

Hermetic Masonry in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 2 II

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Arcana 13, 2, 3 & 14 – The Symbolism of the Mysteries and the Great Work

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In the Kabbalah we are constantly concerned with the Hebraic letters. These initial letters above refer to the WORD OF THE MASTER MASON. Freemasonry is a continuation of the Ancient Mysteries and to know the Masonic “words” can help us to understand the Esoteric Path. Freemasonry has 3 Fundamental Degrees: 1st the Apprentice, 2nd the Companion (or Fellowcraft) and 3rd the Master. These are the words:

	Sacred Word	Watch word or Password
Apprentice	“Jakín” or “Boaz”	“Tubalcain” or None
Companion	“Boaz” or “Jakín”	“Shibboleth”
Master	“Sublime ¹ ” or “Mah ha bone”	“Mak Benah” or “Tubalcain”

Meaning and Explanation of the Words:

	Hebrew	Meaning	Explanation
“Jakín” or “Jachin”	יָכִין 14,10,11,10	Firm, Establish (‘he will establish’) or Preparation	“...and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin...” (1Ki 7:21)
“Tubal cain” or “Tubalkain”	תּוֹבֵל קַיִן or טַבְלָכָן 14,11,12,2,9 or 14,10,19 12,2,6,22	Possessor of the World	Tubalcain was the first who forged metals. “...Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron...” (Gen 4:22)

Synthesis of 1st Degree words: Establish (‘Jakín’) the Alchemical work (the Transmutation or Transformation of Metals, like ‘Tubalcain’)

	Hebrew	Meaning	Explanation
“Boaz” or “Bohaz”	בֹּעַז 7,16,2	‘In Strength’	“...and he set up the left pillar, and he called the name thereof Boaz...” (1Ki 7:21)
“Shibboleth”	שִׁבּוֹלֶת 22,12,2,21	Ear [of wheat or corn]	“...growth is represented by an ear of wheat...” (from Ch.30 of T&K) “All power is found enclosed within the seed, who’s symbol is the ear of wheat.” (from Ch.8 of ECoK)

Synthesis of 2nd Degree words: Be Strong (‘Boaz’) as you work with the Seed (the ‘Shibboleth’, the Ear of Wheat or *Ens Semen*)

¹ See p. 91 in *Recueil précieux de la Maçonnerie Adonhiramite* (1766) Louis Guillemain de Saint-Victor in the Master’s Catechism, (a translation of which is available in *Esoteric Studies in Masonry Volume 1: France, Freemasonry, Kabbalah and Hermeticism*) which explains that the original Latin word SUBLIMIS has been changed to Sublime and then into Jiblim and Giblim.

	Hebrew	Meaning	Explanation
“Sublime”	[Originally in Latin: SUBLIMIS]	high, lofty; exalted, elevated; raised on high; in high position;	“...one cannot ascend without first descending, one needs to descend to the Ninth Sphere...” Which means: 1) to work with the Cubic Stone of Jesod and 2) to descend into one's own Atomic Infernos (see Ch.1 of T&K)
“Mak Benah” or “Mac Benac”	מַק בְּנֵה 5,14,2 19,13	The flesh leaves [or comes away from] the bones	“...the Spirit separates itself from Matter...” (from Ch.45 of T&K) “There are two types of flesh: the first is flesh that comes from ADAM; the second is flesh that does NOT come from ADAM. The SOLAR BODIES are of flesh that does not come from Adam.” (from Ch.11 of EToHA)
“Mahhabone” or “Moabon”	מֹאבֹּן or מַהֲבֹנֶה 14,2,5,13 or 14,6,2,1,6,13	Son of the Father	Some say that this word signifies “rotten or decayed almost to the Bone”, that is: ‘something putrefying’. “That which is in Putrefaction has been born from the Father” (from Ch.45 of T&K)

Synthesis of 3rd Degree words: By working with the Stone, you can build the Temple (the Spiritual Flesh or Solar Bodies) and Liberate the Spirit from Matter (becoming a Free-Mason), thereby allowing yourself access to the Superior Worlds and the Seity (the Most High within).

