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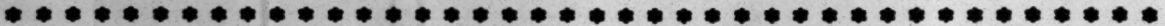
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materialized on earth from his space craft in order to establish the Chrestian Religion. Thus when he had completed this task, he was taken into heaven by a cloud or a space craft. But, in 325 A.D., after three centuries had passed, the followers of Christ materialized him and made him the "Only Son of God," and then persecuted those who refused to accept the new dogma. So for the past 1700 years the Christians have worshipped a *human being* from another parallel world and called him "God!" Once we can bring ourselves to divest ourselves of this Jesus God, and accept the *Jesus-God, the material image of the Divine Christos within*, who lives both within the fourth dimension and simultaneously in the third dimension here and now, then it is the esoteric import of his Life and Teachings which show us all, the way to make the transaction between our mortal or third dimensional nature and that of our immortal or fourth dimensional nature.

If the Christos was in existence before the foundation of the world, then it is within this Christos Self that must be found the Divine Records of Man's hoary past and his achievements, long since forgotten to the memory of the mortal man. Therefore it is the work of the Pleroma to assist the mortal self of every man to make the transaction between the mortal (Jesus) and the immortal (Christos) nature of the one MAN, and by this transaction mankind will become like Gods. There are many paths to the Hidden Self, and no person can claim priority of knowledge even less in the case of Richard. Yet he has made the transaction between the mortal and the immortal worlds, and his is in the true position to help others. But, if in their pride and human conceit they consider that they are above working upon their own human nature to become proficient through the Gnosis, and above all refuse to explore his teachings because of their intellectual contempt of the Chrestian/Gnosis, then they will never enter the ARK OF THE COVENANT which is tossed upon the raging sea of the human mind.

Remember this saying: "It is not I who do these things; but the Power within me." Therefore, it is impossible for the third dimensional man with his terms of reference, to move the immortal self in the fourth dimension according to its terms of reference. It was these very terms of reference which were conveyed to the post-Deluge mankind, just as the practical or operative principles involved in these same third dimensional references, enabled the pre-Deluge people to build such structures and cities as the Pyramids, Stonehenge, Tiahuanaco and the figures on Easter Island. Man's consciousness was then fully focussed in the third dimension, whereas the post-Deluge humanity is slowly seeking to understand and use the operative principles involved in the fourth dimension.

Now by means of the carbon process of dating of objects, it has been shown that many of these ruins which are to be found dotted all over the world, are between 12,000 to 10,000 years old, and such date coincides with the date of Plato for the destruction of Atlantis. If as the STANZAS OF DZYAN and Plato state, the Atlanteans were mighty in science and occult wisdom, then we have the explanation of how these buildings were erected. Yet their purpose still eludes us. We now know that many of the Tibetan monasteries are the repositories of ancient knowledge, dealing with the art of space travel and the psychological wonders of the human mind, of which knowledge is just now coming to the notice of the western man.

It is common knowledge among the Sages of the East, that owing to the doubting nature of the Pelings (westerners) and their concentration upon the illusions of the third dimensional states, very few Pelings can master this wisdom concerning the fourth dimension and upwards. When the writer achieved illumination, that is to say

when a door opened from the third dimension into that of the fourth, he saw all things in a flash of light, and it has taken him many years to explain in detail what he saw and experienced. For the first time, the Self of All found a mouth-piece which was capable of relating what he had seen and experienced in hope that he could convey to a few the operative principles which would allow his hearers to know and experience the wisdom of the Gnosis. This is the reason that again, for the past six years, the Pleroma has undergone a subtle change in its approach to the gradual revealing of this Gnosis.

During this period, the faculty of illumination gained by the writer was taken one

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## THE GNOSTIC AEONS AND EMANATIONS

### Part II

In our years of study we find that the known cosmogenises of the world stem from a Common Source. This holds generally true except for, however, that which we call "Christianity" is not the philosophy of the Nazarene. On the contrary, the source of Primitive Christianity is to be found within the Gnostic Movement. These ancient sages state that from the ONE, proceeds or emanates the TWO, and from the two comes the THREE, and from the three come the Seven Aeons, all formed by a process of emanation. Therefore, one has the Three making up the Trinity of Manifestations of the One Principle, and the Seven manifestations from the Three; thus we have the Sacred Number of the Deity.

We find that with all the known religions and philosophic systems, the number Ten is the number of Powers of the Deity. "It is from this number Ten, or Creative Nature, the Mother of Occult Cypher, or '10,' ever procreating and multiplying in union with the unit '1,' or the Spirit of Life, that the whole Universe proceeds." – H.P. Blavatskaya. Thus, for the initiated philosophers and Gnostics any idea of a Supreme Being is absolutely out of the question. This conception of a Supreme Being was fabricated by the various priesthoods, just as the Nicene Council of 325 A.D. forced upon the

Church a Supreme Being called IHVH, or Jehovah, who was known in the Primitive Church as the embodiment of Satan, the *Ruler of our physical world*. Jehovah was definitely not the Father of Jesus, but an Evil Power whom Jesus struggled against at the Temptation.

The learned Gnostics claimed that the Ten Orders of the Angelic Hierarchies were necessary to bring about perfection. This mysterious number 10 is used by Jesus in the Parable of the Ten Lepers. They refer to those of mankind who have been cleansed of their lower natures and were commanded to show themselves to the priestly caste in the service of the God of this world, this power of the illumined mind; they have been healed of the dross of matter and the sting of death is swallowed up in victory. We have shown St. Mark, xvii:19, in its correct rendering. We will try and show a diagram which reveals the meaning of the Sacred Number 10.

