Tarot & Kabalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 14

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Arcanum 11 – Kaph כ



English: *Persuasion, Fortitude, Strength, Courage*

Spanish: *La Persuasión*: meaning "Persuasion, inducement, act of convincing". *La Fuerza*: meaning "Strength, quality of being strong, might; durability; determination, resolve; power; effectiveness; intensity; compulsion, coercion".

French: *La Force*: meaning "Strength, force, power; potency; manpower, might".

Meaning: Favor of the Law. Have no fear. Mars. Arcanum № 11 is the work with the Fire, with the Force of Love. The Sacred Fire of Love. The persuasive force of Love is more powerful than Violence. Persuasion in itself is a force of a Subtle Spiritual order.

Transcendental Axiom: "JOYFUL IN HOPE, SUFFERING IN TRIBULATION, BE THOU CONSTANT IN THY PRAYER."

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life, the CUBIC STONE; within the stone is the wading bird, and upon it the dove of the Holy Spirit. In the middle section a woman closes the jaws of a furious Lion with olympic serenity, indicating that she is superior to violence. On her head is the crown, and from her forehead rises the Serpent, indicating Mastery. The LION is the Fire Element; it also represents Gold, in ancient times the chariots of the kings were drawn by lions, and in esoteric symbolism the chariot of war drawn by lions symbolizes the SOLAR BODIES.

Related Explanation: The number 11 is that of force, strength or might; it is also the middle of the 22 letters. It corresponds to the letter Kaph כ or ך the hieroglyphic sign of which is a woman overwhelming a lion. Now understand the secret of real strength or the application of this special force. A constant drip will wear away a stone and, in the end, will perforate it. <u>The aim to which you constantly devote your willpower will, in the end, be attained.</u> You begin to succeed as soon as you begin to will success. Real willpower is not a privilege in the hands of the multitude. To exercise true willpower you must be free; none of the multitude is free; to be free is to be the master of your likes and dislikes, of your cravings and aversions (of your desires), of your vices and your virtues, etc. To be free is to be master of your life.

To learn how to will is to learn how to exercise dominion. But to be able to exert your willpower you must first know how to properly apply it. A willpower applied to folly is lunacy, death, and hell; study the origin and causes of things and do not mistake the means for the end. You are the master of all the events that you can overcome. Things for which you have strong or forceful need are masters over you. To abstain from pleasant or unpleasant things through fear is to enslave the will; such conduct tends to lower rather than to raise your position. To live like an anchorite or hermit (without superstitious ignorance, but with real understanding) is wisdom indeed, and power is its reward: the power necessary to be free.

Practice 1

Make a list of all the things that have power over you (sleep, foods, drinks, sex, comforts, personal preferences, satisfying others, etc.) and resolve to become master of them.

Practice 2

IMAGINATION

There exist two types of imagination: mechanical Imagination (FANTASIES) and Conscious Imagination (CLAIRVOYANCE). Gnostic students must learn to use their Conscious Imagination.

1–Sitting in a comfortable Chair or lying in the supine position, the Disciple should quiet their mind and their emotions.

2–Now imagine the marvelous Quetzal floating above your head.

3–Mentally vocalize the Mantram of power PROWEOA. Attracting to their imagination the Divine Image of the Quetzal with this Mantram, this splendid bird with a beautiful crest and a long tail. The Disciple must become familiar with this bird and learn how to handle it, with it you can awaken your internal powers.

The Mantram PROWEOA utilized often by the schools of the great chain of gold allows us to bring into our conscious imagination any image from the Superior worlds. Then we can clairvoyantly see. The alchemist must utilize this Mantram during the trance of sexual magic in order to see the Quetzal.

Practice 3

PROJECTION OF THE FIRE

The Kundalini may be aimed or projected to any Chakra or to any distant place, within the cervical vertebrae, the Kundalini used to take the shape of a Quetzal (the bird of Minerva). In the supreme moment of the Sacred Copulation, we can send this Fiery Bird to each one of the Seven Chakras in order to totally awaken them. The two Quetzals, from the Man and the Woman, are nourished with Water from the Well (the *Ens Seminis*). Man and woman can command the Quetzal and the Fiery Bird will obey. The powerful Mantram "JAO RI" is the secret clue that grants us the power of commanding the Quetzal. This Miraculous Bird can transform our face or make us invisible if we are in very grave danger, it can also awaken within us any Chakra of the Astral body or heal any distant ill person, etc.

