



The Souls' Awakening

'The Soul's Awakening'
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The awakening of man's true Soul often roots back to the childhood. This was when the person suddenly came upon himself as if out of a dream, into a world in which everything about him is suddenly lucid & clear. The Senses are acute, each Sound, smell, touch & Sight have a richness & significance far beyond the role of information bearers. Such moments are unforgettable and indescribable, but they are retained in the Memory. I myself can recall the time & place when I experienced this phenomena, in the form of a 'Visible' stream of white lightning entering at the Top of my head. In retrospect I can now see that it was 'The lightning flash' giving me a glimpse of true spirit.

CHILDHOOD

In Childhood the inquisitiveness of God is made apparent. The first feeling of awe as the child suddenly senses the distance of the stars in the night sky, there is the realm of fairy tale & folklore. These stories have a deep effect on the psyche. It is as if the soul is reminded of what it once knew. To the Natural Man Sir Lancelot has much attraction with his skill & courage, but to another side of a child's nature, a much deeper element, Sir Galahad, the finder of the HOLY GRAIL, also has a fascination. Such puzzling, non-practical entities are dismissed by most people as they grow into adolescence, but to some, they remain part of an accumulation of questions adults cannot or will not answer.

YOUTH.

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With Youth comes Passion, the age of NETZAH. For the person who has not forgotten his awakening this is a totally new experience. The first love affair are etched deep.

OUTSIDER

For the person who is still puzzled with & unsatisfied by the world of the Natural man, the situation is difficult. The female outsider has an even worse time, she is expected to conform to the conventions of her time & place, which usually results in either a bad marriage or no marriage at all as a resistance against pressures applied to her. Not only from family, but from Mother Nature herself whose is interested in producing the next generation. This gut impulse rises periodically & both sexes when just past what is considered the 'maturing age', often take partners out of sheer desperation. For the outsider this is a disaster & can bury for several years the important questions asked in childhood & youth.

Adult.

The awakening can come at any time in adulthood, it cannot come before, because the full stature of the person has not been reached. A young person may know of the Soul, be aware of its powers, but need the experience to handle the delicate, and often crucial points, crises that befall someone seeking a spiritual path. This

MASTER'S
GUIDANCE

does not preclude young people from practicing, but they need to be under the SEASONED GUIDANCE of a teacher/master who can carry them over difficult periods. The process of awakening is not for everyone, and traditionally only those who will not be put off by the intentional cold-shouldering of a teacher can be accepted for the first stage.

TESTS.

Before the stage of being under discipline is reached many tests have to be passed. Various psychological dragons have to be killed & the persons retal prove mostly to himself. For the outsider, applying his esoteric ideas to the physical plane the trail is full of distractions & diversions. At times he will be apparently lost & yet often something occurs, either externally or internally that saves him from a nasty scrape. After a while he begins to recognize that something is watching over him. At first he suspects all sorts of strange things, then, in time he will discover it is his own tippereth. When sufficient contact is maintained & sustained, he begins to glimpse the whole of his lower self, & many new things begin to happen.

MEETING
THE
TEACHER/
MASTER.

AT traditional saying states - when the disciple is ready, the teacher appears, and this is often the case, in that he sees something that was there all the time. IT IS USUALLY IN THE FORM OF A PERSON HE HAS KNOWN FOR SOME WHILE, OR SUDDENLY MEETS, who stands at that point, one degree ahead of him. In such a relationship he who knows a little more pays his debt to his own teacher, by imparting the knowledge to his new-found pupil, at that moment in time. In this way the seeker who has been looking, sometimes for what he doesn't even know, recognizes the thing he has desired & is connected to a long chain of people evolving through a whole generation & on back into remote history. Moreover, he is the link foreward into the future of the human race. At this realization, the scale of the operation can overwhelm a person!

QUITTING.

Sometimes he quits, because it is too much responsibility. He prefers to dream of waking up without doing any work. Such people occasionally drift back into the Natural man's world. Unfortunately they still cannot join in. They know too much. Often they return to spiritual discipline, but sometimes the situation becomes tragic as they try to bury what they know in the usual ways of trying to forget.

Role of
WICCA.

For those committed to finding a path there arises an initial honeymoon period of egoic spirituality. The reason for this is that YESOD falls on the outer personality of the Tradition (with me Wicca) connected with so that the person wears its uniform & adopts the speech & manners of its devotees. [Quote a master - Wicca is but a signpost to the truth!]. This being the first stage, that is the HOD - NETZAH - YESOD complex the person talks a great deal about it, desires to convert everyone, rejecting any other ideas. Fortunately this phase passes for most people, but there are some for whom it does not (no) and this is often due to their ego claiming the Tradition's authority for personal use in status or power. Later, as the truth of Tiphereth asserts itself the problem resolves one way, ~~it continues, or the~~ or the other.

4 Paths.

The process of awakening is not easy for it takes patience & determination to maintain over long periods. Over the millennia the great Traditions have evolved their basic approach to meet the needs of different types of people. These fall into 4 categories:

1st for the man of action

- Malkuth, NETZAH-YESOD TRIAD, the person who learns by doing, by ritual & SKILL.

2nd for the man of ideas.

- HOD, YESOD, MALKUTH.

working with ideas & form in philosophy.

3rd for the man of feelings.

- HOD, NETZAH, YESOD.

usually more introverted & has a devotional approach.

4th.

