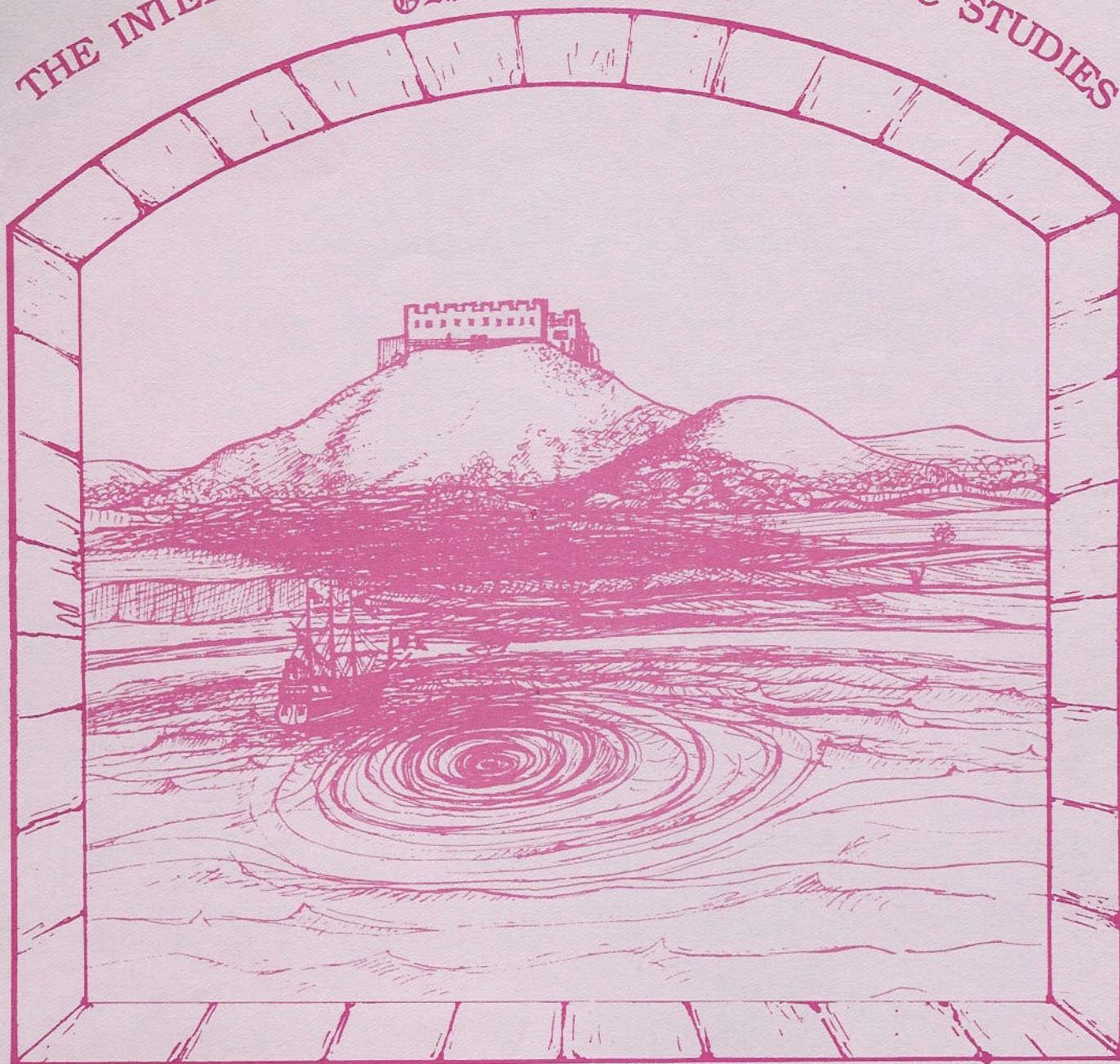


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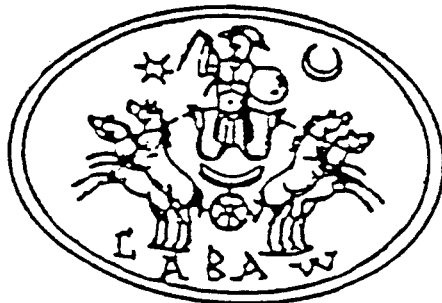
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DEVOTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND MYSTICAL ENLIGHTENMENT OF MAN

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The Divine Christos is a symbol embodied within the sacred Scarabeus 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.

The Archetypal Man, or Christos incarnate within every mortal soul, gives of his own nature that which the individual 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.

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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). And after my lower vehicles (chemical skins) have been thus destroyed, yet rising from my lower self (chemical and material), 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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Being human, we all like Power, and we will spend untold wealth in order to acquire that Power. The Church, occult societies, spiritualists and such like all tell us in various ways that they can give it to us, but only in return for money. In other words, you have to pay for it. You have to sell the Christ within for thirty pieces of silver.

