

Hermetic Masonry in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 1 II

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The Gnostics, Christian Kabbalah and the Cross of Initiation

In genuine Christianity, the name 'Gnostics' was used to designate a class of Christians privileged to a science and to a very special intelligent understanding (in both the dogmas as well as in the mysteries). Their dogmas have been formulated for centuries through faith (under the control of science and reason) and can change their appearance but are basically always the same. These doctrines are essentially a science recognizing its origin and its existence. This science (the Kabbalah) is rigorous like numbers and poetic like nature.

The primitive church was very hierarchical, and its hierarchy corresponded to three stations recognized in human progress. These were the stations corresponding to the successive and progressive development of the three elective terms of the human soul: sensibility, willpower and love. In order to will something well, one must know it well; in order to know something well, one must sense it well. Men of willpower and of love were therefore those who knew best; and for this reason they were called Gnostics.

But each degree of the hierarchy had its formulas; and in fact the same words do not have the same meaning for all. Everyone comprehends according to their degree of intelligent understanding; and such a dogma which presents an illuminated sense to the true Gnostic, is perfectly obscure for an intelligence from an inferior degree. It is for this reason that Christ always spoke to the crowd in parables and then exclaimed: "Those who have ears to hear, let them hear." (see Mark 4:9)

To say the absolute truth to those who can only hear a relative truth is misleading and (in some way) lying to them; because one can be certain that they will give to your teaching (misunderstood by them) any meaning within their reach, but it will necessarily be monstrous and absurd. Such was the crime, or at least the error, of the false Gnostics or Gnostic profaners, who (in speaking of the poorly understood principle of equality between the brothers) wanted to popularize Gnosis or the dogmas of the Kabbalah.

We have said that primitive Christianity had its source in the high Kabbalah. The system of Parables employed by the Savior (so as to form a new dogmatic Esotericism), and the entire Gospel of John and his Revelation or Apocalypse (written entirely in Hieroglyphic Figures only familiar to the initiates of the Kabbalah), are sufficient proof. Now let us examine those Figures... Remember that Tav was the Cross ($\tau = +$) for the ancient Kabalists. And we have seen that Tav τ is related to the Tetragrammaton יהוה because $22 = 2 + 2 = 4$, and that the Tetragrammaton can be arranged in the form of a cross. Now let's look even deeper into the symbolism of the Cross and its traditional or kabalistic hieroglyphic associations.

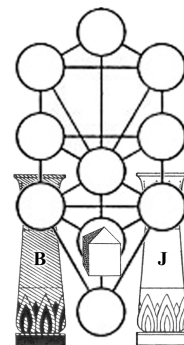
Eliphas Levi says that the "insertion of the vertical phallus into the horizontal cteis forms the stauros of the gnostics, or the philosophical cross of the masons". Samael Aun Weor goes even further, explaining to us that the insertion of the phallus inside the cteis "forms a cross. The cross of Initiation that we must take upon our shoulders". He says that the root of all White & Black doctrines is in Sex: "Christ has his plan of action. Jahve has his. The chosen follow Christ. The great majority fanatically follow Jahve. **Nevertheless, all of them hide behind the cross.**"

Let's remember the statue of Crestos or Harpocrates synthesized as a Rooster whose beak is converted into a Phallus, found at the Vatican in Rome. At the foot of this Statue there is a sign in Greek that says: "ΣΩΤΗΡ ΚΟΣΜΟΥ" (or "SOTER KOSMOU"), meaning "[THIS IS THE] SAVIOR [OF THE] WORLD"! Regarding this statue, Huiracocha says "...when we receive initiation, then we realize the importance of this symbol and that THE TRUTH *par excellence* is enclosed in it..."



The Rose Cross and the Temple of Jerusalem

In regards to the cross, Levi says “At the center of the cross blooms the mystical rose, the rose of light, the flower of life and of love whose petals are arranged with order and represent the hearts of the elect in their harmonious hierarchy. The rose ... is the symbol of the Great Work”. The Great Work has been realized when the Rose of the Spirit blooms upon the Cross of our Body. The physical, ethereal, astral and mental are the four bodies of sin; these also form the temple or the abode of our Spirit, the Innermost, Intimus or Inner Being. The mental & astral bodies are the two columns of the Masonic temples: Jakin & Boaz, which have their foundation in the cubic stone of Yesod (the etheric or vital body).



During the time of the Pharisees, had not the Jews lost the science of the cornerstone, the cubic stone, the philosophical stone, in a word, the fundamental stone of the Kabalistic Temple? One can comprehend, then, that genuine Christianity (far from being a Jewish heresy) was the true orthodox tradition of Judaism, and that only the Scribes and Pharisees were the sectarians. The Sephira Yesod is the Philosophical Stone of the Alchemists, the Cubic Stone, the mysterious Amphorasep stone of the Hebrews, and is found within the sexual organs.

Jesus says in Matthew 16:18, “Thou art Peter [*Petros*], and upon this rock [*petras*] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Peter, Patar, the illuminator, is the Master of Sexual Magic, the generous Master who always awaits us at the entrance of the terrible path. Peter’s original name is Patar with its three consonants P.T.R. which are radical.

