

A very, very important principle to review concerns the four natural evolutionary conditions, or stages, of a Soul's evolution¹.

One of the great problems of 'modern' astrology is a total ignorance of this natural law. As a result, much if not most of astrological understanding correlates with the 'one size fits all' approach. Of itself this approach does a total disservice not only to astrology in general, but to the very people it attempts to help².

This approach flies in the face of common sense, not to mention life itself. It's like saying if I have a Venus square Pluto then the 'meaning' of that astrological pairing would be the same for all. This approach never takes into account the INDIVIDUAL CONTEXT of anything³.

Let us remember a core truth about astrology: it only works relative to observed context⁴. If the 'one size fits all' approach were in fact true, then for example, when Uranus transited Pisces in the 1920's, the same social themes would have existed all over the planet. In reality they did not, because of individual context. In Germany and their context, for example, following World War One it manifested as an almost total breakdown in the social order where literally one had to haul wheelbarrows full of

¹ The evolution of the "Soul", as it is developed here, sounds more like the evolution of the personality through various levels of awareness. Why the term "Soul" is substituted for the term "Personality" is not at all clear. The only reason for such a substitution may have something to do with the idea of evolution over a series of progressive incarnations, in which we as a Soul keep "evolving" over a series of lifetimes. We will return to this idea of Soul evolution later on, but just wish to point out that nearly everything that is said in this article really has to do with the personality rather than the Soul.

² Modern astrology does err in the way described through sun sign columns or general full moon readings and more, yet the ideas which the author develops are themselves guilty of this same one size fits all approach. The following discussion on the evolutionary states very much takes a dry one size fits all approach that clearly illustrates an attempt, by the author, to categorize people and make sense of their behavior not unlike any other shrewd behavioral model. It takes much for granted and attempts to place people in sharply demarcated categories, thus missing the fact that we are dealing with a human being, not a "Soul" at one or another sharply defined state of evolution. The following paradigm leaves much unsaid and, though there is much that we would agree with, we feel that it is overall a poor presentation or adaptation of ancient truths concerning the nature of existence.

³ Indeed the idea that any planetary placement or aspectual relationship can be divorced from the total structure of the chart is a fallacy. Yet this particular author is one who has gone to great lengths to delineate, through his various books, every planet in aspect/sign/house divorced from the overall context of a specific chart. It is true that we can give accurate general delineations of these things divorced from their overall context, and nearly every astrologer has done so, even dating back to the ancient Greeks, but Green goes so far as to give many pages of text to a single planet in just one of the 12 signs, and to apply his particular paradigm in great detail to such specific chart placements. It is our opinion to do such a thing is to be overly conceptual in one's approach to astrology and once again Green does exactly what he is criticizing, albeit in a more veiled and, to the untrained mind, intellectual or "deep" manner.

⁴ Ibn Ezra, a medieval Jewish astrologer and kabbalist, wrote of at least 8 different considerations that cannot be read in the birth chart. One such example is that of social status; a chart gives no indications of social status, such that if two people have identical charts each promising fame and social success the one born a prince will rise to be a king while the one born a son of a merchant may rise to become a wealthy merchant or influential local figure etc.

money just to buy a loaf of bread. Yet at the same time, in the United States it manifested as the 'roaring 20's' because of the individual context of America at that time. This was in essence fueled by the 'invention' of the non-secured credit card.

Again, the evolution of the Soul is based on the progressive elimination⁵ of all separating desires, to the exclusion of the only desire that can remain: to return 'home' to that which is the Origin of all Souls in the first place⁶.

Based on this natural law, there are four natural evolutionary conditions, with three subdivisions in each, that correlate to the Soul's evolutionary journey⁷. And, again, if you doubt this, simply stand back in a Uranian (i.e. detached) way from any society, country, culture, or tribe, and observe it⁸.

⁵ The Soul should be understood as the real individuality of a person, the "I" center, the silent witness. This is the individual essence that incarnates in different bodies/personalities in time and space (3rd dimensional reality) and governs the life of a person. The Soul does not contain "separating desires" to be "progressively eliminated", but rather it becomes identified with the fleeting temporal aspects of existence and thus with the personality or ego. Esoteric Buddhist philosophy states that all is primordially pure and that all individuals are already enlightened, thus the process or path is itself an illusion. The Soul is merely the vehicle of expression for the Divine or Spirit in Matter. The easiest manner to conceptually understand what is going on is to think of reality or life being analogous to a dream. The One becomes the Many for the purpose of play or delight and by cyclic necessity, for what is called the Divine is beyond even the dualism of the One (Logos) and the Many. When most of us dream we experience the dream as though we are just watching a film; we have no say in what happens. If we wake up in the dream, then we suddenly have free reign over the dream. Thus enlightenment is merely waking up within the dream that is our life so that we can choose joy instead of suffering, or so that the One can know itself as Many rather than being confined to one or the other. When we physically perish, we wake up (we return to a unitive, yet unconscious, state), but are no longer dreaming. This is our metaphor for death. The Soul self, which is our true individual self but not our truest self (the Divine), is, therefore, often gradually learning to express itself and thus express the Divine within manifested existence. The only difference between a liberated man and one still subject to the woes of karma is that the liberated man knows that he is a pure reflection of the Divine, that he is the Divine as is all else, and so he is not attached to the fruits of his works or to the various emotions and concepts which make up his identity or personality.

⁶ According to HP Blavatsky and others, the Soul returns to Devachanic bliss between its various incarnations. Thus all Souls return to the source, even if for just a moment of our 3rd dimensional temporal framework, before reincarnating. The purpose of Soul-ar evolution, therefore, is not to return to the source but to know ourselves as this source along with all else that exists and to act and live in this Truth.