Note about the original ‘word’ of the Master: According to two books² from the 1700’s, the original word was “Jehova [יְהוָה]”, but was substituted with “Mac Benac” after the death of Hiram.³

Related Explanation: The Masonic Lodge is different, it is not a religion, it has no fixed canon of thought. There are people from different Schools, Orders and Sects, etc., who belong to the Masons. It seems, rather, like a club than a religion. Masonic Initiation is very good. After such a tremendous Initiation, then one awaits something grandiose, as if one is going to receive golden grains of pure Wisdom. But afterwards, one finds that the only thing that you get is... to meet with local politicians, things like that... The crude reality of facts is that they know nothing.

It is unfortunate that the brother Masons know nothing, until the "G" is put there by Gnosis. In the triangle there is the "G" meaning Gnosis (but they do not know it). Their Initiation is magnificent, the Initiation for the degree of Master is tremendous: they put you inside a symbolic coffin, meaning that in order to be a Master one must die in oneself. There you have it from a wooden coffin, with the whole Lodge dressed in black, and then they take you out of there and to the ceremony... So, although they know nothing, it turns out to be very good symbolically. Symbolically it says it all!

It is impossible to fabricate a soul if we do not undergo Mystical Death and it is impossible to attain the Second Birth without the Transmutation of the Waters of Life. Additionally, if we do not descend in order to destroy the Ego, then we cannot be raised to Mastery, regardless of attaining the Second Birth. This Mastery is the *Magisterium* (the authority over or expert use) of the Fire.

It is a very great error to call the legion of the "I" the “soul”. Really, the human being has within their Essence the psychic material for creating the soul, but does not yet have a soul. The Gospels say: “Of what use is it to win the world if you are going to lose your soul?” The ‘new wine’ (the Intimate Christ) cannot be placed in ‘old wineskins’ (the Lunar Bodies): the Solar Bodies need to be created in order to contain that Sacred Wine. The Master must realize all of this, and does so BY FINDING THE LOST WORD. This is the word which Resurrects Hiram Abiff: it is the Verb, the Word of Light or the Superior Teachings which the Initiate receives and through which one attains Mastery.

² See p. 15 in *Catechisme Des Francs-Maçons* (1744) by Louis Travenol and p. 66 & 87 in *Le Maçon Démasqué* (1751) by Thomas Wilson, translated into English as *Solomon in All His Glory: Or, the Master-mason* (1766), see p. 37 in the English version.

³ Review Notes #24 of *Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition* on the letter Shin שׁ in order to understand this further.

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The Interior Lodge of the Consciousness and Great Work

The first duty of any Gnostic is to be sure that the Lodge is protected. **It is necessary to protect the Interior Lodge very well, so that Doctrines, persons, Demons, and things do not penetrate inside the Internal Sanctuary to sabotage the GREAT WORK.** In practical life, we may see that students (apparently very serious) when they became careless, when they could not protect their own Interior Lodge, were invaded by people and strange Doctrines. Often times they continue working in the Flaming Forge of Vulcan, but they mixed many different methods and systems. The result of all of this was a true Tower of Babel, a barbaric confusion whose only purpose was to bring disorder into the INTERIOR LODGE OF THE CONSCIOUSNESS. Therefore, it is necessary to have the interior Lodge, the authentic School of Intimate Self Education, in perfect order.

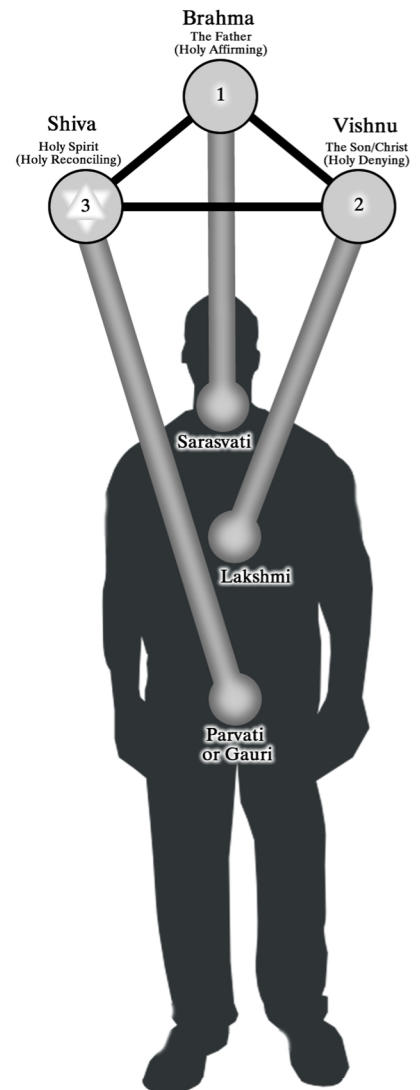
The sacred scriptures of India affirm that the navel, the heart and the throat are igneous centers of the human organism, and also add that by meditating on these centers we encounter the Masters Sarasvati, Lakshmi, and Parvati or Gauri. These three Masters work with the three levels of our resplendent Dragon of Wisdom. These three Masters control the forces that come from the three aspects of the Solar Logos (the 3 Primary Forces). Sarasvati works with the forces of the Father (related with the Mind and the Mental body). Lakshmi exerts control over the Astral Body, and Parvati exerts control over the Physical body. These three Master can help us in our Interior Lodge...