P: comes to remind us of the Father who is in secret (Latin: *Pater*), our Fathers or Phitaras.

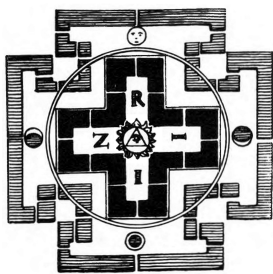
T: the Tau or Tav, the Divine Hermaphrodite, the man and woman sexually united.

R: this letter is vital in the INRI, it is the sacred and terribly divine Fire, the Egyptian RA.

Peter’s Doctrine is the Maithuna and the Key of the Maithuna is that the couple should withdraw from the sexual act before reaching the spasm. Restrained desire will transmute the seminal liquid into Creative Energy. The Sexual Energy ascends up to the cerebrum. This is how the cerebrum is seminized; this is how the semen becomes cerebrized. The Maithuna is the exercise that permits us to awaken and develop the Kundalini, the igneous serpent of our magical powers. When the Kundalini awakens, it ascends along the medullar canal of the spinal column. The Kundalini opens the seven Churches of the Apocalypse of Saint John which are situated along the spinal column.

No one can incarnate the Intimate Christ without previously having built the temple upon the living rock or cubic stone (sex). We must raise the seven columns of the temple of wisdom. The word INRI is written with fiery characters upon each one of the seven columns of the temple. The seven degrees of the power of the fire are only developed with sexual magic.

Realization is, then, the essence of the christian doctrine. The entire christian revelation is contained in this phrase: THE VERB IS MADE FLESH. This means that faith, which proves itself through works, can now replace hypotheses that led to nothing but fables. Now magic is transformed into sanctity, wonders became miracles, and the multitudes (previously excluded by ancient initiation) are called to the royalty and priesthood of virtue.

