

**Ophiel's
Vignette Lessons
In
Occult Power**

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DEDICATION

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO ALL STUDENTS OF OPHIEL, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

FOREWORD AND INTRODUCTION

Ophiel published, from the year 1967 right on through to the late 1970's and even beyond, a series of little essays which he called "Vignettes." In these Vignettes, Ophiel wrote on a wide range of Occult topics of interest and other little alleyways of metaphysical thought; ranging from major subjects of the Occult already delved upon in his main books, to other, more obscure, but nonetheless interesting and pertinent points of information. For purposes of identification, Ophiel divided up these essays into 5 different sets, viz. - Series 1, Series 2, Series 3, Series 4 and lastly Series 5. The last of these - Series 5 - was arguably an unfinished series due to the author having passed on before he had the chance to truly commit all of his thoughts and ongoing lines of discovery in the Occult and metaphysics to paper, and so was in some sort of sense open-ended. This, however, should not be seen too much by the reader as a dead-end, because the spirit of the author's writings was always tending towards encouraging the reader to think for him/her self, and Ophiel, even in his later days, had planted in his essays enough seed-points of thought from which the reader could nurture and grow continually new lines of Occult insight and discovery.

At some time not very long before his passing, Ophiel had apparently put together his entire collection of Vignettes into a single publication, titled, "Ophiel's Sealed Lessons In Occult Power." But unfortunately - and in keeping with the author's repeated claims that strange forces have been at work in preventing his books from coming out to the public - not very many copies of this book were published and made available, and to this day not a SINGLE copy of such can be found. As a result, some few Vignettes of the later series became lost and by now seemed to have escaped into oblivion. For despite the best and patient efforts even of those persons who have been the author's most ardent followers, as well as his closest confidants in life, none of these missing ones have so far been retrieved. However despite this, the vast majority of Ophiel's Vignettes are still in possession; and as a tribute to the author, and as a benefit to all sincere students of Ophiel both present and to come, these remaining Vignettes - 50 in number - have been collated together into a single publication. May this accomplishment be a final 'nose-thumbing' to those negative forces that have in the past assailed against the best efforts to bring Occult truth and enlightenment to the access of genuine seekers!

Stephen Walford.
(On behalf of Ophiel_Magick group)

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INTRODUCTORY LESSON:

The Art of Creative Visualization.

Although not being strictly a part of his "Vignette" series of lessons, Ophiel wrote this very useful little monograph which serves both as a 'starter' for those who are in urgent need of material supply AND as a good introduction to Ophiel teachings, containing a core set of magical principles & techniques/practices. - (Pg. 12)

SERIES 1 LESSONS:

Series 1__#1. How to Become a Power in Your Town, Job, Club (1967).

This Vignette is one of the best and most comprehensive ever written by Ophiel. If the information therein is used carefully and properly, you should be able to influence group souls of Towns, Clubs, Organizations, and all other like things. However, you must use physical means in connection with your Inner Plane work, too. Very useful and very helpful in life. - (Pg. 16)

Series 1__#2. How to Control and Dominate Others (1967).

The title sounds strained! but so many people write to Ophiel asking about how to attract the attention of others, and/to interest others that Ophiel wrote up this simple essay of how to control the attention of others by natural Occult means. You can change the title to read: interest and control the attention of others and dominate the "scene." Very interesting essay and full of hot Occult Knowledge. - (Pg. 20)

Series 1__#3. How to Alter Your Name into a Magical Name (1967).

This Vignette shows you how you can quite easily change your present name into a Name of Power! The correct use of this Occult Knowledge can give you a great deal of OCCULT POWER. - (Pg. 23)

Series 1__#4. The Power of Speaking Things and Conditions into Existence (1967).

You have many natural powers, and one which you already possess is the ability to 'speak things and conditions into existence' - things and conditions which are necessary for YOUR happiness, and which are rather easier to bring about than you may think. - (Pg. 28)

Series 1__#5. How to Create a Familiar to Help You Through Life (1971).

Again, this Vignette is one of the most comprehensive and complete ever written by Ophiel. Besides the Familiar Knowledge it also contains the useful Cabalistic ritual, the use of which can result in the balancing of the Elementary Forces in your body - life. The name "Familiar" is an old-time name and really means a helper set up on the next plane, and that is all it ever really was. All the other stories you hear are due to ignorant ideas and have no validity at all. Good and useful. - (Pg. 32)

Series 1__#6. The Power of the Lost Word (1971).

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SERIES 2 LESSONS:

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In this Vignette, Ophiel presents some Occult knowledge pertaining to your inner, deep mind and how it can be influenced by your attitudes and desires, and the role all this plays in your daily life situations. - (Pg. 42)

Series 2__#2. The God That is in My Mouth (1971).

Ophiel reveals that both You, and the 'First Cause' god, share a connection, and an analogous power - the power of speaking/vocalizing your local/surrounding physical sphere/cosmos into 'creation!' - (Pg. 44)

Series 2__#3. Some Ideas About God (1971).

In this Vignette, Ophiel draws on some Jewish, Gnostic, and other sources of Knowledge to present some simple ideas and concepts on God as a Creative Power, and how these can be related to the Tree of Life. - (Pg. 46)

Series 2__#4. The Symbol Method of Astral Projection (1971).

'The Symbol Method' is at least 2,000 to 3,000 years old, and was used by the ancient Egyptian priests as a tool to help them accomplish their magical ends! Ophiel shows how you can adapt the same, and construct a series of magical 'symbol' cards, called "Tattwas/Tattvas" to enable you to enter/contact the inner planes and manipulate inner-plane elemental forces. A very useful and recommended early practice. - (Pg. 48)

Series 2__#5. The Thread (1971).

Ophiel cites an ancient Greek myth/legend, and explains how man, through discovering/rediscovers his latent powers, can begin to escape from the thrall of matter and find his way back to God. A little deeper than most. - (Pg. 51)

Series 2__#6. Aura Seeing (1971).

We, plus all living things, are surrounded by an AURA. The AURA is really the "next" body, the ETHERIC BODY shining "through" or shining around the edge of the physical body (the Greek word Ether means to shine.) Artists, in the old time, used to paint an AURA around the heads of Saints and such. This little essay shows you how to make a start towards seeing AURAS by simple methods available to everybody. Once seen the process can become automatic, although not many pursue the process that far. Useful for Occult beginners. - (Pg. 54)

Series 2__#7. Prometheus and Epimetheus: What They Mean to You (1971).

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Series 2__#8. Self-Awareness (1971).

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I wrote this little essay as a warning to Occult students about being on their guard against fake teachers. In this essay I tell them to test everything, including my own teachings, and only accept what can be demonstrated (to borrow a word from Christian Science) and especially to look out for many requests for large amounts. TEST TEST TEST. You should have this information. - (Pg. 64)

Series 2__#11. Work on All Planes (1971).

Ophiel effectively expounds on the hermetic axiom "As above, so below," and goes to some lengths to outline how the planes are more intimately connected/related than you may think, and how an 'action' on one plane automatically generates a similar action on 'all other' planes - AT ONCE! Can be considered as a 'basic-basic' kind of

Occult information/instruction. - (Pg. 66)

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Series 3 __#2. Some thoughts on the Ten Commandments (1980).