This ancient sign number ten with the Masons and Kabbalists is a sign of Union and Good Faith, this is expressed by the joined hands or the Master-Grip, the fingers of the two hands making the Ten. The cypher 10 represents the vast field of man's unmanifested nature and powers, when it refers to

the mortal and immortal aspects of man in the material world. The Rod of Powers of Life (immortality) and Form (mortality) into the One, the Balance between the two natures are complete and he is able to heal mankind. Unfortunately, when the Bishops drove the Gnostic Technicians from the Christian Church, this faculty was lost to the Christian world.

In the allegory of the five loaves and two fishes, they refer to the five powers of the Holy Spirit within man, and the two fishes refer to the two powers he has yet to develop, hence the meaning of the twelve baskets when their contents were eaten, yet were filled to the brim. The twelve refer to the twelve powers of the zodiac, and the five refer to the five senses, and the two to the next two senses to be developed – clairvoyance and clairaudience. When the whole of mankind have duly developed these two last faculties, then we will know immortality and will make the transaction between the mortal and the immortal man upon the Horizon between the Abstract and Design aspects of his mind.

The Christian Bishop when blessing his people raises the first and second finger of his right hand, this symbolizes the First and Unknown Principle and the Perfected Man pouring out their blessing from that of the fourth dimension into that of the third dimension. The right hand representing the Good Law ever working towards perfection in perfect balance or harmony, whereas the left hand meaning "in direct opposition to the Good Law," meaning that he is drawn ever downwards into the Hell of the Body. When a religion such as Christianity divorces itself from the Philosophic Stream it becomes a superstition, rigid in its meaning and presentation.

The common essence referred to above is to be found in the philosophy

of Pythagoras, of Plato, of Aristotle, of Plotinus and Proclus; it is to be found within the *Oral Tradition* of the Kabbalah of the Hebrews before the 13th century A.D., when this ancient tradition became Christianized. The doctrine of the tree of the Sephiroth was then in the Christian Gnostic System. It is found in Hinduism as the Avatars in one sense as the Ten Incarnations of the second aspect of the Supernal Trinity in the body of a perfected MAN, and so on. The Gnostic Aeon or Hindu Avatara is the descent of the manifested Deity—not the Supreme God—but a ray of it, into the illusive form of individuality, hence the meaning of the Docetae Philosophic meaning of the Christos and Jesus. The Christos is the ray of the unknown God within matter, and Jesus is the form or physical vehicle through which that Ray becomes the Word Made Flesh. Here we see where the Gnostics were in conflict with the Christians: The Gnostics claimed that their Christos was the God in matter, and that this imprisoned God could be raised back to union with the Father; the Christians claimed after 325 A.D., that Jesus the Nazarene was the only Son of God and was at the same time God himself. The Buddhists, the Hindus, the Gnostics, the Christians, and the Sages and Philosophers all claimed that manifestation was an illusion and the product of the Supreme Mind, therefore, God and Christ are figments of a clouded mind by superstition and ignorance.

There is not one civilization and philosophy which has not the teachings of the septenary nature of Life and Man himself. They state, once a man finds himself, then he finds his self-created god, and then he must proceed to destroy this Docetae God-Image created by his own ignorance. The awakened man discovers that he

is indeed imprisoned by the Seven Rulers or Lords of the Aeons of Earth, to become free from them, he must do battle with each one in rotation, free himself from their attractions, and mount the path of life step by step until he ascends the mount of light, but always within himself, and there alone. Man can only ascend from the valley of death through his own efforts, and as the Christ is made to say, in brief: It is not I who do these things, but the power within me, and you shall do greater things than I do now.

One of the greatest blasphemies perpetuated by Christian leaders against their people occurs when from their pulpits, they cry to their Docetae God: "Thank you, God, for the wonderful showers of blessings upon this or that Church." Surely their Jesus made it quite clear that all of our blessings do not come from a God, *whom he rejected outright*. Rather he spoke of the Father within each and every one of us. How can one thank a God of whom we know nothing *since this one was created a God in 325 A.D.* Their Jesus is made to say "Even as I am one with the Father, so ye are one with me." Where is the difference between the statement of Jesus, and our statement that God and Man are the same Being. To paraphrase and simplify what a Sioux Chief said: "White man speaks with forked tongue, and so do the Christians."

Let us try and use a little logic to the mangled and humanized teachings of Catholic Christianity. The Supernal Trinity and its Seven Creative Hosts, the Elohim of Genesis, and the Three Higher and Seven Lower Aeons of Light, make up the mystic number ten. Since the power and understanding of numbers played a very big part in the esoteric symbolism of the ancients, the Gnostics, and the writers of the books

of the New Testament, the true teachings of these primitive Christians will ever remain a closed book to the profane without the fullest grasp of their number system.