In spite of the huxters, the truth is that Man already has that Power. He has that God-Power within himself. Was it not said by the Man two thousand years ago: "Ye Are Gods?" Did he not also say, "It is not I who do these things, but the Power within me?"

This God-Power was known in the Church for the first four hundred years as Illumination, and the method whereby this Inner Power was brought forth was called The Arcane Discipline, or The Arcanum. When the Church drove out the Gnostics this Arcanum continued throughout Europe as The Arcane College.

Now what is this Power which is inherent in Man, and which can be brought forth and used for anything you wish? It is God's gift to Man; not a gift which you can buy as is the custom with most people. It is a gift which you must develop by a

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hard, disciplined life. You must become a strictly moral individual, and an ethical one; not in the generally accepted sense, but you must live in accord with the Laws of Nature which brought you forth. Man in his innermost nature is God. God and Man are One. There is no God external to Man. Therefore, if your God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient, then Man must have the same Power, otherwise Jesus, Paul and the Buddha, and many others, must have been liars of the very first water.

Those of us who have developed this Power, and there are a number of such, had to go through the same form of training. It is a mental as well as a physical discipline. We have to lift ourselves out of the tomb of matter. We have to walk across the waters of our own emotions, and we have to still the tempest of our own minds before the indwelling Christ Consciousness can fully manifest. Once this occurs, you are filled, not in theory, not as a hope, but in actuality, with the Power of the Holy Spirit, and you will act and teach like a God as is your right, remembering that there is nothing but God. But the Churches of all denominations still promulgate the counterfeit doctrine which says that God and Man are two separate creations, and that they cannot become One. This is diametrically opposed to the doctrine of the Christ Himself when He says,

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"Ye Are Gods," "He who hath seen Me hath seen the Father," and, "I and My Father are One, even as ye are One with Me." Once you realise that Man and God are One Being simultaneously here and now you are on the first stage to becoming recipients of the gift of Christ brought to us; the capability of showing ourselves as a God in the Flesh,

Whether or not the Jesus of the Gospels ever lived is a matter of conjecture; the only authority we have is the Bible, secular history being utterly silent. We must, therefore, reorient our ideas regarding what we call the Christ and find out what this Christ is. It is the Indwelling Power within you here and now. In other words, Man is already perfected, has never ceased to be perfected, because in his Inner Self he is already God. That this is not always obvious is simply because he is either unable or unwilling to allow it to show forth. In spite of this disability, he is, of necessity, the quintessence of the Essence of God Himself. The Gnostics, for the first four hundred years, absolutely repudiated any idea of the worship of a God outside of man. They claimed that belief in a God external to yourself was worshipping false idols; and this is shown in the Old Testament as "Thou shalt have none other Gods before Me," or, as the Christ has always said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God within," - never without,

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always within. This is the basis of His statement, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find." But ask the Christians - Bishops or otherwise - have they ever found the Christ within themselves? Ask the occultists and the spiritualists - have they developed the God-Power within themselves? They will talk about it and around it, but they cannot manifest it. They do not know the Power of God as themselves. Is it not also said, "As I, Father, live in Thee, and as Thou livest in Me, so We both live in humanity?" This is pure, unadulterated atheism which has been ignored by the orthodox church and the other spiritual organisations. Aren't they just hypocrites of the first water, preaching a thing on the one hand and rejecting it on the other.

Gnosticism is not a theory. It is not getting on your knees and saying, "Almighty God (who this God is no one can tell us!), have mercy upon me." No, it is a way of life, just as the Christ, the Buddha, the Essenes, the Templars and the Rosicrucians have said.

By following The Arcane Discipline you will develop within yourself your full God-potential. You will become a creator in your own right. No one will need to intercede for you. You will not need your gods or anything external to yourselves. You are already the God-Power, and the Power which is using this body

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of Richard is the same Power which is within you. It is Itself unlimited. It is not limited, but It can be restricted by wrong thinking, wrong acting and wrong living. It is unlimited for It is the Essential God. It fears nothing, It needs nothing, yet It has the Power to have whatever It needs - wealth, position, love and all those things one is accustomed to praying for. It has all things because It IS all of them.

Is it too much to ask you to accept that whilst you are running after It and seeking It, It is already here; that whilst you want to become, you already are? Is this not the teaching of the original occultists? Is this not the teaching of the Gnostics, the Incas, the Aztecs, the Egyptian Book of the Dead, the Upanishads and the Sufis? It is identical to all of these, and each individual who has attained this Power has lived the same way, followed the same procedure and manifested this identical Power which is God.

