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The Path of Initiation and the Interpretation of Symbols

Initiation is your life itself, it is profoundly internal and profoundly individual. Imagination, Inspiration, and Intuition are the three obligatory paths of Initiation. For the wise, to imagine is to see. The important thing is to learn to concentrate the thought on a single thing. One who learns to concentrate the thought upon a single thing does marvels and prodigies. The student who wishes to attain Imaginative Knowledge must learn to concentrate and know how to meditate profoundly.

The student needs much Patience, Willpower, Tenacity and Absolute Conscious Faith. One day, in the midst of sleep a distant picture will arise during meditation, a landscape of nature, a face, etc. This is the signal that one is progressing. Little by little the student elevates themselves to Imaginative Knowledge. One who awakens Consciousness has attained Imaginative Knowledge: they move in the world of symbolic images. Upon attaining Imaginative Knowledge, the student sees the symbols but does not understand them. Then the student comprehends that the whole of nature is a living scripture that they do not yet know. Now, it is necessary to elevate oneself to Inspired Knowledge in order to interpret the Sacred Symbols of Great Nature.

Inspired Knowledge confers upon us the power to interpret the Symbols of Great Nature. The interpretation of symbols is very delicate. Symbols must be coldly analyzed without superstition, malice, mistrust, arrogance, vanity, fanaticism, prejudices, preconceptions, aversion, envy, greed, jealousy, etc. When the "I" intervenes, translating, and interpreting symbols, then the meaning of the Secret Script is altered. Interpretation must be tremendously analytical, highly scientific, and essentially mystical. One must learn to see and to interpret in absence of the "I", the Myself.

One who has hatred, resentment, jealousy, envy, pride, etc., fails to rise to even the second level called Inspired Knowledge. When we rise to Inspired Knowledge we understand and comprehend that the accidental accumulation of objects does not exist. All of the phenomena of Nature and all objects are really intimately organically linked to each other. They internally depend upon each other and mutually condition each other. Really, no phenomenon of Nature can be integrally comprehended if we consider it isolated. Everything is in incessant movement, everything changes, nothing is still.

Even so-called Matter is just Condensed Energy. An object is a point in space which serves as a vehicle to determined sums of values. What every Soul is, in the Superior Worlds, the exact result of the daily life that they live in the Inferior Worlds. Inspired Knowledge allows us to study the intimate relationship existing between all the forms and values of Great Nature. When the disciple has attained Inspired Knowledge, they must then prepare themselves for Intuitive Knowledge.

The World of Intuition is the World of Mathematics. The student who wishes to elevate themselves to the World of Intuition must be Mathematical, or at least have a notion of Arithmetic. This World is the World of the Being, the Intimus, the Universal Spirit of Life; the “I”, the Myself, the Ego cannot enter this World. The World of Imaginative Knowledge is a world of symbolic images. Inspiration confers upon us the power to interpret symbols. In the World of Intuition we see the Great Cosmic Theatre, and we are the spectators witnessing the Great Drama of Life. In that world, all of the Drama which is represented on the Cosmic Stage is reduced to tremendous arithmetical operations. This is the Amphitheatre of Cosmic Science.

The Cosmic Science: Metraton, Mathematics, Kabbalah and Tarot

One who has ascended the three steps of Direct Knowledge (Imagination, Inspiration, Intuition) has attained Supra-Consciousness. Those who attain Supra-Consciousness, convert themselves into true illuminated Clairvoyants. When a True Clairvoyant sees something important, they present their concept with great culture and with supreme respect for their fellow human beings. No Authentic Clairvoyant boasts about their faculties, nor do they say that they are clairvoyant. The most elevated type of Clairvoyance which exists in the Universe is Consciousness. Those who attain the heights of Supra-Consciousness enter the Amphitheatre of Cosmic Science.

The Universe is formed with the Law of Number, Measure and Weight: Mathematics forms the Universe, and Numbers become living entities. In the Internal Worlds, much is said in Kabbalah, therefore one must know how to make additions with Kabbalistic Numbers (don't forget that these additions in themselves are Kabbalistic Additions). For example, if one asks a Master: "How long will I live?", they would reply in Numbers. This is the Kabbalistic Language which is used in the White Lodge.

On a certain occasion, an Initiate asked for Clairvoyance, and internally he received the reply: "you will be clairvoyant in 8 days". One who does not know would return to the physical body believing that in 8 days he would be clairvoyant. In reality, "8" is the Number of Job, and was indicating the need for Patience. He who does not know is confused in the Internal Worlds, the Kabbalah is fundamental for understanding the language of those worlds. The objective of studying the Kabbalah is to enable us in the Internal Worlds.

It is obvious that Kabbalistic study must be accompanied by work upon oneself, one must make oneself Conscious of the said study, because if it remains in the intellect, at death it will be lost, but if one has Consciousness of it, it will manifest from infancy. The intellect (which causes us to commit so many errors) impedes us from arriving at the Amphitheater of Cosmic Science. Thus, there are two types of Kabbalists: intellectual Kabbalists and intuitive Kabbalists. The intellectual Kabbalists are black magicians and the intuitive Kabbalists are white magicians.

All Authentic Kabbalists base themselves upon the Tarot, and it is necessary to study and know it profoundly. Many times the Masters answer our questions by showing us a Tarot card, then we must intuitively comprehend the answer given to us. Intuitive Kabbalists comprehend what is reserved for them just by glancing at a Tarot card.

The author of the Tarot was the Angel METRATON, who is the chief of the Wisdom of the Serpent and was the prophet ENOCH that the Bible tells us about. The Angel Metraton or Enoch left us the Tarot which was written in stone, and contains all Divine Wisdom. He also left us the 22 letters of the Hebrew Alphabet.

Each Hebrew letter corresponds to a Number and that Number represents something. The representation of the Number is symbolically given in the corresponding Tarot card. By studying the Tarot cards, and their profound meaning, we are able to understand the message contained within the Number or Numbers that we encounter. This is why, in order to really be complete Kabbalists, the 22 Arcana of the Tarot must be committed to memory. Therefore, one must study and engrave these teachings into the memory.

The Tarot is intimately related with Esoteric Astrology and with the Path of Initiation. In order to enter the Amphitheatre of Cosmic Science, we need to steal the fire from the Devil, we need to steal the light from the darkness. All the Work is related to the Ninth Sphere.

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