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BUDDHISM: BODHICITTA
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TOPIC: Buddhism
SUBJECT: Bodhicitta

SUBSUBJECTS: Subtle Physiology, Chakras, Descent of Bodhicitta into Body, Skandhas, Kalachakra

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Vortices occur along central channel, become location of chakra system; bodhimind substance placed in each chakra
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Four focal points relate to prana body; sevenfold chakra system relates to astral body
Kalachakra deals with unrealized potentials in soul, not with astral body; generates empty form body, which is gnostic
Astral body: contains already instantiated Ideas; deals with tropes; fabricative
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Three types of drops at each of four focal points; we live inside waking drop

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Soul descends through four skandhas before entering fifth (rupa) skandha

Life descends through dignities, combines reason-principles which are then inserted into physical reason-principles

Second soul presides over development of embryo; if soul lacking in some way, will be reflected in body being produced

BOOKS READ FROM OR REFERENCED:

- D.T. Suzuki, *Outlines of Mahayana Buddhism*

DIAGRAMS embedded in and appended to this transcript:

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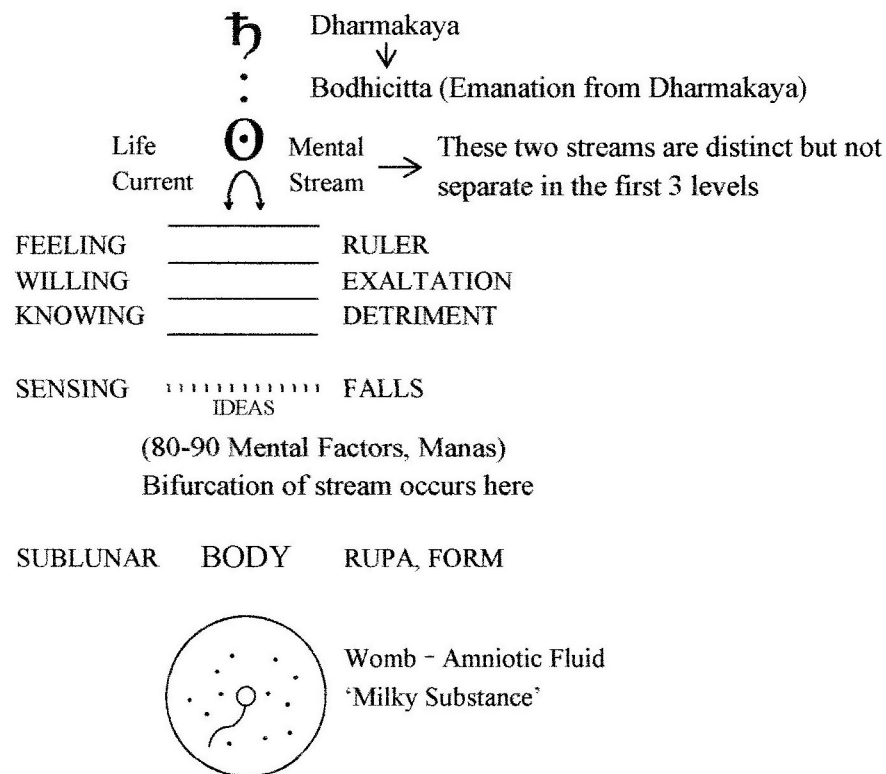
- **RETYPE PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT (hence V10).** From 1982 0110 BUD The descent of the bodhicitta 06F.PDF. THERE ARE NO AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES EXTANT. Presentation by Gabriel Aiello (“Chip” Aiello).
- Anthony is Anthony Damiani (AD).
- All spelling has been corrected, some numbers and all abbreviations spelled out.
- AB Classnotes have been appended because we are missing the audio files. They thus help round out the partial transcript. Retyped from Classnotes AB 1982 0101 to 1982 0207.PDF. All capitalization and punctuation corrected, abbreviations spelled out in AB Classnotes.

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Buddhism: Bodhicitta

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Buddhism: The Descent of the Bodhicitta.



[FIGURE 1982 0110-1. Descent of the Bodhicitta. Computer generated by NT from 1982 0110 BUD The descent of the bodhicitta 06F.PDF.]

Within the 80-90 mental factors are included all the ideas of the three prior levels. The degrees represent these ideas, their combination will produce the corporealized image.

This shows the instantiation of the four skandhas into the fifth one, the rupa skandha.

As the light descends through the first three levels it combines the varieties of reason-principles which will be included in the physical reason-principles at the fourth level.

They speak of the light descending into a milky substance (the amniotic fluid), which has the nature of the four elements, in their etheric form, as well as in their gross aspect. The stage at which the soul is functioning is that of the imagination. This imagination has the power to affect the etheric substances. The soul has the power to attract the correct genetic information given by the parents in the chromosomal structure. The combination of the power of the soul combining particular genetic information and the material given will go to form the fertilized egg.