In spite of the interestingly descriptive writings of C.W. Leadbeater, a reputed Seer, he never seemed to have understood the teachings of the Gnostics. We must bear in mind that Leadbeater was an Anglican first and a Theosophical bishop last. As is well known for the Anglicans, Gnosticism was a gross heresy against the true (sic) Religion of Christ. Thus subconsciously Leadbeater refused to see where Gnosticism fitted into the scheme of things; hence his writings on the Church and Masonry are full of gaps and much wishful thinking on his part. What he was not permitted to see, he imagined and thought in the gaps, in the same manner as the Dogma of Jesus as God was duly thought out by the prejudiced Catholic Bishops, of the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

Such writers as H.P. Blavatskaya, Godfrey Higgins, Gerald Massey, G.R.S. Mead, Thomas Taylor and many others, all freed from the hypnotic grip of the Docetaic God and his humanized Son—which has acted as a mental and intellectual barrier when the mind tries to evaluate the real meaning of the legacy of the past ages. Thus being free of superstition and fear, the formentioned authors had a fuller grasp of the issues in question. Perhaps, the only independent scholar in this century who discovered the first two keys of the Gnosis was Alvin Boyd Kuhn, who by using the Egyptian BOOK OF THE DEAD, and the writings of Gerald Massey was able to restore the real and original meaning of the Christian LOGIA OF THE WORD. There are considered opinions among the scholars of the New Testa-

ment, that the Synoptic Gospels and that of St. John were variations of this Christian/Gnostic manuscript, which was written many years before the beginning of the Christian era.

In order to fully understand the septenary-system-nature of our own scheme of things, we must draw upon the teachings of the Gnostics. In all the systems of the Gnostics, these regions of matter were called **AEONS** or **EMANATIONS FROM THE UNKNOWN PRINCIPLE**, who were ruled over by the Seven Stellar Spirits, (the Seven Archangels of the Catholic Church) they were the creative Sons of God. That is, **JEHOVAH AND HIS SIX SONS – NOT THE GOD OR FATHER OF JESUS THE NAZARENE**. When the Father of all desired to experience his own cosmic nature, he fragmented himself into the many, and the many were obliged to make the journey down and through the seven regions by a process called **EMANATION**. They were finally caught up within the physical region, and became the souls of men, or the **LUCIFERAN HOST**.

Thus when man proceeded on his downward descent into the regions of force matters he assumed seven veils or vestures, which were known as the robes of light. As man frees himself from the bondages of the rulers of the regions and ascends back to God, he re-assumes these seven vestures of light, as shown in **PISTIS SOPHIA** by Valentinus. What has come down to us of the various Gnostic systems, may appear very confusing to the tyro. Consequently, to save him the worry for the moment, we will try and describe this descent and ascent of the life of the Father in a diagrammatical form.

On the left side of the diagram you will see the process of the seven out-

breathing or Emanation of the life of the Logos. Bear in mind that each region is born from within the nature of the proceeding region. By this process one will see that the life of the logos is the same and undifferentiated before it emanated from the Logos through its three modes of expression. This mode is called **Jehovah** by the Christians, and is a secondary power of a triple nature. **Jehovah** has six sons. They form one after another the seven major regions of force matter: first the Divine Substance, and from this emanates the Spiritual Essence. Then comes the Duality of the Monadic Essence; from this first Duality emanates the Christos Light. From the Christos emanates the Dual Mental Substance, and from this again emanates the Astral or Emotional World, and then forms the Dual Physical Region (Etheric or Vital and then the Chemical form).

You will see that the spiritual man is composed of the spiritual self, which occupies three vehicles or veils; the Christos or soul also occupies three vestures. Thus the God-Man and his nine vestures bring us to the sacred number of **TEN**. The Logos forms out of his own essence the matter for the seven regions of matter; when we add the trinity of modes of the Logos we again have the sacred number **10**. We have two horizons, meaning the bridges, which exist between the monadic and the spiritual man. This same division occurs between the abstract and design portions of the human-mind. The whole of the plan for this diagam is again duly repeated for the seven layers or dimensions of the physical region, as we shall try to show you later.

Hermes of Egypt in his tablets states: "As all things owe their existence to the will of the only one, so all things owe their origin to the one only thing." In order to show the unity of all

life, Hermes states: "What is above is the same that which is below, and what is below is like that which is above to accomplish the wonders of the One Things." Here you will carefully note, Hermes does not speak of God or even the 'Supreme Being' of the Christians and Philosophers, they all speak of the one unknowable principle—the one great thing—from which all comes forth from within itself at the beginning of every great cycle, and to which essence shall all return at the end of the cycle. Here is a very definite hint to ponder. Many religions state that God (the formative God of the priestly caste) established a Garden of Eden or Bliss somewhere (in the midst of the present Atlantic Ocean?) some thousands of years ago, and which Paradise was patterned upon that of the Heavenly Eden. Recent literature seems to point to this paradise garden as the empire of Atlantis. Further, many independent researchers seem to agree that this empire was ruled over by a divine emperor and nine kings. This divinely established empire began to decline, about 9564 B.C., when a great cataclysm overwhelmed this land and it sunk beneath the seas. It is clear then that the survivors of this cataclysm carried the torch of enlightenment to all the continents which escaped this cataclysm. According to many they were assisted by the Divine Dynasties "from the skies" to help with the rehabilitation of mankind.

Most of the wisdom and scientific know how was rescued before the final sinking of Atlantis. Then our divine instructors established the mysteries schools to keep alive the ancient tradition. But as the centuries passed on, this wisdom began to be covered over by a veil of myth and legend. This meant that this heavenly or fourth

dimensional knowledge was very slowly withdrawn from the awareness of mankind who were still subject to the terms of reference applicable to our third dimensional world of form. About 355 B.C., this fourth dimensional knowledge was finally withdrawn completely from public awareness. With this withdrawal also went those who lived under THE GNOSIS, and the method whereby man could recall the lost keys to man's hoary past. The ancients knew that the myths were simply the veils to hide the recondite meaning of existence from those who could not appreciate their inner or fourth dimensional meaning. With the loss of the seven keys through the withdrawal of the Gnostics, the secular priesthood began to teach these myths and legends in a literal manner, and their inner meaning and sense were discarded.