Ophiel's analysis of the Ten Commandments and some annotations on their applications to today's living-being. Heavy stuff. If you are not ready, better not read it as it is heavy, really heavy, and to sloppy thinkers it will be a real shock as for the first time they face reality in truth. - (Pg. 72)

Series 3 __#3. Living Life (1974).

Rather deep essay about living daily life and calling attention to the personal manufacture of Thought-Forms and their effects on our lives and some references to their effects on others. Some ideas as to how to nullify adverse Thought-Form effects. - (Pg. 88)

Series 3 __#4. The Happiness Doll (1974).

What is not generally known is that all magical operations, especially "black" ones can be reversed. The famous, or rather infamous, pin-sticking doll can be reversed so that you can set up a self-doll and GIVE IT ALL KINDS OF GOODIES. Can be very useful to your well-being. - (Pg. 90)

Series 3 __#5. What is Man? (1974).

Introduces the Gnostic idea of a worker God who creates the physical world (out of No-Thing) and gives some ideas as to how to handle the Creator God, the Demiurgeous. Once you handle "it," you've got it made and you can now do things. - (Pg. 91)

Series 3 __#6. The Dweller on the Threshold (1974).

The title is dated but the knowledge is up-to-date. Concerns forces on the next plane and how you have (probably) built up your own opposite. Continues with ideas about how to handle your daily life with these forces in view and how these forces are to be taken into account in all your actions, the object being to lead a more perfect life and to get along better. - (Pg. 93)

Series 3 __#7. Why Do You Let the Devil Use You? (1974).

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Series 3 __#8. More Ideas About God (1974).

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Series 3 __#9. Astral Light - The Plastic Medium (1974).

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Series 3 __#10. The Other You (1974).

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Series 3__#11. *Your Other You* (1974).

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Series 3__#12. *A Technique of Visualization* (1974).

Concerns you and the Demiurgeous and your ability to Creatively Visualize (under proper Directions and with proper preparations), something which is never realized by countless people and yet they do produce negative creations, which they don't want, all the time. Useful to you. - (Pg. 111)

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Series 3__#14. *Assistance from the Gods - #1 & #2* (1974).

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Series 3__#15. *Treasure Map* (1974).

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Series 3__#16A. *Magic Workings on Matter* (1974).

Small, short and potent. Contains a concise explanation of the translation of force into form. - (Pg. 121)

Series 3__#16B. *On the Art of Contacting God* (1974).

This vignette is a little hard to understand so I am charging less for it. Deals with attitudes in daily life as exemplified in everyday cliches, how attitudes can rule you, and suggests a method of dealing with them. Not easy. - (Pg. 123)

Series 3__#17. *Plato and the Soul* (1974).

For some mysterious reason about 2000 years ago there were no definitely taught ideas about life after death. None of the religions that were then current in the world taught such an idea, except in fragmentary ways. Then Plato thought about a continuation of a life after death. He was talking about the Etheric body but the Church mistook that idea of the Etheric body for a thing called a Soul. - (Pg. 125)

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Series 3__#19. *Your Disloyal Life Opposition* (1974).

There is some evidence that we are made up of two contending forces which seem to "rule" alternately in our lives and bodies. A successful life is one that can adjust a balance between these two forces. Once it is known that there are these two forces some defense can be set up against the negative one. - (Pg. 130)

Series 3__#20. *An Exercise in Preliminary Projection, Two Parts* (1974).

More information on Etheric projection and information on some additional side-lines connected thereto. - (Pg's. 132, 135)

Series 3__#21. *The Two Creators* (1974).

More knowledgeable information about the two creators who, between them, have made up the physical world. Much interesting and useful information. - (Pg. 137)

Series 3__#23. *Witch Craft* (1974).

Natural witch craft forces are exemplified in this study of the application of raw nature to

very material nature forces by American Indians in time past. Close study will show that all witch craft is a combination of the inner and the outer and the line is not too clear. Pretty good and pretty useful. - (Pg. 139)

SERIES 4 LESSONS:

Series 4__#1. The Winter Solstice 1974-1975 (1974).

A concise summary, from the Occult viewpoint, of the past year - reviewed. Some use for a backward look and some use for study and ideas for charting your forward this year life travel path and trying to avoid the errors of last year and looking forward to the ancient-modern TRUTH of the contact with the half - GOD!!!!!! - (Pg. 143)

Series 4__#2. Spring Equinox Message for 1975 (1975).

This Spring's message treats of some ideas of Lent, what it is and how it came about and what it is supposed to mean. There is a right way to "greet" the Spring, to allow, the Spring to enter your life, and there is a wrong way which is of no effect worth a thinker's damn. And don't be one of those. And now is the time for all good Occultists to come to the aid of their country. Your "right" thinking can influence the government and individual!!!!!! Large numbers of people can be influenced by "thinking" the larger the numbers of people the larger the group soul of the large group and the easier the group soul can be influenced (see Ophiel's other writings.) - (Pg. 146)

Series 4__#3. Jesus is Coming (?) (1975).

A few remarks about the current ideas about the "return" of Jesus. Useful Occult Knowledge and a suggestion as to what is really meant by the "return" idea. As it relieves your mind from worries about a non-return. - (Pg. 149)

Series 4__#4. The Curse (1975).

In occult circles, one hears endlessly about curses, but - WHAT ARE THEY? - ACTUALLY? Who can use them? - What is the modus operandi behind the construction of a curse? Are they valid today? This Vignette explains these puzzles. Gives you ideas of use and ideas of protection against others and their ill-directed desires against you!!!!!! - (Pg. 151)

Series 4__#5. How to Get "Ahead" (1975).

This little Vignette is pregnant with heavy meanings, short and succulent. This Vignette covers a point not usually noticed by occult writers, the connection between occult studies and physical application of those occult studies. And God, he knows, there is a tremendous gap between the two dissimilar modes, learning and doing. Valuable for its practicality. - (Pg. 153)

Series 4__#6. Getting Material Things (1975).

In this Vignette the ideas expressed are much different than the ideas that the WORLD is accustomed to words in some language very much like a super-man-made of Oriental patriarchal head-of-the-tribe conception, etc. and so on. Illumination and inspiration and insight suggests a much different idea of a God who is FIRST CAUSE, non-physical, and who desires to manifest itself "outward" into, and as, material physical existence (for reasons too deep for any one of us to know!!) Thought-provoking, interesting and valuable. - (Pg. 155)

SERIES 5 LESSONS:

Series 5__#8. Showing God What to Do (1976).

This Vignette goes much deeper than ever before into the nature of, and approach to God and the forces of the cosmos, and presents a series of thought-provoking new ideas and instructions on this complex subject. Can be considered as being for advanced students. - (Pg. 159)

Series 5__#(?). Acceptance (1977?)

Presents the idea that there is too much ready acceptance by people of their life situation with its accompanying disadvantages and hardships. Teaches the reader/s to resist the inevitability of their situation, and that through knowledge followed by understanding and wisdom they develop the ability to control and manipulate the forces that determine their physical world situation, and so gain some control over their lives. - (Pg. 163)

INTRODUCTORY LESSON

The Art of Creative Visualization

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

You have, we all have, a number of Occult Powers in our BEING. We do not usually know about these powers because - There is no one, available, to tell us about our powers, to tell us about these Powers; much less is there any one to teach us about these Powers; and much less is there anyone to teach us how to use these Powers in a practical way, daily practical way-manner. I, Ophiel, have worked like hell for these last forty years to find out what can be known about these powers, how they can be used 'down here.' I do tell you, truly, these Powers, these Occult Powers I write about - HAVE WORKED FOR ME!!! And they will work for you! And I started behind most of you in life-living circumstances. I say, again, these-your Powers will work for you, as soon as you learn about them and learn how to use them. As soon as you 'set' your mind on using your powers they can start to work, and you don't have to be too perfect in their application as they tend to work if applied correctly.