Anthony: As the soul presides over the development of the genetic material if there is a karmic debt or faults from the past they will be revealed in the body.

Anthony: The genetic materials are the organized body. The substances drawn from the mother and father are in conformity with the soul.



[FIGURE 1982 0110-2. Heart Atom with Red and White Drops. W = White; R = Red. Computer generated by NT from 1982 0110 BUD The descent of the bodhicitta 06F.PDF.]

Anthony: The fertile egg is presided over the by bodhicitta, the bodhicitta does not becomes the elements.

We call this combination a focal point for the soul power to operate. There will be four focal points. The fact that they are called bodhimind substances means that they are the part of the subtle body that will be presided over by the bodhicitta. There are other portions of the subtle body that will be presided over by the planets, signs...

After the formation of this first focal point, drop, or heart atom they speak of the white portion of the drop as ascending (through a certain power) and the red drop as descending. Thus the focal point at the forehead and navel are formed.

The central channel is formed by the upward moving wind "pushing" the white portion up and the downward wind acts in the same way with the red portion, pushing it downward.

Tim: They have done experiments in the scientific labs where they have stained the protoplasm of the ovum to show that the protoplasm gets distributed exclusively to certain parts of the body. This dyed protoplasm can even be traced over generations.

Vortices occur along the central channel at a certain stage of development which causes the side channels to circle around it thus constricting the motion in the central channel. The motion still occurs but is now moving in the side channels instead of the central one.

It is where these vortexes occur that the chakra system is built up. After these centres are built a portion of the bodhimind substance is placed in each.

The input from the World-Soul or Nature is bringing about this organization of the chakras. They are controlled by the planetary spheres during the nine months or ten moons of gestation.

It seems that the four primary focal points are close to what is termed the prana body and that the sevenfold chakra system would refer to the astral body.

The claim is that the Kalachakra is not dealing with the astral body per say but with previously unknown form. Which would mean the potentials in the soul not yet generated by transits. In other words the Ideas not yet instantiated. The Ideas are in you already, but are as yet potentials. The astral body deals in tropes, or already instantiated Ideas.

The Buddhists speak of generating an empty form body. A body of subtle emptiness, made up of these potentials. The unintelligibility of the mind will form this empty body.

When we say that a state of consciousness at any given moment is empty of inherent existence, we mean empty of those other meanings that have not been instantiated.

They say that you must live out those potentials and that this will take a very long time. This process can be sped up by the building of this empty body.

The astral body = the deposits that you did instantiate. This is a fabricative body. They want to work with a gnostic body. Which includes all the potentials which are a factor in the makeup of the bodhicitta.

Anthony: They are speaking of an Intellectual storehouse of Ideas. Also they are speaking of the permanent possibilities that exist in the Intellectual-Principle by which the bodhicitta can make for itself the likeness or image of itself in the Intellectual-Principle or Dharmakaya. They want to use the substance of these Ideas rather than using the material found in the tropical zodiac.

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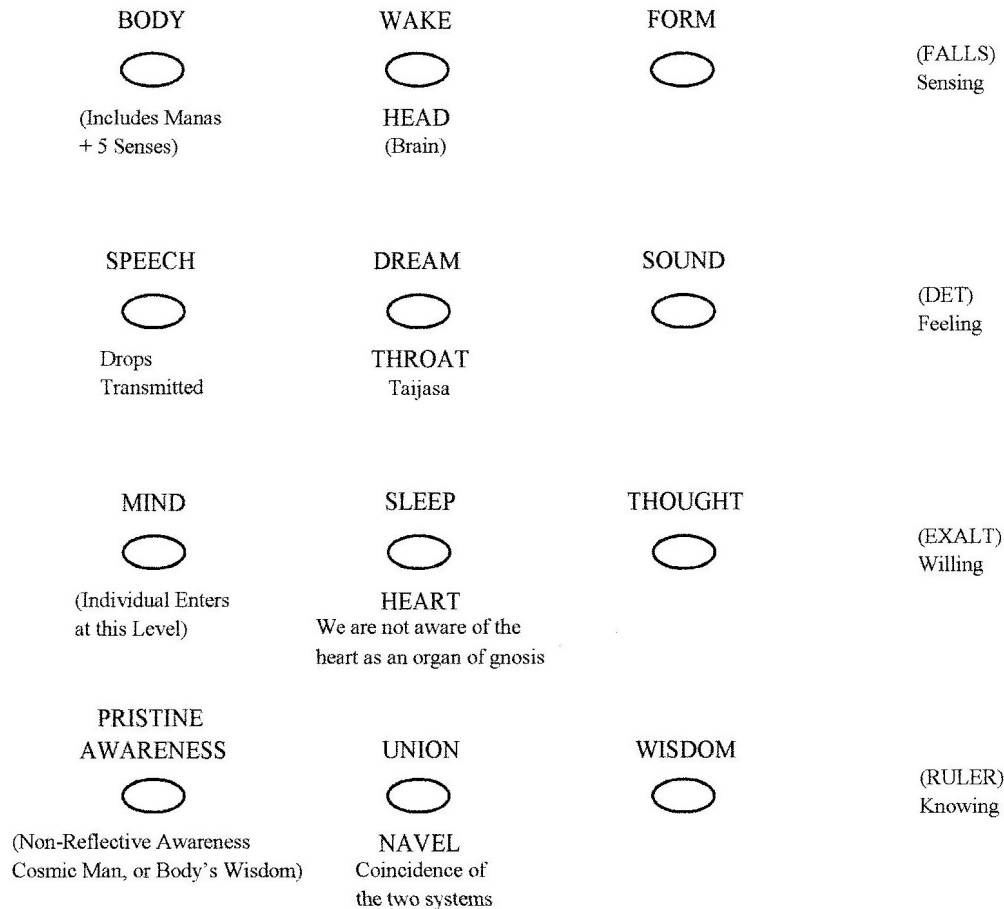
There are those that work with the tropes. They are working at a planetary level. They know there is a perfection inherent in those tropes and if they can realize the perfection there, they will develop a wisdom body.