⁷ Again this is just one person's conceptual framework for understanding reality, it is not the Truth itself. For example why shouldn't there be four subdivisions or five primary states etc. If you study the different wisdom traditions contained within all exoteric religious systems you will undoubtedly find similarities but you will find, as well, many differences. Some say there are 5 planes, others 7, still others 9. Again the difference is merely exoteric and does not alter the esoteric truth that lies at the heart of each system. Why then is this system being presented as though it was a fact, with no references to where it was drawn from?

⁸ I see absolutely no reason why Uranus should govern detached observation. Critical thinking and detached observation belong to the clarified mind, which is the province of Mercury in astrology. Mercury was called Buddhi in India and indeed there is a great truth contained here as Buddhi refers to one of the higher principles of the human being. It is the Intelligent Will that allows us to see the truth, in a detached manner, present throughout existence. Aurobindo has this to say concerning Buddhi: "The unified intelligent will is fixed in the enlightened soul, it is concentrated in inner self-knowledge" (The Bhagavad Gita and its Message, pg 36). Uranus refers to non rational and non dual states of awareness. It is beyond individuality

Upon observation, any detached observer will then be able to notice these four natural evolutionary conditions. The four conditions are:

(1) the 'Dimly Evolved' state. Roughly three to four percent of all Souls are in what I have previously called the 'dimly evolved' state. This means one of two things. Either Souls that are evolving into human consciousness from other forms of life such as animals and plants. Or Souls that are 'de-evolving' backwards into this condition due to 'karmic' causes⁹.

(2) the 'Consensus' state. Souls that have evolved into what can be called the 'consensus' state of evolution, which comprises roughly seventy percent of all Souls on the planet at this time¹⁰.

(3) the 'Individuated' state of evolution, where individuated is used in the Jungian sense of the word¹¹. This comprises roughly twenty percent of all Souls and

(4) the 'Spiritual' state of evolution that comprises roughly four to six percent of all Soul's on the planet¹².

(as I will explain later on). It takes us beyond the province of the mind (Mercury) placing us in touch with Buddhi (again Mercury).

⁹ Oddly, no such examples of this latter case (devolution) are given. Furthermore, no relation of Man to the other kingdoms in nature are explored, which we feel is a great injustice for it makes the mineral, plant, and animal kingdoms appear to be nothing more than dimly evolved, when the situation is more complex and more profound than a mere categorical placement can hope to achieve.

¹⁰ "Roughly 70 percent"? Where does this figure come from. Why not just say the vast majority? While we will elaborate on this later we must make it clear that in our observation of people we do not see any situation in which a person fits into this or any of the other listed categories in a perfect manner. We consider that these four states are actually four natural levels of consciousness, that each higher level includes the levels below it, and that the levels interpenetrate and are not actually separate as they are presented in this article. Dane Rudhyar's paradigm as given in his book "The Psychology of Transformation" is a much more profound one. He also gives four states of human existence: Biological - Sociocultural - Individual - Transpersonal. We will elaborate upon these as we go but we refer the reader to that text as well as to The Astrology of Transformation in which this paradigm is discussed and applied astrologically.

¹¹ Wikipedia gives this definition: "In Jungian psychology, also called analytical psychology, individuation is the process in which the individual self develops out of an undifferentiated unconscious – seen as a developmental psychic process during which innate elements of personality, the components of the immature psyche, and the experiences of the person's life become integrated over time into a well-functioning whole". We do not personally feel that Green's description given later on is really the same thing.

¹² Again the fake percentage seems rather unnecessary and even arrogant or meant to make the author sound more authoritative, but we would agree that those individuals living in and by the Spirit are a very low number indeed, yet this does not mean that no one not at this "level" does not glimpse the Truth from time to time and even live in it from time to time, even if only for a brief moment.

It is extremely important to understand no astrologer can determine which evolutionary condition exists for any Soul by simply looking at the birth chart alone¹³. The astrologer must observe and interact with the client in order for this determination to be made¹⁴.

A good way to do this in a counseling situation where a client has come to the astrologer is to simply ask the client why they are there, and what questions do they have. Generally, the very nature of the questions that the client has will clue the astrologer as to what evolutionary condition exists for that client. For example, if one client asks 'when can I expect enlightenment', and another asks 'when will I have my new BMW', there clearly is an observed difference reflecting the level of evolutionary progression of the Soul¹⁵.

(1) The Dimly Evolved State¹⁶: Souls that are evolving into human consciousness from other forms of life, typically animal and plant (animals and plants essentially have the same 'emotional' and 'nervous' systems as humans) are characterized by a very limited sense of self-awareness. This self-awareness is typically limited to the time and space that they personally occupy. When one looks into such Souls eyes they typically express a 'density' within the pupils, like a film effect within the pupils. These Souls are typically very joyous; very, very innocent; and can bring great love to those who are close to them. Modern terminology that reflects these types of Souls are words like cretinism, very low i.q.'s, mongoloidism, mental retardation, and the like¹⁷.

¹³ Again the Soul does not evolve but merely becomes more dominant as an influence over the personality.

¹⁴ How can an astrologer determine the more advanced levels if they themselves delusionally believe themselves to be on one level when they are actually on another? This sounds cynical but it is an honest question and without approaching life and astrology with great humility we only feed our own egos and sense of separateness. Having said that, it is very possible to pinpoint a person's primary motivations before looking at their chart and then proceed to read their chart from that perspective.

¹⁵ This is a terrible example because people tend to be much more complex and so they often say one thing and mean another, so the situation is far more subtle than such a cut and dry example. Furthermore we would like to point out that astrology cannot tell you when you will reach enlightenment and any astrologer who believes they can tell their clients this information is either a fraud or totally delusional. This is a more complex issue and we won't treat it here.

