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Greetings Friends!

This past weekend I attended an evening talk about human-animal relationships. It was a talk that focused especially on relations between humans and dogs, and humans and horses, although it can apply to any such relationship between a human and an animal. The 'old model' of such relations is about control and teaching of the animal, of putting us in a position superior to that of one's animal companion, for example. The method this man advocated, however, was interactional, and focused upon the interface between the experience of the animal and our own experience.¹ The operative theme of the talk was that of shared experience, rather than what we could get the animal to do for us. A dog or cat, for instance, is not there for our pleasure or to do things for us. It is there as an evolving being with its own path of evolution, its own particular needs and its own modes of experiencing life, from which we could learn much. It is very much in line with the Buddhist idea that we are all sentient beings, and that as such, all sentient beings are on the path to enlightenment and are therefore worthy of our aid and help. How many times, for instance, has a pet 'owner' been chosen by his or her companion, rather than the other way around? Dog and cat people, I'm sure, can identify. Animals are here as much for our learning as we are for theirs.

This man had his own dog, Namid, with him. When they entered the room, he let Namid explore the entire room, and then she proceeded to go around the room and introduce herself to the attendees, or not, according to her wish. There was no effort to control her. None was needed, aside from the long leash, which is required by law in public places. She was quite at ease around people, and curled up on the couch next to one of the attendees, who was obviously a dog lover, and slept through most of the talk. It was quite an interesting talk and gave a fresh perspective on human-animal relations, as well as highlighting much of the conditioning most of us have had about such relationships, which in large part is negative toward animals. Having three rescue dogs ourselves, we could appreciate much of what was said, and it was an inspiration to watch how Namid interacted with people. And then, later on that night, as another example about life and sentience, I received a message from my family that our father had passed on, after a long and lingering passage. It was peaceful and there are no regrets, only joy that he is free.

It is said that animals have a group soul,² not being individualized, but anyone who has close interactions with animals will tell you that each animal has his or her own individuality, aside from the instinctual nature of their species. However, it could be said that humanity forms a sort of group soul, too,³ that we are all part of a great collective consciousness and that there is in reality no true separation between us, even though we retain our own individuality. This applies as much to our relationship with animals as it does to our relations with human beings – in fact, to our relations with all sentient life. And, there are angels (devas) that look after each group,⁴ just as we each have our own individual guardian angels.⁵ We come into life in collective waves⁶ and leave this material existence the same way once our work and experience is done. And this brings us to the theme of this full moon, the festival of Aquarius, which is the sign most commonly associated with group life and world service. We can never really lead an existence separate from anyone else. We create our karma together through the lives we lead, interconnected to each other, develop each according to our own pace, desire and needs, and yet we all affect one another, often in unrealized ways, according to the force of our souls. In human terms we call these soul groupings 'generations' in the largest sense, but then we all belong to the various numerous subgroupings according to profession, association, friendships and families, to name a few. It is the same for animals, too.

Aquarius has as its symbol the water bearer, a human with a water urn on their shoulder. It is one of the 'human signs', along with the other two air signs, Libra and Gemini and also Virgo, the virgin.

In other words, there is not an animal association with the sign. The fact that Aquarius is an air sign connects it intimately with the evolution and usage of the mind, since air is equated with mind and mental pursuits. Esoterically, though, air is associated with pure reason, or *buddhi*, a quality that is part and parcel of the higher Self. Aquarius is also a sign that is directly associated with service, and this is indicated by the water urn on the shoulder of the water carrier: “Water of life am I, poured forth for the thirsty seeker”⁷, to paraphrase the motto. The ‘water of life’ in this case is our divine essence, pouring through us as the light of the soul and higher Self, which gives freely to each being we encounter according to their need. This water of life is shut out and subverted in the earlier part of our incarnations here on earth by our selfish use of the mind, using it for the fulfilment of our desires. As we grow in wisdom, though, we begin to use the mind in service to greater goals and for others, and in that we then begin to access this water of life that has sustained us all along, but now consciously and with the realization that it must be made available to others.

Aquarius is the polar opposite of Leo, and those two signs form what might be called ‘[the axis of disciplined effort](#)’. In Leo we realize that self-discipline is the way forward and take on the task of mind training in its earlier phases, bending it toward the realization of an individual goal and becoming magnetic thereby, becoming a center of a group effort through our example. In Buddhism this would be called ‘taking on the guidelines of individual liberation’. In Aquarius, though, the emphasis, although still on mental discipline, is toward a group liberation, by freely sharing of the wisdom that one has gained through one’s long soul history and being forgetful of ‘what is in it for me’. And this leads us to a very interesting consideration.