You might say that it is reprehensible that we, a puny man, should dare to place ourself on the same level and in fact identify ourself with God, but if you dare to do it you will only be following the command of the Christ when he says, "Call no man your Father." This false thinking has come about by your acceptance and glamourising of

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your guides, bishops, priests, gurus, masters and swamis. All these are detractors from yourself, because all these father-figures are a means of throwing a glamour over you. You have given to your bishop, guide, master or swami a power over you to which he is not entitled. What you have done has been to mentally hand over your God-Power to something external to yourself. Does that shock you? It will, because it is like an axe; it cuts all your preconceived ideas right down and brings you down to earth. Once you realise that, all your little masks and trimmings are swept aside. Then you will take a good look at yourself and say, "What am I? Why am I here? What is the purpose of life, and where am I going?"

None of these questions have been satisfactorily answered by either the Church of Christ (?) or the occultists, but, after all, what does that matter? Surely this Power Unlimited which is Man is the Power to live as a God here and now; to become fully conscious of your God-Power, and to be able to use the gifts which God gave you at the outset of your evolution. Once this occurs, there is nothing in the universe which is not yours, because it is yours by right. You do not need to depend upon books, nor do you need to depend on anyone to tell you anything. You are already God because of your inherent Divine Nature which is at one with God.

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You see, the whole key to this could be summed up in the recognition that Man and God are one and the same Consciousness here and now. This key is veiled from us simply because, by the natural processes and phenomena of evolution, it takes many millions of years to effect. Now, however, Man is beginning to realise that the physical body and all of its attributes are simply a mask; that is to say, a mask which hides you from yourself - your God-Power.

Now why are you unable to manifest this God-Power? Why have you doubts? Some of those who have been with us for many years cannot accept this one fundamental fact: Man is God, and in himself he has the Unlimited Power of becoming a fully conscious God. But in order to become this fully conscious God you must strip yourself of all your illusions and all your suppositions. You must cut through the glamour which surrounds you, and you must look at yourself as you really are. It may be a shock because Truth is always unpleasant to accept, but Truth is yourself, and, as we have said before, it is the last thing that any man wants to accept, in spite of the fact that he says he wants it! Because of his preconceived ideas he thinks that Truth can only be found in the Church, or in Rosicrucianism, Theosophy or any of the other organisations, whose teachings, however, contra-

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dict one another. They get out their mental pitchforks and prod each other until the metaphorical blood flows! How sweet is this version of the Brotherhood of Man which is practised by the very people whose voices are loudest in proclaiming it. These people, in spite of their declamations, are the very last to really practise it. Those who have Become, on the other hand, do not need to talk about it. They act it. They do not claim anything because they have no need to. They already Are. This is why those organisations we founded in the last century, or the one before, have become outdated. Man has been distracted from his purpose. Those organisations dare not tell you to become a more ethical individual, let alone tell you how to do it, because the moment you become a more ethical individual their worth is of no consequence to you. You have already opened the door and torn away the veil when you behold yourself as you really are. You are the Christ-Soul which died in very truth that you might live.

('God' is a convenient term we use to cover up our ignorance of our true nature. Once we become the Whole Man, the word 'God' becomes a meaningless jingle and a means of perpetuating the God Father-figure in our minds. Evolution is simply the development of higher orders of animals from the lower. Evolution begins from pure Spirit - white light - which, descending lower and lower

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from the combinations of crystallised energy, assumed at last a visible and tangible form and became atomic matter. Christ is the Christos or Psyche of Man, meaning simply the intangible aspect of Man - the Soul.

Now, how do you get this inherent God-Power to work for you by recognising that it is already here? The first thing you have to realise is that you are a Divine Being which is using a mass of flesh which must eventually die and rot in the grave; this thing which is born out of nothing and which dies back into the ashes whence it came. This thing, which in my case is called Richard, which at any time I can discard, means nothing. But the power which is talking and using this body is the Divine Soul, that Soul or Self which is deathless and eternal; that Self which St. Paul says is "without mother and without father, without beginning or end of days, eternal in the heavens." The Dweller within the Temple of the Living God, this Inner Self is already here and now within your own very nature. You were born with It, and without this Soul-Power you could not live.

"I am the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The term 'world' comes from 'whirling', and the Power which causes this whirling process of the atomic structure is the Energy from

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the Unknown Principle, commonly called 'God.' This fact is stated and demonstrated by the greatest mystics throughout the world. "That I (Power) have come to My own (body) and my own body received Me not."

How many times have you heard the Voice of the Soul within and said to yourself (reason): "Oh, it's just imagination," and turned away and got yourself into a mess? "Lo, I (Soul) am with you always, even unto the consummation of the age," says the indwelling or vitalising Christ-Soul, which has never died on a cross and never can, just as the Gnostics say. How could a principle die? Certainly not physically, but the true meaning is that He (the Soul) dies spiritually for you life after life, dying in very truth to His own level to become alive in death (the body), this being the means whereby you and I might live.