This little monograph will embody the essential basics of this Magical-Occult Art. I have, however, written an entire book on this subject alone. If you find you will want to go deeper into this Art, I suggest you get this book and absorb it into your life living pattern, all out! I will refer to this book again later on.

Success in Creative Visualizations is successfully worked through a number of factors! Factor number one - The speed of your Creative Visualizations working out on this physical plane depends on, in a way, on your present circumstances-environment!! I know this sounds a little unfair (I started with a damn poor environment, not so much physical as mental) but I, you, we, all of us, have to start SOMEWHERE!! Although, even if your environment is not too hot, it does not really matter too much as that can be corrected. So brace yourself! Be firm and determined, and you will eventually get yourself in the right place and the right time.

Another factor in the practice of creative visualization is the curious subject of Time, clock, hour, week, months and years. Time 'down here' and Time 'over there' is not the same Time!!! They do not synchronize, they are not in synchronization with each other!!! The reason for this is not too great a mystery. Future wanted events are in the future, and as they are of the future they have to 'arrive' to down here. They have to be 'formed' first. The future action, creation-working-out-on-this-physical-plane-down here, is due to actions set in movement-motions by inner plane visualizations, would have to be slower, as channels would have to be formed to channel already existing, matter-objects to you. Inner plane Forces do not CREATE new matter in response to your demands, but channel already 'here' material to you, and due to inertia of matter, this does take a piece of earth time.

We will consider next another important concept closely related to Creative-Visualizations which I have called The Sphere of Availability. I originated, to the best of my Knowledge, the concept of the Sphere of Availability. The problem that confronts many of us when we first start to use Creative Visualizations, is that we don't know exactly where to begin. Many of us have some means on hand to which we can turn if absolutely necessary. But that is not what we want to do; it is extras that we want, not absolute necessities.

The first Occult book I ever read was The History and Power of Mind, by Richard Ingalese. It was in this book that I first heard of such a thing as Creative

Visualizations. The story Mr. Ingalese told was in Paris, at the turn of the century, where there lived a poor young man. He made a sorry living by picking over the rubbish heaps of Paris, and salving anything of dubious value. He was truly down at the bottom of a semi-poverty existence. In due course of time he made the acquaintance of a kind man. In order to help the young man his friend gave him a manuscript containing directions for Creative Visualizations. The young man began to study the manuscript and was convinced that he could put the directions into practice.

Now this is important! Being, as he was, at the bottom of the working class he had almost nothing, but nothing. So the first object-thing he decided he needed was a small rug, to put along side his bed, to protect his feet from the cold stone floor, when he got up in the mornings!!! In a reasonable time a lady gave him a small carpet!! This simple demonstration so encouraged him that he picked out another thing he needed, and when he got that he went on to another thing. Each acquisition strengthened his confidence in the powers of Creative Visualizations, and in later years he became a rich man.

The idea behind this story is that he started out with simple, little things. Things that were 'near by'. He did not ask for big things that were not nearby, as you can say. Each time he acquired another object he increased his Sphere of Availability, causing it to grow bigger and more able to supply him with more and more goodies.

When I started I didn't need a small rug, I had rugs, plenty of rugs. I had a hard time to find exactly where to start. I will reserve that story for my autobiography as it is too long for here.

Therefore it behooves you to seek out the exact place for you to start your Creative Visualizations. I suggest you look for the exact spot which you are not able to handle with your today's resources. The mental work you do on this point adds to the force of your creative work.

Your first Visualization work can be a rather simple kind. Many persons find that this work is all that is needed, as it works for them. I have used it and it has worked, but I find I like the next method to be described.

#1. Find out exactly what it is you want, work on this until you know, exactly, what it is you want. Visualize it as full and complete as you can but work on it until you have it down hard. THEN FEEL FEEL that you HAVE IT ALREADY! HAVING IT NOW! Neville said to have conversations with friends in which you tell them about your acquirement, how much you like it, how much it means to you to possess it, and what else reinforces the feeling of having. It is easy to say that constant practice brings facility in this work, This work, however, is so DIFFERENT from our ordinary material workings that there is a tendency to slack up on the work. Or, more actually, you should do the work, hard, several times and then let it go, but don't forget it! Your visualizations work should create in you a FEELING OF EXPECTANCY THAT SHOULD CARRY ON THE WORK. Cultivate the feeling of expectancy. It is a powerful Occult tool.

#2. Another good method. Get a large piece of paper, I use wrapping paper, and hang it in the back of your closet, where others cannot see it, and ask silly questions. (The less you let others know what you are doing the better it is for your work.) Find pictures of whatever it is you desire. The search for pictures is part of the process. I find pictures in magazines and other similar things. Cut out these pictures and fasten them to the paper with bits of scotch tape. Look at these pictures many times and do the feel, feel, feel, number as aforesaid. Also look at these pictures steady, until you can reproduce them in your mind's inner eye easily. (Originally I was pleasantly

surprised to find that I could see these pictures IN COLOR) I used this method and it worked for me and can work for you. This was my first work along Occult lines.

#3. Another good method. Get three small boxes that fit inside each other. Get a small doll, male or female, as the case may be. Give the doll your name! Put your name doll in the first inside box. Put around it small models of what you want and/or pictures of what you want. Paper money, 10¢ store jewelry copies, etc. Whatever it is you want yourself to have, I don't know what you want. You can paste cut out pictures on all the boxes inside and outside. Decorate the boxes all you desire. This work of doing is what impresses the Inner Forces to get what you want to you.

Do all the above things, all or one of them, which appeals to you. Do them carefully and quietly and with force, take it easy, desire. I can say that there is, truly, no other way to get your life supply going for you, other than directed desires embodied in Creative Visualization, done purposefully.

The above directions should enable you to get very well started on this work. I have written a book on this subject called The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things through Creative Visualization. If you want more details I suggest you get this book and master it, as it was written to help all of you to learn to run your life, instead of being run by life!!

Ophiel

So Let It Be.

SERIES 1 LESSONS

How to Become a Power in your Town, Job, Club, etc.

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

OPHIEL, and the GNOSTIC INSTITUTE, present the following instructions on how to become a *POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH* in your Town, Firm, Community, Group, Job, etc. OPHIEL hopes that you will master these instructions and that you will profit by them fully and succeed in using them in your daily life from now on.

Before I start giving you the actual instruction for this Lesson there is an important matter that should first be called to your attention.

Before you start an OCCULT-MAGICAL OPERATION, and/or any other kind of work, an effort should be made to bring the operation into relationship with whatever cycle is running in the physical cosmos at the time. One major reason that many Occult operations fail, and why other kinds of operations and projects fail as well, is that the work done does not coincide with whatever cosmic cycle is running at the time - unless by accident, or by your intuition telling you that the time is ripe for this particular kind of work. *Proper attention paid to a cycle detail is what distinguishes the real Occult student and operator from the inept dabbler.*

To explain a little more fully. TIME - ALL TIME - Time now, at this moment, is not always "right" for just any kind of work that you might want to start and finish. The TIME could be right, as said before, but it could also be the wrong TIME. That is . . . the situation present in your local "world" might not be READY for the changes in the physical set-up that you desire to bring about by your work, and there would then be delays. This is something that happens all the time in this physical life.