¹⁶ Rudhyar gives, for the lowest level of his fourfold division of human consciousness, the Biological level. This consists of the basic drives and desires which motivate a human being to survive and procreate etc. The Biological level is polarized, and thus not really separate, from the sociocultural level in man and in animals, which also exhibit specific kinds of social behaviors within the wild (packs of animals, mating rituals, eating rituals, living situations). "The activity of any living organism operating at strictly the biological level - whether an animal, a plant, or a human being - is controlled by a power that resides in the species, not in any one of its particular specimens . . . When a human being operates at the strictly biological level, he or she, like any animal, is controlled by this generic power operating in the form of instincts, and his or her consciousness has a compulsive and organismic character. It is probably also diffuse and subjective, for it is neither objective nor "reflective" or self-conscious. It may be compared to the rather unformulatable feeling of health experienced by a young person who has never experienced illness, directly or vicariously." - Rudhyar in *The Astrology of Transformation*. (Those with a Theosophical background will undoubtedly see how this idea was influenced by the concept of the Third Root Race).

¹⁷ This is incredibly arrogant. How could you or I possibly determine the level of a Soul due to its physical limitations? What is implied here is that people with mental retardation are somehow less evolved than other

The root desire within this evolutionary stage or state is the desire to be 'normal', where normal means to be like most other people: the consensus state¹⁸.

Conversely, it can occur, due to 'karmic' causes, that Souls can be de-evolved; which means that such Souls are forced back into this state. This then becomes very problematic for such Souls, because they had previously evolved beyond this stage¹⁹. Thus, such a Soul now experience great and humiliating 'limitations' because of the de-evolution. As a result, these Souls are very, very angry, and some can go about creating great disturbances for other people. These souls can also be 'classified' through the modern terminology as above. But the great difference is that when one looks into the pupil of these Souls' eyes, one will notice a great white light manifesting from the pupil: piercing like. And within that light one will inwardly experience the intense anger within such a Soul²⁰.

The Consensus State²¹

people. Yet one of the most important teachings of Occultism is that the physical/temporal level of reality is the LEAST REAL. Therefore the karmic circumstances leading to the Soul incarnating in a body that has various mental/physical limitations placed upon it would need to be well understood. This cannot be done by most of us and requires great subtle faculties that generally only appear in those who are awakened (Buddhas) or those with a high degree of psychic ability. Furthermore there is also the question of whether or not there is actually an individualized Soul present in a mentally retarded individual. Occultism teaches that plants and animals have a group soul and that a few animals and perhaps plants begin to develop an individualized soul which becomes divorced from the parent soul. These group souls may or may not be as advanced as an individualized human soul, but this is not something we claim to know. We mention it only to show that the issue is much more complex than Green makes it out to be.

¹⁸ Again why is this assumed? Where is the evidence for such a claim? It seems rather arrogant.

¹⁹ Once again we have no examples of this given in the article. Aurobindo and the early Theosophists state that a human Soul either never (or perhaps very rarely) actually de-evolves into a lower state of being, such as an animal.

²⁰ An example would be very helpful but we have none. Instead this feels like a sub-par attempt to explain those people who seem angry and hopeless. I find it odd that no mention of social conditions and the manner in which they may have influenced such an individual are present.

²¹ Rudhyar's sociocultural level would be the corresponding one, but what is interesting is that Rudhyar includes what Green would call the Individual level within his sociocultural level because he points out that rebellious behavior is still polarized and defined by that which it is rebelling against and therefore does not constitute a truly individualized person. This sociocultural level is basically what it sounds like it is, the level of consciousness corresponding to the organization of society and the basic relationships existing between individuals. Once again there is no example present in human society where the biological level is separate from the sociocultural one. The two levels interpenetrate and polarize one another as Aries is polarized by Libra. "At the sociocultural level, a human being participates as a "person" in the limited and structured field of activity of the society in which he or she was born and educated. The mind of this person is given a characteristic form by a particular language and by collective patterns of beliefs and assumptions impressed since birth upon his or her developing psychism. The validity of these patterns is unquestioned. In primitive societies or archaic kingdoms, a person is almost totally identified by the clan, class, or religious group to which he or she belongs. The person has a role to play and a name which represents that role. If the person conforms to the role and to what society expects or demands, he or she is secure within the limits of the birth-status. Thus, a sociocultural and ethical level is added to the biological level; and the demands of the

Astrologically speaking, this state correlates to *Saturn*, because of the underlying desire to conform to the consensus of any society, culture, tribe or country. Thus such Souls entire orientation to reality, including their values, the sense of meaning for life, moralities, customs, norms, taboos, what is right and wrong, and so on, are simply an extension of the prevailing consensus of whatever society they are born into²².

In essence 'reality' for such Souls is merely an extension of the external conditioning that any consensus group of people provides. They can not step out of the box, so to speak. For example if a scientist claims that 'astrology is bogus', then all those within the consensus state will have the same opinion²³.

Within the consensus state, like all the other states, there are three subdivisions that we must account for, where each subdivision reflects the ongoing evolution of a Soul through the entire evolutionary state, which then leads to the next evolutionary state with its three subdivisions, until the final 'liberation' of a Soul occurs, relative to exhaustion of all separating desires, ultimately reflected in the third subdivision of the Spiritual State of evolution.

The way that evolution occurs through each state is by exhausting all the desires that are intrinsic to the nature of that evolutionary state or condition.

Within the consensus state, the root desire that propels the evolution of the Soul forward, from the first subdivision through the third, is characterized by the desire to 'get ahead'; to get ahead of the 'system', which of course means the consensus society that they belong to²⁴.

a) Souls within **the first subdivision of the consensus state** are characterized by a limited sense of self-awareness, essentially limited to the time and space that they occupy; a limited awareness of the dynamics of the community that they inhabit; an even more limited awareness of the dynamics of the country that they live within. And yet they are incredibly self-righteous relative to the values, moralities, consensus religion of the existing society of birth, how life is 'interpreted' according to those beliefs, the judgments issued because of those beliefs, and so on.

two levels at times clash, causing more or less serious disturbances." - Rudhyar in *The Astrology of Transformation* (available to read freely at Khaldea.com/Rudhyar)

²² They are individualized members of society operating from a predominantly ego-bound point of view (Saturn) in which their primary motivation is to fulfill themselves as a social unit. The problem with this explanation is that, once again no one fits exactly into such a sharply defined category.