Anthony: Those are the people who want to go back to the Prime Matter and work it over according to design.

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The prerequisite to the building of this empty body is that the soul has access to them at all times.

There are three types of drops in each of the bodhimind focal points.



[FIGURE 1982 0110-3. Three Types of Drops at Four Levels. Det = Detriment(s); Exalt = Exaltation(s). Computer generated by NT from 1982 0110 BUD The descent of the bodhicitta 06F.PDF.]

It is said that we live “inside” the waking drop. The waking drop includes all that we know. It is from the apperceptive point of view that we would speak of locating the waking drop at the head or brain.

These are called focal points. What does that mean? It means the entrance or exit through which the motility or life current and mental state will travel.

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APPENDIX: AB CLASS NOTES FOR 1982 0110

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[Classnotes AB 1982 0110 Begin]

Bodhicitta (Suzuki) -- a manifestation of the Dharmakaya in our limited conscious mind -- a fragment of the Intelligible in you -- a spark of God. [Note: D.T. Suzuki, *Outlines of Mahayana Buddhism*.]

The psychical experience of revulsion $\neq$ bodhicitta.

The soul in the Nous emits by reflex an intellection which is the bodhicitta.

The bodhicitta becomes an image in the likeness of the Good (the Soul in the Intellectual-Principle).

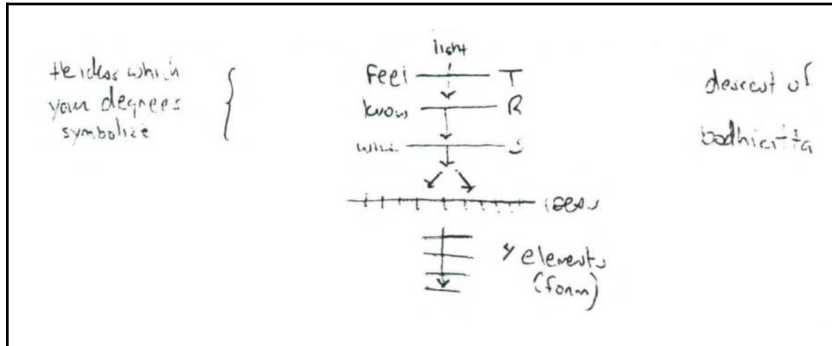
The 7 becomes an 8 which is a 1 = bodhicitta = an image of the Good. Meaning of 8-spoked wheel.

The reflex or image through experience becomes like its prior = objective or mother clear light which is developed into the subjective clear light or wisdom body.

“Thought of enlightenment” = thought of the higher soul, becomes its double.

Tantric 3 lights = willing, knowing, feeling. Soul descends through willing, knowing, and feeling (spheres) and sensing before entering (sub?) lunar sphere.

The instantiation of the 4 skandhas in the 5th - rupa.



[FIGURE 1982 0110-4-AB. Descent of the Bodhicitta. Feel Know Will = Feeling Knowing Willing. AB suggests that T R S is probably Tamas Rajas Sattva. Facsimile scan from AB class notes.]

Life descends through the dignities and combines the different reason-principles which are inserted into the physical reason-principles.

The second soul presides over the development of the embryo -- if the functioning of the soul is lacking in some way it will be reflected in the body that is being produced.

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