

THE ART AND PRACTICE OF OPHIEL

**A Collection Of Monologues On Working
With His Materials**

**In particular, techniques and practices for working alongside,
and with, the Malkuth Earth/Hades body**

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Here is what Ophiel writes, in his lesson number two, of his; Correspondence Course in the Foundations of the Occult;

“I mean, you must master the Physical Plane first, and then work to understand, and master, the Inner Planes ‘back-up’ each in turn. However, there is another matter connected here at this point that you should know and understand thoroughly, and which is still another reason why you have to start here, and that is, there seems to be a Law that YOU cannot control any one plane unless you control the plane above that one. Thus, according to this Law, you will not be able to control-handle the Physical Plane without first, handling controlling, the plane above the Physical, the Etheric Plane (which we will begin to study in the next lesson.)” End quote. (Underlines are the present writers.)

Here is what Ophiel writes, in his Vignette; An Exercise in Preliminary Projection;

“I am going to ask and wonder if there is not some kind of ‘sub-plane,’ a ‘sub-Etheric Plane,’ which is very close to the physical, but which is neither physical nor Etheric. It has been suggested that the planes between the “Real” Earth and the “Real” Etheric could be the Elemental Planes of the Elements. And it is possible to project to these planes, a fact which I had never seriously considered before this time.”

I suppose it could be considered one of my failings that I don’t cognise a thing until I fit it in somewhere, somewhere into my workings, and when once a working place appears, then I recognise/re-re-recognise the whole and reorganise the set-up all over again.

Such is what happened here when I held up the ‘non-orientation’ of myself, long enough to discover/rediscover that this was taking place on another kind of plane than formerly I had functioned on. Try it for yourself, take it easy, study your ‘Effects’ and note the ‘Results’ please read and study the book, ‘The Art and Practice of Caballa Magic.’ In this book combinations of Tattva Symbols are given for the ‘Sub-Planes’ spoken of, ‘above.’ Please study these symbols and call them ‘DOORS’ into the ‘Inner Planes’ or – as I like the name, “GATES.” – Work and ‘study’ like hell, as I can’t do that for you.” End quote.

Context reads thusly, for us:

However, there is another matter connected here at this point that you should know and understand thoroughly, and which is still another reason why you have to start here, and that is, there seems to be a Law that YOU cannot control any one plane unless you control the plane above that one.

I am going to ask and wonder if there is not some kind of ‘sub-plane,’ a ‘sub-Etheric Plane,’ WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE PHYSICAL, BUT WHICH IS NEITHER PHYSICAL NOR ETHERIC.

And it is possible to project to these planes, a fact which I had never seriously considered before this time. Such is what happened here, when I held up the ‘non-orientation’ of myself, LONG ENOUGH TO DISCOVER/REDISCOVER THAT THIS WAS TAKING PLACE ON ANOTHER KIND OF PLANE THAN FORMERLY I HAD FUNCTIONED ON.

In this book; Caballa Magic, combinations of Tattva Symbols, are given for the ‘Sub-Planes,’ spoken of, ‘above.’ Please study these symbols, and call them ‘DOORS’ into the ‘Inner Planes’ or – as I like the name, “GATES.” – Work and ‘study’ like hell, as I can’t do that for you!

Please try to ‘understand?’ that the = PLANE ABOVE; OVER; BEFORE; AHEAD AND IN-FRONT!?! Of the/your = #0, Outer, Outer Physically Physical Plane = IS!?! The/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?!

Please try to ‘understand?’ that the = PLANE BELOW; UNDER; AFTER AND BEHIND!?! Of the/your = #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?! = IS!?! The/your #0, Outer, Outer Physically Physical Plane!?!

However, there is another matter connected here at this point that you should know and understand thoroughly, and which is still another reason why you have to start here, and that is, THERE SEEMS TO BE A LAW THAT YOU CANNOT CONTROL ANY ONE PLANE UNLESS YOU CONTROL THE PLANE ABOVE THAT ONE.

Well, it just so ‘happens?’ that the plane above the #0, outer, outer physically physical plane = IS!?! – the/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane, IS!?! - the plane, which ‘Controls?’ the/your = #0, outer, outer physically physical plane!?! = DO YOU ‘UNDERSTAND?’ THIS!?!