Within our nature, which is the Inner Soul-Principle within Man, called by some schools 'The Dweller on the Threshold,' which is utterly incorrect; by others the 'Ego,' which is the Inner Light or Energy which shines or percolates from the centre which is nowhere through the many wrappings we call vestures, which are temporary vehicles for the expression of the True Man: as the Christos, the Golden Fleece, the Holy Grail and the Lost Word of Freemasonry, but always, in spite of the various names given to it,

it refers to the same Indwelling Consciousness or Principle which ever knocks at the door of your heart (mind) telling you, "I am the Light of the World; let me come in that I may sup with you, and that I might dwell in My own Kingdom." But what do you do? You worship something external to yourself - masters, gurus, guides and suchlike tomfoolery. Yet this Power within you is simplicity itself because there is always nature and God Itself within you. Therefore, you must practise right living: your behaviour towards your brothers must be true and honest, knowing that you live in your brothers and your brothers live in you. This is true brotherhood, because no matter what you do to your brothers you are only doing it to yourself, for your brothers and yourself are One and the same Eternal Whole which you erroneously call God. Therefore, it means right living. It does not mean vegetarianism or any of its allied 'isms' for these are merely something adopted and are not really part of you. What good does it do you anyway? The moment you say that a thing is evil you are telling God that He is evil ('Evil' comes from the Hebrew word 'Shin' which means 'falling short of an ideal'). You are accusing God of being evil and simultaneously accusing yourself of being an evil person.

As we have said before about

these so-called vegetarians, if they are really honest, why do they not get rid of their leather shoes and fur coats? Most of these 'isms' are sheer hypocrisy, and this is what you call Truth! To find Truth there is no need to penalise yourself. How many happy marriages have been ruined amongst occultists because some stupid clot has said that it is wrong for a 'seeker' to have sex? What you have to learn is a balance. All things have been given to us for our use, not our abuse. We learn by pain and suffering how to adjust ourselves to the conditions in which we find ourselves.

Then we have to learn how to act correctly; in other words, to do nothing which would hurt anyone, knowing perfectly well that when we scandalise one another - and some people like to sit over a cup of tea or coffee and spend most of the afternoon getting their claws out and tearing some unfortunate 'friend' to shreds - this is mental murder. The Civil Law cannot prosecute you for it, but the Law of Karma can and does. By unjustly accusing other people and tearing away their reputations you are committing an even more vicious crime than physical murder. You have to learn that everything you think and do is reflected and reacted in the whole, for remember that society is but the extension of the individual, and that if the individual messes

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up his life he messes up the life of the society to which he belongs and to which he is responsible. Therefore, if you purify the individual, you must inevitably purify society. Is that not logical?

If you think correctly, knowing perfectly well that you are a God-Being, this is where your Power comes in. Now you have to know that you are a God-Creator - "Ye Are Gods" - just as God creates, so can you, since you and God are One and the same Being. You create by the Power of the Will in your mind. The Power within your mind is a Triple Power: the Power to Think, the Power to Will and the Power to Form. These are the three qualities of your mind. We are not talking psychologically about the subconscious, but about the real mind which is You.

Because of his identity with the Supreme, Man has within himself the God-Power of creation. If he wants something he thinks about it; he creates in his mind the image of what he needs or wants. Now he must charge that mental image with Life, and this is where his Wisdom comes in. Before he can create and bring forth what he needs, he must project the very thing he has created in his mind's eye and then visualise it as being present before him here and now. The use of his Wisdom (technique)

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will teach him discrimination so that this Power will not be wasted on the creation of trivialities.

In other words, if one of the ladies wants a hat she must visualise it perfectly and then project and crystallise it as an actual fact. She first of all creates a perfect mental image of the hat she desires; her Faith-Knowledge sets that image working, and her power of projection, that is, the belief that it will actually happen, causes the mental image to crystallise. She visualises herself wearing and fingering the hat, knowing that it is there. This now becomes Pure Magic. Let our scientists and wiseacres decry this fundamental fact. Even in the creation of the mental image of the hat, discrimination is very necessary, for, although it would appear to be trivial, it could be otherwise. It is difficult to particularise in matters of this kind, for what may be trivial and unimportant to one may be the opposite to another. Therefore, this use of discrimination is necessarily a personal thing.

This is the key to the Consecration of the Bread and the Wine in the Catholic (not Protestant) Mass. It is all there, but first of all you must visualise in your own mind your intended action. You have this Power of Creation, of moulding the mental self into the form which you want by the very fact that you are a God-Creator. Now you must have the Wisdom

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(technique) and the Faith to believe that whatever you think must come to pass. The third corollary is that you must project it; there is no use leaving your mental image in your mind - it must be projected outwardly into expression. It is said by the modern psychosomatic doctors that whatever a man thinks in his mind will cause the body to react for either good or ill. Well, the above is based upon the same principles, and so is any magical operation. It is also the meaning of the words of the Christ: "Whatsoever a man thinketh in his heart (mind) so he will become."