In Buddhist tantras it is common practice to ‘take divine pride’ during a practice and arise as a deity at the center of a mandala, or a celestial palace. This palace is the field of experience of the deity and eventually becomes a buddha field if engaged for long enough. This palace also might be called a ‘New Jerusalem’. All this is done through the power of the imagination, through visualization. Inside this celestial mansion, or field of experience, there is a retinue of deities of varying types, innumerable and vast, and this retinue includes *all sentient beings as deities*. In other words, the practice recognizes the essential divinity of both the practitioner and of all sentient life, and more than that, the purpose of the practice is to bring the entire retinue to the bliss of full enlightenment as we attain those realizations ourselves. In the past this sort of knowledge was secret, but now it is freely available through numerous works on the subject of tantra, or esoteric Buddhism. All yoga tantras have these things in common. The point here is this: tantric practice is the steady graded path of group initiation, it is quite Aquarian in its emphasis, and it is the opposite pole of Leo. Tantra⁸ is never done alone. It always involves all sentient beings. Its primary aim is that of doing the practice for the sake of the enlightenment of all sentient beings, not for oneself.

And if we want to realize more fully the idea that Aquarius is associated with group life and group work, we need look no further than the countless tiny lives that make up the bodies of all living things – and that includes the mineral kingdom. Aquarius rules ‘The Baskets of Nourishment’,⁹ the elemental lives, or the groups of lives that make up the building blocks of all that we see. We can include in this the cells that make up our bodies. And are we not all of us like cells in the body of this stupendous planet we call home? These tiny elemental lives all have the spark of the divine in them, just as we do, and they have their own evolutionary path as well. We are but the custodians of these lives and they enable us to function in this world, or reality. They form the throne upon which we travel through life, and we thus contribute to their evolution in kind, for their purpose is to provide the basis for experience on the physical plane. And as we progress spiritually, we raise the vibration of these lives along with our own and eventually enable them to take their next step on the evolutionary ladder. And in another sense, regarding the little story at the start of this letter, we co-exist and experience life along with them. All life exists in one incomprehensible, stupendous continuum of light, love and power. Aquarius reminds of this every year. We all progress together, never separately. The moment we begin to think that we are somehow better than someone else,

isolated or otherwise outside of the flow of life, we miss the opportunity of our birthright. With these points in mind, what do we see for this full moon?

The full moon takes place on 11 Feb 17 at 00:10 UT, 11:10 AM AEDT, or 10 Feb 17 at 7:10 PM EST. The full moon axis forms a kite configuration, the Moon forming a grand trine with Saturn and the Uranus/Eris conjunction, and with the Sun at the midpoint of the Saturn/Uranus trine. In fact, we almost have a grand sextile configuration, except that there is not a planet at the 21st degree of Gemini. There is another kite formed by the Jupiter/Uranus opposition, with Jupiter at the midpoint of the Moon/Saturn trine. So, this is a figure full of potential energy, and that energy is released through the full moon axis and a t-square with the Jupiter/Uranus opposition and Pluto at the apex. This full moon is also an eclipse, the first of four this year. This particular one is an annular lunar eclipse at the 23rd degree of Leo, and will be activated across that degree of the Aquarius/Leo axis. There will be a solar annular eclipse in two weeks at the 9th degree of Pisces. Then, we will have two more eclipses in August, one of which will be a total solar eclipse – and a powerful one at that – which will trace a path across the US. It might pay for us to have a very brief look at these eclipses *in toto*, because the effects this year will be quite telling in terms of world geopolitics, and especially with respect to the US. We will look at them individually in future posts.

