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AD: Alright, stop. Do you remember the passage where he speaks about the soul not being able to contemplate the Ideas all the way they exist in the Intellectual-Principle, has to come down her and by getting embodied actualizes those Ideas? [[AS: 3.8.6 what soul cannot get directly hopes to come by the circuit.]] There's a very beautiful passage where Plotinus says something to the effect like this: The Soul contemplates the Ideas. Some of the Ideas it doesn't achieve. Now the only way it can achieve these Ideas is by coming down and getting embodied. But getting embodied means that it becomes these Ideas and actualizes these Ideas in this very life and that way assimilates the reason principles that it couldn't do up there.

That's why I said that the way I try to work astrology and I understand astrology is I look at the basic ideas that constitute or are constitutive of the personality and these ideas blossom as that personality. This is the way that man is contemplating these ideas, by being them. So our life is a manifestation of these ideas and an actualization of these ideas. If you understand astrology that way and then you study a chart you begin to be amazed of what a miraculous thing your life is and that here you are looking at everywhere else except within yourself to find this marvel of existence. ~~But of course I said this a couple of dozen time and then I got tired. [then someone] came screaming in, "Ain't that great! Wow!"~~

S: And it's the natal chart that shows what ideas you are manifesting?

AD: Just take a look and you'll see that. You'll see the ideas that are being actualized. The easy way to do it is to take a planet sitting on a degree and study the meaning of that degree. Study it very carefully. Now in the beginning you only see the psychological manifestation of that idea, but when you penetrate deeper than the psychological level, you become aware of the intellectual meaning, the intellectual idea that your psychosomatic organism is organized or constituted by these ideas. You begin to see this deep level of meaning that you're born with. You could either fulfill it or just forget about it.

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When the chart is understood in depth you can see that many of the ideas are built into the personality. And that the personality is expressing these ideas. And so we'll do that AFTER so we'll avoid being prejudiced. We've done that to a few like Emerson, Santayana, Atmananda and you can see that the reembodying soul takes on that KIND of a vehicle or associates with that kind of vehicle which are expressive of the uppermost tendencies in this person. So if a person is particularly concerned with understanding some phase of philosophy, very often as you read his chart, you'll see some of the major planets sitting on certain degrees or ideas which are these tendencies in (them?) and it gets reembodyed or reincarnates and in that very embodiment these ideas, these ideas--you'll see those expressed.

For instance when you have a dream, let's say that it represents the manifestation of some hidden complex, so you can say the hidden complex is getting embodied in the dream, sensibly portrayed. And we begin to see that also when you read their chart, very often you'll see that this person, his life is an expression, a blossoming, a manifestation of these basic ideas. And it's quite a revelation. And of course this is-- I think that this is probably a glorious, a really glorious, indication of the Platonic notion about the ideas. Because, you know, the Platonists pointed out that all we ever could know, all that we are ever expressing, all in our life that we communicate to one another, all these are ideas and nothing else. And PB says the same thing. When you examine your experience very carefully, you see that no matter how intense the experience, you look back and see that it was just a manifestation of an idea. So once you go that far then you go all the way and say everything is idea. (inaudible)