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Three Books of Occult Philosophy

Written by Henry Cornelius Agrippa of Nettesheim in 1509

CHAPTER LXVII

How man's mind may be joined with the mind, and intelligences of the celestials, and together with them impress certain wonderful virtues upon inferior things.

The philosophers, especially the Arabians,¹ say, that man's mind, when it is most intent upon any work, through its passion, and effects, is joined with the mind of the stars, and intelligences, and being so joined is the cause that some wonderful virtue be infused into our works, and things; this, as because there is in it an apprehension, and power of all things, so because all things have a natural obedience to it, and of necessity an efficacy, and more to that which desires them with a strong desire.

And according to this is verified the art of characters, images, enchantments, and some speeches,² and many other wonderful experiments to everything which the mind affects. By this means whatsoever the mind of him that is in vehement love affects, hath an efficacy to cause love, and whatsoever the mind of him that strongly hates, dictates, hath an efficacy to hurt, and destroy. The like is in other things, which the mind affects with a strong desire.

For all those things which the mind acts, and dictates by characters, figures, words, speeches, gestures, and the like, help the appetite of the soul,³ and acquire certain won-

derful virtues, as from the soul of the operator in that hour when such a like appetite doth invade it, so from the opportunity, and celestial influence, moving the mind in that manner. For our mind, when it is carried upon the great excess of any passion, or virtue, oftentimes presently takes of itself a strong, better, and more convenient hour, or opportunity. Which *Thomas Aquinas*⁴ in his third book Against the Gentiles, confesseth. So many wonderful virtues both cause, and follow certain admirable operations by great affections, in those things which the soul doth dictate in that hour to them.

But know, that such kind of things⁵ confer nothing, or very little but to the author of them, and to him which is inclined to them, as if he were the author of them. And this is the manner by which their efficacy is found out. And it is a general rule in them, that every mind that is more excellent in its desire, and affection, makes such like things more fit for itself, as also efficacious to that which it desires. Everyone therefore that is willing to work in magic, must know the virtue, measure, order, and degree of his own soul, in the power of the universe.

We must observe, however, that Avicenna also (*Metaph. X*) holds that the movements of the heavenly bodies are the causes of our choice, not merely by being the occasion thereof, but even as a *per se* cause. For he holds the heavenly bodies to be animate: and, since the heaven's movement proceeds from its soul, and is the movement of a body, it follows that just as forasmuch as it is a body's movement, it must have the power to transform bodies, so forasmuch as it comes from a soul, it must have the power to make impressions on our soul; wherefore the heavenly movement is the cause of our acts of will and choice. The position of Albumasar would seem to come to the same as expounded in the First Book of his *Introductorium*. (Aquinas *Summa contra gentiles* 3.87 [London: Burns, Oats and Washbourne, 1928], 3:2:16)

After stating the Arab position, that the soul of the heavens acts on man's soul through the movement of the heavens, Aquinas goes on to dispute it, arguing that the soul of the heavens, if there is one, acting through the body of the heavens, has only the power to act upon the human body by stirring passions, but that the will of man is free to either acquiesce or contend with these passions as it chooses. However, he admits that those who are able to control their passions are in the minority:

It is evident, however, and we know by experience, that such occasions whether exterior or interior are not necessarily cause of choice: since man can use his reason to reject or obey them. But those who follow their natural bent are in the majority, and few, the wise alone to wit, are those who avoid the occasions of ill-doing and who follow not the impulse of nature. Hence Ptolemy says (*Centiloq.* 8, 7, 1) that *the soul of the wise man assists the work of the stars ...*" (ibid. 3.85, p. 11)

2. some speeches—Incantations.

3. appetite of the soul—The will.

Now of all the parts of man, the intellect is the highest mover; for it moves the appetite, by proposing its object to it; and the intellective appetite or will, moves the sensitive appetites, namely the irascible and concupiscible, so that we do not obey the concupiscence, unless the will command; and the sensitive appetite, the will consenting, moves the body. Therefore the end of the intellect is the end of all human actions. (ibid. 3.25, 3:1:59)

4. Thomas Aquinas—

Since then man, as to his body, is subordinate to the heavenly bodies; as to his intellect, to the angels; and as to his will, to God: it is possible for something to happen beside the intention of man, which is nevertheless according to the order of the heavenly bodies, or the influence of the angels or even of God. And although God's action alone has a direct bearing on man's choice, nevertheless the angel's action has a certain bearing on man's choice by way of persuasion; and the action of a heavenly body by way of disposition, insomuch as the corporeal impressions of heavenly bodies on our bodies dispose us to choose in certain ways. Accordingly when, through the influence of higher causes, in the aforesaid manner, a man is led to choose such things as turn to his profit without his being aware of the utility by his own reason; and besides this, his understanding is enlightened from the light of intellectual substances to the effect of doing those same things; and through the divine operation his will is inclined so as to choose that which is profitable to him, without knowing why it is so; he is said to be *fortunate ...*" (ibid. 3.92, 3:2:26-7)

5. such kind of things—Talismans, seals, amulet and so on.