Duty of the Apprentice: During the degree of Apprentice, the attention is focused especially on the Astral Plane. The Enemy or Traitor related to the 1st Degree is the Demon of Desire, the Lunar Astral Body: Judas, Apopi, Sebal, etc. The Internal Lodge must be protected, the Astral body must be cleaned of animal passions and of all types of desires. The Apprentice has to perfect their physical body by accustoming it to the practice of Sexual Magic with their spouse. This work is very arduous and difficult. The Apprentice must invoke the Master Parvati in order to help them control the sexual organs during the practice of Sexual Magic.

Invocation to Parvati:

“In the name of the Christ, by the glory of the Christ, by the power of the Christ,
I call you, Parvati, Parvati, Parvati. Amen.”

Duty of the Companion: In the second Degree the Mental Lodge must be protected, worldly thoughts must be cast out of the Temple. The Enemy or Traitor related to the 2nd Degree is the Demon of the Mind, the Lunar Mental Body: Caiphaz, Hai, Ortelut, etc. The Cavern of the Mind (the Den of Desire) always has the dog of desire at its door. The Companion needs to perfect their Astral Body until it becomes a useful instrument. The Companion must invoke Lakshmi in order to teach them how to get out in the Astral Body. It is urgent to learn how to travel consciously and positively in the Astral Body. It is urgent to call the forces of the Christ so that they give rise to the birth of the Christ Astral in the depths of our interior universe.



The devotee should fall asleep with the head towards the North or East. The devotee should lie down face up and beg, supplicate, calling and invoking with all their heart & soul the Master Lakshmi to take them out consciously and positively in the Astral Body. It is necessary to call Lakshmi in the name of the Christ.

Invocation to Lakshmi:

“In the name of the Christ, by the glory of the Christ, by the power of the Christ,
I call upon you, Lakshmi, Lakshmi, Lakshmi. Amen.”

This invocation is repeated thousands of times supplicating the Master Lakshmi to take you out of the physical body consciously, and to teach you how to travel consciously in the Astral Body. After making this invocation, then recite the following sanskrit mantram thousands of times with the mind concentrated on the Christ.

Mantram for Astral Projection:

“Hare Ram. Hare Ram, Ram Hare Hare.
Hare Cristo. Hare Cristo, Cristo, Cristo, Hare, Hare.
Hare Murare Modup Coiptus Hare Copal Govind Mukum Sonre.
Mage Prage Yodi Kolpi Basi Parvot Tullo Hiro No Dane En Bai de Nem.
Sri Govind, Sri Govind. Sri Govind. Sri Govind. Ganesha Namap.”

It is necessary that the devotee should first learn these Indian mantrams by heart. These mantrams are in the Sanskrit language and the yogis of India use them to get out in astral. It is necessary to ask Lakshmi to teach you how to go consciously into the astral. It is necessary to have patience as great as that of Saint Job in order to learn how to go out consciously in the Astral Body. Fall asleep calmly while making the invocation. When you wake up, practice a retrospective exercise to remember where you were, where you walked, with whom you were speaking etc.

The invocation to the Master Lakshmi is magnificent, marvelous, but the Gnostic student must help themselves, they must concentrate on the navel; they must fall asleep singing the mantram mentally, and when they find themselves dozing, when they feel that lassitude of sleep itself, then they should imagine themselves to be a breeze, a gas, something subtle, to feel themselves completely aerial and gaseous, and in that state, feeling thus, aerial and subtle, to forget the heaviness of the physical body, to think that they can fly anywhere because they no longer have weight of any kind; forgetting his physical body, feeling like a cloud, an aroma, a breeze, or a divine breath, they should leap up from their bed. Do not try to leap mentally; it is urgent that all this is translated into action, into concrete facts. Once outside the physical body, leave your house and direct yourself to the Gnostic Church in the Astral Body, or to wherever you want. With the Astral Body one can travel to other planets, with the Astral Body one can visit the most distant places of the Cosmos, the Temples of Mystery, etc., etc. With the Astral Body the devotee will be able to study the Akashic Records of Nature, and know all past, present and future events.

