

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 24

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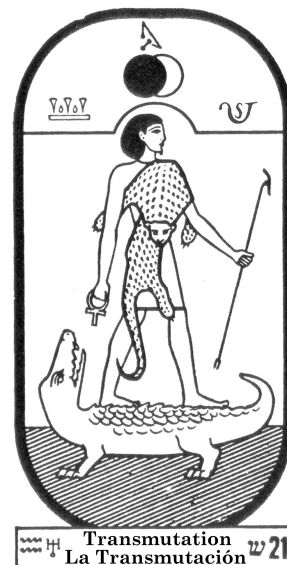
Arcanum 21 – Shin ♃

English: *The Fool, the Lunatic, Transmutation, the Atheist.*

Spanish: *El Loco:* meaning “madman, lunatic, maniac, one who is mentally deranged; idiot, half wit”. *La Transmutación:* meaning “transmutation, change of form, change of condition, alteration”

French: *Le Mat:* meaning “dull, matt, unpolished; mate, checkmate”. *Le Fou,* meaning “mad, crazy, out of one's mind; insane, terrific”. *L'Athée:* meaning “The Atheist, atheistic”.

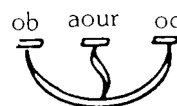
Meaning: TRANSMUTATION: THE LUNATIC, FOOLISHNESS: Total demoralization due to evil. Antithesis; the enemies of Hiram Abiff. This Arcanum is symbolized by the inverted Pentagonal Star, which represents Black Magic. Arcanum Nº 21 is Failure, Foolishness, the Lunatic Of The Tarot. One who works in Self-Realization is exposed to committing insanity. One must work with the 3 Factors for the Revolution of Consciousness. TRANSMUTATION: Indicating that one must Transmute the Sexual Impulse, the Fire of Nature.



Transcendental Axiom: “MY SOUL DOES NOT ENTER IN THEIR SECRET, NOR DOES MY SHIP ENTER IN THEIR HARBOR.”

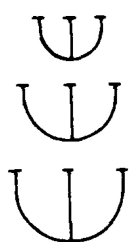
Explanation of the Card: In the upper part we find the Black Moon and the White Moon; the antitheses. In the middle section, a Magician with the STAFF OF THE PATRIARCHS in one hand and the Ansata or Tao Cross in the other hand; he is found standing upon a crocodile which waits with open jaws to devour him. THE CROCODILE IS SET, SATAN, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL “I”, the Myself, always lying in wait to devour the one who allows himself to fall. The Magician valiantly grasps the Tau Cross (the Arcanum A.Z.F.) to defend himself. The Magician is covered with a tiger skin. Indubitably, the Dog and the Tiger are esoterically associated in the same work of the Mystical Death. The Dog is the Sexual Fire, the Erotic Instinct which is found at the very root of our seminal system. The Tiger is different and this is known by the “Tiger Knights”, those jaguars who fight against the Ego, those true felines of Revolutionary Psychology who have pitted themselves against themselves, against their own psychological defects. Really the sagacity and the ferocity of the tiger are necessary in order to kill the Human Personality and make the Dragon of Wisdom of 7 Serpents (symbols of the Decapitated) shine in man.

Related Explanation: Shin ♃ is the letter of the polarized fire: that is to say the letter of universal magnetism. It is the sacred fire of the Magi, the mediating fire (which is *od*, *ob*, and *aour*). It is the horns of Moses and the fork of Satan...

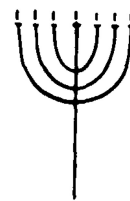


The hieroglyph for Shin ♃ is the LUNATIC or FOOL: a man dressed as a lunatic, walking aimlessly, burdened with a satchel that he carries behind him (and which is no doubt full of his follies and vices); his disordered clothes allow the discovery of what should be concealed (his ‘secrets’ or privates), and a dog or cat (who follows him) also bites him, without him wondering how to escape or defend himself.

The Jews hide away the Zohar as much as they can, because it leads to Christianity through the understanding of Shin Ψ . But the true initiate promises the reconciliation of Judaism with Christianity, of Jehovah יהוה with Jesus or Yeshuah יהושע, through the consecration of Shin Ψ .



Shin Ψ is the goat of Mendes, the emissary goat, who is saved on condition of being eternally sacrificed. It is symbolized in the Mosaic cult by the great golden candlestick or “Menorah” which is the image of the eternal triple fire: 3 superimposed Shins Ψ . These symbolize divinity, humanity and the physical reality of the Redeemer who was promised to be the light of the world. The rehabilitation of Shin Ψ is the history of the redemption and explains to us the ‘lunacy’ or ‘foolishness’ of the cross of Christianity:



“For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that perish, but unto us who are saved it is the power of God.” (1 Cor. 1:18)

It is for this reason that redemption is attached to a name which causes the knee to bow of all that is in heaven, upon earth, or in the hells, and which changes the curse of Shin Ψ into the benediction of Jehovah יהוה, since Shin Ψ becomes the center of the virtues of the Tetragrammaton (by being placed in its center: יהושע). The dead wood of the tree of Edenic knowledge has become the living tree of the Cross! Hell has lost its weapons, and death has lost its sting... Therefore, we triumph through Shin Ψ , which is the fire of the Lord and the equilibrating law of justice.

Now we can understand why the value of zero is sometimes given to this Tarot card: When we squander the Fire and let it control us, then we become useless (since we become the victims of Nature and of the 3 Traitors) or crazy and absurd in terms of our spiritual progress (thus we are the Fool or the Lunatic of the Tarot); but when we dominate the Fire (when we Transmute), then we have value, and this is how we can develop spiritually.

Practice – Mantram “TRIN” for Intuitive Polyvoyance

Intuition manifests in the Heart as premonitions, but in the Pineal Gland those premonitions become Intuitive images. It is urgent that our devotees practice the Powerful Mantram of Intuition: “TRIIIIINNNNN...” prolong the sound of the vowel “I” and of the consonant “N”, giving it a tone similar to a bell. Submerged in perfect meditation and with their mind blank, the student shall inundate themselves in a great SILENCE, and then mentally vocalize the Sacred Mantram. One can chant this Mantram as many times as one wishes. After about 10 minutes of vocalization the student must cease vocalizing and continue with the Mind Blank for an indefinite period of time. When the Great Silence inundates us, then the experience of the Great Reality comes to us.

Additional Exercise: [Olin Rune \(the Os & Othil Runes\)](#) for Transmutation of the Creative Energies