Sol Invictus Camp Quarterly Calendar

October

- 3: Movie Night 800pm
- 6: Gnostic Mass 700pm
- 10: Ritual of Water Practice 800pm
- 13: Ritual of Water Practice 800pm
- 20: Gnostic Mass 700pm
- 27: Ritual of Water Practice 800pm

November

- 1: Fall Festival, Ritual of Water Performance 1100pm
- 2: Samhain at Sekhet-Bast-Ra Lodge, call ahead
- 8: Movie Night 800pm
- 10: Rite of Mercury Practice 700pm
- 17: Gnostic Mass 700pm
- 24: Rite of Mercury Practice 700pm

December

- 1: Gnostic Mass 700pm
- 8: Rite of Mercury Practice 700pm
- 15: Gnostic Mass 700pm
- 22: Rite of Mercury Practice 700pm
- 29: Gnostic Mass 700pm



From the desk of the Sekhet-Bast-Ra PR officer:

For those of you who are curious as to what **OTO** stands for, or, more to the point, what *we* represent.

You are cordially invited to any of our various, *open to the public* events. You are also welcome to come to any of our bi-monthly *Gnostic Mass* celebrations held by **Sekhet-Bast-Ra Lodge**, sponsored by the membership of the **OTO**.

Contact information for scheduling of various *events*, and the *Gnostic mass* are listed below. Also some events are held at differing addresses, you will need to verify the location as well.

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Cordially,

Frater Mem

Sutra of Pleasure

By: Kevin Regier

I dance naked in worship of you.

I chant demanding you to embrace me

It is a surreal dream.

My mind is the monastery.

I am a monk of poetry.

I have frantic orgasms thinking of you

my goddess.

I fondle your breast.

Kiss your smooth skin.

Screaming sounds of lust

like wild psychedelic music

devouring my will.

I probe your delicate nipples

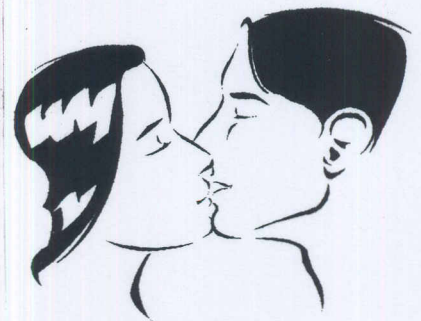
and your mound moist with magic

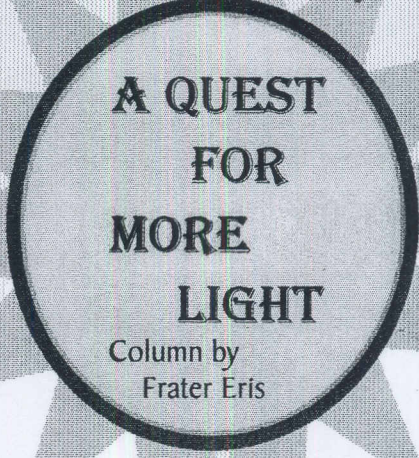
This is my meditation.

It awakens visions of sex and power

perhaps these are only murmurs,

from the symphony of the universe.





**A QUEST
FOR
MORE
LIGHT**

Column by
Frater Eris

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

This column is dedicated to the transmission of the Gnosis. A place where Brothers and Sisters may come together to share information they have found to be illumination to their path. If you have something you would like to contribute towards the edification of your bretheren, I encourage you to send it to the editor. It can be a work you have read or written or an experience that revealed a truth to you.

Love is the Law. Love under Will.

DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW.

FALL, IS A TIME OF REFLECTION AND INTROSPECTION. I ALWAYS REVIEW MY LIFE ABOUT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WHERE HAVE I BEEN AND WHERE AM I GOING?

FALL GIVES ME A SENSE OF RENEWAL AND A POSITIVE LOOK AT MOVING ON INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF MY LIFE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS THE COOLER WEATHER, BEAUTIFUL COLORS OF THE LIFE AROUND US, OR THE KNOWING OF CHANGE THAT COMES WITH THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX. REGARDLESS, IT IS WONDERFUL.

I HAVE NO POETRY OR WORDS OF WISDOM REGARDING ANYTHING. I JUST KNOW MY LIFE IS WHAT I MAKE IT AND, SO FAR, IT HAS BEEN WORTH IT.

