

Hermetic Masonry in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 3 II

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The Combination of Arcana (from Ch. 45, 46, 47 and 48)

Arcanum and its Name	Esoteric Association	Additional Gnostic Note(s)
2 – The Priestess	Hope; The House of the Spirit;	Related to the <i>Sanctum Sanctorum</i> which means The Consciousness, The Philosophical Stone, without which there could be no Transmutation
3 – The Empress	the Divine Mother; the Kundalini; the Goddess of the Verb	She is Hadit, the Winged Goddess
6 – Indecision	the Arcanum of the Lover; the man between Virtue and Passion; Tiphereth	Learn to polarize ourselves wisely with Arcanum 6 and we will have overcome the terrible 15 of the Constellation of the Whale. Remember that in the middle of the chest you have a very special magnetic center which captures the waves of Light and Glory which come from your Human Soul. She is Tiphereth, Arcanum 6 of the Tarot. Listen to her, obey the commands which arise from her. Act in accordance with those intimate impulses; Work in the Forge of the Cyclops when this is what she wishes. If you learn to obey, then you will not perish in the belly of the Whale.
Arcana 7, 8 and 9	The Three Degrees of the Master	The Tools of the Trade in the Great Work.
7 – Triumph	the Chariot; Qualities and Capacities	One must learn to or have control oneself, to dominate oneself in order to one day attain Mastery, the Magisterium of Fire. It is necessary to yoke the Inferior Nature, symbolized by the two Sphinxes who pull the Chariot; the yoking signifies to dominate, to control the passions, to yoke the beast. Arcanum 7 teaches us to Control ourselves.
8 – Justice	the Force Equilibrated in all directions; Vigilance; Rectitude; Firmness; Balance; The Number of Job	The Sword pointing upwards signifies Rectitude. We need to be correct in our Thoughts, our Words and our Actions. The Scales of Justice represent Equity, Equilibrium, and Precision. Firmness must become the very axis of life, the central gravitational point of life and of our existence. Arcanum 8 teaches us Justice & Rectitude in our Thoughts, Words and Actions. The Number of Job, patience, ordeals, suffering.
9 – The Hermit	The Occult Cross; The Hidden Light; Authentic Mastery; the whole Cosmos; the Well of the Universe	The Ninth Sphere; the Hidden Light manifests in Initiation , it vivifies the Powers. In order to be able to see this Light, one must become a Master, and it is clear that every aspirant must attain the Magisterium. Arcanum number 9 speaks to us of the Hermit who carries the Staff in the right hand and the Lamp in the left: the important thing is to lift this Lamp up, to raise it is vital in order to Illuminate the Path for others.

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11 – Persuasion	“Do Your Duty”; Duty	The marvelous force which can dominate and subdue the Lions of adversity is essentially Spiritual
12 – The Apostolate	“Make your Light Shine”; The Three Days of Jonah (and of the Great Work)	For the Light (which constitutes the Essence bottled within the "I") to really shine and be resplendent, it must be liberated and this is only possible through the Buddhist Annihilation; dissolving the Ego. To descend into the deep Well of the Abyss.
13 – Immortality	Faith; Death and Regeneration; Death and Resurrection;	Note what an intimate relationship there is between Death and Water. Remember the phrase: “Lead me from the Darkness to the Light”, Death leads to Immortality, from the Unreal to the Real.
14 – Temperance	Charity; the Second Birth; Transmutation; Tantrism; the Fish of Life	The Philosophical Stone with which all of the Transmutations are realized, the Stone must be chiseled, without which Sexual Transmutation can not be attained.
15 – Passion	The Whale; Typhon-Baphomet; the Devil; Animal Passion	The Constellation of the Whale; if one is not able to work within the whale, then it is natural that we go down into the precipice with Arcanum № 16. • Reduces to 6
16 – Fragility	The Fulminated Tower; the Ray of Cosmic Justice	The Initiate who spills the Vessel of Hermes will be fulminated by the Ray of Cosmic Justice which will cause them to fall from the tower like the inverted Pentalfa... [• Reduces to 7]
17 – Hope	the Star of Hope	The individual who has never been fulminated, who is capable of attaining the Venustic Incarnation. • Reduces to 8
20 – Resurrection	the Resurrection of the Intimate Christ within ourselves	It is said in occult esoterism that Hiram Abiff, or Chiram Osiris, is dead in the Ninth Sphere, in the heart of the Earth. If it is true that the Internal Christ is there, dead, then only there will He be able to be resurrected. The Superlative Transformation is only possible with the Resurrection of the Intimate Christ in the heart of man.

The Prophet Jonah realizes his work in three days or periods which are more or less long:

FIRST DAY: To descend to the Infernal Worlds in order to create the Solar Bodies, the Wedding Garments of the Soul and to establish within oneself a Permanent Center of Consciousness. To descend into the Infernal Worlds of Nature is necessary, it is a period of elimination until the destruction of Set, until attaining the Second Birth.

SECOND DAY: To descend into the Abyss in order to face terrible sacrifices, to utilize the Creative Energy for the destruction of all the subjective elements of the Ego. This work is realized in the Infernal Sub-Lunar Regions; one then completely eliminates the Three Traitors and the atoms of the Secret Enemy.

THIRD DAY: One must return to the depth of the Abyss in order to put an end to the innumerable facts from our previous lives. One continues dying in the Spheres of Mercury, Venus, the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, etc. On the third day the Black Waters are transformed into those of resplendent Light, the destruction of the ancient atoms culminates in the Mystic Resurrection.