

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 18

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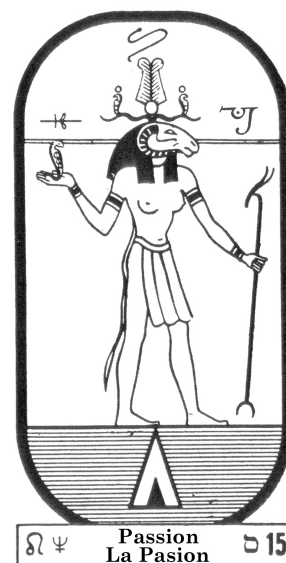
Arcanum 15 – Samech ם

English: *The Devil, Satan, Passion, Typhon Baphomet*

Spanish: *El Diablo*: meaning “devil, demon”. *La Pasion*: meaning “passion, fervor; endearment, liking; taste; heat, light; dementia”

French: *Le Diable*: meaning “devil, demon; wretched, miserable, base”. *Le Typhon*: meaning “Typhon (who is also called the Genie of evil, of fatality and of chaos, as well as of catastrophes)”.

Meaning: The Pluralized "I", esoterically called Satan, and the principal defect which is Sexual Passion, Lust. Passion is based on the Luciferic Fire. Sex is the great force which can liberate the human being, but it is also the major force which can enslave him. The work with the Demon, the process of the Dissolution of the “I”.



Transcendental Axiom: “THEY MADE ME KEEPER THE VINEYARDS, BUT MY VINEYARD WHICH WAS MINE, I DID NOT KEEP.”

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life is the representation of GEBURAH (the Law). In the middle TYPHON BAPHOMET appears holding the Staff of Command in his left hand, and a rising Serpent in his right. The right hand is masculine and the left is feminine, and the breasts indicate that the figure is ANDROGYNOUS. Wisdom is covered by the apron, and from this same apron appears the tail. The face is deformed due to errors or sins. Baphomet has been represented as being of brass that humanity has actually blackened because of degeneration. We must “whiten the brass”, that is: the Devil (who is the Psychological Trainer and the Guardian of the doors of the Sanctuary so that only the chosen may get in to the Sanctuary). We must become one of those who have been able to overcome all of the ordeals inflicted by the Devil.

Related Explanation: The true name of Satan, the kabalists say, is the name of Jehovah יהוה reversed, since Satan is not a black god, but rather the negation of God. The devil is the personification of atheism and idolatry. For the initiates, this is not a person or a being: it is the misuse of a natural force that was created for good, but which can also serve for evil. This natural force is the agent or instrument of liberty.

Liberty is the guardian of duty, because it asserts the right to do. Lucifer (of whom the dark ages have made the genius of evil) will truly be the angel of light when (after having conquered liberty at the price of disapproval) he makes use of liberty in order to submit himself to eternal order, thereby inaugurating the glories of *voluntary* obedience. The right to do is merely the root of duty; one must possess in order to give...

The old serpent of the legend is none other than the universal agent, it is the eternal fire of terrestrial life. A law was given to the world in order to renew the temptation of Adam. This law established a pact of servitude which would have animal pleasures as its price. The slaves subjected themselves to the law and were lost by the law. The children could only obey liberty and freedom, and thus were saved by love. To save oneself from the law, one must break it (but remember that a superior law transcends an inferior law). And what is love? To love is to give oneself to others. Those who choose to suffer and even die for love accomplish their divine duty!

Practice

The sign of the Infinite ∞ is very important; it corresponds to the 8 KABIRS who govern all of Creation, all of Nature, they are the Rectors of Universal Life who govern our planet Earth. They have, however, their antitheses who are the 8 Hierarchs of the Black Lodge, that is, the 8 Anti-Kabirs, symbolized by the Devil. Esotericists must know how to defend themselves from those 8 Anti-Kabirs with the Conjurations and all the esotericism of High Magic. Those who work in HIGH MAGIC NEED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES WITH THE MAGIC CIRCLE... One has to conjure the tenebrous ones with the sword.

CONJURATION OF THE FOUR:

*“Caput mortuum, imperet tibi dominus per vivum et devotum serpentem !
Cherub, imperet tibi Dominus per Adam JOT-CHAVAH!
Aquila errans, imperet tibi Dominus per alas tauri !
Serpens, imperet tibi Dominus Tetragrammaton, per Angelum et Leonem !
iMICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL, ANAEL!
FLUAT UDOR per Spiritum ELOHIM !
MANEAT TERRA per Adam JOT-CHAVAH!
FIAT FIRMAMENTUM per YOD-HEH-VAU-HEH SABAOTH!
FIAT JUDICIUM per ignem in virtute MICHAEL!
Angel of the blind eyes, obey, or pass away with this holy water !
Work winged bull, or revert to the earth, unless thou wilt that I should pierce thee with this sword !
Chained eagle, obey my sign, or fly before this breathing !
Writhing serpent, crawl at my feet, or be tortured by the Sacred Fire and give way before the
perfumes that I burn in it!
Water, return to water! Fire, burn ! Air, circulate ! Earth, revert to earth !
By virtue of the Pentagram, which is the morning Star, and by the Name of the Tetragrammaton,
which is written in the center of the Cross of Light !
Amen. Amen. Amen.”*

CONJURATION OF THE SEVEN:

*“In the name of MICHAEL, may JEHOVAH command thee and drive thee hence, Chavajoth !
In the name of GABRIEL, may ADONAI command thee, and drive thee hence, Bael !
In the name of RAPHAEL, be gone before ELIAL, Samgabiel!
By SAMAEI SABAOTH, and in the name of ELOHIM GIBOR, get thee hence, Andramelech !
By ZACHARIEL et SACHEL-MELECK, be obedient unto ELVAH, Sanagabrill
By the Divine and human name of SHADDAI, and by the sign of the Pentagram which I hold in my
right hand, in the name of the Angel ANAEL, by the power of ADAM and EVE, who are
JOTCHAVAH, be gone Lilith! Let us rest in peace, Nahemah !
By the Holy ELOHIM and by the names of the Genii CASHIEL, SEHALTIEL, APHIEL and ZARAHIEL,
at the command of ORIFIEL, depart from us MOLOCH ! We deny thee our children to devour.
Amen. Amen. Amen.”*