With regard to the other eclipses, the first activation of the aforementioned eclipses finds Saturn opposite the US Mars. The total solar eclipse on 21 Aug 17 is activated by Mars in the first days of September, and that eclipse is on the US Moon, which rules the US 8th house, and will also still see the influence of Saturn across from the US Mars. In fact, Saturn stations across from the US Mars on August 25th before going direct, and will be opposite the US Mars throughout the period of the Mars activations just mentioned. The solar eclipse also takes place on Donald Trump's ascendant, and Saturn will be across from his Moon, as it is now. So, Saturn has just entered its shadow period for its retrograde period, which means that from now through the end of September we are going to be continually hearing, off and on, about security interests in the US, will be seeing efforts by parts of the US deep state¹⁰ to undo or to encourage whatever Trump tries to put in place, and it will come to a head when Mars transits across Trump's ascendant at the end of August/first of September. The Saturn opposition across from the US Mars also indicates the extreme frustration that the powers-that-be are experiencing, and we can include in this the Democrats and some Republicans in Congress, the military, the intelligence community and homeland security interests. It will ease off in the first couple of months of the year, but will return again mid-year, and with a vengeance. We can expect resolution of such affairs at that time, possibly with explosive results.

Of interest regarding the total solar eclipse is that it traces a path right across the heartland of America, with the maximum of the eclipse taking place over an area close to Memphis. Not only is this highly suggestive, but it is also indicative of what is likely to take place around the times mentioned – a shakeup in the heartland of the US. Saturn finally leaves its opposition to the US Mars at the start of October this year. Prior to that Neptune will be square to the US horizon, and Mars will oppose Neptune, square to the horizon on September 24/25, activating yet another eclipse. So, this year will be an extremely active time in the US, as if we didn't know already, but it is supported and indicated by the astrology.

I [posted earlier](#) that I could see a defining event at the start of the Trump presidency, indicated by the transit of Mars across zero degrees Aries, which activated the powerful eclipse we had last March. That transit signaled the Paris bombings in November of 2015. The recent Mars transit was opposite the [US Midheaven](#) and across the US nadir. There *was* a defining event for the Trump presidency, and a powerful one at that, and it involved the almost immediate opposition to the Trump administration (MC) and the energizing of the US populace (Nadir). Mars is the great energizer of the zodiac and signals combative events in world and national affairs. That activation also took place just after the Sun had entered Aquarius, and little as it might seem at the moment, Trump's administration will serve to unite the country, just not perhaps in the way he had

envisioned. The activism we see now, the energizing of grassroots movements and the awakening of the populace to what is taking place in hindsight will be the great gift of Trump to the US. His travel ban has just been stymied in the federal courts and we see already that his policies are being put forward by an inexperienced administration,¹¹ and in that lies a measure of safety for the American public, strange or as contradictory as that might sound.

It is of interest to note that US administrations are inaugurated when the Sun enters the first degree of Aquarius. It is quite symbolic, really, as the President and his administration is supposed to unite the country in common purpose. It is also of interest with regard to the soul of the US, which is ruled by Aquarius, in that a nation's leader is supposed to be a representative of that nation's soul, or of some aspect of it. What then, do we see about Trump, seeing that the US President is often said to be "the leader of the free world", even if that phrase has been steadily losing its relevance in today's world?¹² There are some things we need to consider with the Trump presidency. His actions have raised very serious concerns, and he has only been in office just over a few weeks. The concerns are especially with regard the following:

- He is looking to markedly increase defense spending,¹³ including the nuclear arsenal.¹⁴ This would appear to be a central part of his jobs creation program, which Congress will likely readily approve. Yet, the Pentagon cannot account for trillions of dollars it has spent.¹⁵ We will probably hear no calls for a review on that by this administration.¹⁶
- He is cutting social programs, in part to justify the defense spending to Congress, and also largely because many conservatives see programs such as the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities as "waste".¹⁷ Such cuts would also include programs like Planned Parenthood and the Violence Against Women Act.¹⁸ We will be looking at a leaner, meaner America if these plans go through.
- He is building walls between countries, literally and figuratively, and is openly antagonistic toward leaders who do not share his views, witness his recent call to Malcolm Turnbull of Australia.¹⁹ Incidentally, his wall with Mexico is set to cost close to \$22 billion²⁰ initially, and then there is upkeep afterward. This again is part of his jobs creation program, but it will do little with regard to illegal immigration and that money could do quite a bit to alleviate poverty in the US, let alone the effect it will have on Mexico in the long run if Trump tries to get Mexico to pay for it through import duties.
- He has been quite belligerent toward Iran and China, and China is a nuclear state. It is also worth noting that Iran has close ties with Russia, and those ties are deepening. Russia has also recently strengthened ties and relations with China. A threat to either Iran or China from the US would draw Russia into the conflict, Russia also being a nuclear state.
- He has populated his cabinet and advisory staff with hawks, oil people and Goldman Sachs employees, the latter being the very people who were at the center of the 2008 financial meltdown.
- His cabinet connections with Big Oil are also heavily invested in the defense industry.
- He has promised the CIA all the help it needs and embraced the organization wholeheartedly.²¹ This will more than likely increase surveillance on US citizens.
- His Muslim ban – and to call it anything else is nonsense – ignores the two states that are the biggest Islamic exporters and enablers of terrorism in the world: Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. There are other states not on the list that have been state sponsors of terrorism, too, including Israel, India and Turkey, for example. Saudi nationals were the perpetrators of 9/11, remember. The ban would seem to be aimed at antagonizing Muslims, not about keeping the US safe. The US is not under any palpable or credible threat from Islam on US soil.
- He has "put Iran on notice" for launching a missile – which launch was within the terms of the Iran deal.²² Iran has a right to defend itself and to test its weaponry. Iran would appear to be the next up and coming bogeyman.

