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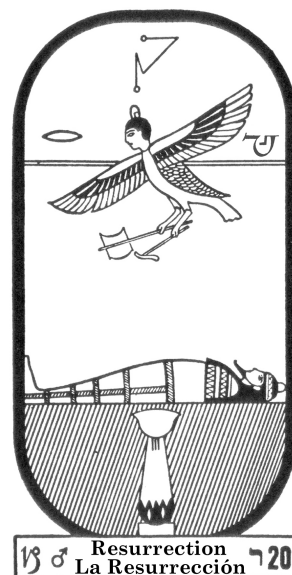
Arcanum 20 – Resh 𐤓

English: *Judgment, Resurrection, Awakening.*

Spanish: *El Juicio:* meaning “judgment, act of judging; forming of an opinion; ability to judge, good sense; trial”. *La Resurrección:* meaning “resurrection, act of bringing back to life, act of raising from the dead”

French: *Le Jugement:* meaning “Judgment”. *Le Réveil:* meaning “The Awakening”.

Meaning: THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD: “Favorable changes, take advantage of them. Put an end to weaknesses.” The Resurrection of the Soul is only possible through Cosmic Initiation. Human beings are dead and can only revive themselves by means of Initiation.



Transcendental Axiom: “THE APPLE TREE IN BLOOM, FRUIT ON THE VINE SOWN IN MATURITY.”

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life is a column, symbol of building, and at the base of the column is the Cubic Stone. Of the two columns, the White and the Black, only the White has remained, which is a symbol of PURIFICATION. In the middle section is a mummy from which escapes a Sparrowhawk with a human head, that flies toward the Worlds of the Spirit, representing the Soul. It is indubitable, that upon AWAKENING CONSCIOUSNESS we become Sparrowhawks with human heads, being able to fly freely through starry space. Upon the head of the sparrowhawk and the mummy is a symbol representing the Pineal gland; indication of Illumination. The Soul of any Egyptian Hierophant has Four Bodies:

1. THE MUMMY
2. THE KA (ASTRAL BODY)
3. THE BA (MENTAL BODY)
4. THE KU (CAUSAL BODY)

Woe to those who continue living after attaining the SECOND BIRTH! They become in fact, Hanasmussen (abortions of the Divine Mother Kundalini) with a Double Center of Gravity.

Related Explanation: The 20th Hebrew letter is 𐤓 Resh, who's hieroglyph is the trough¹ of the tomb, or Judgment. It is destruction and regeneration, the remembrance of everything or the great arcanum of eternal life. Whosoever seeks and finds a glorious death has faith in immortality, but what we call death is actually change. It is the perpetuity of life ever renewing itself at the call of the Divine Verb. It is through willful and effective movement (through action) that life develops and dresses itself in new forms. So, the developments of life in itself, and the birth of new forms, we call creation. The intelligent power that operates in a transcendental and absolute way within the universal movement, we call the Divine Verb. It is the initiative of God, which can never remain without effect, nor can it stop itself without having reached its goal.

¹ A trough is long and narrow receptacle (e.g. for holding food and water for animals)

Practice – Selecting and Transforming Impressions

All that we see as external is interior. If we do not work with the interior we are treading the path of error because we will not modify our habits. If we want to be different, we need to transform ourselves integrally, and we should begin by transforming impressions. Personality is the term that is applied to everything that we acquire. It is clear that it translates impressions from all sides of life in a limited and practically stereotypical manner in accordance with its quality and association.

The personality is multiple and has many hidden undertones. The karma of previous existences is deposited in it, karma in the process of fulfillment or crystallization. Impressions which are not digested become new psychic aggregates and, what is worse, they become new personalities. The personality is plural. Therefore, one should select impressions in the same manner that one chooses the things of Life.

If one forgets oneself at a given instant, before a new event, then new "I's" are formed; and if they are very strong, then they become new personalities within the personality. Therein lies the cause of many traumas, complexes and psychological conflicts. An impression which is not digested which gets to form a personality within the personality, and which is not accepted, becomes a source of frightening conflicts.

Our interior life, the true life of our thoughts and feelings, continues being confused for our mere reasoning and intellectual concepts. Nonetheless, at the same time we know very well that the place where we really live is in our world of thoughts and feelings; this is something that no one can deny. Life is our impressions and they can be transformed. We need to learn to transform our impressions; however, it is not possible to transform anything in us if we continue attached to the world of the five senses.

It is urgent and necessary to transform the impression of the day before going to bed, in the following way:

1. - Absolute relaxation.
2. - Reach the state of meditation.
3. - Relive the scene just as it occurred. (Retrospection)
4. - Seek within oneself the "I" or ego which caused the problem.
5. - Observing serenely, one places the ego in the defendant's bench and one then proceeds with the judgment
6. - Ask the Divine Mother Kundalini for the disintegration of the "I"-problem.

