

“Esoteric Relationships”

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Online resources:

<http://www.laurency.com> – All that has been translated into English is available here.

The Basic Esoteric Dictionary, The Explanation, Knowledge of Reality, all good starting points

<http://www.lucitrust.org/> - The writings of the Tibetan, Dwal Khul, via Alice A. Bailey

<http://theosophical.org/> - The Theosophical Society, the first re-introduction of esoterics to the public.

<http://onepurelove.com> - Stanton’s website, talks and handouts are there with other things

Books:

Only two Laurency books are available in print in English (though all are in print in Swedish). Both are available at Quest bookshop, or can be ordered from the Laurency website mentioned above.

Knowledge of Reality - a review of Eastern and Western philosophies, contrasted with Hylozoics

The Philosopher’s Stone – cosmology, evolution, the stages of humanity, higher worlds

Books related to the talk topics:

The Seat of the Soul, Gary Zukav – A remarkable and well known statement of fundamentals

Committed, Elizabeth Gilbert – A well written review of marriage, personal and historical

The Four Agreements, Don Miguel Ruiz – Simple yet primary agreements with others and yourself

Books by Eckhart Tolle and Byron Katie

Magus of Strovolos, Homage to the Sun, Fire in the Heart, Kyriacos Markides – the wisdom of a great healer and teacher named Daskalos in modern Cyprus (1980’s)

The Initiate in the New World, by His Pupil (Cyril Scott) – stories of an Initiate in England

Love and Forgiveness, Leonard Shaw – Seattle teacher who brings the message of love to prisoners.

See Ed Alden for a CD or download with the Laurency material in English, and many Theosophical texts.

Ongoing:

Rainbow Bridge meditation group - 6-8 PM Tuesdays in Port Townsend - stanton.k.stevens@gmail.com

Alice A. Bailey study group – Led by Karen Johannsen: ksjohannsen@gmail.com

Affirmation of the Disciple

I am a point of light within a greater Light.

I am a strand of loving energy within the stream of Love divine.

I am a point of sacrificial Fire, focused within the fiery Will of God.

And thus I stand

I am a way by which men may achieve.
I am a source of strength, enabling them to stand.
I am a beam of light, shining upon their way.
And thus I stand.

And standing thus, revolve
And tread this way the ways of men,
And know the ways of God.
And thus I stand.

Quotes – All from the writings of Henry T. Laurency unless otherwise noted

“Never esteem anything as of advantage to you that will make you break your word or lose your self-respect.”

== Marcus Aurelius, Meditations

“Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.”

== Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

== Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Seat of the Soul, Gary Zukav

Responsibility/Relationships, p. 167

The things that are the individual's to learn in spiritual union with another individual are the group's, the community's and the nation's to learn in spiritual union with other groups, communities and nations. The choice in each instance is between learning through fear and doubt or through wisdom, between the lower-frequency energy currents of the personality and the higher-frequency energy currents of the soul. If the anger of one personality toward another creates distance, shatters intimacy and causes defensiveness, the anger of one nation, or religion, or sex toward another produces the same. If the concern of one personality for another produces closeness, appreciation and mutual regard, the concern of one nation, or religion, or community for another produces the same. The dynamic is identical.

The Philosopher’s Stone

Section 3. Esoteric Life View <http://laurency.com/DVSe/ps3.pdf>

3.15 Collectives

1 ... The human kingdom is the only natural kingdom made up of isolated individuals. According as the individual develops, he will recognize his solidarity with greater and greater collectives: family, clan, class, nation, race, mankind. His development towards unity is his self-acquired realization of the necessity of collectivity.

The Knowledge of Reality

Chapter 2, The Problems of Reality, Part Two <http://laurency.com/KVe/kr2.pdf>

2.7 The Human Types of Consciousness

6 In the man, the organism and the emotional envelope are positive, the etheric and mental envelopes negative; in the woman the reverse is the case: the organism and the emotional envelope are negative; the etheric and mental envelopes are positive. This explains why women find it easier to endure pain and are mentally steadier, and why men are emotionally aggressive, etc.

The Way of Man

Chapter 1, Introductions <http://laurency.com/MVe/wm1.pdf>

1.42 The Seven Departments

1 The introduction of monads from primordial matter into the cosmos is done in groups and is divided into different departments, seven in number. This group and this original department are the basis of the so-called esoteric group the individual belongs to and always contacts anew at his reincarnation, being brought together with a family, a clan, a nation, and a race. To prevent “spiritual inbreeding”, however, the individual is sometimes to have experiences in quite different relationships, races, etc. This may be the cause of the individual’s sense of isolation, of having “come to the wrong planet”, etc. Such a dispersal is particularly frequent at the transition to a new zodiacal epoch with ensuing chaos in all respects (politically, culturally, etc.) and general lawlessness.

2 When, in the course of evolution, the group eventually reaches the mental stage, the stage of humanity, contact between individuals is more and more constant and the mutual understanding ever greater until the time approaches for the common transition to the fifth natural kingdom. As causal selves they are then able to ascertain the group they belong to. In contrast, the talk about “twin-souls” is based on an illusion, a distortion by ignorance of the ancient legend about Castor and Pollux, which was a symbolic description of the partition of the causal envelope at incarnation into a greater and a lesser envelope.

Chapter 3, The First Self <http://laurency.com/MVe/wm3.pdf>

SELF-REALIZATION

3.33 *Necessary Qualities*

2 ... It is totally abortive to demand of others that they make us happy. That demand is the ground of most unsuccessful marriages. Happiness comes to us when we live to make others happy.