²³ Again things are not so cut and dry and a cursory analysis of your own life will show you that. There is truth present in this statement but it is incomplete.

²⁴ Worldly ambitions and pursuits?

There simply is no ability to separate themselves from any of this. It is as if they are like social automatons. An apt analogy for these Souls is the worker bees in a bee hive²⁵. Typically, they are in the lowest social strata of the society of birth²⁶.

b) As evolution proceeds for these Souls, relative to the desire to 'get ahead', it will lead them into **the second subdivision of the consensus state**, because that root desire means that they will want more from society than simply remaining in its lower strata. These Souls of course perceive from the point of view of the lower strata that there are others who have more than they have. This perception is more or less limited to others having more possessions of a grander nature than they have, social positions within society that they do not have, thus more social 'freedom' than they have, and so on. Yet that limited perception fuels the root desire to get ahead and have more. In order for this desire to be realized they must learn ever more how society and its dynamics work. It requires an expansion of their personal awareness for this learning to take place. It is the very fact of the evolutionary necessity to expand their awareness that propels the evolution of the Soul into the second consensus state subdivision.

There it becomes necessary for the Soul to learn ever more about the nature of society, to use the social system to its own evolutionary advantage – to get ahead. The 'reality' for such Souls is still totally defined by the consensus of society: its values, moralities, religions, judgments, right and wrongs, and so on. Yet by desiring to get ahead, the Soul must expand its personal awareness of the nature of the dynamics of how the society it is a part of is put together: its rules, regulations, what is required for this or that ambition to be actualized, and so on.

The Soul thus becomes ever more aware of 'others', of the community that it is part of, and the country that it lives within. This expanding awareness also includes the beginning of becoming aware of other countries and the differences in values, moralities, religions, and so on, as reflected in other countries and societies. Thus personal awareness – self-awareness – expands, because of the heightened awareness of 'others' relative to the Soul's desire to get ahead. This evolutionary stage correlates to the 'middle strata' within the social order of any given society²⁷.

c) As the Soul evolves through this state it increasingly becomes aware of the *upper* strata of society, of those that are in positions of power and leadership, of those that have great material abundance, and, as result, the desire to get ahead fuels the ongoing evolution of the Soul into **the third subdivision within the consensus state**.

²⁵ Again why not just say person instead of Soul?

²⁶ So social status also has something to do with spiritual development? Again a cursory glance at real life will show us that this is often not the case, at least at this present time in history.

²⁷ Why does the want of more, which exists for nearly everyone in our capitalistic society, need to be classified as different sub divisions of the Consensus State? This seems unnecessarily intellectual to us.

For the Soul to evolve into the third subdivision within the consensus state, an ever increasing awareness of how society 'works' in total is demanded. Because of this, personal awareness expands through evolutionary necessity, in order for the Soul's desires (defined by ambitions to get ahead) to be realized.

The Soul's personal awareness has now expanded to the point that it is now very aware of the totality of the community and society that it belongs to, and of the country that it lives within. This also includes a progressive awareness of other countries, other cultures, and of the relativity of moralities, values, religions, and so on, as reflected in other countries and cultures.

Even though this awareness progressively expands, it does not mean the Soul in this third subdivision considers other countries, values, beliefs, and religions equal to its own society and country of birth. In fact, within this third subdivision, the self-righteousness born out of conformity (the underlying hallmark of the consensus state in total) is sustained: we are right, and they are wrong. In total the consensus state correlates to what is called 'nationalism'.

In this final subdivision within the consensus state the Soul desires to be 'on top' of society; to have positions of social importance and relative power, prestige, and material abundance – the politicians, CEO's of corporations, important positions in the business world, mainstream religious leaders, and so on. As a result, these Souls constitute the 'upper strata' of society²⁸.

As the Soul evolves through this last subdivision it will finally exhaust all the desires that are inherent within the consensus state. As a result, the meaning to life itself will be progressively be lost as those desires no longer hold any meaning. At the very end of the journey through this state the Soul will finally ask the question 'there must be more to life than this'.

This very question implies an awakening alienation from the consensus, from 'normal' life as defined by the consensus. It is this awakening alienation from normalcy as defined by the consensus of any society that now triggers the beginning of a new desire that will propel the Soul into the Individuated Evolutionary State: the desire to liberate from all external conditioning that has previously defined the Soul's sense of reality in general, and its sense of personal identity, or individuality, specifically.

The Individuated State²⁹

²⁸ Those who begin to manifest a more individualized form of ambition, something which is only possible for those who feel a powerful sense of self confidence and self importance.

²⁹ According to Rudhyar the individual is a person who has undergone a revolution of consciousness such that they begin to question the biological and sociocultural values and patterns of behavior that have been impressed upon them up until this point. An individual is therefore someone who acts from a creative space,

Astrologically speaking, the individuated state correlates to *Uranus*, because the Soul now desires to *liberate* or *rebel against* the consensus state from which it is now evolving away from³⁰. Instead of the Soul being defined by the consensus to shape its sense of reality in general, and its personal identity specifically, the Soul now desires to discover who and what it is, independent of such conditioning. Earlier it was stated that if a Soul were in the consensus state and the scientist said 'astrology is bogus', this would then be the automatic belief of those Souls who are within the consensus state. If that same scientist said this to a Soul within the individuated state, the response would be something like 'no thank you, I will think for myself'.

Souls in this evolutionary state inwardly feel 'different': different than the majority of the society and country of birth. Because of the desire to liberate from the consensus, the awareness of Souls in this state progressively expands to include ever larger wholes, or frames of reference.

This expansion of awareness begins because the Soul no longer can identify with the consensus of the society of birth. As a result the Soul now feels a progressive *detachment* from society: like standing on the outside and looking in. This then allows the Soul to 'objectify' itself, relative to personal awareness and self-perception. Rebelling against consensus beliefs, values, moralities, what constitutes 'meaning' for life itself, and so on, the Soul now begins to question the assumptions that most people hold dear to their heart that correlate to what 'reality' is and is not.