THE/YOUR = #0, OUTER, OUTER PHYSICALLY PHYSICAL PLANE!? **IS!?** = **A PROJECTION OF!** THE/YOUR = #1, MALKUTH EARTH/HADES PLANE!? = **DO YOU 'UNDERSTAND?'** **THIS!?** = **I am going to ask and wonder if there is not some kind of 'sub-plane,' a 'sub-Etheric Plane,' WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO THE PHYSICAL, BUT WHICH IS NEITHER PHYSICAL NOR ETHERIC!?**

Many, would be, occultists, of the book/read/study kind/type (Of which, there is/are 'legions!?' them!) cannot, are not, will not and do not = **ACCEPT!?** – THAT THERE '**IS!?**' – SUCH A PLANE/PLACE!?! = AS THE/THEIR = #1, MALKUTH EARTH/HADES!?! **AND! AND! IT = #1, MALKUTH EARTH/HADES PLANE = IS!?** – THE/THEIR = **PSYCHIC-TACTILE FEEL-ING!?** = Define; Three-Dimensional-ise; Symbol-ise!?

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The present writer, has a copy, of a wonderful 'votive' offering, called the 'Pinax of Hades & Persephone,' where they are both 'Enthroned,' which is from about 500/450 BC. From the Greek district of; Locri Epizephirii; Mannella district, which had a 'Sanctuary,' of Persephone, and this terracotta tile, was 'offered,' up, as a/an 'offering.' Check out the Cleveland Museum of Art. Both Hades & Persephone (**Psyche!?**) are sitting enthroned, receiving offerings – **AND BOTH!! = HAVE THEIR 'EYES?' = CLOSED!?**

Hades rules over the; dead/deceased, and he is assisted by/with 'others?' all of whom, he has complete authority. The Plane of Hades, was described as 'full of guests?' Hades very rarely 'left?' his realm, underworld plane/place, and cared little, for/about, what happened/took place, in/on the worlds/planes – above; over; higher; before and above 'his,' plane/level!?! Hades full 'attention?' was in the 'ensuring?' that none of his 'subjects,' left his Domain/Realm. Hades was/is = **INDIFFERENT? TO HIS SUBJECTS!?**

See/read Ophiel's vignette; How to Control and Dominate Others, and see read what Ophiel, has to write, about; INDIFFERENT/INDIFFERENCE!?

Indifferent (adjective,) from the late, French 14th century; un-biased; impartial; non-preferential; non-prefer-ing of one to another; (as in persons,) alike; equal; same (of things; objects; circumstances.) From the Latin; indifferentem/indifferens – not differ-ing; not particular of/to; of no consequence; neither good nor evil. From; in = not; opposite of + differens/differre = set apart = to be/become as 'one?'

Bias = Bia – Greek God of/for – Strength. Greek; Zenobia – LITERALLY – the 'Force,' of Zues + bia = strength/force. Cognate to/with the Sanskrit word; jya/jia = Force/Power. (To be able; To do.)

As a 'form?' of punishment(?) for the 'break-ing,' his (Hades) – LAWS; RULES; GOVERNANCES!?! Hades would put/place the 'offender,' in the/his; **CHAIR/SEAT/THRONE = OF FORGETFUL-NESS!?** (Also, in the 'realm' of Hades, there is(?) the 'River of Lethe = The River of Forgetful-ness? And there is also(?) The 'Pool?' of/for = FORGETFUL-NESS!?! (There is 'also?' a; POOL OF REMEMBRANCE!?!)) Initiates, into the Realm of Hades, were/are – instructed/informed? – not to 'drink?' of/from, the 'pool,' of forgetful-ness, when they are 'dead?' (And, obviously(?) were shown/taught(?) how? not! to do this?)