The last attempt to purify and revitalize the old mysteries was effected by Ptolemy Soter, the first Hellenized Pharaoh of Egypt. He established the "Mysteries of Serapis" by blending the ancient knowledge and traditions of the older systems of Osiris and Horus, Egypt, the Eleusinian mysteries of Greece, including those of Samothrace and Delos. He encouraged the Gnostics who followed Pythagoras, the teachers of the schools of the philosophers, and the Christians and Essenes. Many of the fertility religious cults also found their way into the framework of the Mysteries of Serapis and Christos, as the Emperor Hadrian of the second century A.D. called them. Ptolemy constructed the Serapean Mysteries upon the pattern of the old religious practices of Atlantis.

In 325 A.D., at the church council of Nicaea, the ignorant bishops took this

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## THE CHRESTIAN GNOSTICS

There is no question that THE GNOSIS was used by Pythagoras to explain his version of the Wisdom Tradition which had existed among men from the very origin of the human race, according to "THE ESOTERIC CATECHISM" used by pupils of the Master Adepts. It states that about 16,500,000 years ago, the Lords of Flame descended upon our green and virgin earth from Venus, and established the Inner Hierarchy which took over the guidance and evolution of nascent man. The Souls from God the Father entered into the beast bodies, voluntarily, to learn the lessons for earth-life and to unfold the latent Godhead within them, then began the conflict between the Gods and Satan, using the mortal body of man as their battleground.

As the time cycles passed on, the Souls became more and more enmeshed within the animal bodies to such an extent that they lost all memory of their former state, and became identified with the conditions of this earth world. Our Adept Ancestors in order to make sure that all memory of man's former state would not be lost, established the Mystery Schools on certain parts of the globe. Those human-souls who refused to permit the fumes of sentient life to smother them, were permitted to seek out these Schools to be taught the Wisdom Tradition or the Gnosis. Eventually they were permitted to experience for themselves their Immortal Nature while still functioning in the material.

Among many things, they were taught that a symbol is the outward and visible representation of an inner

and invisible Divine Principle. Therefore, the Adepts used allegories, numbers, symbols, rituals, myths, legends, and the memory traditions of each succeeding races of men to hide the direct knowledge of the Gnosis. They were composed in such a manner as to be veiled from those who were still in love with the physical world, and yet at the same time reveal the Wisdom to those who desired to know and experience the Gnosis. Here you will see the real meaning of the WISDOM RELIGION or THE GNOSIS or "The knowledge of the things that are, and the experience of these things that are."

Therefore, the Mysteries taught of the two natures of man: the mortal and the divine, and described the journey of the human Soul through all intricate windings of man's earth-life, from its entrance into the animal body to its exit out of the animal body into its former abode. According to Ammonius Saccas of the third century, the Wisdom Religion became known as Theosophy in its intellectual and practical sense, and in its mystical aspect it was known as Gnosticism. Theosophia is the Wisdom of the Gods or Souls, and Theogonia, refers to the Genealogy of the Gods or Souls. Hence emerged the various myths and legends of the outstanding Gods of humanity. Those who graduated into the Mystery Schools were taught the art of interpreting all the sacred legends, myths, narratives and mysteries, by a rule of analogy and correspondence. Thus events which were related as having occurred in the external world were regarded as expressing

operations and experiences of the human soul.

As soon as mankind were capable of handling their animal bodies, the Adepts began to teach mankind principles of cosmogony, such as astrology, organization, the stars, the angels, Fate, the Times and Seasons, the use of fire and then ritual to communicate with the Forces and their Intelligences. Also the Adepts taught man of their original abode with God, and how God fragmented Himself into the many, and that the many parts were seminally implanted within the body of beast on earth. The Adepts also assured man that in spite of the fact that man during the millions of earth years would struggle apparently alone, he would not be lost, since God has placed within man his Christos/Son to redeem each man from his exile, as and when he had earned the right thereto.

The Adepts of the Mysteries taught man how to use art, music, poetry, drama, sculpture, architecture and numbers to mitigate the many and varied conditions of his voluntary exile from God, and at the same time to help

man to conquer and use all the external things and conditions of earth for his own benefit. The Adepts also taught the prepared pupil the method of unfolding the latent Consciousness within himself. He was taught that he was imprisoned within the animal body by the Seven Aeons or Rulers of his septenary human personality, and three Divine Rulers governing his immortal nature. Together they represent the Ten Aeons of the Gnostics and the Ten Gods of every Pagan Pantheon of Ruling Gods. As above; so below!

The Ten Gnostic Aeons are simply the Ten Pagan Rulers of this World under another name, but it was necessary that the imprisoned human soul in the dungeon of the body, must conquer and overpower these Rulers in strict rotation, as shown in the Gnostic work PISTIS SOPHIA written by Valentinus and his School. He being an Initiate of the Mysteries of Serapis and Christos knew the Egyptian system of Initiation which were derived from our Adept Ancestors when they first came to earth. It is interesting to note that St. John of Patmos described these ten steps in his REVELATION.