As a result, this Soul now begins to 'experiment', by investigating other ways of looking at and understanding the nature of life itself. This is a reflection of the independent thinking that characterizes this evolutionary state. And it is through this independent thinking and investigating all kinds of different ways of understanding life, including ideas, beliefs, and philosophies from other lands and cultures, that allows for an ever-increasing expansion of their consciousness, and thus, their sense of personal awareness. As a result of this such Souls no longer feel at 'home' in their own land, in their country of birth³¹.

in order to fulfill the destiny that is uniquely theirs, rather than someone who merely reacts and is concerned with their sociological survival or prestige. Green's understanding is similar, but there is one key difference. For Rudhyar those who remain chained to an act of rebellion against their past are not fully individualized. They may be on the path of individual transformation but the "rebel" is not necessarily an individual. Part of this has to do with the fact that for Rudhyar the individual level is merely a path or a phase linking the transpersonal level with the biological-sociocultural level. Therefore, in a sense, there are only three levels and in yet another sense only two, as we have the duality of Spirit and Matter which are in fact the same energy at two different ends of a spectrum.

³⁰ Uranus has very little to do with rebellion as the term is usually understood. Instead Uranus correlates with the urge to move beyond, not against, our limited ego-bound consciousness (Saturn). Mars more properly refers to rebellious behavior because such behavior is still dualistic and still polarized, conditioned, by that which it rebels against. Uranus deals with a much more profound level of existence, a non dual level of understanding reality.

³¹ This makes sense and would correspond to Uranus, but we wish to clarify that once again Uranus is not about rebellion but about deconditioning. It often manifests as experiences, inner or outer, that seem

a) In **the first subdivision of the individuated state**, the Soul will typically try to 'compensate' for this inner feeling of being different, of not belonging to the consensus, and the inner sense of alienation, by trying to appear normal. This compensation then causes the Soul to structure their outer reality much as Souls do in the consensus state: normal kinds of work, normal kinds of friends, normal appearance, and so on.

Yet inwardly they feel and know that they can no longer personally identify with that compensatory reality that they attempt to sustain. This compensation manifests in this subdivision because, after all, the consensus is where the Soul has just been. Thus it constitutes a sense of security, relative to the inner feeling of being detached and different. We must remember that for most people, the sense of security in life is a function of constancy, self-consistency. And self-consistency is a function of the past. As a result, the compensation manifests as a reaction to this increasingly new feeling of being different, of not belonging anymore to the consensus. This feeling creates a sense of insecurity in this first subdivision because it is brand new. The Soul has not been here before. Yet this act of compensation creates a very real state of 'living a lie'³².

Even as this compensatory behavior occurs, the Soul will nonetheless be questioning *everything*, deep within themselves, in the privacy of their inner life³³. Typically they will read all kinds of books that contain ideas that go way beyond the 'norm' as it is defined by the consensus. Many, depending on cultural possibilities, will take classes or workshops that have these themes or intentions. Some will seek out 'alternative' environments to find and bond with others of like mind – others who feel as they do³⁴.

random and defy the expectations of our ego bound reality structure or even as what may appear to be rebellious behavior. Thus the Uranian experience or flashes of insight for a person possessing a consensus and unthinking view of something might be the violent revelation that what they believed was actually false. On the other hand the Uranian experience for a person who does not feel 'at home' (as in the example provided by the text) might be the visceral experience that even that feeling is illusory. Therefore Uranus, like Neptune and Pluto, defy such a logical division as is presented here. Critical analysis and the gradual deconditioning that one may engage in may be the result of a Uranian urge toward something greater but once again such detached analysis belongs to the mind. Uranus is beyond the mind and beyond logic.

³² This may be the case for many individuals who have experienced a crisis of self and have now to make a difficult choice regarding their past and future, but we wish to stress that it is only one possible scenario. Much depends upon what the author means by the term "insecurity". He may mean a sense of instability or he may mean a sense of feeling a lack of self worth and the need to overcompensate for it, but surely this cannot apply to everyone who experiences such a crisis. In other words the author's ideas expressed in this paragraph seem overly simplistic and reductionistic (a one size fits all).

³³ It appears here that, once again, the term Soul is merely used instead of that of Person, but it is unclear. How can the Soul have an inner life, when the Soul, classically speaking, is the very foundation of the inner life of a Person?

³⁴ So new age fanatics, hippies, hipsters, or anyone obsessed with a particular taboo sub culture, etc. constitute deep individuals seeking answers? Perhaps sometimes, but certainly not most of the time. Often those who rebel by joining a subculture or counterculture are merely still seeking security as an ego, not an individual. Sometimes it is a mix of both, but the desire to belong has very little to do with the individual level

This compensatory behavior will progressively give way, involute, as the Soul evolves further in this subdivision. The Soul will progressively distance itself from the consensus and begin to form relationships with other alienated Souls just like itself. Because of the necessity of work or a job, most of these Souls will either do any kind of work just to get by, without identifying with such work in any way, or they will actualize a work that is individualistic and symbolic of their own individuality³⁵.

b) In the second subdivision of the individuated state, the underlying archetype of Uranus as it correlates to rebellion is at its highest. This rebellion is so extreme that the Soul has now 'thrown off' almost any idea or philosophy that has come before, at any level of reality. Such Souls end up in a kind of existential void, and typically hang out with other such alienated Souls, which has the effect of reinforcing the total state of rebellion from all of reality other than the reality they have now defined through the existential void³⁶.

These Souls will exhibit a deep fear of integrating into society in any kind of way, for the fear suggests to them that if they do, that somehow that very same society or reality will absorb their hard won (at least to them) individuality, which is *defined* through the act of rebellion, in this stage³⁷.