For example, this cycle situation is very common with inventors. Many men invent things, and then the things they have invented do not come into use until after their death or the patent has run out. This is also often true of artists. Countless artists have painted pictures that are rejected by the world during the artists' life time, only to be sold at fabulous prices after the artist has starved to death. You could say that the artists' and the inventors' horoscopes brought about an invention or masterpiece before the world's horoscope caught up with it.

This sort of thing is very annoying to say the least. But it can be understood, and often corrected, by paying attention to the study of cycles and the timing of work to coincide with the right cycles.

It is because of this that many times Occult work-projects do not seem to move ahead after the Occult work has been started. The delay may be merely that a particular Moon Cycle is in a dormant state, and if the student had just waited and worked a short time more the cycle would have changed and the work gone to completion and success.

There is now published a little book called the MOON SIGN BOOK, and with it goes an ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR. This book is the only real practical astrological book that I have ever seen that is of value to the Occult student. It contains a great deal of practical information that will enable you to note the cycles daily and to act accordingly. It is published annually in October with all the data for the following year. I want to respectfully suggest that you get this book and the calendar [currently available from www.lewellyn.com].

Now we can get on with the Occult instructions that can enable you to become a power in your Town, Job, Club, etc. Note that these instructions only work with GROUPS OF PEOPLE, and will not work with individuals. If you want to control and influence individual persons, then send a dollar to the Gnostic Institute for the Sealed Lesson HOW TO CONTROL AND DOMINATE OTHERS.

Whether you are aware of it or not, this physical plane is the end result of a number of "layers" also called "planes." All of these other planes or layers are "inner" to the physical plane, and, viewed from the Inner Planes, the physical plane is "outer" in relation to them, and is so called as you know.

All these planes, while apparently separate from each other by wide differences, are really lined together in many more ways than in the ways that they are separated.

You can see, with the physical eyes, the way in which the planes are separated - but you have to "see" thru the effects the planes have on each other to see how they are connected.

Thus it can be truthfully said that ANYTHING you can See, Feel, Hear, Smell, or Taste on the physical plane had its start, its origin, creation, fulfilling development *on the Inner Planes FIRST*, and the final end-result "came out" on the physical plane as the "outer" product of "inner" causes.

You can readily understand from the above that persons and physical things could and do have a "*duplicate on the Inner Planes*", which duplicate is called in the Occult *A COUNTERPART*.

Now while it is easy to believe that persons and things have a counterpart on the Inner Planes, it is not so easy to think that ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS, TOWNS, CITIES, STATES, NATIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, BUSINESS FIRMS, etc. - any kind of group or community that is organized - *also have duplicates on the Inner Planes*.

From the above you can also easily understand that - as long as all physical creation is the result of "Inner" activity first on the Inner Planes - if you want to influence this "outer" physical you should first influence the "Inner". This could be called a kind of *creating "CAUSES" to create "PHYSICAL EFFECTS"*.

You now possess all the necessary information needed to enable you to use the following set of instructions. Knowing the existence of an *Astral-Group-Soul* for the "thing" or "group" you wish to influence, and thru this Inner Group-Soul the powers that this group possesses, *you can now control the group according to your own will-desire*. This is the way to do it.

FIRST - Check the MOON SIGN BOOK and the ASTROLOGICAL CALENDAR, or your own intuition, to find a good time to start the work. Or, if you do not wish to do this, then start the work with the determination to hold fast to the work until it is accomplished and you have succeeded in your project - no matter how long it takes or how much apparent delay there is. Generally it is best to *start a new work during the early phases of the Moon, three or four days after the New Moon*.

Be patient, quiet, and determined. It is very important to have firmly fixed in your mind exactly WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AND WHAT YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH. The best way to do this is to write down carefully and in detail what you plan to do-what

your goal is. Make this a complete report, as it were, in reverse, of what you are going to do and what you want to accomplish. Keep this record hidden from all but yourself.

SECOND - Seat yourself quietly and MEDITATE ABOUT THE GROUP YOU WANT TO INFLUENCE. You know of the existence of an inner counterpart of the group you want to influence. *As soon as you think of this counterpart, YOU ARE IN TOUCH WITH IT.*

This counterpart of the group naturally has no body-form, SO YOU CAN FURNISH A BODY FOR IT. You can give it a body!

You create a body for the group-counterpart by PICTURING A BODY IN YOUR IMAGINATION. YOU PICTURE A BODY IN YOUR IMAGINATION AT THE TIME YOU ARE THINKING OF THE GROUP-COUNTERPART.

You are going to give this group-counterpart-body any kind of body shape you want to give it. This is your power. Therefore picture a form that suits you. (I often use a formless white cloud to save trouble).

As soon as you picture this form, and meditate about the group soul (the counterpart of the group) you are working with and for - *THE GROUP SOUL WILL BE FORCED TO OCCUPY THE FORM YOU HAVE MADE FOR IT.*

You have now "captured" the group soul. The more times you repeat this work the easier is it for you to capture this group soul again.

The first part of the job is now completed. NOW you begin the real work, *You talk to the group soul as if it were a real person.* You talk to it and tell it "what is what". . . You tell it what to do and how to do it. You order it to make no opposition to your directions. Do not ask it to do things - ORDER it to do them! COMMAND it to do things and to follow your directions!

IT WILL HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU TELL IT TO DO!

Now use common sense. The first few times you do this operation concentrate on perfecting your control over this group-soul-form. THERE IS GOING TO BE RESISTANCE. Especially if you try to take over an old established group too quickly. Be subtle and cunning. Gain your ends by step-by-step work and by round-about and indirect means. Exercise your control slowly but surely. If you encounter a great deal of resistance then do this:

Picture a Jail House. Then see the group-soul-form in this jail house. If necessary, picture this group-soul-form in chains. Keep this form confined until it obeys your demands.

Remember, though, about the MOON SIGN BOOK and allow for adverse cycles to your work. Don't give up! YOU CANNOT FAIL! If you keep up your work the time will surely come when the cycle will change in your favor and all resistance to your commands will collapse.

Now again use common sense. It is more than likely that if you are trying to gain control over an old established group full of strong characters you will meet with great opposition. In this case don't go ahead and force your will on thru. If you do you might break up the group and the strong characters that you really want to control will go off and start another group rather than submit to you even if they do not know what it is all about. Do remember that their resistance is due to a cycle running in their favor, and you will have to wait it out until the cycle changes in your favor as said before.

If you find that they are resisting you too hard, then let it up a little. Use the same kind of common sense that you would if you were dealing with material things and people.

The opposition cannot resist the "Inner Plane Work". All they have is the outer, and if you control the "inner" you have the key to the fort.

DO NOT worry about questions of right and wrong. All groups in this world are controlled in the same way - *but usually this control is unconscious*. You are going to the trouble and expense of learning about the knowledge of these Inner things. Therefore you are entitled to the fruits of your labor.

YOU HAVE TAKEN THE TROUBLE TO KNOW.