In the present 'Tattva,' work/work-ing, of the/your – basic cosmic egg and/or basic chair exercises = you! – the = doer/practitioner/operator of/for, the/these two 'exercises,' = egg and chair = **ARE! ARE! = ENTER-ING!?** = THE/THIS/HIS – HADES!?! = **REALM? PLANE? WORLD!?** (Oh Yes! You **ARE!?**)

Ophiel continues with his lesson two, of his; Correspondence Course in the Foundations of Occult, with this;

"But, as aforesaid, **the first part of your Occult Work will start on the Physical Plane. You must learn all you possibly can about YOUR Physical Plane. (None of us do.) Remember, the object of your control work is to master Physical Matter, not let it master you!**

To gain this Physical Plane Control-understanding you must use all approved physical methods first, **such as concentration,**

attention to details, learning to master the use of at least one physical tool!!! By, - hard-physical-application, - all of these and whatever special physical requirement applies in your life-situation. Notice and study the basic structure of the Forces you bring to bear on Physical Things.” End quote.

The Basic Cosmic Egg and/or Basic Chair exercises, is/are ‘ideal tools!’ for this ‘purpose,’ of ‘master-ing,’ the/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?! And! And! Increase-ing; Enhance-ing; Develop-ing, the/your Latent; Dormant; Atrophied and Un-used = **PSYCHIC-TACTILE-FEEL-ING!**? As the individual trainee, progressed in the mastery/master-ing, of/for the/their ‘technique?’ – the/their #3, Ego Body, Present Incarnation, Personality Body – LEARNED? ACCEPTED? RECONCILED? TO ‘ITS?’ PLACE? In the ‘Grand Scheme?’ of = THINGS!?

This was/is ‘expressed?’ as = OBSERVE; OBSERVES; OBSERVED!?! – WATCHED OVER!?! = WITHOUT!! – JUDGE; JUDGE-ING; JUDGED; JUDGE-MEANT!?! = WITHOUT SHOW-ING; REVEAL-ING; DISPLAY-ING!?! = WHERE CONSCIOUS, AS A ‘NESS!’ – WAS AT!?! WAS NOW!?! = AS A - #0, OUTER, OUTER PHYSICALLY PHYSICAL – CONSCIOUS-NESS!?! = Whatsoever things, ye desire – when ye **Pray?** **Believe** = **Psychically-Tactilely-Feel!**? ye = #1, have received them, and ye = #0, shall have them!?! Ophiel then writes;

“To close this lesson, I will give you some material to ponder over. The symbol you make in this lesson is the symbol of the Element of Earth (**not physical earth**). Physical Earth is the representative reality of the Symbol of the Element of Earth.” End quote.

Context reads thusly, for us:

The symbol you make in this lesson is the symbol of the, Element of Earth, (not physical earth).

Physical Earth is the ‘representative reality,’ of the Symbol, of the Element of Earth.

Then, in his book; The Occult, his chapter: The Elemental Force of Water; we read this part, again:

“I will say now that each Elemental Force ‘rules’ a Plane or, rather, rules its own Plane. **Hence the Element of Earth rules the Physical Plane even though the Elemental Force of Elemental Earth is not the SAME as Physical Earth, as I repeat to enforce this distinction which please keep in mind as this idea is the very essence of Magical Practices.**

Also, hence the Element of Water, rules the next Plane above the Physical Plane – the Etheric Plane. The Etheric Plane should then have the characteristics of Water and it does. **As I outlined to you before much of these basic Occult or metaphysical Truths were embodied in ancient religions in the form of myths and stories about the Gods and their doings.**

This idea, now being, presented, of the study of the Elemental Forces, **plus the information about Planes rules and/or influenced by them in turn is shown in the myths of the ancient Greek religion of the characteristics of three Gods – Pluto-Poseidon – and Zeus. Pluto was the God of, and ruled, the Underworld (Earth – this is the underworld!!) Poseidon was the God of, and ruled, the ocean (water-of the Etheric Plane!!) (none of these planes were physical) Zeus was the God of, and ruled, the Skies (Air – the mental Plane)**

Now you know, and/or should be beginning to suspect, that there is something more behind these ideas than meets the casual Glance. **YOU KNOW that the Underworld Earth, the Ocean Water, and the Skies Air are, and are not, ACTUAL Earth, Water, Air. Hence it follows that they must refer to an “Inner” Earth, Water, and Air.** And so, we come back to the Planes and the Planes, by their characteristics, show they are closely related to the Elemental Forces and, in fact, might even be said to be both Plane and Force IN ONE. See how this idea appeals to you, and where does it lead you? Do some meditation yourself.” End quote.