As a result, these Souls typically hang out in the avant garde of society, hurling critical atom bombs at society, so as to reinforce their sense of personal righteousness, defined by their alienation from the consensus. Because of the natural law of evolution (which is always preceded by an involution), these people at some point will realize that their fear of integrating into reality, into society, is just that: a fear only. Once this is realized, they then begin to make the effort to integrate back into society, but with their individuality intact. Once this is realized, the Soul will then evolve into the third subdivision³⁸.

of consciousness. Such a desire is one of the most basic and more properly belongs to the biological level of existence (this does not make it bad).

³⁵ Dharma, Magistry, Destiny.

³⁶ This description of people sounds premature, but to rule out these people as individuals would be to acknowledge that there are probably very few people operating predominantly on an individual level. Alienation and the desire to join a countercultural movement of any kind has multiple causes. It can be the result of individual crisis but more often than not it has to do with traumatic psychological experiences encountered at home or while coming of age etc. Arguably such a person has experienced a crisis of individualism but at the same time they don't have a healthy ego and in such a condition they cannot really move toward an individual level of functioning until this is healed or made new. Again we do not fully disagree with what is said but just wish to point out that life and human psychology are quite a bit more complex than the author is making them out to be.

³⁷ Again if such a would be "individual" is defining themselves by a subculture or set of beliefs it does not matter that it runs counter to the established or predominant social norm because they defining themselves by an act of rebellion, reaction, and not through free will.

³⁸ Again why is it the Soul who is evolving rather than the Person who is becoming more in tune with their own Soul?

c) In the third subdivision of the individuated state, the Soul will then begin to manifest within society or reality as a truly unique and gifted person, from the viewpoint of the consensus. This means that such Souls will have in some way a unique gift, or capacity, to help the consensus itself evolve, through integrating that capacity or gift within the consensus. Yet these people will not inwardly feel identified with the consensus: they stand inwardly very distant from it. The consciousness of these Souls has progressively expanded through the individuated state in such a way that they are aware of the entire world and the relativity of beliefs, values, moralities, and so on. As a result they will feel within themselves to be 'world citizens' much more than being a singular citizen of the country of birth.

The inner pondering of the very nature of existence, the nature of Creation, the nature of who they 'really' are, essentially defines the nature of their consciousness. Progressively, these people begin to really open up their consciousness to the universal, the cosmos, to God/ess. Not the God/ess defined through consensus religions, but the real or natural God/ess. A perfect example in recent history of such a soul is Albert Einstein. Another would be Howard Hughes³⁹.

The Spiritual State⁴⁰

Astrologically speaking, this evolutionary state correlates to *Neptune*, because now the root desire becomes to consciously KNOW, not just believe in, but to know and unite with the Source Of All Things: the universal, God/ess. Because of this root desire, the consciousness now progressively expands into the universal, the cosmos, in such a way that the very nature of the interior consciousness within the Soul becomes conscious of the living universe within: the wave within the ocean, and the ocean within the wave.

³⁹ I do not think it is fair to equate talent, fame, and the fecundation of the mass mind with spiritual evolvment as it is being implied within this paradigm. Many such brilliant people are in fact channelling collective or suprahistorical forces and thereby they become the apex of a particular culture or way of life. There is indeed something mysterious and even magical about individuals like Howard Hughes or, to use one of my favorite examples, Johann Sebastian Bach. In Bach's case he was extremely religious yet extremely profound and anyone who has delved deeply into his music will find that there is something more than human about it. In anycase Bach was not that well known in his lifetime and only achieved great fame and recognition in the late 19th century. In many ways he does not fit into the overly logical paradigm being presented here. The point I wish to make is that we should not be looking at outer circumstances to assess levels of individual development and consciousness. Henry Ford, who revolutionized American industry, was also an anti-semite and a supporter of the Nazis. Logic and logical paradigms or frameworks for understanding human life and behavior can only take us so far and anything can be justified through logic so long as certain key assumptions are taken for granted (this is called circular logic or begging the question). We acknowledge that the examples given were done so because everyone knows of those two individuals and so it puts the author's ideas into perspective. While the paradigm is not wrong, per say, the manner in which it is applied and explained is so mechanical that it becomes unrealistic.

⁴⁰ See Rudhyar on the Transpersonal state.

Progressively, in this spiritual state of evolution, the very center of gravity within the Soul's consciousness shifts from the subjective *ego* to the Soul itself. Once the center of gravity shifts to the Soul, then in the context of any given life the Soul is then able to simultaneously experience its specific individuality as reflected in the ego, while at the same time experiencing, being centered in, the Soul – the ocean that is aware of the waves that it manifests.

The Soul contains within itself all the prior life memories from every life it has ever lived. And the Soul has its own 'identity', or ego. This identity or 'ego' is not the same as the ego that the Soul creates in any given life on places like Earth. The ego of the Soul is one's 'eternal' identity⁴¹.

An easy way for any of us to understand this occurs when we dream. Obviously when we dream we are not identified with our subjective ego. After all we are 'asleep'. The subjective ego has temporarily 'dissolved' back into the Soul when we sleep. So the question becomes 'who and what is doing the dreaming' ? Obviously it can only be the Soul, with its own ego that thus allows the Soul to know itself as a Soul that is eternal⁴².

Another way to validate the same thing occurs when we sometimes wake up from sleeping and can not immediately 'remember' who we are: the current subjective ego, the "I", of this life. It takes some effort to actually remember the subjective I when this occurs. So, again, the question becomes 'who and what must make the effort to remember the subjective "I" of the current life ? Obviously it can only be our Soul⁴³.

So, again, as evolution proceeds in this spiritual state, there is a progressive shift in the center of gravity within the Soul's consciousness. When this shift firmly takes hold then the Soul, in any given life, is simultaneously experiencing its eternal 'self' or ego, while at the same time experiencing the subjective ego, and the individuality attendant to it, that it has created for its own ongoing evolutionary reasons and intentions.

