

RBF DEFINITIONS

Gurdjieff:

"I knew Gurdjieff quite well. I was anything but a Gurdjieffian disciple, but I knew a great deal of my friends who before they went on to Alcoholics Anonymous went on to Gurdjieff and he made it fairly comfortable for them. He would open up his daily sessions with them by 33 toasts to all the types of idiots, and by this time everybody was pretty well plastered and then they'd go to work writing his life history. He had beautiful expressions. 'Shovelling out the manure' and so forth. And very sort of easily appealing, talking about the different centers of man and so on. I think too well of the voodoo people to really call a Gurdjieffian one of them."

- Cite RBF interview by Colin Moorcraft in "Friends," (London), 14 Apr '70. "On his way to Oxford he chatted nonstop about his ideas [redacted] and actions to a [redacted] carriage full of unsuspecting travellers, including myself."-- C.M.