- He is looking to reverse Dodd-Frank regulations, which are keeping the big banks from engaging in the behavior that caused the 2008 financial crash.²³ This could leave us open again for another run on the gaming practices by the big banks that led to the 2008 meltdown.

It is not difficult to see where this is headed. All we need to do is connect the dots, or the bullet points, if you will. Here's the question: For what are we being prepared? It is not simply about generating business. There is a very clear theme that emerges from the above points and it is not about 'making America great again'. One might perhaps get the sense of the old thinking that a war is good for the economy. We will not even go into the far right, Christian fundamentalist ideology that is riding alongside all of this. It is perverse. It is against the heart and soul of the nation. Trump likes to fight, to appear tough, but as Noam Chomsky once put it, he has no clear policy and indeed appears vacuous at times.²⁴ He is, however, an instrument in the hands of people who have very clearly-stated ideals and agendas, much like "W" was, and Steve Bannon is their representative this time around. If we really want to understand the Trump phenomenon, we need to understand the person who is guiding Trump, who is Steve Bannon. Trump/Bannon is a harder-right, more ideological version of Bush/Cheney.

I have heard from people who have said they see light around Trump and that I have perhaps been too negative about him. If there is light around Trump, it is coming from the fact that people are waking up rapidly to what is happening before our eyes, and to the state of the union, not from his leadership abilities. Trump's administration is working along the lines of the destroyer, which is not necessarily a bad thing, although difficult. There is quite a lot in Washington and in Wall Street that needs to be broken apart and redone. But the suffering his policies are going to bring on the working class in the interim will be quite distressing to watch and experience. We looked at the Trump/Bannon relationship in the Chinese New Year letter, but there is a bit more to add here, given the resistance that is mounting to Trump and his policies, the emerging influence of Bannon and also given the fact that the Republicans are seizing their chance for the rollback of progressive policies they have waited for so long to do. Since this is a more esoteric letter, we'll go straight to the heart of the matter concerning Trump and the way he acts.

I have read many posts among more esoterically inclined people who think of Trump as an expression of Ray 1 (will, power, the ray of the Destroyer). I do not see this in Trump, adding my little piece to the mix in that regard. I see him primarily as a Ray 3 type with a strong Ray 6 component, and I say this based upon the following, especially noting the vices of this Ray and the virtues to be acquired: The Third Ray of Higher Mind, *Special Virtues*: Wide views on all abstract questions, sincerity of purpose, clear intellect, capacity for concentration on philosophic studies, patience, caution, absence of the tendency to worry himself or others over trifles. *Vices of Ray*: Intellectual pride, coldness, isolation, inaccuracy in details, absent-mindedness, obstinacy, selfishness, overmuch criticism of others. *Virtues to be acquired*: Sympathy, tolerance, devotion, accuracy, energy and common-sense.