This is very similar to when we stand at the beach when the Sun goes down and at that moment when the Sun is equally half above and below the horizon. In this state of consciousness, the Soul is aware from within itself of all the prior lives that it has lived, and at the same time aware of the specific life, ego, that it is currently living.

⁴¹ Why is not the Soul itself this permanent identity? Why should the Soul also have an ego like a person has an ego? No explanation is given.

⁴² A study of what is called Astral Projection and Lucid Dreaming will reveal that this is not the case; that what has been called the Astral or Etheric body is not the same as the Soul.

⁴³ At this point it sounds like he is just making things up.

Progressively, as evolution proceeds in the spiritual state of evolution, the Soul also becomes consciously aware of the Source Of All Things. This occurs as the consciousness of the Soul becomes truly universal: the inner experience of the entire universe within one's own consciousness. This state of 'cosmic consciousness' allows one to actually experience the very point of the manifested Creation itself: the interface between the unmanifested and the manifested. As this occurs, the Soul then also becomes aware of all the natural laws that govern and correlate to the very nature of Creation itself.

In the most advanced states of evolution, the Soul, now being completely identified with these natural laws of Creation, is then able to harmonize with those laws in such a way as to use those laws at will in conjunction with the Will Of All Things: that which is the very origin of those natural laws.

a) In the first subdivision in the Spiritual State, the Soul progressively becomes aware of just how 'small' it is, because of the increasing universal dimensions that are occurring within its consciousness. This is vastly different than being the center of one's own universe, as reflected in the consensus state for example. Of itself, this has a naturally humbling effect on the Soul, and thus the current subjective ego, Moon, that it has created. It is exactly this naturally humbling archetype that progressively allows the center of gravity to shift within the Soul's consciousness from the subjective ego to the Soul itself, and ultimately to a conscious union with the Source Of All Things⁴⁴.

As a result, the Soul desires to progressively commit itself to the desire to reunite with the Source. As this occurs, the Soul will progressively commit itself to devotional types of spiritual practice in this subdivision. Within this, the Soul desires to commit itself to various forms of work that all correlate to being of service to the larger whole, of service to others in some way⁴⁵.

Many will naturally want to orient to various forms of the healing arts or to start 'centers' in which the healing arts in some way are the focus. The core issue here is that the Soul desires to do a work *on behalf of* the Source Of All Things, and to use the work as a vehicle through which The Source can be inwardly experienced because of the nature of the work⁴⁶. In the East this is called Karma Yoga. In this first subdivision, the Soul becomes progressively aware of all that it needs to *improve upon* within itself. A heightened state of awareness occurs that makes the Soul aware of all its imperfections and, as a result, the Soul can now become highly self-critical. Even though this is natural, it also creates a potential danger or trap to the Soul in that this heightened state of critical self-awareness can cause the Soul to not feel 'good enough' or 'ready' to do the task, or work, that it is being inwardly directed to do.

⁴⁴ Again this is very mechanical sounding.

⁴⁵ So everyone who is practicing an alternative religion to the one they were brought up with is in this state? This seems to be what is implied even if it was not the author's intent. Not everyone who sincerely practices some religious path is doing Yoga (Union). Often times people are just looking for security (ego).

⁴⁶ Okay again there are many alternative people dedicated to alternative healing that are still very egocentric!

This then sets in motion all kinds of excuse making, always manifesting as perfectly rational arguments, of why the Soul will not do what it should do when it should do it. The way out of this trap is to realize that the path to 'perfection' occurs by taking *one step at a time*.

As evolution progresses through this first subdivision, the Soul will increasingly have direct perception of the 'single eye', or the third eye, which is inherent to consciousness. As a result, this perception allows the Soul to merge with that single eye in such a way that various types and states of cosmic consciousness will occur, which will lead into the second subdivision within the spiritual state⁴⁷.

b) the second subdivision of the Spiritual state: As the Soul evolves into this subdivision it has already had various kinds of inner cosmic or universal kinds of experiences within its consciousness. Yet in this state the final shift in the center of gravity within consciousness from the subjective ego to the Soul itself has yet to occur. In this state the shift manifests more like a rubber band, wherein the gravity point keeps going back and forth from the subjective ego to the Soul.

The problem that this generates is that the progressive inner experiences within consciousness of the universal, the cosmic, of the Source fuels the subjective ego in such a way that the Soul feels more evolved than it actually is. This can then set in motion in varying degrees of intensity 'spiritual delusions of grandeur' from an egocentric and Soul point of view. When this occurs, such Souls will then feel that they have a spiritual 'mission' to fulfill on behalf of others, of the world itself.

It is important to remember in trying to understand this subdivision that as the Soul gets ever closer to the Source, The Light, that whatever egocentric impurities remain within the Soul must be *purged*. As a result, as the Soul draws closer to re-uniting with its own Origin, these impurities will manifest thru the current life subjective ego that the Soul's own ego contains.

These impurities can be many things, depending on the specific nature of each Soul, but all Souls in this subdivision will share one common impurity: the 'ego' of the Soul that is still identifying itself as somehow 'separate' from that which has created it. This ongoing delusion is thus reflected in the subjective ego that the Soul creates.

This common impurity will then then be exhibited in specific psychological behaviors that essentially boil down to such Souls pointing the way to *themselves* as the vehicle of 'salvation', or to know

⁴⁷ I believe he is speaking of, what is called in India, Samadhi, but there are different types of Samadhi and it is unclear what is meant by "merging with the third eye" when in reality the third eye and all of the chakras primarily exist within the energy body [etheric body (later Theosophy); astral body (early Theosophy)], so why would the Soul need to merge with vortices of energy? If anything these vortices, or chakras (Wheel), are gateways into other planes of consciousness than the gross physical-ethereal.

God/ess; while at the same time, pretending that they are not. In other words, they are extremely good salespeople that peddle God/ess as the hook, in order to have themselves revered as the way to actually know God/ess.