**SERAPEAN (Egyptian)**

*Pastophores*  
*Necoris*  
*Melanephores*  
*Kristophores*  
*Balahala*  
*Astronomous*  
*Manneras*

*Mystae*  
*Apprentice*  
*Master*  
*Knower*  
*Alchemist*  
*Astrologer*  
*Hierophant*

**SHEATHS**

*Formative*  
*Breath*  
*Enveloped*  
*Perceived*  
*Procreated*  
*Intellectual*  
*Perpetual*

**ROSAE CRUCIS (Masonic)**

*Neophyte*  
*Zelator*  
*Theoricus*  
*Practicus*  
*Philosophus*  
*Adeptus Minor*  
*Adeptus Major*

*Purification*  
*Chrestos*  
*Gnostic*  
*Christos*  
*Alchemist*  
*Astrologer*  
*Hierophant*

**END OF THE LESSER MYSTERIES**

*Illuminates*  
*Perfectores*  
*Osirisified*

*Illuminati*  
*Perfected*  
*Ones*  
*Master*  
*Builder*

*Holy Spirit*  
*Christos*  
*Logos*

*Adeptus*  
*Exemptus*  
*Magista Templi*  
*Prince Chief*

*Illuminati*  
*Perfected*  
*Ones*  
*Master*  
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**END OF THE GREATER MYSTERIES**

These Ten Stages or Degrees are still used by the Knights of the Pactio Secreta today. A Knight becomes a member after 10 years probation within the Order of the Pleroma in accordance with the custom of the Ancient and Mediaeval Schools of Occult Philosophy, and will be instructed in the Hermetic or Egyptian, the Gnostic, the Alchemistic and Cabalistic Wisdom. In the meantime members for the Order of the Pleroma may be drawn from every walk of life, and if desirous of becoming trained in the ARCANES DISCIPLINE or Gnosis, must undergo the 10 years probation and then they will be chosen according to their merits.

The Christian Ecclesia also holds to the same division of the Rulers of this World. They are summoned to the Ecclesia by the Priest and the People, and they are: Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Virtues, Powers, with Cherubim and Seraphim, and with all the Company of the Immortal Realms. Here we see some of the hated Gnostic teaching embodied within the Church. More to the point, the sequence of the Ritual of Sacrifice is identical to the Gnostic system given by Valentinius in his PISTIS SOPHIA, which is again the same as on the hieroglyphics on the columns of the Temple of Kanark in Egypt. Now that we are receiving unbiased reports from the ruined cultures of the Mayas, Incas, Aztecs, and Hopi Indians of America, the similarities are startling. Thus by using the principle of analogy and correspondence, we are at last finding out more and more about our pre-historical ancestors.

With the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, we are now able to decypher the Egyptian books and hieroglyphics on monuments, and receive the startling verification of the above in their Book

of the Dead and on the Pyramid Texts. Some of the details of the operation, organization, and philosophy of the Schools came to light with the coming of Alexander the Great in 355 B.C. He founded the "Mysteries of Serapis" along the older pattern of the Egyptian Osiris and the Grecian Eleusis, and the Fertility Cults of Asia Minor. Ptolemy also brought the Gnosis of Pythagoras and the Platonic system into these Serapean Mysteries.

Attached to the Serapean Mysteries at Alexandria in Egypt was also built a vast library where all the known books or copies of the world's accumulated achievements in science, philosophy, and in religion, with a thorough information on Occult Philosophy was available. These Serapean Mysteries eventually became known as Christian Gnosis. We know that Jeshu ben Pandira was trained at the Temple of Serapis and Christos for his future work in Galilee in 69 B.C. Thus by the consecration he received at the hands of the Hierophant of Serapis, he received the power to consecrate his own "bishops" to carry on his work for humanity. It is a matter of factual history that during the first three hundred years these bishops were known by the Romans as the "Bishops of Serapis and Christos." Jesus of Nazareth was no historical man, but a similitude was created by the Ante-Nicene Bishops of the post-Nicene form of Christianity ■

#### Editorial Note

While reading A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO QABALISTIC SYMBOLISM by Gareth Knight, one would think that one is reading a Jewish version of PISTIS SOPHIA, and that one is passing through all the Thirty-Three Degrees of Speculative Freemasonry. More of this anon.

## THE WHEEL OF LIFE AND DEATH

Ancient occult philosophy concerned itself with the nature and purpose of the human soul within the circle of existence on the one hand, and that concerning the essential immortal soul on the other. The immortal soul is the life principle of the human soul functioning as a mortal within the coffin body of the physical chemical body of flesh. Hence there are two zodiacal systems: the invisible, working within the physical charts located in the heavens, as shown in the Zodiac of Dendera of Egypt. In the Christian writ, the twelve signs of the zodiac are shown under the symbolic representations of the twelve disciples or powers which in the first place bind the essential soul to the human body, and then have the work of assisting man to come off the cosmic cross.

Owing to the complex and manifold nature of man's existence either as a divine soul in the heavens or to its phantom body within the tabernacle of flesh, every one of the seven spheres or aspects of man's being requires for itself a special redemptive process. For each, this process consists of three degrees. Thus the circle of the zodiac represents in symbol the annual cycle of life through which the immortal soul's development is then accomplished. The central actor in this complex scheme is man himself as the mortal, ruled by the twelve constellations, and the immortal governed by the seven planets. To the ancients, these symbolical images were known as the GODS, and were considered as embodiments of intelligent life who obeyed the will of the creative Logos. It is only due to the Christian influence that the ancient GODS became con-

sidered evil and barbarous.