Duty of the Master: The Master needs to perfect their Mental Body with the power of the fire that blazes in the universal orchestration (the Master must Christify the Mind). The Enemy or Traitor related to the 3rd Degree is the Demon of the Ill-Will, the Lunar Causal Body: Pilate, Nebt, Stokin, etc. The third traitor heroically defends himself with the axe of ill-will and attempts to throw himself into the abyss. Ill-will and disobedience always make us fall into the abyss. The Master must invoke Sarasvati so that he may help him to Christify the Mind. It is indispensable to ask the forces of the Father for assistance with our mind. We need to engender the Christ Mind.

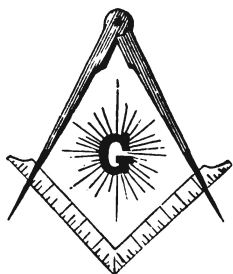
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“In the name of the Christ, by the glory of the Christ, by the power of the Christ,
I call you, Sarasvati, Sarasvati, Sarasvati. Amen.”

The Human Personality must Obey the Spirit

Let us remember that the degree of Apprentice is for seven years and that only after seven years do the first flashes of illumination begin. We give this caution so that the student knows what to expect. For the curious, for the profaners of the Temple; it is best that they leave. This science is not for the curious. **The Physical, Astral and Mental vehicles must become fine instruments of the Spirit.** It is urgent to visit the temples of the White Lodge consciously. In the Astral we can study at the feet of the Master.

In accordance with how the devotee practices Sexual Magic with their spouse; in accordance with how their conduct becomes more and more upright; in accordance with their continuing sanctification; the splendors and powers of the Intimus (the Spirit), the Inner Being, begin to reflect in their Astral body and in their Mind. Then we receive Illumination... That is the path; however, such Illumination is only after the degree of Apprentice. We are speaking in the terminology of Occult Masonry.



Every true candidate prepared for illumination will be able to be recognized and verified with the square and the compass. When the Spirit and the human personality act in an orderly manner and in full harmony, the devotee is prepared for illumination. Whoever complains of lack of illumination, cannot withstand the trial of the square and the compass. When the inferior quaternary loyally obeys the Spirit, the result is illumination. As long as the inferior quaternary does not obey the Spirit, that is to say, while the human personality does not know how to obey the Spirit, illumination is impossible.

The devotee should purify their bedroom daily with special aromatic substances. Incense purifies the Astral Body. A good incense attracts the great Masters that we need for our work. We can mix incense with benzoin. Benzoin purifies the astral body and dispels gross and sensual thoughts. Benzoin can be mixed with incense in a perfume censer, or all burnt within a brazier. This is the most practical.



The essence of roses can also be mixed with these perfumes in order to purify the environment. It is good to remember that roses have great power. The rose is the queen of flowers. It is necessary that the rose of the Spirit open its fragrant and delicious bud upon the cross of our body. We also recommend frankincense (olibanum) in order to create a devotional atmosphere in the nuptial bedroom. Husband and wife should live in the midst of perfume and love. Incense and perfume burn delightfully in all temples of the Hindu, Pharsee, Jain, Shinto, etc., and were never absent from the temples of Greece, Rome, Persia, etc.



The devotee needs much Purification & Sanctification in order to reach Illumination. Whosoever knows how to use the weapon of Eros (the Lance, Sex) can pulverize the Pluralized "I" into Cosmic Dust. To pray is to converse with God and one must learn to pray during coitus. **In those instants of supreme bliss, ask, and it will be given to you, knock and it will be opened unto you.** One who puts their heart into supplication and begs their Divine Mother Kundalini to take up the Weapon of Eros will obtain the best results because She will then assist, destroying the Ego. A prior condition to all elimination is integral comprehension of the defect that one wants to eliminate.

When the Alchemist liberates themselves from the four bodies of sin, then they enter the bosom of the Blessed Mother Goddess of the World: ISIS, who's veil no mortal has lifted...