The same knowledge is available to them, but if they do not believe in it and do not want to know or use this knowledge, they they deserve anything that happens to them or whatsoever you choose to do to them.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

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How to 'Control' and 'Dominate' Others

An Occult Vignette
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OPHIEL and the Gnostic Institute present the following instructions on how to *GAIN CONTROL AND INFLUENCE OVER OTHERS*, which essentially means that you will Dominate the Attention of those you wish to control and influence and attract what you desire from them. Ophiel hopes that you will master these instructions fully and that you will use them to help you in your daily life from now on.

In this 'Physical World' it is either that you control other people or that others control you. It is just a fact of life that everybody is under some kind of control by others or controls others themselves. Therefore it is as much to protect yourself from such domination by other people, as to give you the power to command others that I am giving you the following Occult secrets. I trust that you will make good use of them in both these ways. It makes no difference to me what use you wish to make of these secrets - *that responsibility is entirely yours.*

Much of the unhappiness in this world is caused by the inability to get other people to cooperate with you in many ways that you desire. Please note that I am making no reference to any questions of right or wrong, again that is entirely your responsibility. No one else can make these decisions for you, or bear the weight of responsibility for your choices of action.

The most common trouble comes from a *lack of love-response* in another person whose response seems most desirable to you. But, please be prepared to discover, after you have started this work, that you may find that you have lost all interest in this one particular person whom you now desire. This happens so many times, and while it seems impossible to you now in this particular case, you can get quite a shock when you find it is true. Why this happens involves a deeper understanding of psychology than is important for this Lesson, but your discovery of it can cause you a great deal of puzzlement - so do try to keep an open mind about the now-desired person and be prepared in case it does happen.

The next most common trouble comes from a lack of cooperation and attention, or a *lack of appreciation*, on the part of your superior for whom you work, and next on the part of those with whom you work.

To enable you to handle these situations, and the others that come into your life, I am going to give you first enough Occult theory to enable you to understand what you are going to do (I myself cannot work without knowing and understanding what I am doing and why, and I hope you are the same way), and then enough working Occult Knowledge to enable you to put these theories to work for you to your satisfaction. Of course, a complete presentation of this Knowledge would take many pages and cannot be given in this short and specific Lesson. If you do want to know more you should undertake some of the more advanced study programs with the Gnostic Institute.

To proceed: There are certain "rules" of the Physical Universe that are true but which are not widely known and are rarely understood by the average Occult Student. (I trust that you are an Occult Student, and hence I will not go into a great deal of detail.) Some of the least understood of these rules are:

1. The Physical Universe is 'made up' of *planes*, or layers.
2. These planes or layers differ from each other in well recognized ways.
3. One of the least obvious and most important ways that they differ from each other is that the 'lower' or 'outer' planes are subject to the 'higher' or 'inner', i.e. the lower planes must always be affected by actions started in the higher planes.
4. Therefore, it follows that *the only real way to influence the physical plane is through work done first on the higher - Inner - Planes.*

You can take the following statement as a working fact: ALL THINGS NOW ON THE PHYSICAL - OUTER - PLANE ARE THE RESULT OF ACTIONS PREVIOUSLY STARTED ON THE INNER PLANES.

Now, there is another rather subtle matter that must be taken into account in this relationship between the Inner and Outer Planes - especially so in the case of purely physical actions that are the desired results of your Occult operations. This is, in a sense not quite as you are used to think, "actions" done on the Inner Planes are always reversed from actions on the outer planes - to accomplish a desired effect on the Physical Plane an entirely opposite action must be started on the Inner Plane. In other words, your Inner Plane action must seem to be just the opposite of the kind of an action that would be needed to produce the effect on the Physical Plane.

This will probably be somewhat difficult for you to understand at first, but to go into this reversal effect any deeper is beyond the purpose of this Lesson. There are reasons for this effect, but for now it will be satisfactory for you to know about it and allow for it. In your Occult studies you will find many things somewhat difficult to understand at first, until after your range of experience and background knowledge has been extended, and then these earlier complexities will simply fall into place.

Now for one more matter, and then I think we can go on to the actual working methods.

While it is true, as I said above, that the planes are reversed to each other, it is also true that you can reverse the reverseness!!! And this is the reason that you are able to develop the ability to control others, to dominate their attention, and to get them to do what you desire. The planes are positive and negative to each other and the usual situation is that the lower is negative to the higher, and the higher positive to the lower. But you, by your natural God powers, can reverse your actions and thoughts so that you consciously reverse your usual polarity to these planes and accomplish what you want - either 'turn on' the positive attraction or 'turn on' the negative repulsion.

Successful people do these actions NATURALLY and all love, fame, money, honors flow their way their whole lifetime. This statement is too obviously true for contradiction. Correct? I trust you will go back over the above before proceeding with the Lesson, and that you will study it for a long time. More Occult Knowledge is there in a few paragraphs - as you will realize as time goes by - than in many dozens of the sugary "metaphysical" occult books that have been generally available. What you are going to do is learn to do consciously what a few have always done naturally and often unknowingly.

Let us suppose that you wish to 'DOMINATE' the 'ATTENTION' of a certain person male/female, your employer or someone in authority or anyone else. BY DESIRING THIS PERSON, BY WANTING THEIR ATTENTIONS AND FAVOUR IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU HAVE SET UP A POLARITY WITH THEM IN WHICH YOU ARE THE 'NEGATIVE POLE' AND THEY ARE THE 'POSITIVE POLE' 'YOU ARE ATTRACTED' TO THEM AND NOT THEM TO YOU?'

In a sense, you are 'DRIVING AWAY' from yourself the 'VERY THING' you want? The 'ACTION' you have taken at the 'EMOTIONAL' level helps bring about the 'REVERSE' of that which you want to take place at the Physical Level.

'YOU MUST REVERSE THE POLARITY!!!!'

This is the 'WAY' you are to do it:

1. Turn away physically and emotionally from the person. You must 'DROP' all physical contact/pressure.
2. CREATE A MENTAL PICTURE IN YOUR IMAGINATION IN, WHICH YOU REVERSE THE ROLES YOU NOW HAVE PHYSICALLY. MAKE THE PERSON IN YOUR MENTAL PICTURE COME TO YOU AND TELL YOU WHAT YOU 'WANT' TO 'HEAR'.
3. Talking and acting as they would if they were actually doing what you have wanted them to do all the time.
4. BUT YOU MUST ALSO PICTURE YOURSELF 'ACTING' CALMLY ABOUT IT!
5. IT IS IN THE 'DEGREE' OF YOUR SUCCESS IN ACCEPTING THEIR ATTENTIONS WITH 'INDIFFERENCE' THAT YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN 'REVERSING' THE 'POLARITY'.

Believe me, there is no other satisfactory 'WAY'.

Anyone and everything that comes to anyone in this 'Physical Life' comes as a 'RESULT' of being 'NEGATIVE' or 'RECEPTIVE' to that 'Person' or 'Thing'. If you will study and analyse any successful relationship in this earth, you will find in those factors present 'One' of these persons is 'Negative' to the other (There is a 'Negative' reacceptance.)

If you think enough about these concepts of 'Negative' and 'Positive' you will perceive a great deal. And remember that you must think in terms of at what 'LEVEL' negative and positive things are taking place. As you meditate on these things and as you practice the above steps you will find your understanding of what happens in a relationship broadens and you will also open the door to understanding the various familiar problems of human relationships.