The above is the same doctrine as that of the Egyptian Book of the Dead; it is contained in the Upanishads of India of about 10,000 B.C. and it is the same as that of the Australian Aborigines, the Polynesians and the Buddhists. Every one of these philosophies, without exception, contains the same doctrine that Man Is God.

Now until you realise that you are God you cannot realise this God-Power within you. Most of you are continually thinking about the self, and because of this concentration on the animal self you cannot seem to achieve any objective. Something always goes wrong with your plans.

This is because you cannot obtain anything from the universe unless you put something back into it. It is a two-way process always.

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Mother Nature gives you nothing for nothing. You have to work for it. In order to manifest this God-Power you have to work with Nature. Nature being yourself, since God informs all the atoms of Nature simultaneously, and without that God-Power Nature could not be. You are just the same. Therefore, within yourself you have this God-Power which will grant you Unlimited Power from the source of omnipotence, omnipresence and omniscience. Even Richard, which is the name of the body We are using, has those powers so long as he believes constructively that he is a Divine Being, but the moment he tries to think for himself using the limited mind of the human soul, he brings the veil over his mind and shuts it out. He did this until 1956 when he crucified the body and caused the veils which stood between him as a human consciousness and his Divine Consciousness to be rent in twain. The moment that occurred he stepped out of the tomb of form-matter and became free.

Does the Christian Church realise how magnificent the Christ story is; how personal and yet so simple? It is as simple as falling off a log - or is it? Learn how to think correctly, act correctly and live a natural, happy human life above all things. Spiritual knowledge becomes absolutely useless if your human life is unhappy and frustrated. Get rid of all your inhibitions, all those conditions which have made

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your life a hell on earth. As one philosopher said, "As we are in life, so we are in death," and it is very true. We are in death here so why make it worse? Why penalise yourself when you can make your life supremely happy with all Power at your disposal; and this is the extraordinary thing, that when you have all Power you do not want it. Richard is supremely happy with human life only when he ceases to demand it. This is the significant thing about The Disciplina Arcani. Up to a point you desire a car, a nice house, money and all the material things. You want to possess them, but once you reach Illumination you find that they are ashes. Just as Richard sought Love first, and then all things were his.

When you attain the stage of Love you begin to change your whole outlook towards these things. You find simply that money is only a means of currency, to make others happy; just as the blood in your veins is changed every six weeks, so the value of your currency is also changed. Sometimes you lose, and at other times you gain, but when you spend for another its value always remains the same.

The same law applies to the body. After every seven years you have a new set of atoms; none is the same as those you started with, so whilst you hang on to yourself and try to save yourself, you are

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losing. By loving and caring for another, every seven years your love takes on a deeper and more beneficial form. But he who loses himself in love frees himself from all possessions and attachments which hold him here and cause all the trouble between husbands, wives, children, lovers and beloveds; all because of this terrible obsession with possession and demanding for the animal self.

Once you get rid of this desire to possess and demand of others and develop the idea of co-operation, you can, in very truth, say that your yoke is light, and you can repeat with conviction that, "It is not I who do these things but the Power within me. Even as I have done these things, ye shall do greater things than I." Believe us when we say that we have seen a selfish and self-centred man change within a few weeks from a person who demanded all things for himself and did not care a damn about anybody else, into one of the most beautiful and unselfish men we have ever met.

So my friends, in spite of the condemnation of the New Testament by the know-alls, the platitudenists and the occultists, there is more practical philosophy contained in it than in all the thousands of occult books that have been written. It holds the key to all we have been telling you about this God-

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Power, and it is so simple. It is perfectly simple, and yet the Christian Church rejects this aspect of it. They say, "Well, 'I and my Father are one, even as you are one with Me.' Now that must refer to a select few who have been saved - the so-called 144,000?"

If they were to dig a little deeper they would find that the word 'Adam' has the numerical value of nine - three threes; 'Jesus Christ' when brought down to its common denominator is also nine. Bring the 144,000 who are supposed to have been saved down to numbers and again you have nine! Man falls into matter, man is crucified in matter, and man is saved by and through matter. That is the key. Once you realise that God descends into matter, fragments Himself, giving you all His Powers in order that you might live and grow in the stature of the Indwelling Christ or Love, you have that key. But what do you do? You haven't the faith to believe in the Christ. What faith can you have in anything else? But once you touch the hem of your own garment all Power is yours.