The immortal soul, or the indwelling spiritual self (the sun), proceeds in a spiral course, whose cyclic progression is in and through the twelve stages or houses of human experience corresponding to the twelve signs. It is realized that these stages and events are related to human life within the tomb of the body, inasmuch as they each answer to certain parts of the Archetypal Man, and each part of the human frame and senses have their own stage of development in close relation to the whole Man (God), and every department of human experience is expressed in them. Thus, the Archetypal Man, symbolized as Abraxas—the annual everbecoming One exists in a strict succession of 365 days, and must be dismembered in twelve parts, related to the twelve stages of the cycle of life. Therefore, every sun god or saviour has an annual life of one "year," hence the reason why the immortal soul or sun is eternal in the heavens. Each Sun-God thus represented the Immortal Soul of Man. To believe that these Gods were worshipped by the intelligent people of that day, is to cast an imputation of being idol worshippers upon the wisest of men.

Since it has been established that there is no historical biography of Jesus of Nazareth in existence, then Jesus in the Christian system symbolizes the annual life of the sun whose kingdom is not of this earth, but must be in heaven (zodiacal circle), and that the Christos represents the Archetypal Man, of whom Jesus is spiritually one of his man-sons, who descend to man on earth. Porphyry acknowledges this

very clearly when he admits that theologians admitted therefore of two gates (between heaven and earth, commonly called the Navel of the Earth), Cancer the gate of entrance to the body tomb, and Capricorn the gate of exit. (This creates the barrier or the mount of light, between that of Cancer in the south and Capricorn in the north—the upper and lower kingdom of Egypt. For the first six lower signs the soul is imprisoned in the tomb of flesh, and for the next six upper signs the soul enjoys the freedom of the spirit).

Plato also refers to these two gates as the entrance and exit of souls by what he calls the two mouths. The ancient sages affirm that Cancer or the Scarabeus (Chrestes) is the gate through which souls descend into our earthly tombs; but it is through Capricorn that we ascend and exchange a material body for a spiritual and immortal body. Therefore, the ancients and the Gnostics knew that a corporeal resurrection or a corporeal death was impossible to the immortal soul of man. Even the great Church Father Clement Alexandrinus of the second century A.D. alludes to the resurrection of the incorporeal body. He also suggests the fact that the annual path for our souls to reach the ascension lies through the twelve houses (signs) of the zodiac. Thus after traversing all the houses from Cancer to Capricorn, the descending pathway to birth into mortal bodies, the soul obtains release from this entire mortal world of form.

Using biblical terminology, the soul then descends to the lower regions of human experience and purification upon the terrestrial cross, then afterwards it ascends in the resurrection, and is liberated from the lower nature. Again Cancer is the mind of

design, whereby the soul descends into the mortal body tomb. After gaining the necessary experiences the soul passes to Capricorn, which corresponds to the higher or abstract aspect of the mind, that is where the imprisoned souls of humanity are able to ascend from the animal nature and put on the robe of immortality. For most people the average age of servitude in the body is three score and ten years from the time of birth soul to that of the soul death, and the sequences of events follow strictly that of the precession of the sun soul through every house of the zodiac.

Since the life of man follows precisely the pattern of the zodiac through its whole life, so they likened the immortal soul to that of the sun, and were able to condense the whole life span of man into 365 days, hence the numerical value of the Christos and Abraxas, therefore, both Abraxas and the Christos of the immortal soul of man and that of Jesus was typical of the man who is travelling the mystical path of the soul. Just as the early christians have mistaken the mythological types of Abraxas, Christos and Jesus as actual men, so has their idea of the "Body" been taken to mean the astral body of desire, the "Mind" the mental body; and the "Heart" the soul vesture, whereas what was meant was entirely the opposite as: The body was the body tomb, the mind was the emotional vesture, and the heart the mental body, and the soul the perfect man.

R.J. Campbell in *OUR SOLIDARITY*, says: "God, our dwelling place before time began, brought forth the material universe to be a school of discipline for us, a necessary means to the realization of certain qualities of our nature." The method whereby man is permitted to achieve

this transformation of the animal nature into its latent divine nature is through a process of Reincarnation. G.A. Gaskell says: "Reincarnations are successive terrestrial embodiments of the individual soul, to enable it to gain experience and development in the process of evolution. Reincarnation makes effective the relation of the natural law of development with the more specially spiritual progress. It provides opportunities for the unfoldment and interplay of spiritual forces, which, unless the lower planes were responsive *periodically* to the rhythmic succession of soul activities would not afford the spirit nature within the soul the means of evolution. Reincarnation is assumed in the Bible teaching, though little is said of it, and that is because it is an incident – a mere passing phase – in the real spiritual life. The bible might just as well give information regarding the digestive process, sleep, or any other natural vital function [*which it definitely does, but under the forms of allegories and parables*], as expound the method of reincarnation [*again understood in its cryptic presentation of a pseudo-historical life*], which is quite subordinate to the interests of the soul [*Mr. Campbell is wrong in this, the soul is vitally concerned with this process, being the operative principle for its freedom from the evil of flesh*], and which exists simply as a means whereby it is to attain its end. Nevertheless is on the face of it absurd, because without it any theory of the gradual evolution of the immortal soul through time, past, present and future, is inexplicable. All the sacred books teach involution and evolution through vast periods, and never hint at special creations of souls, or other things, taking place. Yet special creations must be assumed if the doctrine of evolution of souls is denied."

