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Arcanum 3 – Gimel ג



English: *The Empress*

Spanish: *La Emperatriz:* meaning "Empress (empress, queen, woman ruler of an empire, wife of an emperor)"

French: *L'Impératrice:* meaning "Empress". *La Nature:* meaning "Nature".

Meaning: The Work with the Divine Mother, the Celestial Mother. Spiritual and Material Production. The Divine Light.

Transcendental Axiom: "YOUR LOOM IS WEAVING, FABRIC FOR YOUR USE AND FABRIC THAT YOU WILL NOT USE."

Explanation of the Card: In the central part there is a woman crowned with 12 Stars (1 + 2 = 3), which represents the 12 Zodiacal Signs, the 12 Doors of the Holy City, the 12 Keys of Basil Valentine, and the 12 Worlds of the Solar System of Ors. Upon her head there is a Crown, and arising from it is a Serpent (symbol of Mastery) indicating that she has arisen. In her right hand is the Staff of Power, and with her left hand she reaches out to the dove which represents the Holy Spirit. Her clothing is Solar, all indicating that she is the Christified Soul: the product of Arcana 1 and 2. She is seated upon the now perfectly worked Cubic Stone. In the Waters of Life the Moon is beneath her feet, indicating that one must trample upon the Moon in order to convert it into the Sun.

Related Explanation: The perfect verb is the ternary, and the ternary is the universal dogma (or transcendental doctrine). In Occult Philosophy these are principle, realization & adaptation; in the human soul they are thought, love & action; and in the family they are father, mother & child. This triple dogma was known in all sanctuaries illuminated by the tradition of the sages.

The first sages (who searched for the cause of all causes) saw good and evil in the world; they observed the shadow and the light; they compared winter with summer, old age with youth, life with death, and they said: "The first cause is beneficent and rigorous, it vivifies and it destroys."

— "Are there then two contrary principles, one good and one evil?" exclaimed the disciples.

— And the reply was: "No, the two principles of universal equilibrium are not contrary, although they are opposed in appearance: because it is a unique wisdom which places one against the other."

The principle of harmony is in unity. Occult Philosophy is only divine as long as it is truly human, that is to say, as long as it sums up humanity's highest reason (universal or objective reason): thus the Master Jesus is called "the Son of Man" (and whom Occult Philosophy calls the *God-Man*). People remember the Son of God, but do not remember the Son of Man. The Divine Master is God and man, the unification of the human verb and the Divine Verb. The divine Master opened the path of initiation for all human beings. He had to tread the way in order to open the way for all. He was a perfect man, He was God.

This is why it is said that God is Man and that Man is God in the *God-Man* (that is to say, Divinity is Human and Humanity is Divine in the Divine-Human or in Solar Humanity). This is the mystery of the Verb made Flesh, it is the reconciliation of the human verb and the Divine Verb, it is perfect harmony: the unity of spirit and of matter, the universal reason of being.

Practice 1

The Venerable Elder Sanat Kummara is the founder of the College of Initiates of the White Lodge. He works in order to help all those who are on the path, assisting them intensely. He gives the Esoteric Initiation of the Solar Astral Body. Before going to bed, concentrate on the Masters of the White Lodge and call upon Sanat Kummara to help you.

Practice 2

Now, brethren, know that the Venerable Priestess of your Divine Mother Kundalini is your wife. Woman is the Mother of the Verb. Pray and Meditate as follows:

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"Oh Isis! Mother of the Cosmos,
Root of Love, Trunk, Bud, Leaf, Flower and Seed of all that exists.
We conjure You, Naturalizing Force,
we call upon the Queen of space and of the night, and kissing her loving eyes,
drinking the dew from her lips, breathing the sweet aroma of her body,
exclaiming: 'Oh, Nut[1], You, Eternal Seity of Heaven,
who art the primordial Soul,
who art what was and what shall be,
whose Veil no mortal has lifted,
when You are beneath the irradiating stars
of the nocturnal and profound sky of the desert,
with purity of heart and in the flame of the Serpent, we call upon You'"

Pray and meditate intensely. The Divine Mother teaches her children. This Prayer must be performed while combining Meditation with the state of slumber. Then as in visions of dreams, Illumination surges forth. Thus the Divine Mother approaches the devotee in order to instruct them in the great mysteries.













[1] Pronounced "Noo-T"