This is the ray of the abstract thinker, of the philosopher and the metaphysician, of the man who delights in the higher mathematics but who, unless modified by some practical ray, would hardly be troubled to keep his accounts accurately. His imaginative faculty will be highly developed, i.e., he can by the power of his imagination grasp the essence of a truth; his idealism will often be strong; he is a dreamer and a theorist, and from his wide views and great caution he sees every side of a question equally clearly. This sometimes paralyses his action. He will make a good business man; as a soldier he will work out a problem in tactics at his desk, but is seldom great in the field. As an artist his technique is not fine, but his subjects will be full of thought and interest. He will love music, but unless influenced by the fourth ray he will not produce it. In all walks of life he is full of ideas, but is too impractical to carry them out.²⁵

Ray 1 has some similar characteristics, as follows: *Special Virtues*: Strength, courage, steadfastness,

truthfulness arising from absolute fearlessness, power of ruling, capacity to grasp great questions in a large-minded way, and of handling men and measures. *Vices of Ray*: Pride, ambition, willfulness, hardness, arrogance, desire to control others, obstinacy, anger. *Virtues to be acquired*: Tenderness, humility, sympathy, tolerance, patience.²⁶ Both are hard-line Rays, but the clincher is the fact that Ray 1 does not incline itself to business, but to politics instead, and Trump is a business man, not a politician. He also lacks focus. One of the outstanding characteristics of Ray 1 is the ability to see things through, undistracted – to focus – and Trump lacks this. Ray 3 is often beset by distractions, and Trump is easily distracted. We also have the following:

The third ray person who also fails to shatter his ‘Dweller’ becomes what is called a ‘manipulator of souls’ and *uses the mind to destroy the real and to put a veil between the man and reality*. [re: assertions by Trump of fake news] It must be remembered that none of these names and these activities refer to the soul on its own plane but only to human souls in incarnation on the physical plane.²⁷

So, having noted all this, why would we need to even consider these points? – to get at the heart of what is driving the administration. In that way, we would know how to approach matters. Trump is not guiding the administration. His chief advisor, Steve Bannon, is. Trump does speak truths, though, albeit with a big dose of his own opinions and misstated or questionable ‘facts’. And then, there is the following, which is that Trump also has a strong touch of Ray 6:

...The man who is on this ray is full of religious instincts and impulses, and of intense personal feeling; nothing is taken equably. Everything, in his eyes, is either perfect or intolerable; his friends are angels, his enemies are very much the reverse; his view, in both cases, is formed not on the intrinsic merits of either class, but on the way the persons appeal to him, or on the sympathy or lack of sympathy which they shew to his favourite idols, whether these be concrete or abstract, for he is full of devotion, it may be to a person, or it may be to a cause...He must always have a "personal God," an incarnation of Deity to adore. The best type of this ray makes the saint, the worst type, the bigot or fanatic, the typical martyr or the typical inquisitor. All religious wars or crusades have originated from sixth ray fanaticism. The man on this ray is often of gentle nature, but he can always flame into fury and fiery wrath. He will lay down his life for the objects of his devotion or reverence, but he will not lift a finger to help those outside of his immediate sympathies. As a soldier, he hates fighting but often when roused in battle fights like one possessed. *He is never a great statesman nor a good business man, but he may be a great preacher or orator...*²⁸

We could argue endlessly about whether or not Trump is a good business man, but a study of his business dealings would reveal much in that regard. No, if we want to study and get at the heart of this administration we need to study Steve Bannon and act accordingly, which we do not have the space to go into here. Bannon has described Trump in less than flattering terms, calling him “a blunt instrument in our hands”²⁹ – meaning the far right, which is interesting, given the positions of power in which Trump has placed him. It is also alarming to more sensitive souls. Given this, we see that rather than Trump being the strong leader, he is instead an instrument for other interests, and we see those interests in the types of executive orders that are being released. So, where does all this leave us, given that the Republicans in Congress and this administration are quite content to force through their agendas without much in the way of discussion or cooperation?

Well, we see a fascinating phenomenon taking place as a result of the Trump presidency, in that we have not seen the type of activism apparent in the American public we are seeing now since the Vietnam War. People are organizing. ‘The organism’, which is the collective consciousness of the US and in other parts of the world, is rousing into activity, and this is happening aided by the instant communications that we have these days (which Uranus and Aquarius rules), along with the mass of information that we have at our disposal. If we despair, we miss the point and the opportunity in these times. For all those among us who feel hopeless and who despair that all of our hard-fought

gains of the past are being swept away, we arrived at this point because of many factors, but mostly because we dropped our vigilance, neglected to question, but most of all, because we did not act when we saw what was happening. But now the opportunity is here, regardless of how we arrived at it, to use this as a catalyst to rework our societies in line with our own souls and the souls of our nations. The following was written just after WWII, but it rings just as true today as it did then:

...What, therefore, can the man in the street, the business man in his office, the woman in her home, and the average citizen everywhere contribute at this time and in the future to the helping of the world? It is for this type of person I write. I would start by reminding the general public of one important fact. This is that ***focussed, determined, enlightened public opinion is the most potent force in the world. It has no equal but has been little used.*** The gullibility of the average citizen, his willingness to accept what is told him if it is said loudly enough and with sufficient plausible force, is well known. The well-turned phrases of the trained politician, intent on his selfish purposes, the arguments of the silver-tongued demagogue as he exploits some pet theory at the expense of the public, and the rantings of the man with a cause, a theory or an axe to grind, all find an easy audience. Mass psychology and mob determinations have been exploited down the ages, for the unthinking and the emotional are easily swayed in any direction, and hitherto this has been turned to their own advantage by those who do not have the best interests of humanity at heart. It has been used for selfish and evil ends far more often than for good...

The second point which needs to be grasped by the average citizen is that **the mass is made up of individuals; that each of us, as an individual, is a definite and integral part of the whole.** This is a basic and important fact...The first step...is to reach the individual, show him his importance, indicate to him his very real sphere of influence, and then set him to work in that sphere and with what he has. **In this way, his normal and natural sense of futility will disappear, and he will gradually realise that he is needed and can do much. Having grasped this for himself, he can then try to bring the same constructive attitude to those around him, and they will then do likewise.** May I point out here that the value of the individual is surely based on the inherent divinity of the human spirit and on the integrity of the whole. It is founded also on the knowledge...that at the very heart of the universe is a divine Power, call it what you will, and on the faith that love is the very law of life itself, in spite of all appearances and the record of the past.³⁰

In closing, although we could go on and on, I never got to discuss our current political situation with my dad. I would have loved to have done so, but in the last years of his life he was unaware of the wider world, at least in his brain consciousness. He was a die-hard Republican until the final decades of his life. He lost faith in the Republican party after 9/11 and the Bush years. However, he was a member of the 'Greatest Generation'³¹, the generation that grew up in the deprivation of the Great Depression and who went on to fight WWII, along with those whose work on the home front provided for the material success of the war effort. They did so not for fame or glory, but because "it was the right thing to do". My dad was very much of that mind. Those values were passed on to the generations that came after, and they are beginning to resurface again. What is 'the right thing to do', then, given our present world situation? It is a question that only we can answer for ourselves. No one else can tell us what that is, try as they might. One's soul will never be silenced or dictated to for very long.

As for the US, speaking of the Aquarian soul of the nation, it was founded on progressive, secular principles by men who were progressive Christians and Freemasons – a far cry from what we see today. Moreover, it was founded on principles of freedom, freedoms which we know very well, which we have fought very hard for, which are now under threat and which have been for decades.

The recent election and the present administration have brought these principles to the fore of people's thoughts once again in a way that perhaps nothing else would have. Aquarius is universal in its action and appeal, and its action is to give people the keys to freedom. Aquarius is the sign of universal friendship, regardless of race, religion or any other persuasion. Let us carry that universal spirit of love and care for others forward in the times before us and dedicate it toward universal freedoms for all people, especially the freedom to be able to fully express the light of one's soul in a world that cries out for that very water of life.

Blessings, all.
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Riposi in Pace, e Buon Viaggio!

¹ <https://spartariserva.com/> (in Italian), also <https://www.facebook.com/FrancescoDeGiorgioFDG>

² Bailey, Alice A, *Esoteric Healing*, p. 429

³ Bailey, *Glamour, World Problem*, p. 160

⁴ Op cit.

⁵ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 913

⁶ Bailey, *A Treatise on Cosmic Fire*, p. 770

⁷ Bailey, *Esoteric Astrology*, p. 441

⁸ Tantra refers here to a specific spiritual practice that involves intensive meditative discipline. Its meaning in the West has often been corrupted in popular culture to become associated with some silly, mistaken and dangerous forms of sexual practices.

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²⁷ Bailey, *A Treatise on White Magic*, p. 241

²⁸ Op cit, p.209

²⁹ <http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2016/08/breitbart-stephen-bannon-donald-trump-master-plan>

³⁰ Bailey, *The Externalisation of the Hierarchy*, p. 379. 380

³¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greatest_Generation