

Gnostic Runology – Peryt Shou’s Esoteric Principles

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The Hammer-Strike of a new Spirit resounds at the Gates of western Civilization.

The Departure from the Primordial-Will [*Urwillen*], the Descent into negative Skepticism and Intellectualism, has characterized the Course of the previous Cultural Epoch. The highest Achievement of the Intellect became its own Self-Destruction.

In the Shadow of this Self-Destruction, we have witnessed the most shocking Human-Tragedy and the Beginning of a profound Transformation...

Thus, in this treatise, we shall examine the Problem-of-the-Will from a new Perspective.

Attuning oneself to the cosmic Will, Becoming-One with the Logos that guides this Will, leads one upward through the Hierarchical structure of the spiritual Worlds, which stand firm and radiate above all the Changes of earthly Life, into the Arches of the deathless, sun-filled Being. The sacred Primordial-Call of the Sun, the one rising from the Depths of the Universe, resounds through the World like a trumpet blast...

Unfortunately, it is dying under the cold, Devilish-Grip of human Analysis and Calculation. Therefore, we must listen to it, attune our Souls to the rhythmic Primordial-Chord of the cosmic Heart, which rises and sings within our Pulse.

A particular Path of esoteric Development leads us to a redemptive Attunement with the Universal-Will [*erlösenden Einklingen in den All-Willen*]; our Senses, awakening to clairvoyance, and we nestle themselves against this Source-of-Power [*Kraft-Quell*]. We learn to overcome within ourselves: the inner Opposition of the World-Will, which divides Human-Hearts. **And through the Transformation-of-our-Will, we experience the Transformation-of-the-World!**

Ch 1: From Unwillingness to Primordial-Will. The Cosmic *Hwil*-Force

The Earth has risen up in outrage. She spews Fire and Iron against the New that seeks to be born from her Womb. But standing protectively over this New is the ancient aryan Sign (“Aryanism” originally had no negative connotations toward any Ethnic-Group [*Volkstum*]). It simply means “Primordial-Humanity”), the *Hwil*-Cross as a Symbol of a new Will within Humanity!



Hwil, Middle High German “*Jul*”, simply means “Wheel [*Rad*]”. The “*Jul*-Festival” [that is: “*Yuletide*” or ‘Yule’ time] was a Commemoration of the World-Cross and of the World-Wheel, which blazed powerfully at the Time of the Winter-Solstice. It had already once guided Humanity through great Storms and Upheavals in very early Times.

According to the ancient-aryan Traditions of the Indians, the Swastika or the Hooked-Cross [*Hakenkreuz*] was the Birthmark or Sign marking the Dawning of a new Epoch, which—as evidenced by the discovery of this symbol among many peoples— began almost everywhere on Earth at roughly the same time.

At that time, as indo-aryan Mythology tells us, the “Sons of the Fire-Mist”—that is, the ancient-germanic “*Nibelungs*” (from old-norse “*nisl*” meaning “Fire-Mist”) whose Symbol is the Hooked-Cross), the biblical “*Nephilim*”, descended to our Earth to awaken humanity to higher, metaphysical, and religious Matters. In doing so, they became the Creators of spiritual Auras within Humanity. The biblical “*n’filim*” (which Luther translates as “Tyrants” in Genesis 6:4), points to a root shared with the aryan *Ur*-word “*hwil*”.

Thus, in Old-Norse, “(h)*wil*” still carries the Significance of “Will” in the sense of the Wish-Force or a Wish-Ether [*Wunsch-Äthers*] weaving throughout the Universe. “*Wili*” is the one who Creates through Wishing (in the trilogy *Odin, Wili, Wê*; *Wili* literally means “Logos” and “Son” while *Wê* = the “Holy/Healing-One [*Heilige*]” namely the “Holy Spirit”).

For Practical Esotericism, which goes Hand in Hand with the Exploration and Application of the creative *Hwil*-Force, these mythological & linguistic derivations prove to be even more useful. In the Doctrine-of-the-Logos [*Logoslehre*], the Vibration underlying every Concept is transformed into an active Force that we direct through the spiritual Will [*geistigen Willen*]. Thus, it is only through the Logos that the Will becomes the world-transforming Force to which we would like to devote our further Reflections, particularly those of a practical-esoteric nature.

Ch 2: The Magisterium of the Will.

When Moses led the Children of Israel out of the darkness of atlantian Egypt, it is said that he stood before Pharaoh and cast down his Staff [*Stab*]. But under the influence of a higher Will, this Staff was transformed into a “Serpent”! Note that in egyptian Esotericism, “Snake” is the Hieroglyph for “Wave”...

The Universal-Law of bound and free Energy, of static Tension () and dynamic Relaxation (), which also governs the Will-Force [*Willenskraft*], is presented to us here in esoteric Symbolism. The Miracle occurred: Moses drew Pharaoh into the Tabernacle of his superior Will and subjugated him to it.

If we take into account the Symbolic-Language of the ancient Mysteries, then we see in this Miracle, as in many others, the psychic Manifestation of a universal cosmic Law [*universellen kosmischen Gesetzes*].

Here, as in Hypnotism, the Will becomes an objective, cosmic Principle —the *Hwil*-Force—which has its own Law, just like the Force-Field of a Magnet. The Hypnotist, too, makes himself—like his Medium—an Instrument of this *Hwil*-Force and channels it through the Word (Verbal Suggestion), just as the Logos does in the Bible!

Of course, the Difference between the divine Magic of a Moses and the Hypnotism of our Day is like the Difference between white and black Magic *par excellence*. The Logos, in the form of Verbal Suggestion and made subservient to your inferior Ego [*niederen Ich*], becomes a devouring Wolf that destroys Humanity.

Here the *Hwil*-Force reveals itself in its second Aspect, which is as latent as it is terrible. To distinguish it from the former, we call it *Vril*. In it, the Primordial-Will [*Urville*] takes on the Form of “Otherness” (see Schelling’s Philosophy) and becomes Material!

Vril thus underlies all material Existence, but no one is capable of shaking this Force —except for the one who has become one with the Primordial-Will [*Urwillen*]. They attain Mastery over Matter and thus also over the *Vril*-Force! It can destroy Nations and bring about the most dreadful Fate/Destiny for Humanity.

Unleashed, it resembles a Blaze smoldering latently in the Atmosphere; one that will not cease until it is bound and subdued by its magical, light-filled Opposite or Antithesis [*licht-magischen Gegenpol*].

When Jesus was asked when the End of the World would come, he said: “Do not be led astray!” The Freedom of the higher Will is lost through Influence, Suggestion, and Seduction!

In Times of a waning Will, Suggestion becomes a pervasive Ambience/Environment [*Milieu*] that one encounters at every Twist and Turn. The Air is, as it were, saturated with the “*Vril*” of Suggestion, even if it has not yet been ignited.

Yet a tiny Spark can set Humanity’s spiritual Atmosphere Ablaze. To a certain Extent, however, Suggestion can in turn release one from the Power of Suggestion when it comes under the influence of its spiritual Antithesis, the Logos. But then it transforms into 'transcendental Imagination' or quite simply: Auto-Imagination. (See Ch. 7)

Attempts to direct Suggestion toward the higher Pole have often been made, but have remained incomplete. The Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Ralph Waldo Trine, and Prentice Mulford serve this purpose; the latter’s essay on the “The Essence of Dying” is the most brilliant work in this vein.