No one can give you Knowledge, no one can give you the Light. Only you can bestow these imperishable possessions upon yourself because you already have them. The reason why you are not manifesting them or your God-Power is because you

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have turned your face against us. You have become like Lot's wife and have turned into a pillar of salt because you have identified yourself with your physical body instead of realising that it is but a vehicle. In other words, you have bound up your body in three separate bandages like that of a mummy. 'Mummy' is actually another word for 'Chrest' or 'Karest', which is simply the Egyptian word for Christ. So the Christ is bound as a mummy, this being shown by his grave-cloths. In a Coptic work it states that after the crucifixion Christ was bound in bandages as a mummy. The meaning of this is clear once you get to the root of it. The original idea is that it is the Christ-Self that is crucified; it is You who rises out of the tomb and who performs all the 'miracles' - not a man two thousand years ago. Could you imagine still worshipping a man still in the grave and rotting? Could you honestly believe on a man crucified as a criminal and still believe in the Loving Father? You cannot in all logic unless you are stupidly blind. To believe in a Loving Father and yet accept the fact that this same Loving Father would send His only-begotten son to die on the cross of a criminal just does not rhyme. Your logical mind should revolt against it, yet your emotional nature accepts it, but the Indwelling Power of God rejects it just as we do, and so does

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Richard reject such a possibility.

When Richard went back to the Church at the request of his Adept-Master after having left it swearing never to return, this idea of the man on the cross was so revolting and nauseating to his sense of justice that he could not accept it. But now he knows what it means - that you and I and every man are crucified upon the Cross of Love. We are crucified by the four nails of earth, water, fire and air: physical, emotional, mental and vital force-matter. Once you realise that you are the God crucified to matter then you see the whole meaning. You all have the inherent power to realise this.

The Primitive Church did not believe in a physical Christ, but taught of the Eternal Mystic Christ dwelling within man, and which would always dwell within him thus giving him the absolute surety of attaining the Godhead.

Instead of giving man this assurance of his Divine Destiny you hear the churches giving out much talk about a nebulous heaven - "We will all go to the Other Side where we will again meet our loved ones and praise God together until the end of days." What a boring way to spend the rest of eternity! It is all so vague, and just as bad as the Spiritualists with their Aunt Fannies coming through with important messages

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like, "Do you remember the teapot you broke, my dear?" Now what evidence have you got for either? What scientific evidence which is acceptable to your sense of logic and justice? This is how you get away from all this into Truth: by using your logical mind and stripping yourself of all your fanciful ideas; by clearing away the barnacles which have accumulated; by cleaning the hull. You clear your mind until it becomes free, and the moment it becomes free you allow the Divine Light to shine through. By shining through your vestures It will grant you blessings and the glory of yourself as the Christos. Let nobody query this statement because right down through the ages, century after century, this doctrine has been taught in spite of the persecutions by the Official Churches - Catholic and Protestant. This doctrine is Eternal. We know it as The Arcane Discipline, or The Christian Arcanum.

My purpose is to show you how free this body is; how it relishes and lives eternally within the bosom of the Father as well as within you, and that you, by virtue of your own birthright, have the same Power, and that you must live the same life before you can become this Power Unlimited. Let us show you:

In the New Testament we find

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the words: "Eloi, eloi, lama sabacthani." This agonising cry is usually translated as, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This is absolutely incorrect. 'El' means God, and 'Oi' means Power; therefore, this should be rendered "My God-Power, My God-Power, why hast thou left me?"

From this it is evident that Jesus taught the same doctrine as The Arcanum, as did John and Paul. Even to The Temptation in the Wilderness when the lower animal self, the serpent mind, tempts the Soul or Christ within and says, "If you worship me I will give you the world." But the Soul, knowing that It is already the world, replies to Satan, "Get thee behind me." This means that once you have touched the hem of your own Soul-garment then the Grace of the Indwelling Consciousness moves through you and heals you. Then all is given to you; not by privilege but according to your birthright.

This is the meaning of the Parable of the Prodigal Son: that when you descended from your Christos you had your fortune, but you squandered it for mere sensual illusions until you had nothing left. Then you wandered in darkness and, having had enough of the pigsty of the physical world of pain and suffering, you turned and said, "What is there that is real? Once you ask the question sincerely and honestly then the veil is rent in

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twain and you get a glimmer of your Inner Self, and you turn and journey back to your Divine Nature. When you turn to this long struggle to overcome the powers of this world, the demons which you have created of your own free will live and batten upon you. They will try to hold you here on the physical level until you find your Immortal Consciousness running to you crying, "This is My Son who was once lost and is now found."

The glyph of this story is also perfectly shown in the story of Dante and Beatrice and in the Legend of the San Grael. It is shown also in the various degrees of Freemasonry and in The Chymical Marriage of Christian Rosenkreutz. These stories are identical and reveal the same truth that Man Is God, fragmented of God, who chose of His own free will to descend into the confines of the tomb of flesh, dying to His own glory, in order that He might unfold His God-Power to reach the stage where He could slay the powers of the lower self and rise in triumph. As Christ said, "If I be lifted up, I will lift all men up to Me." What are the words from the Gospel again? "If I be lifted up, I will lift up all men to Me." How can that be done?