I trust you will make an effort to apply this knowledge to the 'Attracting' of 'Situations' and 'Circumstances' as well as 'Persons' to yourself. In the case of both 'Persons & Circumstances' these methods need not be prolonged beyond the first state/stage. After the first work is done and the situation is as you want it to be, you can discontinue the too positive or too negative on your part and yield to the naturalness of the situation. To keep a relationship going is quite different from starting it.

How To Alter Your Name Into A Magical Name

An Occult Vignette
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OPHIEL and the Gnostic Institute present the following instructions on how you can *ALTER YOUR NAME INTO A MAGICAL FORM OF A NAME*, which means that you will change your present name into a NAME OF POWER! Ophiel hopes that you will master these instructions fully and that you use them to help you in your daily life from now on. The correct use of this Occult Knowledge can give you a great deal of OCCULT POWER. How you use this POWER is up to you! Use it sanely.

Physical Existence is both great and wonderful, and terrible and cruel! We exist on this Physical Plane - and until an end comes, we are stuck with it. For many people the Physical Plane is not a very pleasant place to live. Then again many other people seem to derive a measure of something that enables them to so alter their physical circumstances that they, if not actually happy (?), at least seem to acquire a large degree of physical comfort - which certainly is not to be lightly disregarded.

Now, as to the WHY of our trapped-in Physical Existence - we can never know easily, and of WHAT existed previous to this Physical Existence, i.e. GOD - we can never know anything at all. But of this present Physical Existence itself we can find out and know some few things.

OCCULTISTS say that we are here FOR A REASON! And hence, being here we must try to make the best of our physical existence. Therefore, to get along as well as we can we must search about to find whatever things will help us through this Physical Life.

Whether you knew it or not (and almost everyone suspects it) it is true that MAN IS NOT ENTIRELY HELPLESS in this seeming heartless and cruel world where terrible powers often very nearly overwhelm his puny self. He does have some strange *NATURAL POWERS* that he can command. Powers that can be called MAGIC POWERS. *And the knowledge of the existence of our "natural" powers is the one positive thing that we can know about ourselves and our physical existence!* It is almost as if we were given these Magical Powers as compensation for being stuck into this Existence, and that THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE POWERS IS OUR WAY OUT!

THIS LESSON CONCERNS THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE OF YOUR NATURAL MAGICAL POWERS.

As in all my lessons - which I hope you will get and study, and master, as they were written for *your* benefit - I will present the theoretical part first to lay the proper foundation-knowledge for the principal application-practices of that knowledge which follow. Thus you should know what you are doing, and WHY.

Now, A SPOKEN WORD HAS POWER IF SPOKEN WITH INTENTION! TO KNOW THE NAME OF A THING IS TO HAVE A DEGREE OF POWER OVER THAT THING! This lesson combines these two Occult Power Principles. Study this lesson hard and try to use the instructions. Even if you succeed just a little you can get results that will gratify you. Now "study hard" means just that! There is more to these lessons than just the few pages you now hold in your hands. The pages are just the means by

which you can learn, but you don't gain Occult Power by merely reading them over. STUDY THEM.

Go over them many times, and THINK about them until you feel that you understand. TRY THE INSTRUCTIONS, and think about what happens when you use this Power. If you study and practice these instructions you will find that you will understand the lesson and you will slowly gain this Power.

EVERY PHYSICAL THING HAS A NAME. (The use of the word "thing" in place of a specific object is not condoned in good English usage, but in Occult Matters the word THING seems to take on an inner significance which reinforces it's meanings. Therefore, watch the usage of the word THING in this lesson and YOU substitute for it whatever specific object you desire to deal with in your life, in your Occult Work.) The name of a THING determines its form, being, use, existence, the idea (image) "behind" the thing. Everything (THING) is brought into physical existence by being named, or, rather, a NAME BEING "SOUNDED" FOR THE THING.

The original naming of a THING goes back to the first basic creation of ALL THINGS in and at the beginning of Physical Existence. *But, what you are interested in NOW is how may these basic naming principles be adapted to your personal life in such a way as to reinforce your basic desires for a certain form of expression which you desire to bring about in/on the Physical Plane for your benefit.*

As you know, if you are a student of the Occult and I trust you are, the physical world/plane is made up of "planes" or "layers". These "planes" differ from each other in various ways. It is well understood that the physical plane is the tail-end of these layer-planes and what is now existing here on this physical plane was "started" "down" from "above", or started from/on the "Inner" Planes and passed through each of these planes in turn until it reached the/this physical/end point. Each of these planes alters the "thing"- "idea" as it passes through that plane - adding on or changing it in various ways.

It thus follows, naturally, that as you desire something (THING) material, in a certain form and with certain attributes, you must get it from these Inner Planes. (All the physical things you have now, and *WHAT you are now*, you got from the Inner Planes yourself by your own efforts, even though there were probably unconscious efforts). You must take steps (deliberate, conscious steps) to arrange for these things to come through to yourself.

There are two things you can do to start these things you want coming through to you.

The first thing to do is to RE-ARRANGE YOUR OWN NAME INTO A MORE POWERFUL FORM. In this way you lay the foundations for a center from which to work later to actively attract the material things you want, and the qualities you want, to you. The second thing to do is to learn how to BUILD A LIVING IMAGE OF THE THING YOU WANT on the Inner Planes, and by your new POWERFUL PERSONAL NAME LINK THIS IMAGE TO YOU.

First step. The changing of your present name into a NAME OF POWER is a relatively simple matter. By adding the suffix "EL" to your present name you give it a link with a powerful force. The word EL, as taught by the system of the Caballa, means the Power and Force of God Almighty. This -EL ending added to your name, and added consciously and recalled to mind everytime you speak it, *brings God's Power and Force into your name-life.*

Then the first step is adding the ending -EL to your name. Now this combination should sound well. It must sound euphonious. If it does not sound well then you should choose a complete new name. We do not mean that you should change your present public name as this would involve too much trouble. It is enough if you call yourself the new name in private, and it would be well to keep it a secret. Then too you can have several different names if you choose.

Let us take an example. Take a name like Green. Adding an EL to Green makes it Greenel, which does not sound bad. Therefore this ending can be added to this name easily and doing so links up the man with the powerful God force represented by EL. After adding EL to your name you should repeat this new name to yourself many times each day, recalling as you do so the meaning of the -EL ending. Notice that all the ANGEL'S names end in -EL - MichaEL, RaphaEL, GabriEL, AurEL. This EL is the source from which they draw their power - and now that you know about this you can do the same thing in a smaller way, but enough for physical affairs.

Second step. The building of a magical image of the thing you want on the Inner Plane, in your imagination, is important and powerful operation. As far as I can find out this knowledge has never been given out in this form before. I hope you will value it accordingly, and use it wisely and without talking about it.

Every letter-word in any language of the world has a basic meaning that goes back so far that the first beginning is lost. Suffice for now to say that all letter-sounds have deep meanings of all kinds, *and all also have GENDER*. The knowledge about these things is endless and would take a thousand pages to start to explain it. It is enough for you to start at this point where you know that letter-sounds have gender, are male and female!!! Knowing this you can build an image, in your imagination, of the **THING YOU DESIRE TO HAVE**. This image is a personification of the thing you desire. **THIS IMAGE CAN BE GIVEN A SORT-OF LIFE**. With this image you can work in various ways to bring the thing-desired into your life-radius-ownership. Now note - *this knowledge can be one of the most important things in your life. The correct use of it can make life very easy for you in many ways. For God's sake, and your own sake, use this knowledge carefully, use it sanely, use it wisely!!!*

STUDY THE FOLLOWING TABLE VERY CAREFULLY! You cannot study it too much!

