

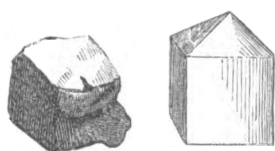
Hermetic Masonry in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 6

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The Devil or Satan, Lucifer and the Logos within Ourselves

Let's make a clear distinction between what the Devil is and what Lucifer is. The Devil is the Philosopher's Stone of the Medieval Alchemists and each person has their own Devil. Within each one of us, the Devil is no more than the Reflection of the Interior Logos. The Logos is the Verb, the Word of God in action.

One has to apprehend or capture that manifested Verb of the Christ-Satan of the Gnostics. This is the "Royal Art" of Free-Masonry, the art of making musical instruments, that is: of giving form to that Verb in an instrument, so that it resonates miraculously. Thus, the Devil in himself (as a Reflection of the Logos in us) is the Brute Stone or Rough Ashlar that must be carved or hewn until it is converted into the Cubic Stone or Perfect Ashlar.



When it is not carved, the Brute Stone (the Devil), is unworked or unpolished, and is **as black as coal**: it is Satan in its darkest and most tenebrous aspect. But when we have already achieved the dissolution of the Ego, when we have reduced it to ashes, then that Brute Stone has been transformed into the Cubic Stone; then Satan is already Lucifer: the "Maker of Light".

Therefore, the Devil that is transformed into Lucifer, is resplendent like the Sun, "he has the power over the Heavens, over the Earth, and over Hell". He is a Principle of the Light, a Lord of Glory, the most grandiose Archangel, and the Minister of the Solar Logos! This is another reason why it is necessary to eliminate the inhuman elements that we carry within.

The Three Triangles of Every Authentic Human Being

If we observe every Authentic Human Being, we will discover in them Three Triangles:

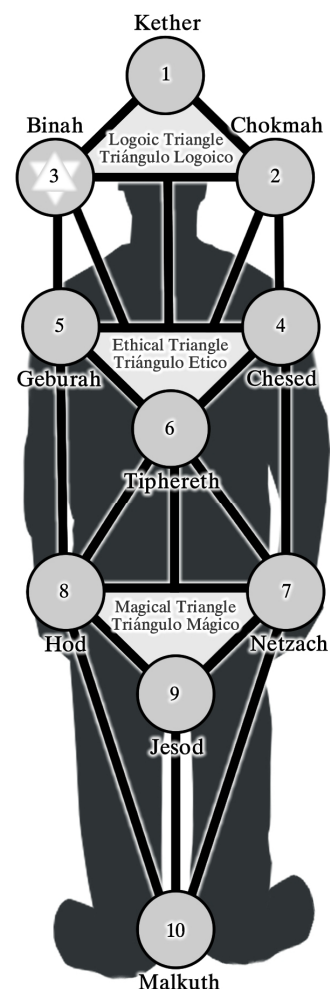
1. The LOGOIC TRIANGLE or Triangle of the Father (Kether, Chokmah and Binah)
2. The ETHICAL TRIANGLE or Triangle of the Son (Chesed, Geburah and Tiphereth)
3. The "MAGIC TRIANGLE or Triangle of the Holy Spirit (Netzach, Hod and Jesod)

Malkuth, the Physical World, is a fallen Sephiroth.

The Logos, the Tetragrammaton and Daath

The Kabbalah says that we see things in accordance with the extent to which we begin to obey the 10 (which corresponds to Hebrew letter Yod ' , the first letter of the Tetragrammaton). In this number 10 are the Principles which are the Verb in its triple aspect:

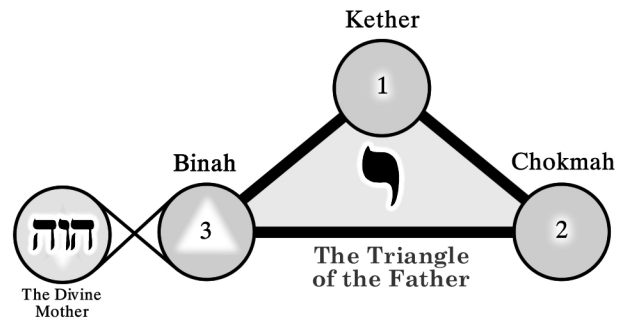
1. CREATION
2. CONSERVATION
3. RENOVATION



The Yod [י] is the Logos or the Father, and Heve [הוה] is the Divine Mother. The Tetragrammaton [יהוה] is the unfolding of the Logos into its creative aspect.

