

LESSON 41

THIRTY-SECOND PATH

'The Thirty-second Path is the Administrative Intelligence, and is so called because it directs and associates the motions of the seven planets directing all of them in their proper course'.

This Path is placed between the Sephiroth of Yesod and Malkuth. It is called Administrative Intelligence because it directs and regulates the actions of the seven planets. To it, therefore, is attributed the due knowledge of the seven abodes of Assiah, the material world which is symbolised in the Apocalypse by the seven churches. It refers to the Angelic Choir called the Kerubim and their counterpart the Qlippoth along with the astral plane. Overall it represents the connecting binding link between the Material and Formative Worlds, Assiah and Yetzirah, and passes through the astral plane, the abode of the elementals and the shells of the dead.

The Hebrew letter associated here is Tau or Th which means "mark" or "cross" and it has a numerical value of 400. Other words of the same value are ShAaL "Hollow, of a concave form", ShQ "pushing forward", QSh "gather together" and KPSH "humble". When viewed from an overall concept we have a hollow or concave form that is pushed forward in a humble manner. As a letter the ancient Egyptians attributed Tau to Thoth which related to the universal or cosmic mind, which has been likened to the collec-

tive unconscious. It constitutes the idea of perfection and from an esoteric consideration is likened to the Ankh as the symbol of life.

The Tarot association to this Path is the World. This depicts a nude woman surrounded by twelve large spheres and 72 smaller ones. She has a scarf surrounding her and holds two batons in each hand and has a seven pointed star beneath her. In each corner of the card are the four Kerubs. This refers to a very high spiritual plateau where ones mind is in harmony with that of the macrocosm and all beat as one unified pulse. This is the last card of development and shows an area where man has transcended his karmic destiny before he goes on to a new level of existence.

The Egyptian goddess related here is Mut which means "mother". This goddess was known under a variety of names and is usually depicted with a vulture as a crown with the crown of the north above it. Mut was the wife of Amen-Ra and is also associated to the Sephira of Binah. She is the personification of the great mother theme and was said to have been formed from the god Nu. As a goddess she had the title of 'Lady of the two lands' which indicated the depth of her reign in both upper and lower Egypt.

The Greek association to this Path is the legend of Gaea. Whether she appeared from Chaos or not is not clear but she was fertility itself and bore Uranus (the sky). One of the titles of

Gaea was 'deep breasted' and was possibly a fertility goddess in her original form. Also she not only had the distinction of being self created but was the mother of the human race. Her attributes are many and those wishing the gift of prophecy, or a lasting marriage and honour would offer sacrifices to her, in later years she was also said to have had the power to heal the sick.

In Roman mythology Saturn is the myth related here and the part that responds more to this Path than other legend is Saturn's reign on the throne of Italy with Janus which was called the golden age although human sacrifice was offered to him until stopped by Hercules. One of the important things celebrated at the festivals of Saturn was the removal of chains from the statues of the various god forms so illustrate that freedom and independence could be enjoyed by all. On the flipside of the coin Saturn was also the devourer of children, but this aspect of his nature was apparently only transitory and helps remind us that positive and negative attributes must go hand in hand in relating to various godforms.

The planetary association here is of course Saturn with its Angel being Cassiel from the root CAS meaning "unity" or "gathering" (who shows the unity of the eternal kingdom). The Intelligence is Agiel (from the root AGI which relates to its Arabic origins and means "spreading") and the spirit is Zazel (from the root ZA meaning "dart" or "arrow"). It is said that Zazel was one of the angels used by Solomon to help create love potions though he is also associated with preventing sudden death.

The cardinal point associated to this Path is North (Tzaphon) and is related to earth which shares a dual association to Saturn. The Archangel of this Path is Auriel and means "light of God". The Angel under him is Phorlak who shares earth with 7 other Angels - Admael, Azreil, Arkiel, Arciciah, Ariel and Harabael, though these are said to be on a rotational basis with Phorlak being the Angel who is currently the one to call.

The Tattva here is Prithivi which is often depicted as a yellow square. This Tattva relates to the sense of smell and its keywords are cohesive resistance which tends to act as a type solidification process.

The magical weapon of this Path is the sickle which relates to the varying myths of Saturn as a slayer. In a practical sense it is symbolic of the harvest that has to be cut. As a weapon it slays in order to feed and allows regeneration in much the same process as depicted in the Tarot card Death. Herbs and plants that are to be used in ritual are cut by the sickle which is usually done in one slashing motion.

The virtue of this Path can only be described as Super-consciousness, and relates to the magical influences working directly on the mental stimuli by giving the mentality of the individual a shot in the arm, so that one can perform mental tasks that were previously impossible or extremely difficult to do. It is not strictly speaking an IQ boost but a new dimension

of mentality. Old values are thrown away for new ones when the old ones are too outdated for this new outlook. This is a striving and balancing period for the mental regions as the spiritual impetus uplifts and retunes the mind on both a conscious and unconscious level. Here one gains access to uncharted regions of the self which when coupled with greater awareness results in superconsciousness.