A	Spiritual wings generally, epicene, rather male than female, rather thin.
B	Male, active, slight.
C	Feminine. Full face. Not much expression.
D	Feminine: Very beautiful and attractive. Rather full face and body.
E, I, Y	Feminine: Very white and rather delicate.
F	Epicene, rather male than female: Fierce, active
G,J	Feminine. Gray. Beautiful, yet changeful. Rather full face and body.
H	Male. Fierce, strong, rather fiery.
K	Masculine. Big and strong.
L	Feminine. Well proportioned.
M	Epicene, rather female than male. Reflective, dream-like.
N	Masculine. Square determined face. Rather dark.
O, U, V	Masculine. Steady and Strong. Rather heavy and clumsy.
P	Feminine. Fierce, strong, resolute.
Q	Masculine. Rather full face.
R	Masculine. Proud, dominant.
S	Epicene, rather male than female. Fierce, active.
T	Epicene, rather male than female. Dark grey.
W	This is a double V i.e. VV

X Is near S.
Z Masculine. Thin. Intelligent.

This table is only approximate - you do not have to do EXACTLY as the table says. Slight variations will make no difference. If you find a letter that is not on this table then use a letter-sound near it. The sound-picture is what matters.

The way to use the preceding table is as follows: You are going to construct, in your imagination, a FIGURE to correspond with the name of the THING you are working for/with. The imaginary figure is to have a human form, i.e. it will have a body like a man, a head, a middle, and legs and feet. For example, let us say that your name begins with an S. Looking at the table you find that S is fierce, active and epicene but rather male than female (*epicene* means that it is neither male nor female appearing). So the head of the figure will be fierce, active (moving), neither distinctly male nor female but slightly more male than female. If S was in the middle of the word/name then the middle of the figure-name/word would be fierce, active, etc. If S was at the end of the name then the feet of the figure would have these characteristics.

Start your work by making up a mental image for your present name and examine it closely. If your name is too short and/or the image does not suit you then make up another name that you do like and can make a good image of, or you can make up an image first that you do like and THEN MAKE UP A NAME FROM THE IMAGE.

So, the first thing to do is to build up an image of your present name with the EL added. When you find a name and image that you feel satisfied with keep it, and keep it alive in your mind at all times. THIS IS YOUR BASIC CONTACT WITH THE INNER PLANES. Speak the name out loud many times! Talk to this image and tell it what you want! As you learn more you can add or take away letters, as your concept of yourself changes or as your life desires change.

Now let us suppose that you want some certain thing. If this THING is in your SPHERE OF AVAILABILITY (see my book *THE ART AND PRACTICE OF GETTING MATERIAL THINGS THROUGH CREATIVE VISUALIZATION*) you can get it much faster by creating the name/figure of it on the Astral Plane and use this image in addition to the other visualization work you do on it. Look at the picture of the thing you desire first, and then switch to this imagination image of its name and speak the sounds of the name.

Another thing you can do with this imagination image of the name of the THING you want is to blend it with your own name/image. Do this on paper first, of course. Put down the figure of what you want, then the figure of your name, and then blend them together. Make up another image of what this blended figure would look like and use that as you do further work in getting what you want into your possession. See what kind of a word this new blended image would make and SOUND THAT NAME TOO. *This work is called INVOKING (in-voice).*

Use the above instructions when you want someTHING, but do remember the laws characteristic of the Physical Plane. The Physical Plane is stable and is subject to slow changes only, not to fast changes. So DO give physical time for the effects of your invoking work to affect the Physical Plane and come into your possession. Another important thing to remember about the Physical Plane is that the WORKINGS OF YOUR INVOKINGS DO NOT COME DOWN LIKE FIRE OUT OF HEAVEN BUT COME ACCORDING TO THE WAYS THAT PHYSICAL THINGS COME ON THIS PHYSICAL PLANE. The physical things you get through your invocations will come like accidents or coincidences, and in a very natural way. Your

friends will say that there was no Occult work involved, that these things would have come to you anyhow! YOU WILL KNOW BETTER!

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The Power of Speaking “Things” and “Conditions” into Existence

An Occult Vignette

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OPHIEL and the Gnostic Institute present the following instructions on how you can speak the THINGS and CONDITIONS you want into existence, and also limit those you don't want. Like all Occult Powers your successful use of it depends upon your mastery of these instructions fully.

Now you have many natural powers, and this POWER OF SPEAKING THINGS AND CONDITIONS INTO EXISTENCE is one of these natural powers you already possess. And the Things and Conditions we are talking about are those THINGS AND CONDITIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR YOUR HAPPINESS.

Things and Conditions are rather closely tied together, but it follows naturally that Conditions are easier to bring about than it is to create Things. However, *THINGS can be brought into your life through CONDITIONS*. So keep this distinction and difference in mind when you need Things to make you happy and you determine to get them through the Magic Power of Speaking, i.e. INVOKING (in-voicing). It is a matter of Occult fact that YOU DO CREATE THINGS by Speaking them into existence, but these things then exist only on the Inner Planes. THEY ARE THEN BROUGHT INTO (Your Possession) EXISTENCE THROUGH PHYSICAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU CREATE ON THE PHYSICAL PLANE.

Now, at this point, anyone with a little sense is going to ask/say - *If this getting of things I need for my happiness is as easy as you make it sound, why do I lack anything? Why should anyone lack anything?*

Alright, now that I have made my opening remarks and give you some idea of what it is all about, I will say it is all over again in the way that it now exists for most people in the world - ABOUT WHICH WILL NOT SO EXIST FOR YOU AFTER YOU HAVE READ, AND MASTERED, THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

No person in the world lacks (any) THING (s)!!!!

EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD HAS THINGS, BUT IT DOES NOT FOLLOW THAT THESE THINGS ARE WHAT HE WANTS, or that these THINGS are necessary for his happiness. *In fact, most of the Things we have we don't want and they are positively no good for our happiness, and yet WE HAVE CREATED ALL THESE THINGS OURSELVES*. Every man and woman in the world has created all his things for and by himself. Now, therefore, it should be obvious that THERE IS SOMETHING VERY WRONG WITH MAN AND HIS CREATIONS!

The solution to the problem is really quite simple after you gain some understanding of the Physical Universe and its basic set up. I cannot compress 40 years of Occult Study and Work into this one short lesson, so I will give you some illustrations that should enable you to get your mind started on the right and correct manner of creating the THINGS AND/OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CAN AND WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY.

Ponder and meditate on the illustrations that I will give you until you understand them and the principles involved. Remember than an illustration or example is really a concentrated lesson taken from life, and there is much more to it than at first meets

the eye. When you study it enough you see the principle being taught in the Lesson in action. The “case” method (i.e. the use of real life examples) is one of the most effective teaching methods there is - but it requires that you get yourself involved right in the situation described. Let yourself feel that you are the person in the example, change places with all the other characters in the example, think of yourself as being there but only as an observer, etc. In other words, look at the example from all sorts of points of view - inside, outside, etc.

