

**WISDOM'S GOLDENROD, JUNE FRITCHMAN SEMINAR NOTES
(TYPED)
JUNE 30, 1984
PLOTINUS; SOUL; VIRTUES**

TOPIC: Plotinus

SUBJECT: Soul

SUBSUBJECT: Virtues

BOOKS READ FROM OR REFERENCED:

- Plotinus, *The Enneads* (MacKenna translation, 4th ed.)

PLOTINUS QUOTES READ OR REFERENCED: I.2.2, 3, 4, 5, 6, III.6.5

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NOTES:

- **RETYPE HANDWRITTEN NOTES (V08.1).** From JF Notes.
- Anthony in hospital end of April through sometime May; first returns to class June 4, 1984 (student classes). There were also Number seminars June 1984 with Avery Solomon (AD apparently not present).
- In 2024, IT updates prefatory matter and footer, fixes errors/typos, adds notes within transcript, reformats to accord with new conventions.
- JF notes say Friday but this seminar took place on Saturday afternoon.

1984 06/30 Saturday Afternoon SEMINAR at Wisdom's Goldenrod Plotinus; Soul; Virtues

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[Note: All references to Plotinus, *The Enneads*.]

“Sophrosyne = balance between KWF [knowing willing feeling]

I.2.2, end. “...almost cheating us into the delusion that in the Soul we see God entire.” I.e., seeing the Overself as God Absolute, or that Nirvikalpa is the highest.

I.2.3. “The Divine has no states; the state is in the Soul.” “Virtue ... is a thing of the Soul; it does not belong to the Intellectual-Principle, or ... Transcendence.”

I.2.3. Plato declares all virtues to be purifications, the purifications is for the Soul to be alone. (cf. III.6.5 on Purification)

I.2.4. Goodness is more than Purification, but is not the Authentic Good - It's what's left after purification.

The alignment to the higher would bring about sahaja, alignment with the World-Idea, (there's) detachment only with Nirvikalpa. Purification leads to alignment, where the Soul has the I.P. [Intellectual-Principle] within it.

I.2.5.

I.2.6. “Wisdom and contemplation...differs markedly.” Back to the question: Is insight a power of the Soul, or of the Nous? ... If insight is the Perfection of Wisdom ...

I.2.6. “That Act and Essence of the Supreme, manifested in a new form, constitute the virtue of this sphere.”

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