Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 05

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Arcanum 2 – Beth ב



English: *The Priestess, the Popess*

Spanish: *La Sacerdotisa:* meaning "Priestess (priestess, female priest, female member of the clergy)".

French: *La Papesse:* meaning "Popess (female pope)". *Le Sanctuaire:* meaning "Sanctuary".

Meaning: Woman. Wife of the Magician. Occult Science. Imagination. Passive. The Dual manifestation of the Unity, Duality, the Binary.

Transcendental Axiom: "THE WIND AND THE WAVES ALWAYS FAVOR THE ONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO SAIL."

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life appear the two columns of the temple of Isis; the white, "Jakin" and the black, "Boaz"; Each one has four levels indicating the Four Bodies of Sin (Physical, Vital, Astral and Mental), above, a female Master appears seated between two larger columns. She is within a temple and is facing us; for this reason the columns are reversed. She is seated and showing her left profile, indicating to us her Passive aspect (whereas in Arcanum 1 the Magician is standing and showing his right profile, indicating to us his Active aspect).

In her lap there is a half-opened book, which she partially covers with her shawl, indicating that she is Wisdom, that she teaches the Kabbalah. Upon her chest is the 'Ansata' Cross ☥ (or Ankh), the symbol of life, the foundation, Venus, the Tao Cross. The cross upon her naked breast signifies that its product (the Milk) is a symbol of the Virtues. The Serpent upon her brow indicates Mastery, that she is arisen. Above her head are the horns of the Sacred Bull Apis, husband of the Divine Cow; internally the horns signify the Father, and externally, the Psychological "I" (our Defects). We also find the attributes of the Calf or Kabir. The circle is the Serpent which bites its tail, representing the Cosmic Mother, the Sacred Cow. The veil which covers her face is the Veil of Isis.

Related Explanation: Occult Science is the absolute and complete possession of the truth. The sages of all the centuries have themselves trembled in front of this absolute and terrible word: 'Science'. They feared assuming for themselves the first privilege of divinity, by attributing science to themselves, and they were content, instead of using the verb *to know* (which is a verb that expresses knowledge), or using the word *science*, instead they have adopted the term *gnosis*, which simply expresses the idea of knowledge gained through intuition.

The unity can not manifest itself except through the binary. In order to make light visible, God only had to imagine shadow. In order to manifest the truth, he rendered doubt possible. The shadow is the extractor of the light, and the possibility of error is necessary for the temporal manifestation of truth. The binary is the unity multiplying itself in order to create; and it is for this reason that the sacred symbolism of Genesis makes Eve come from the breast of Adam.

Practice 1

It is obvious that within the human organism there is this number 2 (Imagination), and this is related with the number 1 (Willpower). One must distinguish between Intentional Imagination and Mechanical Imagination, it is obvious that Mechanical Imagination is the same as Fantasy. The key of power is in uniting Willpower and Imagination in Vibrant Harmony. There is a key for traveling in Astral which is the following:

> "Upon awakening from normal sleep, one closes the eyes without moving, and with the eyes closed one vividly imagines any place (but do not imagine that you are imagining). This must be translated into facts, feel completely sure that you are in the imagined place, unite the Willpower with the Imagination and it is logical that if this union is achieved then the result is triumph. Put the Imagination into action, and take a walk in the place that you are imagining with Faith".

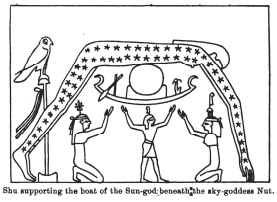
Practice 2

1. Lay down on your bed, face up and with your body relaxed.
2. Achieve the state of slumber by meditating upon the Sacred Serpent that dwells in the Coccygeal Chakra.
3. Then pray with all of your heart, meditating on the following Sacred Ritualistic Prayer:



Be Thou, Oh HADIT, my secret, the Gnostic Mystery of my being, the central point of my connection, my heart itself, and bloom on my fertile lips, made verb!

Up above, in the infinite heavens, in the profound height of the unknown, the incessant glow of light is the naked beauty of Nut[1]. She reclines, she bends in delectable ecstasy, in order to receive the secret kiss of Hadit.


Shu supporting the boat of the Sun-god; beneath, the sky-goddess Nut.

The winged sphere and the blue of the Sky are mine:

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These Mantrams have the power of transmuting our Sexual Energy into Light and Fire within the Alchemical Laboratory of the human organism. This prayer is an omnipotent key to meditate upon our Divine Mother and can also be utilized during Sexual Magic. Additionally, single persons can transmute and sublimate their sexual energies, carrying them to the heart, with it. The Interior Christ lives in the Heart Temple. Thus, it is urgent to sublimate the sexual energy to the heart.

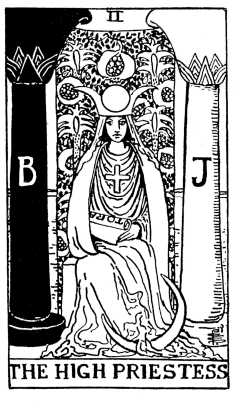












[1] Pronounced "Noo-T"