LOVE IS THE LAW. LOVE UNDER WILL.

AHBH



MIDNIGHT WITHOUT STARS

It Stares at me, dark deep, diabolical
It locks me away from the Light.
A mist of ebony hue surrounds
me with penetrating sorrow.
The Heart loses it's fire.

Slowly, as hunter stalking prey
It hunts, the Eye sees me all.
Trapped within, no Light
Should I feel Fright?
It lies, and says no.

All is ok, just losing grasp
of everything Soul and pure.
Never needed it anyway I,
Darkness is all you need.
Lonely, a soul in Pitch.

It Stares at me, and knows how
much Life's Joy fades away.
How Life floats now on the
Flotsam of nothingness.
Teeth are borne ready to strike.

Running hard, but ever standing
Still in torrid, quiet waters Black.
Can't seem to escape, no rope,
yet enough Rope to Hang.
Climbing out to a Noose?

As a child, I run into the corner
of my mind and try to hide, yet
I know it still Stares at me, and
the vision, the horror of it makes
this fool act like a child.

Try to strike out, blindly, injuring
those I love and care about. Losing honor,
losing face, losing everything important.
Losing basic Grip with that very crucial
helping hand that leads to Light.

One Star In Sight he said,
and his prized books I've read.
He told me not of this kind of pain,
and loss of control without Light
How shall I survive another Night?

The Beast enjoys spoils above this
Abyss of absolute sorrowed trance.
To what end shall this solitary turmoil
see fit to give the warmth of Light once more?
What of the 220 shall I seek?

It stares at me and knows my name
It stares at me and knows my pain
It stares at me and knows my shame
It stares at me and knows my dirt
It stares at me and knows my hurt.

Once again, as I take a look
at this worthless, and failed existence
I stare back at this Thing of Black,
I see It's eyes, It's teeth, Itself,
And the face I see is me!

How Ever do I now wish for the
Abiding vision and lustful Joy
of Pan...

...If only I can see the Light of the Sun!

THE GOOD BOOK

Psychology & The Occult: C.G. Jung

Reviewed by: Soror AHBH

Since my major is Psychology and I am interested in the Occult, I thought it would be interesting to read Dr. Jung's views on the combination. Actually, I was quite impressed. Dr. Jung gave examples of his experiences with patients, as well as friends, and did not seem judgmental. Although Dr. Jung did not have, or could not perceive what the patients were experiencing, he intimated that did not make the experiences hallucinations or unreal for that individual. This view is very refreshing for personal reasons that I am sure you can relate to.

In reading what others have to say about occult experiences, such as seeing ghosts, or "feeling" a presence, or medium ability, they chalk it up to psychosis, drug use, or charlatanism. It was good to read someone's scientific view that was not trying to debunk the experience as false, but open to new and different ideas and experiences outside of their own. Dr. Jung's examples included patients that childhood trama, mental and physical illness, and just plain boredom were the reasons for their experiences. However, examples that were not related to the previous were also addressed.



If you are interested in a short essay on the observations of the human psychological experience in regards to the occult, and up for a dry read, I suggest Dr. Jung's Psychology and the Occult. You should be able to find it at any bookstore.

October 2002 e.v.

Sun 6 Gnostic Mass, 11:00 am
Sat 12 Goetic Research Guild, 7:00 pm at Mem & AHBH's
Sun 20 Gnostic Mass, 6:00 pm
Sat 26 Initiation Study Guide Workshop, 7:00 pm

November 2002 e.v.

Sun 3 Gnostic Mass, 11:00 am
Sat 9 Goetic Research Guild, 7:00 pm at Mem & AHBH's
Sun 17 Gnostic Mass, 6:00 pm
Sat 23 Initiation Study Guide Workshop, 7:00 pm

December 2002 e.v.

Sun 1 Gnostic Mass, 11:00 am
Sat 7 Goetic Research Guild, 7:00 pm at Mem & AHBH's
Sun 15 Gnostic Mass, 6:00 pm
Fri 20 Winter Solstice Ritual and Feast, 6:00 pm
Tue 31 Annual Midnight Champagne Gnostic Mass
11:30pm

**Sekhet Bast Ra Lodge
Quarterly Calendar**

INITIATION: A BEGINNING

For those avid readers of Ophiucus, or any other publication of the Occult field, the aspects of the Mysteries are wonderfully extrapolated upon, and we are given insights on the mechanics of how things actually work. From articles on how Wine, or the Godforms, and in this publication usually Egyptian, or Mayan, affect the Mystical voyage, to poetic expression of what one has experienced during this trip into the unknown. As this is one publication distributed to many Local Bodies, as well as Grand Lodge, the general flavor of Sekhet-Bast-Ra Lodge, Ordo Templi Orientis shines through. We also have a fortune to distribute this to many areas of the "Occult Scene", or "New Age" in the Oklahoma City area.