Chapter 5, The Emotional Being of the First Self <http://laurency.com/MVe/wm5.pdf>

5.11 *Mankind at the Emotional Stage*

13 Men are controlled by their emotions, and these are the impelling forces in their thinking, saying, and doing. They must find expression, and that is the reason why the desire of gossip, among other desires, is irresistible and the inability to be silent so manifest. If the individual is found in the lower emotionality with its repulsion and aggressiveness, then speech and action are expressive of hatred (with its countless nuances of ever more sophisticated modes of expression).

14 Individuals who have managed to solve their own complexes of inhibition and had success in life by exploiting circumstances skilfully typically often become aggressive, reckless “boors” with Nietzschean superman manners, which are irresistibly comical to all who have acquired the humorist’s sense of proportions. What a ridiculous figure he is in the eyes of those who have a knowledge of the levels of development!

15 “Relatively few people think. The rest are busy with emotions, mainly emotional observations, and the many kinds of emotionalism, such as irritation, sorrows, grief, anxiety, depression, and sometimes aspiration. Few live in the world of thought and fewer still in that of reality.” (D.K.) Few people are content and glad. Most people take everything tragically and live a repulsive life. Then they accuse life of their own perverseness.

16 At the present stage of mankind’s development, we cannot (according to the planetary hierarchy) help others by the intellect but only by “loving understanding”. By mentality (“cold facts”) you do not achieve understanding in other individuals than those at the higher mental stage.

17 To feel that he is not loved is a harsh destiny for man. He then turns cold, hard, bitter. It is amazing when this has not been realized even by the two partners of a marriage. Never does a man fall more easily a victim as when a woman pretends love. And when will people learn to tell the difference between mere falling in love and the devotion of true love? Flirtation is a play that is dangerous for the disappointed and injudicious. They so easily imagine that it is serious business. This bears witness to an irresponsible attitude in both parties with tragic consequences. What is said here will of course, as everything sensible, be contested by all wisecracs. It is in any case an unworthy pastime. They could show their admiration, affection, compassion in a better way.

5.13 The Problems of Emotional Life

14 Goethe is the best example of the power beauty wields to fascinate also far advanced mental geniuses. Time and again he fell victim to beauties who appreciated his genius. Strange enough, he never understood the fact that what bewitched him was not the real woman in question but the form he shaped in the emotional world and supplied with attractive energies. The only way for Goethe to release himself from the suffering that subsequent separation and self-denial caused was to transpose the attractive energies to a work of literary creation. The state of being in love abates as imagination ceases to supply the emotional form with fresh energies, and later on the elemental dissolves. Only an esoterician knows anything about the pertaining automatic processes. This is true of the common condition of falling in love, not of the friendships based on the affinity of souls, which are due to the departments of the envelopes or community of past lives with stable destiny relationships (within esoteric clans, for instance).

Knowledge of Life One

Chapter 9, The Law http://laurency.com/L1e/kl1_9.pdf

9.31 Marriage

1 How different would not marriages be if the contracting parties had some knowledge of mankind's various stages of development and understood that by human love is meant physical, emotional, and mental attraction? The ancients expressed that understanding in the wisdom saying: “Birds of a feather flock together”. Children grown up under similar social and cultural conditions have the best prospects of understanding each other. The better possibilities man and wife have of understanding everything in their life together, the better prospects of a happy marriage they have. The greater the differences between them in world view and life view, in their outlook on all human problems, the greater is the risk of disharmony in marriage. How many have understood that ancient experience of life? Modern marriages bear witness, like almost everything else, to the democracy of our times with its total disorientation.

2 We should not marry for egoistic reasons but in order to serve, to help one another to live in harmony and with the least possible friction.

3 There is a prospect for a happy marriage where both parties complement each other in emotional and mental respects. If, in addition, they have the same interests, possibilities of understanding each other, work for the same goal, then there is a prospect for an “ideal marriage”.

4 The difference between falling in love and true love is seen in the fact that a love affair always passes, but true love always abides.

Knowledge of Life Four

Chapter 2. Culture <http://laurency.com/L4e/L4E2.pdf>

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2.22 Cultural Radicalism

4 ... A happy marriage is the greatest happiness of life, an abode of peace for the protection of the young against all the powers of darkness.

Chapter 4, Discipleship http://laurency.com/L1e/kl1_4.pdf

4.6 The Disciple

13 ... Lack of responsibility is the gravest mistake in life. But that does not mean that we are to take unnecessary responsibility. Some people regard it as a lack of loyalty when two “friends” have followed different, disparate courses of development, realize this and do not persist in clinging to perhaps debasing relations of friendship. We are not personally responsible for what life has separated. In this matter as in everything else rules the law of the golden mean. Absolutification in either extreme direction is always a mistake and a characteristic of the fanatic.

4.22 The Disciple as a Worker

8 “Service” is activity in accordance with the laws of unity, development, and freedom. All three laws are engaged. Service is an expression of the unity of all beings. Service aims at the development of consciousness in all beings. Service does not imply the forcing of one’s opinion on others but appeals to their possibilities of apprehending facts and relationships. This activity in accordance with the laws of life brings ideas with widened perspectives to the worker. In service you find the way to develop most quickly. Anyone who in his egoism keeps the knowledge to himself, stagnates or becomes the victim of fictions. There are untold kinds of service (political, social, scientific, cultural, etc., in addition of course always individual service when opportunities present themselves and the “seeker” or “asker” is not “unworthy”.) The essential thing is that the activity intends to benefit the whole.

Knowledge of Life Five

Chapter 10. Vera Stanley Alder <http://laurency.com/L5e/L5e10.pdf>

10.4 Wisdom in Practice

19 Of course Jeshu never said, “Whom God has joined together let no man put asunder.” That is a typical quasi-gnostic saying, dogmatic and fanatic, in the true spirit of Eusebios. What Jeshu said was that love is the strongest bond and that nothing can separate those who love each other. To exact absurd promises from people is in keeping with the usual ignorance of life.