licentious and corrupt man?
13. Because of the thought-building power of the mind, do the members of the congregation who have passed to the astral plane have much additional knowledge?
14. What power have the vestments and other paraphernalia used in church ceremony?

15. What is the effect of beginning a religious ceremony with hymns of praise?
16. What power has the word Amen given as a response by the congregation?
17. What is the origin of the Eucharist?
18. What is the effect of participating in the ceremony of the Eucharist?
19. In what way do the invisible church brethren help, and in what way do they hinder the members of the congregation on earth?
20. What is the magical effect of baptism?
21. Explain the magical quality of holy water.
22. How do holy relics gain in power?
23. How much intelligence has a thought-form which is sent out to accomplish a given work?
24. What is the psychological effect of confession and absolution of sins?
25. Why do people who withdraw from a church so often complain of invisible persecution?

Chapter 6, Press, Radio and Billboard

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1. How universal is the effort made to bias our judgment?
2. Indicate how history books commonly distort facts?
3. Indicate how prominent educators are sometimes paid secretly to influence public opinion is a way favorable to their employers?
4. To what extent are newspapers "slanted" in their interpretation of the news?
5. How extensive are the operations of press-agents?
6. How is much fiction published in magazines written purposely with a "slant?"
7. How is it possible to estimate the distortion of the news in the papers?
8. How is the radio used to influence public opinion?
9. Upon what do billboards depend chiefly for effectiveness?
10. What is meant by the inversive method of presenting a situation?
11. What are the three factors upon which inversion depends for effectiveness?
12. Why does inversion avoid a lie, plain and simple?
13. Why is an inversive doctrine commonly based chiefly upon widely accepted facts?
14. Indicate how, through inversion, the doctrine of poverty and celibacy gained a foothold?
15. Indicate how, through inversion, the idea became accepted that to have any kind of fun is sinful?
16. How are platitudes used to influence public opinion?
17. Why do people commonly fail to investigate the appropriateness of associating some person or doctrine with a platitude?
18. Indicate how the words "Red" and "Capitalistic Exploiter" commonly have been used to distort fact and build up sentiment?
19. Is the Sun-Sign alone a reliable guide to the vocation?
20. Why does repetition have so much power to convince?
21. According to politicians, how can people be made to believe a lie?
22. Indicate by current billboard advertisements how reason is lulled and people made to believe things are desirable through using a catch phrase.
23. How does thought-dissemination take place and gather force?

24. From what regions and what people does insidious thought-dissemination come?
25. What means can be taken to be sure we form our own opinions rather than accept them ready made from others who wish by them to gain an unfair advantage?

Chapter 7, The Wholesome Pathway

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1. What are three highly desirable things of life?
2. In what way does happiness increase the ability to be useful?
3. Why is usefulness necessary to any high degree of happiness?
4. In what way does happiness aid spirituality?
5. In what way does usefulness aid spirituality?
6. In what way does spirituality increase the ability to be useful?
7. Do people normally generate about all the mental and nervous energy they can handle?
8. What happens when people generate more energy than they can handle.
9. What kind of conduct indicates that the individual can safely tap new sources of energy?
10. Of what value are the animal propensities?
11. What is the effect of becoming too "detached?"
12. Why are many occult students flighty unreliable and easily aroused to uncontrolled emotions?
13. Why do students of certain occult schools believe that other schools not agreeing with them are "black magicians?"
14. What is the cause of psychic instability among certain occult students?
15. What kind of rituals alone should be used?
16. How is it possible to gauge the influence of invisible brotherhoods?
17. Why is sex-magic a delusion and a snare?
18. In what way is fear an unspiritual emotion?
19. What qualities are built up in the lower kingdoms of physical life?
20. For life to develop above the astral how must its conceptions and motives be broadened?
21. Why must we be on guard against the unspiritual on both planes?
22. What is the strongest ally of insidious propaganda?
23. What is the easiest way another can cause you to do as he wishes?
24. How do politicians and others use confusion to get what they want?
25. How can insidious propaganda be detected?