Context, reads thusly, for us:

This idea, now being, presented, of the study of the Elemental Forces, **plus, the information about the Planes laws; rules; governances, and/or influenced by them in turn, is shown in the myths of the ancient Greek religion, of the characteristics of three Gods – Pluto; Poseidon; Zeus. Pluto was the God of, and ruled, the Underworld (Physical Earth – this is the underworld to/of/for Pluto/Hades!!) Poseidon was the God of, and ruled, the ocean (water-of the Etheric Plane!!) (NONE OF THESE PLANES WERE PHYSICAL) Zeus was the God of, and ruled, the Skies (Air – the mental Plane.)**

Two Underworlds? Who would have thought it? Well, it just so ‘happened?’ that the worthy ancients – thought it!?

#1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane – was/is? – the Underworld, to/of/for – the ‘rest?’ of the Gods above!

#0, Physical Earth Plane – was/is? – the Underworld, to/of/for – the ‘One?’ God above! = #1, Malkuth!

The/your, #0, Outer, outer physically physical plane/body; WORKS-OFF-OF/FROM!? – the/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?

The/your, #0, Outer, outer physically physical plane/body; DOES NOT!? = WORK-OFF-OF/FROM!? – the/your #2, Etheric Plane! (Shock/Horror!? For many, many, would be ‘occultists?’ See/read Ophiel, for this!?)

Example; The present writer asked; how does a/an #2, Etheric Plane – Object; Circumstance; Thing and/or IT! = BECOME A/AN - #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane – Object; Circumstance; Thing and/or IT!?

Example; The present writer asked; how does a/an #2, Etheric Plane – Visualisation = BECOME A/AN - #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane – Object; Circumstance; Thing and/or IT!?

Example; The present writer asked; Why is? #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane – ABOVE the #0, Outer, Outer Physically Physical Plane? But... BELOW!? The #2, Etheric Plane!? Here is what Ophiel writes, in his lesson #3, of his course; Foundations of Occult;

“You will recall from Lesson Two, that I said that you could not control, or even understand, any Plane unless you understood, and controlled, the plane above the plane you were trying to control.

This is shown in the esoteric side of the myths and legends that form part of the history of the civilizations that make our cultural heritage and individual psychological backgrounds. In the Greek myths the God System is set up as a family. Each God has a Goddess as a sister or wife who is his opposite counterpart. Thus, in effect, each God is positive male to the Gods below and negative female to the Gods above him/her. Read this again and think on it. Much practical wisdom is hidden in this ancient lore, but it has to be modernized and brought up to date to be understandable to us today.

The plane we are going to examine in this lesson, is the ‘Etheric Plane.’ It is usually said that this plane is the plane next ‘above’ the Physical Plane, and so it is.

I am constantly XXXXX in writing these lessons as to what, among the endless amount of material available, to put down here at this time. What I am trying to achieve is to give the necessary occult information so that you can start to use this knowledge as quickly as possible. We must save the ‘deeper stuff’ for other lessons - much as I wish I could give it all here and now - (of course, there is no ‘all’)

I am sure, too, that you realise that your progress in Occult Work is not just a matter of getting information about all things Occult, but also the balanced inter-relating of various facets of information with your own background experience - and this takes a certain amount of time even though you are not consciously aware that there is a process of ‘psychological digestion’ going on in the meanwhile.” End quote. (Underlines are the present writers.)

The present writer has absolutely ‘no understand-ing?’ of why? ‘occultists?’ choose? to ignore(?), the #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!? The/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane IS! = above; over; higher; before and in-front-of!? – the/your #0, Outer, Outer Physically Physical Plane!?

The present writer has absolutely ‘no understand-ing?’ of why? ‘occultists?’ choose? not to explain(?), the #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?