The vice of this Path is schizophrenia (a psychosis of withdrawing from reality), which in this instance is a part of the superconscious mechanism that has started to inject into the mental process which somehow becomes overloaded, (possibly due to some structural weakness that has not been repaired), and concentrates so much on the mental stimuli that one loses touch with reality living in a fantasy world trying to captivate the individual's psyche and prevent the massive amount of change that should be taking place during the transition of the spiritual energies.

The magical attainment or power of this Path is to change the shapes of things through invocations. The adepts who have this power are known simply as shape changers. They have the ability to direct power from one area and transform it to another which becomes for all intents and purposes matter transference. This is not merely an altering of the aura without changing the object itself but a complete alteration of the subject matter.

The mineral drug related here is Calcium and relates to various drugs such as Calcium Carbonate and Calcium Gluconate

etc. . Calcium is responsible for maintenance of the skeletal system, bones and teeth. In the blood stream. Calcium helps maintain the correct balance between acid and alkaline and also in cell division. Fluorine is another mineral drug related to this Path, especially in its synthetic form of sodium fluoride which helps reduce teeth cavities as well as strengthening the skeletal system.

The vegetable drugs of this Path are all those that are the builders of the body tissue and maintenance repair. This will of course cut across associations to other paths and is rather a group association than a single one. Some of these are tinctures of Yarrow, Celery Seed, Valerian and Passion Flower etc.

The Indian association here is the three Gunas who are Sattva, Rajas and Tamas which in fact reflect the mental state of the individual in three divisions. The Guna that is related here is Tamas who relates to what is known as the Tamasic state of mind, which concentrates mainly on desire and is the material aspect of mind. Tamas is considered as a form of ignorance, and delusion that one breaks out of to achieve the Rajasic state which is more outgoing and the next level on the evolutionary scale. The Bhagavad-gita says: 'Tamas is the deluder of all creatures; it imprisoneth the Ego in a body through heedless folly, sleep, and idleness. Tamas, surrounding the power of judgement with indifference, attaches the soul through heedlessness. Tamas produceth only senselessness, ignorance, delusion and indifference'. Chapter 14.

Spinel or Balas Ruby is the gemstone associated to this Path and generally forms octahedral crystals which have a variety of colours which change under artificial light to a deep violet. The psychic vibrations of this stone relate mainly to its colour which can be linked to some fundamental planetary colours, though it still is associated to Saturn because the vibrations of that planet seem to control its power through its astrological aspects.

Hellebore (both black and green) is the plant of this Path and has a dual association to the aromatic of this Path. As a herb it is a stimulant but if taken in large doses can kill. On the positive side it is said to have cured some forms of madness by bringing the individual back to reality. As an incense it is used in rites of exorcism, where it has the effect of consolidating the area around it with the earth element (which it draws its etheric force from), and forces the negative spiritual influence back to its own plane of existence.

Phrath is the Eternal River associated here and represents the physical plane. Sweedenborg considered that Phrath meant the ultimate state of the senses where science was formed.

The Legendary Order of Beings of this Path are the Gnomes which are the elementals of earth who are said to live in the subterranean areas of the earth. The feminine aspects of these beings are called gnomides and are said to be of small stature.

Their Elemental King is called Ghob and the Supreme Elemental King is Thahaootahe.

The Demonic King of this region is called Amaimon is taken from the Greek "Maimon" meaning "violence" or "vengeance" and has 111 spirits under him.

The animal of this Path is a Crocodile because of its Saturn like nature linked to the devourer. It is said that when the crocodile swims against the current with an open mouth it represents the limitations of the material plane. Being a reptile it shows a firm entrenchment in the physical. Other associations to it are as a guardian to hell (if swallowed) and deceit.

ASSOCIATIONS

YETZIRATIC TEXT:	ADMINISTRATIVE INTELLIGENCE
HEBREW LETTER:	TAU
TAROT:	WORLD
EGYPTIAN DIETY:	MUT
GREEK DIETY:	GAEA
ROMAN DIETY:	SATURN
ELEMENT:	EARTH
PLANET:	SATURN
MAGICAL WEAPON:	SICKLE
VIRTUE:	SUPERCONSCIOUSNESS
VICE:	SCHIZOPHRENIA
MAGICAL POWER:	TRANSFORMATION
MINERAL DRUG:	CALCIUM
VEGETABLE DRUG:	YARROW, CELERY SEED, VALERIAN ETC
TATTWA:	PRITHIVI
INDIAN ASSOCIATION:	THREE GUNNAS
GEMSTONE:	SPINEL OR BALAS RUBY
PLANT:	HELLEBORE
AROMATIC:	HELLEBORE
ORDER OF BEINGS:	GNOMES
ANGEL - ARCH:	AURIEL
ANIMAL:	CROCODILE
CARDINAL POINT:	NORTH
SUPREME ELEMENTAL KING:	THAHAAOTAHE
ELEMENTAL KING	GHOB
DEMONIC KING:	AMAIMON

ETERNAL RIVER:

PHRATH