This is a composite of the 3 ways, but unlike them, it operates in direct contact with life. TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF LIFE IS THE ESSENCE OF THIS, YET TO BE ABLE TO CREATE A HOLY SPACE WHEREVER YOU ARE IS A PRE-REQUISITE.

for the 'outsider' who has made contact with a longstanding tradition. Several things can happen. He can go along with it, he can find out if it suits his needs, or move onto another. This can lead to a further problem in that he can wander from one tradition to another to hear different versions of the same answer, resulting in a confusion of terms. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO FIND + BE FULLY INVOLVED WITH ONE LINE + FOLLOW IT RIGHT THROUGH. NOTHING LESS WILL WORK. At the time of writing I see my path as being the Kabbalah's use by means of ceremonial magic. (This decision is one I take in light of the next ritual of the HEROPHANT.)

CROSSING
THE
LINE.

A person who has accepted a particular way of working on his soul is in a unique position. Once he has crossed the LINE OF DECISION (which I see as the ritual of the Herophant) the whole quality of his life changes. The first thing that happens is that he loses his natural man friends, who begin to regard him as a freak, & often quits his job, if not sacked just. This is because there has been a profound shift in his psyche. At first there is confusion as his normally ego-orientated psyche battles with what is important in his life. He feels even more of an outsider & at times thinks he is crazy. His erstwhile friends are of no help, his change of state is a threat to their ego-balanced world. He is too penetrating, too deep & confused to be treated in the old way. They can no longer understand his way of thinking, let alone his actions.

BREAKING
THE
EGO-WILL

Such a period can go on for a long time. The ego fights a long & hard war to save its status, because to surrender means to lose its illusory rulership of that person. Whether by self help or outside aid the Ego-will has to be broken. This may be done in wild west style by riding it hard, or a softly-softly approach of bridle, blanket saddle. Such technique requires an experienced Teacher/Master, and the pupil must be worthy of the task. A man must really want to work on his soul. To be less than totally committed to a path is not only useless, but dangerous.

HE MUST BE TOTALLY COMMITTED.

DECISION, discipline & effort are the prerequisites for the man or woman who wishes to develop his soul. When the aspirant commits himself he begins to change his whole way of life. In Kabbalistic terms, he starts ~~to~~ to alter his Yesodic foundations. This is a major task because so much psychological rubbish has to be lost. The initial period is a dangerous one because to get rid of one 'demon' you may open the house for more & worse. The spiritual path has its traps, temptations & corruptions. There can be deceit & self-deceit in those who profane the life of the spirit. One must be ever watchful, for the track up to the way proper is strewn with both problems to be solved. In Kabbalah there are seen as a series of initiations.

Initiation

There are two types of initiation, internal & external. One generated in the psyche & the other by outer circumstance. Kabbalistic initiation is related to life, each initiation is precise in that it is about the development of a particular Sefira, so that step by step the aspirant slowly climbs the tree of himself. In this way he continually balances & perfects each stage, passing from sephira to Sefira until he passes out of the upper face of the Lower tree & into the lower face of the tree above. In this way the ma'am as above & as below is achieved whilst still in the flesh. The

Malkuth

The first initiation is in Malkuth & the work on the body is continuous. This cultivates will, which is later applied. To control the body is not easy, as we are all full of old habits - such as eating when we are not hungry. These habits must be identified & cured.

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A good analogy to me is the Tarot card 'The Chariot'.

The driver, or Yerod, is standing in the chariot of Malkuth & working with Hod + Netzah.

YESOD.

The driver is ego. Founded on all the Yesodic residue of years the personal consciousness has to slowly ~~remove~~ remove many ideas. This is difficult, because the ego, backed up by its shadow side, will fight to maintain its position. A person cannot normally cope alone with this crisis situation, because it literally threatens his foundations. The role of the teacher is to act as the person's Tzpareth.

MASTERS:

On some cases THE ORGANISATION ACTS AS AN ARCHETYPE, but this projection is often dangerous because no real responsibility is taken by the instructors. Individual human contact & responsibility is vital. At no time must the name of the Tradition be invoked, because the phenomena of possession

with the influence of any living tradition. This is because the acceptable lies that a person lives by in the world of Natural man are no longer tenable in the supramental world. In order to grow the soul must break out of the imprisoning structure of animal & vegetable worlds. Changes can sometimes occur, despite the ego's clinging to former securities & relationships, for the Self, if it cannot effect the change directly, will, through the side paths avoiding Yesod, influence the person to terminate an old way of life (such as me leaving Hellung as a nurse). Sometimes people on impulse, without knowing why, suddenly leave secure positions, break social connections, say things they can't go back on & create relationships that will wreck stable situations. After a time when the confusion begins to clear new inner & outer experiences start to happen. Abruptly or gradually a person finds he is strongly free to be himself. Often out of the blue extraordinary opportunities occur. In one case a man was offered a job he had always wanted. Because of his new state someone realized he could now do it. Another example is a woman who after a bad marriage met a perfect match. Both these TIPARETH INITIATIONS were concerned directly with truth & growth. Because both people were courageous (TO DARE), a quality of Tipareth, & centered directly between the upper & lower faces of their trees heaven & Earth could aid them. When a man is true to his self, his needs are supplied, because the self of the person is the self of all & can call on the resources of the total universe. The universe is all of one piece & one consciousness. How else could it be? The Self knows what is needed, & gives not what is desired by the ego but what is required by the self for that person's development & for some it may be pain, for others pleasure. Each is able to open the door to that individual's self-consciousness. In Kabbalah all life is an initiation. When the Self initiation is accomplished the Uparethol Yetzirah is & wears the crown of, the asiyyatic Kether. Such a person is no longer a natural man.