

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 25

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Arcanum 22 – Tav ת

English: *The World, Return, the Crown, the Crown of Life.*

Spanish: *El Mundo:* meaning “The World”. *El Regreso:* meaning “return, comeback, come-back, coming back, homecoming, home-coming”.

French: *Le Monde:* meaning “The World”. *La Couronne:* meaning “The Crown, wreath; corona, garland”.

Meaning: THE RETURN: THE TRUTH: “Triumph, Everything turns out well. Power. Force (or Strength).” It is the Crown of Life, the return to the Light, the incarnation of the Truth in us. Here we have the Holy Four.

Transcendental Axiom: “THE SUN RISES AND THE SUN SETS, AND IT RETURNS ONCE AGAIN TO THE PLACE WHERE IT IS BORN.”

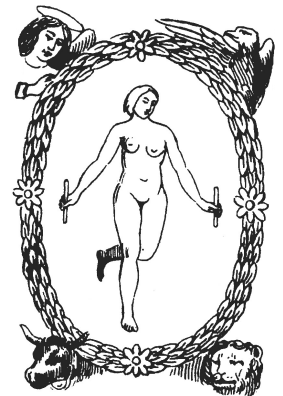
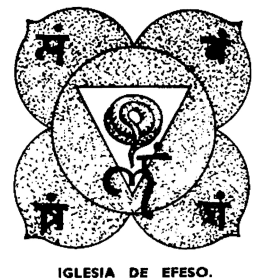
Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life is the Swastika Cross symbolizing the Muladhara Chakra of four petals. A woman who represents Truth is playing a harp, plucking the Sexual Lyre of 9 strings in order to find the key note. In the superior part, the 4 Gods of Death: Mestha, Hapi, Tuamutef, and Qebhsennuf, represent the 4 elements of Earth, Water, Fire and Air. The 4 mysterious animals of Sexual Alchemy. Above the 4 Gods of Death we find the Sacred Serpent which illuminates the Sphere of Ra which is granted to the Osirian Adept, Child of the Light.

Related Explanation: The 22nd and last letter of the Kabbalistic Alphabet is Tav (or Tau/Thau) ת. It is the Synthesis, the summary of all in all, as well as the microcosm. It is the Crown of God which illuminates the reconciliation and it is the Hierogram (or Religious symbol) of the cross. The Hieroglyph of the last letter is: Kether, or the kabbalistic crown between four mysterious animals and in the middle of the crown, one sees Truth holding a magic wand in each hand.



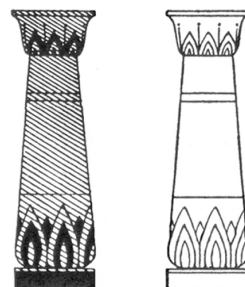
Tav ת is the completed work and carries the signature of God, a signature which should be written upon the forehead of the authentic human being. It is the universal arcanum, the final and eternal secret of high initiation. It is represented in the Tarot by a naked girl, who touches the earth with only one foot, has a magnetic wand in each hand, and seems to be running in a crown held up by an angel, an eagle, a bull and a lion.

This figure is analogous to the cherub of Ezekiel and to the Hindu symbol of Adda-Nari. The understanding of this figure is the key to all the occult sciences. Let us now summarize the whole science through its principles. **Analogy is the final word of the science and the first word of faith.** Harmony is found in equilibrium, and equilibrium exists through the analogy of opposites. Absolute unity is the supreme and final reason of all things.



In order to create equilibrium one must separate and unite: separate by the poles, and unite by the center. The analogy of opposites is the relation of light to shadow, of protrusion to sunken, and of full to void. Allegory (the mother of all doctrines) is the substitution of imprints for seals, and of shadows for realities. It is the fable of truth and the truth of fable. One does not invent a doctrine, one veils a truth, and it produces a shadow in favor of weak eyes. The initiator is not an impostor, he is a revealer; that is to say, according to the expression of the Latin word *revelare*, a man who veils once again. He is the creator of a new shadow. Analogy is the key to all the secrets of nature and the only fundamental reason for all revelations.

Analogy gives all the forces of nature to the magician; analogy is the quintessence of the philosophical stone, it is the secret of perpetual motion, it is the quadrature of the circle, it is the temple which rests upon the two columns JAKIN and BOAZ, it is the key of the great arcanum, it is the root of the tree of life, it is the science of good and evil. To find the exact scale of analogies (in things significant to the science) is to fix the foundations of faith and to seize thereby the wand of miracles.



Now, there exists a principle and a rigorous formula, which is the great arcanum. May the wise not seek it, because they have already found it; but may the vulgar always search for it, because they will never find it.

Practice – Apply the Teachings

BELOVED DISCIPLES, you need to develop each one of the 22 Major Arcana of the Tarot within yourselves. You are “Imitatus” (one whom others have placed upon the Path of the Razor’s Edge). Strive to achieve the state of “Adeptus” (one who is a product of their own works, one who conquers the Science for themselves, the Child of their own Work). YOU MUST ACHIEVE THE DEGREE OF ADEPTUS, LEAVING BEHIND THE ANIMAL STATE, ACQUIRING CONSCIOUSNESS. Gnosis teaches that there are three stages through which everyone working in the Fiery Forge of Vulcan must pass, these are:

1st. PURIFICATION.

2nd. ILLUMINATION.

3rd. PERFECTION.

The curious who enter into our Gnostic Studies want immediate ILLUMINATION, Development, Clairvoyance, Practical Magic, etc. And when they do not attain this they leave. No one can achieve Illumination without first having purified themselves, only those who have attained Purification (that is, Sanctity) may enter the chamber of Illumination. Only when the HIEROPHANTS were completely sure of the Purification and Sanctity of the Candidates were they then able to pass them to the second stage; the first faculty that the Candidate develops is the one related with the degree of listener (aka “auditor”), the faculty of Clairaudience and Occult Hearing. Vocalize the vowel “E”...