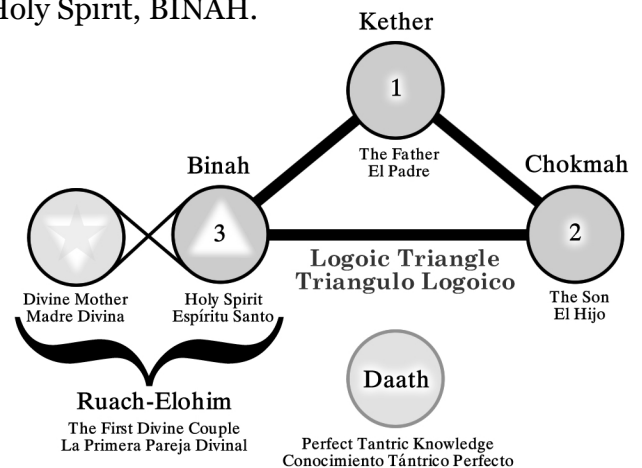
The LOGOIC Triangle consists of three aspects of the Hebrew Kabbalah:

1. KETHER, the Ancient of the Days, the goodness of goodnesses, the mercy of mercies, the occult of the occult. It is the MATHEMATICAL POINT in the immense, infinite, unchangeable space.
2. It is obvious that Kether unfolds, in its turn, into CHOKMAH, the Son, the Cosmic Christ (who is said to be related to the whole Zodiac)
3. The further unfolding of Chokmah results in the Holy Spirit, BINAH.



Some Kabbalists emphasize the idea that Binah, "the Holy Spirit, is female"; which is incorrect. The Holy Spirit (the Third Logos or Binah) unfolds himself in his turn into his Wife (into the Shakti of the Hindus). The Holy Spirit is male, but HE unfolds into HER forming the first Divine Couple, the ineffable:

- The ELOHIM CREATOR,
- The KABIR or THE INCA or High Priest,
- The RUACH-ELOHIM that according to Moses "fashioned the waters at the beginning of the world..."



He and She are united in the Cubic Stone of Jesod (that Stone is Sex). DAATH, or Perfect Tantric Knowledge, comes about from the union of Him and Her, through which we can integrally SELF-REALIZE OURSELVES in all the Levels of Being.

The Holy Spirit is masculine, but the unfolding of Binah forms the perfect couple: they join together sexually. The Creative Process of the Three Primary Forces was initiated with the sexual marriage of the Verb. In accordance with Sacred Law of Three (the "Triamatzikamno"), the ELOHIM divided into 3 groups within every temple in order to sing in accordance with the Liturgy of Fire.

The work of making the Prakriti (the Chaos, the Cosmic Mother, the Great Belly or Womb) bear fruit is always the job of the very sacred Third Force (or 3rd Logos). The 3 groups organized themselves within each temple in the following manner: 1st a PRIEST, 2nd a PRIESTESS and 3rd a neutral group of ELOHIM.

If we take into consideration that the Elohim are androgynous then it is clear that they had to polarize themselves through willpower into a Masculine, Feminine and Neutral form, in accordance with the Sacred Law of Three. The Priest & Priestess were before the altar and, on the ground floor of the temple, were the Androgynous choir of Elohim. The Rituals of Fire were sung and the sexual marriage of the word fecundated the Great Belly or Womb of Chaos and the Universe was born!

The Key to understanding Gnosis and the Science of transforming oneself is DAATH. Science is the first of all the gifts of the Holy-Spirit and it corresponds to faith in the enumeration of the seven christian virtues. You know that science is not a [regular] Sephiroth, but that it is the mirror where the rays of everything concentrate: we call it Daath. In the catholic dogma, the economy of numbers necessitates the alliance of science and of faith which will constitute the absolute reason for the human verb upon an unshakable foundation, equivalent to the Verb of God."