BUT...! LIKE IT(?) OR NOT(!) = THERE IT IS!? – AT THE BOTTOM!? OF THE/YOUR? TREE/MAP = THE WHOLE OF WHICH!? = IS NOT! NOT! - #0, OUTER, OUTER PHYSICALLY PHYSICAL! (I am the first and I am the last! I am the beginning and I am the end! For all this (above & below,) is delivered unto me (#1) and to whomsoever I (#1,) will, will I (#1,) give it? = Give what!? The ‘lie?’ is ‘in?’ = I will!? Because? if? you, the ‘occultist?’ know/understand? HOW TO ASK!? Then the ‘whole world?’ shall be ‘given?’ unto you!? Hermes Trismegistus? (Conscious, as a ‘ness?’) Ophiel Continues;

“Now, to start over again, the next plane to this ‘Physical Plane,’ is the ETHERIC Plane. The word ‘Ether’ comes from the Greek word meaning to ‘Burn’ (But not, ‘Fire burn’) or to, ‘Glow,’ which is a description of its appearance to psychic sight. (All things/appearances on the Inner Planes are, ‘Light-glowing,’ i.e., full of light - and that is why it is called the INNER LIGHT.)” End quote. (Underlines are the present writers.)

Eros to Psyche = BRING NO LIGHT!? (See/read 1 to 17; Eros & Psyche.) Once again, Ophiel writes in his vignette; An

Exercise in Preliminary Projection:

“I am going to introduce an idea here, which is not a new idea at all but is probably thousands of years old. As usual, I am rediscovering something that has not been put down plainly in any of the books. I am going to ask and wonder if there is not some kind of ‘sub-plane,’ a ‘sub-Etheric Plane,’ which is very close to the physical, but which is neither physical nor Etheric. It has been suggested that the planes between the “Real” Earth and the “Real” Etheric could be the Elemental Planes of the Elements. And it is possible to project to these planes, a fact which I had never seriously considered before this time.”
End quote. (Underlines are the present writers.)

Ophiel = HAD TO COME BACK!?! – TO HIS! = #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane? Even though, Ophiel ‘learned?’ to #2, Etheric Plane Project ‘first?’ he, then ‘came back,’ to his #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane = BETWEEN!?! His #2 &+ #0!?! Whereas? As an ‘assist?’ for those individuals who, for whatever reason(?), they are invited, to test; try; use; for themselves, the basic chair and/or basic cosmic egg, exercises, to see ‘if?’ they/these two exercises, is/are for them, at this point/place, in their ‘occult,’ life/living!?!?

It is ‘here?’ = #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades!?! – from which, you – conscious, as a ‘ness?’ will/shall ‘project from!?!’ Just because you are not – aware; awake; conscious(?), to the/these ‘things,’ doesn’t/won’t mean? that it (transferring/projecting!?!?) won’t = happen!?! (Psyche – in her ‘search?’ for Eros? (Her Desire!?!?) Went to(?) the other, higher Gods? Planes!?!?)

When/if? a person/individual, is successful, in the/their basic cosmic egg and/or basic chair exercises, then it is simply a matter of = transferring/projecting? the/their = Psychic-Tactile-Sense/Feel-ing = OF/FOR!?! = THREE-DIMENSIONS!?! TO! THE/THEIR = TWO-DIMENSIONAL!?! - #2, ETHERIC PLANE!?! Earth of Water!?! = where the Elementnt of Water; acts like; works like; feels like; operates like; behaves like? – the Elementnt of Earth!?! – but! it is ‘still!?!’ = all element water!?! = only now!?! it = element water!?! is!?! = act-ing like; work-ing like; feel-ing like; operate-ing like; behave-ing like? = a/an – elemental!?! force!?! In this example/case = Elementnt Earth!?!?

Get it now!?! Example = the; #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane ‘agent?’ = OFFERS? GIVES? – ADVERSE; OPPOSITE; OBSTACLE = RESISTANCE!?! INERTIA? AS = #0, Outer, outer physically physical earth, = USE; USES; USE-ING; USED!?! Thus! the individual, as a #0, Outer, outer physically physical = Conscious, as a ‘ness,’ = WORKS-OFF-OF/FROM!?! – THE//YOUR #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane = PSYCHIC-TACTILE-FEEL-ING!?! = ANIMATION!?! ANIMATE-ING!?!?

Your ‘Tattva,’ symbol = Cube – is the ‘symbol?’ of/for the/your #1, Malkuth Earth/Hades Plane!?! = Not! Not! – the/your #0, Outer, outer physically physical plane!?!?

Thank you.