There is always a hidden or secret egocentric agenda within these Souls, that is masked by the overlay of whatever spiritual or religious teaching they are representing. Examples of this, in recent modern history, would be Bagawan Rajneesh (Osho), Claire Prophet, ZZ Knight (Ramtha), Da Free John, Rasputin, and the like⁴⁸.

As the Soul evolves through this subdivision, it finally realizes the nature of this root impurity. As a result, it experiences a 'natural' guilt. This guilt is then used by the Soul to create its own *downfall*, in order to 'atone' for that guilt. The downfall can occur in many different ways, depending on the specific nature of the circumstantial life that the Soul has generated. This downfall, caused by guilt and the need to atone for that guilt, thus serves as the final evolutionary development that allows the Soul to evolve into the third subdivision within the spiritual state⁴⁹.

c) the third subdivision within the Spiritual state: In the final subdivision within the spiritual state the Soul is now finally and firmly identified with that which has created it: The Source Of All Things. The center of gravity within consciousness has finally centered within the Soul, not on the subjective ego created by the Soul.

At this point in the evolution of the Soul, all subsequent evolution through this final subdivision will be focused on the elimination of any separating desires that the Soul still has. Because of this final shift within consciousness to the Soul itself, the Soul is inwardly attuned to the Source Of All Things in such a way that it perceives itself as but a singular manifestation of the Source. Simultaneously, the Soul perceives all others, all of Creation, as manifestations of that Source.

Thus the Soul's inner and outer responses to life itself, how life is understood and interpreted, how it comes to understand the nature of the life it is currently living, how it understands the purpose for the

⁴⁸ ZZ Knight is a channel for an entity that is clearly less than what it claims to be. The idea that she is this far along upon a path of spirituality, even by the logic of this highly flawed paradigm, really makes no sense. All one needs to do is to do a little digging into what she does and how much money she has etc. to see that this is not the case. But before doing this try just looking at a picture of her and then bringing her space into your own to see what you feel (rather than logically think) and then tell me if she fits into such a high level of spiritual development (which is one step below what sounds like final liberation, called the 3rd subdivision of the spiritual state). It is starting to seem, more and more, that this paradigm is describing the development of many "New Agers"!

⁴⁹ The common term for what was just described is the spiritualized ego, which is far more dangerous and destructive (or it often can be) than the ego of an ignorant human being. The problem is, once again, why does a spiritualized ego show a more evolved person operating in the "spiritual state, 2nd subdivision"? There doesn't seem to be any really good reason for this idea, but it fits nicely into the mechanical and overly reductionistic paradigm being outlined here.

current life, and how it comes to make decisions relative to the life being lived, are all based on this inner attunement and alignment with that which has Created it.

As evolution begins in this final subdivision the Soul inwardly feels and knows that it is here to serve The Source in some way. It knows that it can not just live for itself. It knows that it has some kind of work to do on behalf of the Source. The consciousness of the Soul at this point is entirely structured to give to others, and to give purely without any ulterior agenda or motive involved. The nature of the work will always involve the theme of teaching or healing in some way.

Because the Soul is now consciously identified with the Source, the very nature of the Souls own vibration radiates in such a way that many others are drawn to it like a magnet. Many other Souls are drawn magnetically to these Souls, because they also reflect and radiate a fundamental wisdom of life, of a deep compassion at the 'human condition'. This occurs because, after all, these Souls have traveled a very long evolutionary journey, which has taken them through almost every kind of life experience imaginable.

Such Souls are naturally very unassuming, naturally humble, and have no desire whatsoever for any kind of acclaim to their ego. Quite the opposite: they shy away from such things and always remind anyone who tries to give them acclaim of any kind for that which they do, that all things come from God, or the Source. They only point the way 'Home', and never to themselves.

Conversely, these Souls can also attract to themselves others who *project* onto them all manner of judgments, projection of motives, intentions, of 'who they really are', and wholesale persecution. The reason this occurs is because the very nature of these Souls is fundamentally pure, and full of the inner Light of the Source. As a result, their own inner light has the effect of 'exposing' the impurities in others, of the actual reality of others, versus the persona created by others; of others actual intentions and motives for anything. Accordingly, those who do this kind of projection and so on feel threatened by these types of Souls, for they know they themselves are fundamentally dishonest, and that they are invested in having others believe in the persona they are creating to hide their actual reality/agendas. Feeling threatened thus causes these types of people to manifest this type of behavior (projections) with these Souls.

In the beginning of this third subdivision, the nature of the work that the Soul does, the number of people it is destined to help in some way through the vehicle of teaching or healing, is relatively small and limited to the immediate area of community in which they live. Progressively this evolves from a limited application to increasingly larger circles, in which the nature of the work on behalf of the Source increases.

In the end this increasing circle will include the entire world. And at the very end of evolution in this subdivision, the Soul will be remembered by countless others long after the physical life of the Soul is over – the nature of their life, and the teachings they represented. Examples of these types of Souls are 'individuals' like Jesus, Yogananda, Lao-Tzu, Buddha, Mohammed, Saint Teresa, and so on⁵⁰.

It is important to remember, again, that these are the natural evolutionary conditions that reflect the current reality of all peoples on Earth. For those who wish to use evolutionary astrology, it is essential that you make the necessary observations of any given person to determine their evolutionary state, and to then orient yourself to their natal chart accordingly. Again, one size does not fit all⁵¹.

⁵⁰ Once again this is overly simplistic. Research suggests that there are actually progressive levels of enlightened or awakened consciousness. For example Buddha was considered totally free of all identifications and attachments (this includes religion), whereas it appears that Saint Teresa still thought in terms of a relationship with God and remained rooted in the Christian religion. Some would call Buddha a Master and Teresa a Saint, and there is clearly a difference.

⁵¹ I would just like to point out, once again that ancient astrologers took this approach and that Dane Rudhyar had already been stressing this fundamental idea for many years before this article was written.