The Christ within you is the Power. It is the Power of Transmutation whereby you change the lower self into the Divine Reality. It is the real meaning of Alchemy and of

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all the Great Teachers: that you must change the rate of your life in order that it may vibrate or coincide with the Divine Consciousness within and which is yours by natural right. This is the most magnificent fact. It strips you of all your illusions and leaves you naked before the Glory of your Self. And this is also the meaning of the statement, "And ye can nowise enter the Kingdom of God unless you become as a little child." You cannot enter the Kingdom of God if your mental apparatus is choc-a-bloc with false ideas and false gods, or your whole body is cluttered up with wealth and things which you love and possess. Is this not the meaning of the story of the man who could not get the camel through the eye of the needle? Is this not the meaning of the story of the physical Christ riding upon the back of the ass of the physical body, or the origin of riding the Ass before being made a Freemason, or the Golden Ass of Greece? This body is the animal counterpart of the Divine, and before you can attain the Divine you must conquer the body by bending it to your will. This does not involve ignoring the body or penalising it. It means a change of viewpoint; learning how to think correctly. Stop creating negative thoughts. All of these are evil and destructive and create many devils or images of menace in and around you. This is why the medieval painters were quite correct when they painted a man thus surrounded.

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They actually saw the self-created images which were tormenting him all the time, and this is what you do today. The medieval man was no different from what you are today.

There is much that could be given on this idea of the Unlimited God-Power within Man, but even in books like this we can only scratch the surface, for Real Knowledge can only be experienced by you personally. We cannot experience it for you. This we know! Not only do we know, but there is a galaxy of Great Mystics, Saints and Teachers right down through the ages behind us who verify stage by stage what we say, and who, in their very lives and achievements, have demonstrated that Man is God Incarnate within the physical body. Man's work, therefore, is to redeem himself from the limitations of the grave, rising in very truth in his God-Power, having Power Unlimited.

This is the destiny of all of you as individuals, but you can only get it and can only know it by personal effort. Power as yourself when you turn round and look at yourself really hard without being afraid of what you see. It could be horrible to behold, just as it is when you look in the mirror in the morning after a 'hard night.' It is enough to make you scream with fright sometimes! But when you really look at yourself, the spectacle which is

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thrown back is even worse. It is without doubt the Mr. Hyde to your Dr. Jekyll. Get rid of it, and when we assure you that this magnificent Power has lain dormant within each and every one of you, accept that It is yours by right.

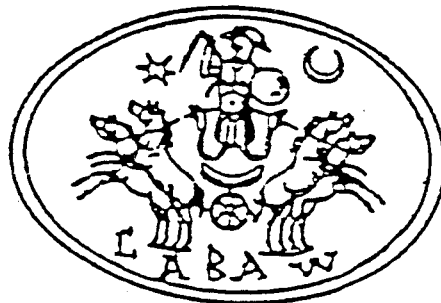
Finally, remember that you cannot pay for this knowledge. No one can give it to you. It can only be brought forth in Its full glory by hard, honest and sincere personal effort.

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Illumination is simply one of the faculties of the personality. It should be considered as a tool only and not the main object of your study in The Sanctuary of The Gnosis or The Disciplina Arcani. If, by chance, you contacted us because you wanted to get Illumination; that is to say, to receive it as something external to yourself, then your motives for joining us are based upon an incorrect interpretation of our teachings. This may be one of the reasons why you have not attained Illumination: you are under the impression that somebody could give it to you. If this is so, then you are utterly wrong.

Illumination occurs when you allow the potential Power of your own Soul to enter into your personality and take up its normal abode. It is only then that the Soul can grant to you the results of its programmed incarnations for you to draw upon in this life. This is the meaning of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mount, and also of the descent of the Holy Spirit in 'tongues of fire.' This descent or Illumination does not come from a Being external to yourself, but is granted to you when you have purified the person-

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ality, or attuned its nature and mechanism to receive the dynamic Power of the Soul without destroying the delicate nature of the body.

Possibly you have considered that when you attained this Power it would manifest in the same manner as it occurs in the writer. Again, if this is the case, it is obvious that you have not studied our teachings in the right manner. What we said was that if you followed the teachings and applied them in your daily life, you would prepare the personality for the descent of the Soul. We have never at any time promised to give this Power to you. We are all individuals, dissimilar in every degree, therefore, the form of Illumination possible to you is conditioned by your own nature and according to your programmed life.

To have objective Illumination is not vital to one's progress but it can help to speed it up. Most people have a form of Illumination called 'inspiration' or 'intuition;' both forms indicate a tuition from within oneself in a very subtle manner. On the other hand, Illumination manifested by an Adept, Mediator or Initiate is of an overt form where the whole of the personality changes, the voice changes and the speech is definite and absolute. The number of persons who are able to attain these levels of consciousness in

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one life are very few indeed, mainly because the majority cannot face the rigid training and discipline demanded of them for their achievement.