Most of this article may be considered speculation amongst the Initiates, however it is more geared to those reading it right now in a bookstore, or one of the many places in which we share Our bit of the Esoteric with those not yet taken to the concept of Initiation. Over a series of articles I shall endeavor to tackle the many, varied aspects of Initiation; the wonders they open for investigation, as well as some of the practical benefits, and realities contained therein.

Initiation can be the most important step in a person's life to achieve what they Will to do with their lives. It tends to open up doors to worlds that were beyond grasp. It can create levels of insight and wonder within the spiritual sphere never before imagined; or if imagined, never before conceptualized as a realistic accomplishable goal. Properly done, Initiation will

provide all the necessary tools in order to see a dream realized. Initiation, in short is an invitation to Destiny.

Before getting off to the stars, rocketing to them with abandon, it should be first to dispel the idea that Initiation does it all for the Candidate. Like entering anything new, such as a new job, or learning a new task, like driving a car; it becomes necessary to enter into a period of Training. What we learn on day one of driving a car, such as proper speed control, and how to operate the steering wheel creates building blocks for our entire life of driving. The same is true for when we first get a job. New associations within the mind are created on how to deal with people, co-workers, and customers alike. How to best perform assigned tasks, and how to deal with the daily chores with effectiveness and proficiency are among the things needed to be done before one is considered a fully trained employee. The same can be said for Initiation.

If for argument's sake, you love to study the inner mechanics of computers, a course of Initiation in a great computer school should provide you with all the tools and mechanisms of understanding the world of computer's fully. It will not, however, do the necessary work and study of the computer for you. All it will do is provide a course of study, hopefully a good professor to teach you how to apply the knowledge, and leave you to fully explore the realms yourself. The same is true in this course of Esoteric Knowledge. If you truly love to explore the Mysteries, there tends to be a great Pool of knowledge, and some rock steady professors in this arena to show you how to manifest as a professor so you can best teach yourself on how to fully do the Work. Truly if you have that

preparation already within, you may find a great benefit to be here, and doing some Work. If you over reach, as this is a Fraternity, there are those that can point out on ways to best get back on track.

Initiation is a wonderful start to fully finding and exploring the path to Destiny. Initiation is just that though, a Start, not the work itself, or the end result, but an Opening. To those that have degrees from University or College know many doors open for them after graduation. Many doors can be opened up as well for those that choose to engage in a series of degrees from the Inner Colleges. In future articles along this course of talking about Initiation, we shall begin to see the many benefits of how this course of Initiation into a Fraternity of this nature begins to enable the Candidate (Even the Initiate is a Perpetual Candidate at some level or other) to learn how to unfold themselves to each member of the Fraternity, building bonds of Love and affection that will last a lifetime. We will also see how in working the inner mechanics of this System can open a Candidate to begin to use the tools given in an Initiation to function in a symbiotic relationship to those that have shared a similar life altering event, without becoming a robotic member of a herd. We shall see that this System can create Individuals, willing to begin to take some risks in life, and be nourished by the results therein. We will also take a look at how these shared events, the Esoteric Rituals all Candidates take, as well as the work of the Exoteric Rituals not only continue to open doors to which, if we Dare walk through, can perpetually keep the warm Fraternal bond within our hearts, but it makes that path we take as Individuals, and the hardships we face a little easier to take. We will see all these lessons a particular

Initiation can provide the food that nourishes a growing and budding Flower, and how that Flower can begin to manufacture It's own food for that long voyage, as well as learning how to pass that very important lesson to one just starting out:

Is Initiation for everyone? Yes, Initiation is the single most important critical event in one's life. Initiation, properly done, creates soldiers, this is why there are Boot Camps. Initiation, properly done, creates leaders, this is why there are Universities. Initiation, properly done, can create Blazing Stars, and this is why there are Schools of the Esoteric. In the case of the Latter, some Schools will give you the necessary implements to train and teach yourself on the path of knowing, and in these, in my opinion, we find the brightest of the Blazing Stars.

This very article is an Initiation in and of itself, for it is a Beginning to further exploration, and investigation. Let us begin!



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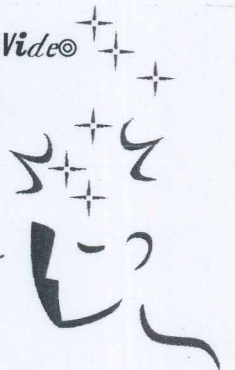
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