It is because the modern adherents of the Christian religion do deny any idea of the natural periodic law as reincarnation, that they also must believe in "special creations," which have been proved to be unsound in the light of science and philosophy and the Egyptian bood of the dead. It has now been proven beyond a shadow of doubt that the bible is a faulty copy of the Book of the Dead. That which was given originally under myths and allegories, was re-issued by the early Christians as historical doings of a man in time, while the acceptance of the doctrine of reincarnation would destroy the myth of the uniqueness of Christ.

Schopenhauer is his THE WORLD AS WILL AND IDEA has this to say from a philosophic point of view: "What sleep is for the individual, death if for the will [of the soul]. It would not endure to continue the same actions and sufferings throughout an eternity, without true gain, if memory and individuality remained to it. It flings them off, and this is lethe [sleep]; and through this sleep of [mortal] death it reappears refreshed and fitted out with another intellect, as a new being – a new day tempts to new shores. These constant new births, then, constitute the succession of the life dreams of a Will [soul] which in itself is indestructible, until instructed and improved by so much and such various successive knowledge in a constantly new form that it abolishes or abrogates itself."

Thus the soul must pass through and experience all the conditions offered by the twelve houses of the zodiac and to be tempered by the rulers of the seven planets to such an extent that the mortal soul is forced to create a bridge or consolidate the horizon between the mortal and the immortal aspects of himself, so that the past, present, and future events can be transformed into what could be termed

the eternal memory of the essential self. In effect it stops the dissolution of each bodily form after the mortal death of the form. So it is the immortal soul who retains the full memory of the beginning, the present, and possibly the future as a space time continuum—eternity. It is only through reincarnation that these three aspects of the cosmic trinity can be unified into a oneness and non-being.

### **Comments on the Divine Christos**

The divine Christos is a symbol embodied within the sacred Scarabea of Egypt. This symbol concerns the indwelling immortal self, who pays the supreme penalty of being attached to the cross of imperfection within his own divine life, that is through his life blood. The imprisoned souls are full of suffering and ignorance of their immortal estate. Thus the price of redemption from the evil of the body tomb is the efflux of the divine life of the incarnate self, which by being assimilated by the mortal and imperfected souls in the hell of the human body, gradually makes perfect the qualities within them which are perfect. The Archetypal Man or the Christos incarnate within every mortal soul, gives of his own nature that which the individual soul lacks because of his faulty imaginative faculties, in response to the immortal soul's efforts to prepare its mortal self for the accessions of higher qualifications.

Thus our champion, the Christos, is latent within its own nature until he is called forth by the sacrifice and aspiration of the mortal soul to save it from its captivity to its lower nature. The mortal soul raises itself with the help of the Christos to its original home with the Father. G.A. Gaskell says: "I know that the perfect self liveth within me

and that at the end of the cycle he shall overcome my lower nature [earth like]. And after my lower vehicles [chemical skins] have been thus destroyed, yet rising from my lower self [chemical and matter], I shall become one with the self. I, the individuality, shall unite with Him, and not the personality."

D.F. Strauss, in his LIFE OF JESUS, presents a startling and yet very faithful presentation of the true Gnosis of the Christos: "If God then finds a passage [cosmic pathway] from heaven to the grave, so must a way be discoverable for man from the grave to heaven; the death of the Prince of Life is the life of mortals." Here we have the real key to Christianity, the Prince of Life must die on the cross of human existence in order that we may have life more abundantly. So the Christos in the abstract world is the Son of God being the elder son, while Jesus living within the animal world becomes the younger son once achieving his redemption ■

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## TECHNIQUE OF INVISIBILITY

by P. Wesley Vega, Ms.D.

The power to make one's self invisible has been attributed in allegory to various factors.

One of the explanations put forward, and the one seemingly most acceptable to man's objective logic, lies in the theory of mass hypnotism, which infers not invisibility per se, but actually the clouding of the minds of any and all witnesses to the physical presence of the operator. This, incidentally, is supposedly the same trick employed by the perpetrators of the mysterious Hindu Rope Trick.

But this seems far too prosaic an answer, and far afield from the magical aspect we would fain explore. If there is to be a solution compatible our predilection towards extraphysical causes, our investigation must needs lead us into supernatural channels.

In the lore of witchcraft, it is implied that an ointment concocted in a witch's cauldron of divers gruesome ingredients, when applied to the body, enabled the witch to soar aloft astride her broomstick, and that a similar or identical product would also produce invisibility.

According to legend (magical), the wearing of some sort of talisman, duly invested by some mysterious process, and being such as a ring, particularly one incrustated with a stone of magical properties, would cause invisibility in the wearer.

Invisibility is also to be achieved, so it is recorded, through the powers of a demon, brought forth and commanded by some weird incantation.

Another talismanic gadget for invisibility is known as the Hand of Glory, a gory specimen constructed

from the hand of a dead and hanged felon and still another form involves the most hideous practices employing the carcass of a black cat.

Such methods do impose a tax upon the credibility, although the sense of it, if indeed there by any, would seem to lie in the effort to establish an affinity and compatibility with certain elements of nature which are indisputably transcendental.