The most effective way in which to ignore the whole issue is to decry the possibility of such an attainment, or, when a manifestation is witnessed, to deny its validity and put it down to trickery, charlatanism or similar motives, which avoids the necessity of making any effort to prove its truth or falsity. In spite of many deprecations, the fact remains that it is a fact, and no amount of sophistry will ever explain it away.

In most people, consciousness functions between the senses and the brain in a series of light-frames, or in a dot-dash time sequence. This is shown in the operation of a projector. The film strip is made up of a continuous film of separate light-frames, each frame depicting one move of the subject. When this is run through a projector on to a screen at a certain speed, the illusion shows a continuous action.

Now suppose we speed up the time sequence of the projector. The flashing of the light-frames on the screen would become a blur, and the senses would be unable to

distinguish the movements. Like the projector, the senses deal with individual light-frames to register impressions, such as sight, hearing, smelling, touching and tasting, and any attempt to speed up their powers of reception would stop the body-machine from registering them.

Illumination comes when one has become able to speed up the receptivity of the human body-machine to correspond to the speeding up of the light-frames received by the senses, with a corresponding ability of the brain to register them faster. At the moment, an electronic computer can think more quickly than the human brain, although the computer is the exteriorisation of the human computer. Like the computer, the Illuminee has been able to speed up the working mechanism of the body-machine so as to receive more subtle energies. What he has really done has been to reduce the time and space sequence between two given points wherein the sense of duration no longer functions. In this light, the Illuminee functions in a Continuum of Consciousness whereas most people function in a time sequence of duration.

Let us show you this process in another way:

We have a screen, a projector and an arc lamp. The screen repre-

sents the human consciousness, the projector is the programmed tale of your life, and the arc lamp is the Light or Energy of the Soul.

Each event in our life is registered on a series of light-frames which make up a sequence or act in life. When we pass the film through a projector at a certain speed, the light-frames flashed upon the screen appear as a continuous act. Suppose it were possible to invent a projector which could use a continuous film without light-frames, and a camera which could use a continuous film. Then the picture on the screen would be continuous and would show many events simultaneously. It would register not only third-dimensional depth, but also fourth- and possibly fifth-dimensional depths.

As man unfolds his own body machine, so will he automatically project this advance into the third dimension, and will soon have two machines which can fulfil the same functions as those which he is using within himself. The Illuminee takes his body-machine in hand and consciously forces the speeding-up of his subtle faculties well in advance of his brothers. What he now uses internally to register both the external and abstract worlds, mankind will accept as a common thing in future centuries. This is Evolution pure and simple.

The fact that one has this

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Power of Illumination in his life should not in any way cause him to take such drastic steps to attain it that he becomes neurotic, where his body-machine is not able to be in alignment with the Soul. The Illuminee lives the same kind of life that you do except that his appreciation and receptivity of the nature of the world is attuned to a very high pitch of efficiency and expansion of consciousness. Not only can he register the time sequence of the third-dimension, but he also has the faculty of registering the fourth- and fifth-dimensions of force-matter when necessary. That is to say, he can be aware of the emotional and mental regions simultaneously.

The mediator or Agent can use even more subtle faculties. He can not only function as a Soul within the body-machine, but can also register the time sequence of the higher and more subtle and abstract regions above the Soul level. He can then "talk to God" as our Mystics claim. This happens when the body-machine is so attuned as to allow the human soul to perceive the conditions of the higher regions and function in them as he would as a human being. In this state, the Agent becomes utterly selfless wherein the importance of the body-machine and the world are relegated to their normal place in his consciousness. They are no

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longer important in themselves, but are considered as an integral part of the Whole Man or the Great Nought.

The Agent accepts these faculties and abilities not as something 'special' or 'wonderful,' but naturally, as he would accept the fact that he is using a body-machine in the world of form. However, his ability to register the dimensions of force-matter depends upon the efficiency of his body-machine which he constantly seeks to improve so that the Abstract Self can manifest Itself in a smooth and normal manner. He knows that all of these apparently additional faculties and abilities are simply tools given to him to use in the same manner as he would use his arms and legs for his work here in the body.

One of the main complaints the Master-Adepts have concerning their pupils is that they will not attempt to prove the teachings for themselves by personal effort. They leave everything for the teacher to accomplish for them, and if they fail, they blame the teacher, not having the honesty to blame themselves for their own failure.

If you are asked to try something, then have the rare common sense to try it and prove it for yourself. Being a Technician of

Life and having achieved Illumination, we know what we are doing. Don't be a fool to yourself or allow yourself to fail in your quest.

There is another thing: What we teach is damn common sense, and it is founded upon a scientific basis. If it works for us there is no reason why it should not work for you. You are not children now; you are adults and should know how to study life.

