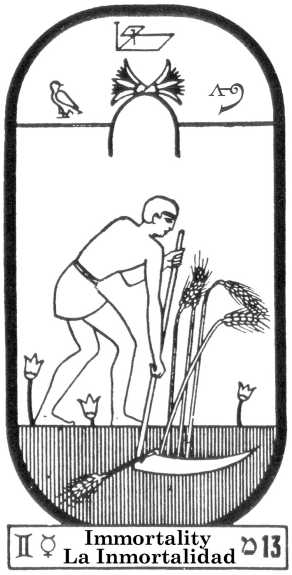
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Arcanum 13 – Mem מ

English: *Death, Immortality*

Spanish: *La Muerte*: meaning "death, end of life; dying; decease; departure". *La Inmortalidad*: meaning "immortality, state of being immortal, deathlessness, indestructibility, life which will never end".

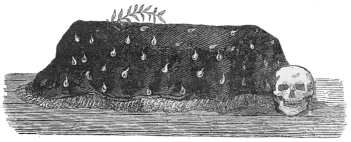
French: *La Mort.* Meaning "death; dying, quietus, passing; fate, doom".

Meaning: DEATH and RESURRECTION: Transformations, it indicates total change. It is Death, but it can also signify Something New: there may be Wealth, and there may be Poverty. MYSTICAL DEATH: Death or Dissolution of the Ego which must be decapitated.

Transcendental Axiom: "THE NIGHT HAS PASSED AND A NEW DAY HAS ARRIVED, SO ADORN YOURSELF WITH THE WEAPONS OF LIGHT."

Explanation of the Card: In this arcanum the heads of wheat represent Rebirth, as do the flowers. THE FLOWERS ARE THE BEGINNING OF LIFE; THE WHEAT IS THE END. A HIERARCH OF THE LAW cuts some bundles of Wheat, which have both large and small grains, these are what are called "Bobin-Caldenots", which represent the Values, the Capital which each human being carries in his THREE BRAINS (INTELLECTUAL, MOTOR, EMOTIONAL). He who carries small grain lives only a short while; dying within a few days, months or in the first few years of life. One lives by thirds and one dies by thirds; whosoever squanders their Intellectual Capital descends into madness, schizophrenia, etc. Whosoever abuses their Motor or Movement Center, ends up paralyzed, deformed, etc.; those who misuse their Emotional Center suffer from ailments of the heart. This Arcanum represents both the internal and the physical, it is the Arcanum of Judas Iscariot which represents the Death of the "Ego". The SCYTHE is the funeral symbol of the ANGELS OF DEATH.





Related Explanation: An effort must now be made to learn the truth about the greatest, most consoling and the most formidable of the Major Arcana: Death. The kingdom of God (that is to say creation) is but stability and change. Nothing is immortal in form, nothing is mortal in essence. Immortality through change. A change, however awful or drastic, demonstrates movement, and movement is life. Life proves itself through movement. Therefore through movement, through willful and effective movement (in a word, through action) life develops and dresses itself in new forms. The renaissance or rebirth. The beginning of regeneration is the labor of renewing life; and the ancients represented the mystery we term death by the Fountain of Youth, which was entered in decrepitude and left in a new childhood. By receiving the kingdom of God as a child, we may then enter therein.

Practice

"BLUE TIME" OR REST THERAPEUTICS

People who do not work on the annihilation of the "I" live like butterflies going from school to school and do not find their permanent center of gravity, they die as failures without having attained inner Self-Realization of the Being. Blue Time or Rest Therapeutics has basic rules without which it would be impossible to emancipate ourselves from the mortifying shackles of the mind. These rules are:

1. - RELAXATION: The wise combination of drowsiness and meditation results in Illumination.

2. - RETROSPECTION: Retrospection has the realization of one's behavior or actions of the past as its aim. To accomplish retrospection in meditation, we can not have any objections in the mind; we will bring up memories of past situations, from the instant in which retrospection begins until to the moment of our lives that we want. We should study each memory without becoming identified with it.

3. - SERENE REFLECTION: First we need to become fully conscious of the mood that we are in, before any thought surges: Serenely observing our mind, paying full attention to any mental form which appears on the screen of the mind. It is necessary to become sentries of our own mind during any agitating activity, and to stop for an instant in order to observe it.

4. - PSYCHOANALYSIS: Search, inquire, investigate the root and origin of each thought, memory, affection, emotion, sentiment, resentment, etc., as they surge in the mind. During psychoanalysis, one should examine, evaluate and inquire about the origin, cause, reason or fundamental motive of each thought, memory, image and association, as they surge from the depth of the subconscious.

5. - MANTRALIZATION OR KOAN: In this psychological work, the intellect should take on a receptive, integral, unitotal, full, tranquil and profound state. One achieves the unitotal receptive state with the koans, mantrams or phrases that decontrol the mind.

6. - SUPERLATIVE ANALYSIS: In this state, one will work on the process of the comprehension of the "I" or defect that one wants to disintegrate. The gnostic student will concentrate themselves upon the psychological aggregate and will maintain it on the screen of the mind. Above all, it is indispensable to be sincere with oneself. Superlative analysis consists of two phases which are: 1) Self-exploration (to search in the depth of the consciousness and subconscious for when it was that the defect first manifested itself in our lives, when it last manifested itself and in what moments it is that it has more strength to manifest itself) and 2) Self-discovery (to investigate what the foods of the "I" are. To separate and divide the defect into various parts and in order to study each part so as to get to know the kind of "I's" it originates from and the kind of "I's" that originate from it).

7. - SELF-JUDGMENT: To bring to judgment all the harm it causes the consciousness and the benefits that the annihilation of the defect being judged would bring into our life.

8. - PRAYER: One will ask the Divine Mother Kundalini, our inner and individual Mother, with much zeal, talking to her with frankness, and introvert all the defects and faults we have so that She (who is the only one capable of disintegrating the "I's") will disintegrate them from their very root.