To this end, the writer has sometimes entertained the notion that invisibility might be achieved through a garment of psychic substance (which material is presumably physically imperceptible, and should so remain by its very nature, even in a condensed state) which the experimenter might weave about himself in the manner of a cocoon. Of course, even behind this etheric facade, the experimenter would still remain very much a physical entity, subject to and exposed to material forces that would not be inhibited by the limited perceptive qualifications of other material beings. It would appear, therefore, that completely effective invisibility should of necessity go hand in hand with what might be termed total immateriality.

If, in fact, the solid mass of our physical bodies represents a condensation of intangible energies, the reduction of these energies should neutralize the physical mass. However, in the process of solidifying, a human consciousness, a personal identity, has been established, and in simple logic that identity need not be dissipated by a mere change in organic structure.

Such a mutation would be slightly, but not completely analagous to the

soul departing an incompatible shell, because no part of the individual is dissolved; it remains one complete, potent unit. Naturally, like the proverbial spirit, it would individually lack the power, while the disembodied state, to communicate with, or influence events, on the physical level, but presumably it would have the power to resume its "normal" density by stepping down its rate of vibration.

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It has always been known that to be a speculative Gnostic, one must be erudite in all avenues of human knowledge, right through from the past ages to the present, in order to evaluate that which will be revealed in the future. Therefore, personal experience in the operative Gnosis must always be reserved for those who are willing to be trained by an already achieved Gnostic. The writer is only able to be considered by those who are in the position to differentiate between a speculative Gnostic and the operative Gnostic. The writer has been given the commission to resume the Pleroma, but under very different methods. It was allowed that the membership of the Pleroma in 1971, was to be reduced in numbers, so that only those who could accept the new approach to the Gnosis without being confused and uncertain would remain. The Pleroma will now open its doors to a limited number of students, each applicant will be vetted to see if he has the capacities and qualities to enable him to pursue the system of training without falling victim to his own human conceit and the love of self-hood.

A workable knowledge of man's past and achievements, will enable the student to find his or her place within the present form of the past, and through this, they will evaluate their place within the things to come. Students of the Pleroma must realize that Richard is simply the transmitter of the factual knowledge of the Gnosis. He offers to instruct each pupil into this wisdom according to the temperament and intellectual qualifications of the pupil, and his ability to accept without a second that HE IS THE GOD INCARNATED IN MATTER (Note: there is no exclusiveness implied – such as, *only*), and that his labour here in the third dimension is to make objective here that which is subjective within that "Other World."

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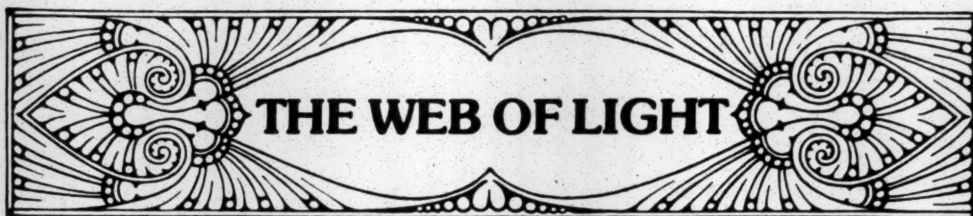
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step further where he was able to pass over the Horizon consciously and thus bypassing the subtle barrier of the Valley of the Subconscious mind, hitherto he was only aware of this “Other World” by means of a simulacrum of one of his previous lives, but now he can have access to this “Other World” directly. He has now been given the operative principles of the human mind and shown how he can make this transaction from the mortal to the immortal state while still retaining full consciousness in the body. This was a part of the parapsychological knowledge possessed by the Atlanteans and guarded by our Superiors.

It has always been known that to be a speculative Gnostic, one must be erudite in all avenues of human knowledge, right through from the past ages to the present, in order to evaluate that which will be revealed in the future. Therefore, personal experience in the operative Gnosis must always be reserved for those who are willing to be trained by an already achieved Gnostic. The writer is only able to be considered by those who are in the position to differentiate between a speculative Gnostic and the operative Gnostic. The writer has been given the commission to resume the Pleroma, but under very different methods. It was allowed that the membership of the Pleroma in 1971, was to be reduced in numbers, so that only those who could accept the new approach to the Gnosis without being confused and uncertain would remain. The Pleroma will now open its doors to a limited number of students, each applicant will be vetted to see if he has the capacities and qualities to enable him to pursue the system of training without falling victim to his own human conceit and the love of self-hood.

A workable knowledge of man’s past and achievements, will enable the student to find his or her place within the present form of the past, and through this, they will evaluate their place within the things to come. Students of the Pleroma must realize that Richard is simply the transmitter of the factual knowledge of the Gnosis. He offers to instruct each pupil into this wisdom according to the temperament and intellectual qualifications of the pupil, and his ability to accept without a second that **HE IS THE GOD INCARNATED IN MATTER** (Note: there is no exclusiveness implied – such as, *only*), and that his labour here in the third dimension is to make objective here that which is subjective within that “Other World.”

It is obvious that all members of the Pleroma will become aware that certain changes are taking place within the structure of the Pleroma, and will become confused, but so long as they have patience, the nature of the changes and how they will benefit each member, will be revealed at the right time■



May we ask that you remember Richard, Duc de Palatine in your nightly meditation. Since October last, he has been deaf in his good ear, which has precluded him from fulfilling some of his obligations to the members.

We also particularly ask for help for Lee Ricci, Doris E. Gebhard, Evelyn Harshman, Ethel B. Ryden, Muriel Ambrose, Hildred Long and Ronald N. Weiss and family.



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