Tarot & Kabalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 22

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Arcanum 19 – Qoph ק

English: *The Sun, Inspiration, Love*

Spanish: *El Sol*: meaning "The Sun". *La Inspiración*: meaning "Inspiration, uplift, afflatus"

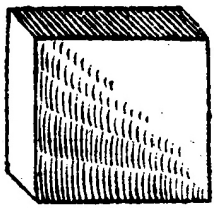
French: *Le Soleil*: meaning "The Sun". *L'Amour*: meaning "Love".

Meaning: THE RADIANT SUN: "Successes. Good luck. The philosophical stone." Arcanum 19 is the Arcanum of Victory, or of Success. In Arcanum 19 a Great Alliance is established between two Souls. Man And Woman must kill Desire to achieve the Great Alliance, in order to realize the Great Work.

Transcendental Axiom: "TAKE THE SHIELD OF YOUR FAITH AND ADVANCE WITH A DECISIVE STEP, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE WIND IS IN YOUR FAVOR OR ALL THE WINDS ARE AGAINST YOU."

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life are three flowers which represent the THREE PRIMARY FORCES. In the middle is a couple holding hands, forming the Tao Key. In the upper part a radiant Sun is above their heads with 7 Rays, reminding us of the FIRE'S SEVEN DEGREES OF POWER. This Arcanum teaches us that through transmutation we attain Final Liberation.

Related Explanation: The Hebrew letter ק (Qof or Koph) is the 19th letter and the number of the Sun, of the Light and of the Truth. It is the first letter of the word קבלה (KaBaLaH). The number 19 represents wisdom applied to the absolute. It is with the Absolute and with absolutes that we are therefore concerned. To discover such absolutes in the infinite, the indefinite and the finite, is the Great Work of the sages: which is termed by Hermes "the work of the sun".



The sun is the hieroglyphic sign of the truth, because it is the visible source of light, and the stone is the symbol of stability. The ancients adored the sun under the figure of a black stone, which they named 'Elagabalus' or 'Heliogabalus'. Before promising their adepts the 'elixir of long life' or the 'powder of projection', the disciples of Hermes recommended them to seek for the philosophical *stone*. So, what is this stone or rock?

The great initiator of the Christians invites his loyal followers to build upon the *rock*, if they do not wish to see their buildings overturned. He names himself the corner*stone*, and says to the most faithful of his apostles: "Call yourself *Peter*[1] [*Petros*], since upon this *rock* [*petram*] I will build my Church." (see Matt 16:18) To find this rock (which is the same as the philosophical stone) is, then, to have discovered the Absolute, as the masters used to say.

[1] The Greek word *petros* used in the original Bible verse is both a name 'Peter' and as a noun meaning 'Rock' or 'Stone'. So the verse could be translated as "Call yourself *Rock*, and upon this *rock* I will build my church..."

Practice 1 - INVOCATION TO THE LIGHT

From the point of Light, in the Mind of God, may the Light stream forth into the Minds of Men. May the Light descend to the Earth.

From the point of Love, in the Heart of God, may Love stream forth into the Hearts of Men. May the Christ return to the Earth.

From the center, where the Will of God is known, may the divine purpose guide the little wills of men. Thereby manifesting the purpose that the Master knows and serves.

Through the center which we call the human race, may the plan of Love and Light be fulfilled and seal the door where evil dwells.

MAY THE LIGHT, THE LOVE AND THE POWER, REESTABLISH THE DIVINE PLAN ON EARTH. (3 times).

Practice 2 - AFFIRMATION OF THE LIGHT

We turn into THAT upon which we meditate and afterwards the things we meditated upon sprout from the LIGHT, the LIGHT is Supreme Perfection and dominion over all things.

I ADORE THE LIGHT, make ILLUMINATION arise in my mind, make health, strength, and discipline arise in my body, and bring harmony and prosperity into the affairs of every individual who REALLY practices and seeks to live these principles.

The LIGHT is the Kingdom, I long to penetrate into it and be at Peace. I want to perceive the GREAT BRILLIANCE OF THE LIGHT and to intensify it in every cell of my body.

I AM A CHILD OF THE LIGHT. I LOVE THE LIGHT. I LIVE IN THE LIGHT.

I AM PROTECTED, ILLUMINATED, FILLED, AND SUSTAINED BY THE LIGHT AND I BLESS THE LIGHT... NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. THE LIGHT NEVER FAILS.

The only way through which the great energy, the Living Cosmic Current is poorly used and wrongly impregnated within me is through the disharmonious thoughts and feelings generated by myself.

I do not wish to spend my TIME CRITISIZING, BLAMING AND CONDEMNING PEOPLE, CONDITIONS AND THINGS.

I WISH TO BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I AM.

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND USE THE LIGHT, SO AS TO BRING HEAVEN TO EARTH. I NEED THE COURAGE AND THE STRENGTH ENOUGH TO PERSEVERE.

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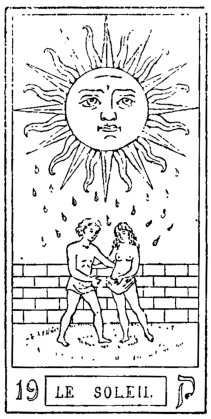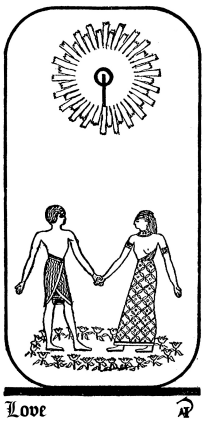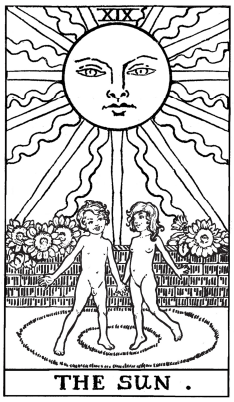
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