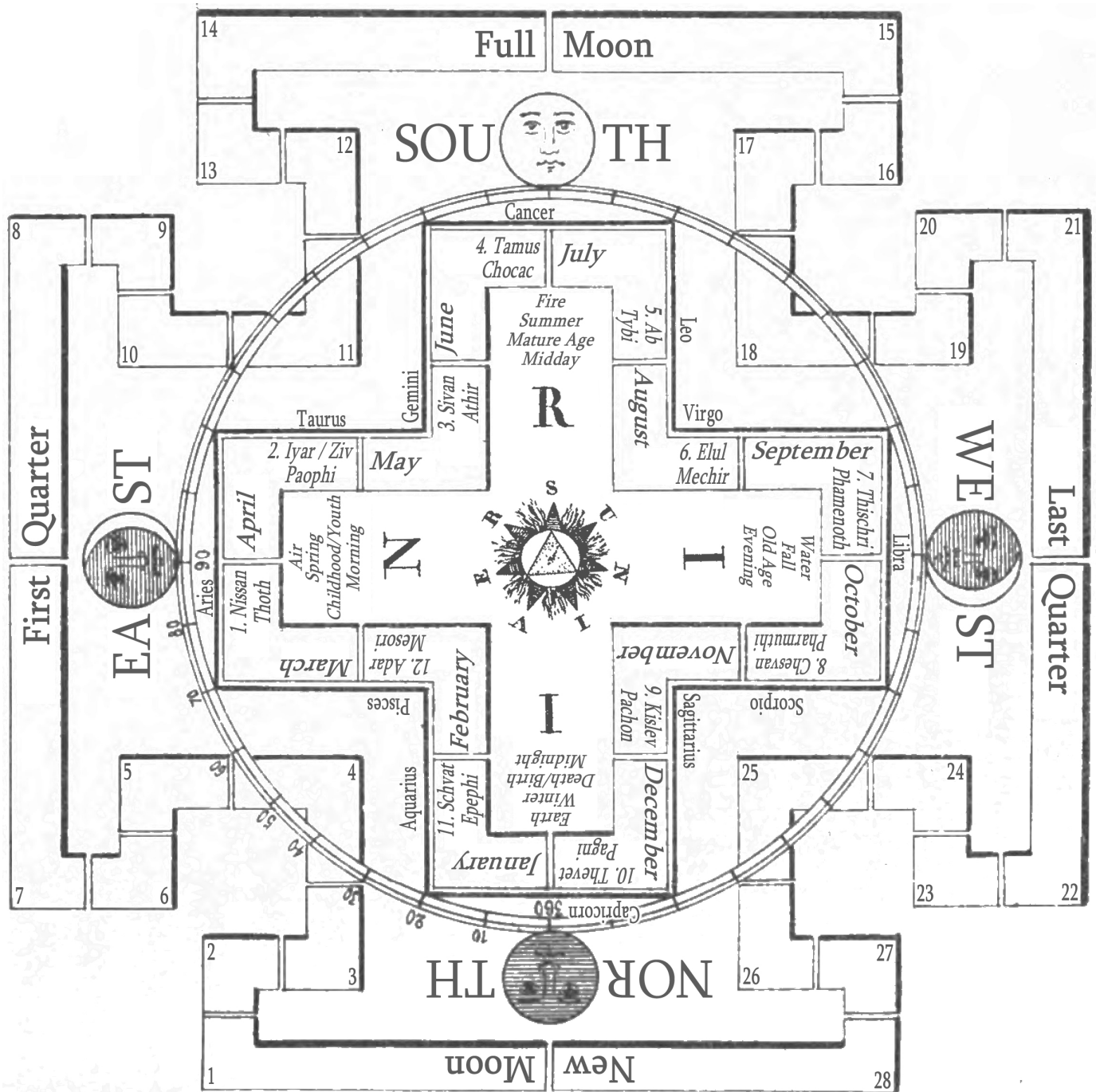


The plan of all great allegorical temples throughout antiquity is founded upon the multiplication of the cube by the cross, first around which a circle can be described, and then the cubic cross that can move in a globe. These notions, which are rendered more intelligible by a diagram, have been handed down to our own days in Masonic initiations, and they are a perfect justification for the name attributed to the modern societies in question, for they are also the fundamental principles of architecture and the science of building.

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The Philosophical Cross or Plan of the Temple



	Month	Egyptian	Jewish	Constellation		Month	Egyptian	Jewish	Constellation
1 st	March	Thoth	Nissan	Aries	7 th	September	Phamenoth	Thischri	Libra
2 nd	April	Paophi	Iyar/Ziv	Taurus	8 th	October	Pharmuthi	Chesvan	Scorpio
3 rd	May	Athir	Sivan	Gemini	9 th	November	Pachon	Kislev	Sagittarius
4 th	June	Chocac	Tamus	Cancer	10 th	December	Pagni	Thevet	Capricorn
5 th	July	Tybi	Ab	Leo	11 th	January	Epephi	Adar	Aquarius
6 th	August	Mechir	Elul	Virgo	12 th	February	Mesori	Viadar	Pisces

The 'Point of Support', Death and the Work of the Initiate

Archimedes said, "Give me a point of support and I will move the universe." Archimedes searched for the lever to move the universe. This lever exists. Eliphas Levi says that this lever is the Astral Light. The Astral Light is the sacred fire of the Holy Spirit, the light of the Logos, whose nature and divine powers are like living and conscious electricity, but not the same as physical electricity...

When a person is impelled by their conscious spiritual willpower, they awaken the sacred fire of the Holy Spirit (which, as a coiled serpent, abides in every person within the coccygeal ganglion) and excites this fire and impels it into activity, then this fire will convert itself into the agent for the work of Telesis or the intelligent work of perfection within the Initiate.

The Initiate's reward is the liberation from the Wheel of Reincarnations and union with God, but they have to have previously substituted their mortal physical body with the immortal solar body, the body of gold, the "To Soma Heliakon" (named in this way because it is as resplendent as the Sun), and their soul is betrothed with their Spirit, the Innermost, Intimus or Inner Being.

The Astral Light, lever of Archimedes, is the Kundalini. Whosoever develops the Kundalini can place their body of flesh and bone into the fourth dimension and transport themselves to distant Thule, the Land of the Gods. Whosoever knows how to pray and ask Mother Kundalini, could well beg her to put them into the fourth dimension and transport them to the Sacred Island. Kundalini is the lever with which we can place ourselves in the fourth dimension with our physical bodies.

The invention of the lever immediately differentiated primitive man from the animal, and in fact was linked with the real appearance of concepts. In reality we can be sure that the beings living on Earth are divided into two groups: those who know the action of the lever and those who do not... We need the lever of Archimedes, the Super-astral Serpent, in order to put ourselves into the fourth dimension and transport ourselves with our body to the Land of the Gods. The hour has arrived to liberate the mind and to awaken the Kundalini.



When we finish with all of our sins, then the "I" is dissolved, then we incarnate the soul and the Spirit. Indeed, this is how we become human beings in the most complete sense of the word. If we have not eliminated the "I", then the only thing that continues after death is the "I", our legion of "I's". The ego or the "I" returns in order to satisfy its desires. Death is, then, the return to conception. This is the wheel of Arcanum 10. Those who still have not dissolved the "I" and who have neither incarnated the soul nor the Spirit, live within the internal worlds with their consciousness asleep; they only have a subjective consciousness and subjective perception.

On the other hand, after the death of the physical body of a true human being (who has the soul and Spirit incarnated), that person lives completely awakened in their solar astral body; they enjoy the internal worlds of consciousness and enjoy objective perception. If one studies the *Egyptian Book of the Dead*, one sees that it is Isis who is called to put the

"Ego" to death. Without the Divine Mother the death of the Ego is impossible. The Essence is freed with the death of the Ego and becomes lost in Osiris (the Divine Christ). We have to die in order to free ourselves from the Tragic Wheel... Therefore, whosoever wants to liberate themselves from this Wheel has to dissolve the "I" and incarnate their soul. This work is very difficult and those who achieve it are rare. Indeed, the kingdom of Malkuth is a terrible filter. The waste from this filter is what is normal in our times and is swallowed up by the Abyss. The gold, the chosen one, the true human being, the angel, is Malkuth's conception.