The illustration I will use is a rather simple but true story of a man and his dog. A man had a dog which he loved very much. The man and the dog would often go on long walks which they both enjoyed. However there were also times when the man went on errands to town and didn't want the dog to go along with him for various reasons. But, when he would start out for town the dog would see him and thinking the man was going for a walk the dog would follow, and there was always a great deal of difficulty in getting the dog to remain home at these times. One solution was just to shut the dog up in his kennel, but the man hated to do that as it would mean that the dog was shut up for several hours during the hottest part of the day.

The problem was solved in an ingenious way. The man made a simple device that would open the door to the kennel about three quarters of an hour after the dog was shut in. The dog would then come out, and not being able to figure out where the man had gone, would remain quietly at home until the man came back.

My next illustration is not really a case history example, but it will nevertheless help you see what is involved. In one sense we have difficulty in finding our illustrations for the simple reason that we are using material things to illustrate INNER PLANE FACTS. Many of you certainly have used a piece of wood in some kind of project. Now have you ever really thought that you were using only one side of it? It is pretty rare to use both sides of a board. . . . Generally you use one side of it, and the other side is turned to the wall, or fastened to something, and is not thought of as being used. However, it is there, and must be there or the other side of the board could not exist.

There is nothing in the Physical Universe that does not have TWO SIDES. Even God has two sides!!!! I am not going to give you a list of things for which there are two sides as such a list would be endless. Now the two sides are generally what we think of as opposites. You make up a list of 100 things that are opposite to each other in order to condition your mind to this awareness. Such things as UP and DOWN, BLACK and WHITE, SPIRIT and MATTER, BIG and LITTLE, LEFT and RIGHT, etc.

Now read over your list, and look back at the illustrations given. Always there are two sides, and it is this double-sidedness of all things that prevents us from having what we really want. When we get what we want we also get what we don't want - for the opposite side of what we do want is followed by its opposite, just like the dog following his master. The two sides then often cancel each other out, like your expenses using up all your income.

The two sides of things are really dependent on each other. In a very strict sense they could not exist alone without each other, or rather could not come into existence without each other. How could you use a board that had only one side? How could a board of wood exist with only one side? BUT WHEN YOU DO USE THE ONE SIDE OF THE BOARD YOU DO THIS BY FASTENING THE OTHER SIDE, just as the man fastened his dog in the kennel for a time. Essentially, you achieve your result by concentrating on the action you want and binding down the action not wanted.

To repeat, WHEN YOU, BY YOUR INNATE POWERS, CREATE THE THING/CIRCUMSTANCES THAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR HAPPINESS, YOU ALSO CREATE THE OPPOSITE!! For God's sake, and your sake, study this until you understand it.

In the examples, achieving the result you wanted was accomplished by BINDING THE ACTION NOT WANTED.

All the old magical operations had this binding action in them, but the actual instructions for binding was left out of the books and never written down before as such. This knowledge was really secret and passed on only by word of mouth. NOW THAT YOU KNOW OF THIS OPERATION, AND IF YOU TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, YOU CAN BECOME A SUCCESS IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.

The question that you should be asking now is - *If the above is true, how is it that there are any successful people at all in the world? Can it be that the law of opposites does not operate for some, and only operates for some others to their advantage? There are people in the world who seem to get good results with everything that they do, and there are others who seem to get bad results with everything they do. Why doesn't it work equally for all people?*

Alright. Have you ever seen, or had contact with a very successful person? I mean someone who is a truly successful person - a successful gambler, a successful businessman, a successful physician, or even a successful crook?

If you did this you must have noticed that THE SUCCESSFUL PERSON. . . NEVER, NEVER, NEVER LET HIS ATTENTION GET AWAY FROM THE ONE SIDE, AND THE ONE SIDE ONLY, OF WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO. HE NEVER CONSIDERED FAILURE AT ALL. HE THOUGHT ONLY OF SUCCESS, SUCCESS, SUCCESS. THE SUCCESSFUL SIDE OF WHAT HE WANTED, AND NEVER THE OTHER SIDE.

It's up to YOU to decide WHICH SIDE YOU ARE GOING TO WORK FOR AND LOOK FOR.

I recall now many things that puzzled me in the past. For many years my family was in the medium class hotel business where we dealt with many people who were not too successful in life-living. When I would speak with these people about things in life that were better than they had their reaction was one of carping criticism and disparaging remarks of a negative nature about almost any subject that was brought up. Nothing is ever of any good to these people.

On the other hand, when you talk to the successful people notice that they never talk other than optimistically about all subjects, and their actions follow their words. This then is the binding principle that holds down the side you do not want.

Now I do realize that it is very hard to think only of the one side when all your life you, and the rest of your world, have done the other - and all your family and relatives do the other - and it is this that is holding you down in your efforts to improve yourself. All you can do is make up your mind not to discuss anything of a vital nature, or of vital interest to you, with them, and seek your company among the successful.

Many times, in order to have what you really want in life, it is necessary to get away from your old surroundings and seek a new set up for living. Endless stories have been told about people who left home surroundings to seek fortune in wider fields,

and FOUND IT. You can be the success you want, if you work only for that success and eliminate from your life all the circumstances that tend to bring failure. GOOD LUCK!! LOT'S OF SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS!!

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How to Create a Familiar to Help You Through Life

An Occult Vignette
by
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OPHIEL and The Gnostic Institute present the following instructions on how to create a *FAMILIAR*. Ophiel hopes that you will master and use these instructions fully and that you use them to help you in your daily life from now on.

A "familiar" is an old-time name for an assistant/associate/extension of yourself, which the Occultist living in medieval times was able to create, out of *INNER PLANE MATERIAL*, using Knowledge Methods adapted from the Knowledge System of the Caballa (spelled also as "Kabbalah," "Qabalah," etc.)

Naturally, it goes without saying, that the Roman Catholic Church then in power was very much opposed to these private occult practices and did succeed in their suppression and actually killed many of the Occultists who did this operation, and/or drove them underground, and also discredited them by labelling them witches and warlocks.

The forces of world opinion have again come around to the place where the power of the Roman Catholic Church has been greatly curtailed, and much Occult Knowledge has been and is being rediscovered and recovered from the great storehouse of *ASTRAL IMAGES*, and is being made available to you so that *you can help yourself to a better life on the Physical Plane*. This objective - the creation of a better physical life for you on this Physical Plane - is the avowed objective of this series of lessons from the Gnostic Institute.

In the following instructions/knowledge/operations you will learn how to create a body/vehicle of the particles/materials of the Etheric-Astral Planes, which body/vehicle you can learn to occupy - "live-in" - and learn to use and operate in many different ways and for many different types of work.

Now at the start of this study, I want to assure those of you who may have some doubts about this work, that there is nothing harmful or dangerous about it. The knowledge embodied in this lesson is a necessary step for you to learn in your efforts to master this physical life. You will make no real progress in and on the Physical Plane until you have some knowledge and some idea of what goes on "behind" all physical form.

Much of what I am going to teach you in this lesson you now do, and do all the time naturally, and always have done so naturally. The difference is that you are now going to learn to do it consciously and on purpose, with knowledge and with power.

In teaching this operation to you, I intend to use several different methods to enable you to get an all-around grip on the main idea behind the instructions. This main idea is for you to know and understand that all your actions - ALL YOUR ACTIONS - are not limited to this Physical Plane alone, but extend up and through all the planes. *You cannot do anything physical without also doing something Etheric, Astral, Mental, and Causal*. You use all the planes at once, and at the same time YOU DO SOMETHING PHYSICAL.

This idea will be shown clearly in the first exercise that you will do, the WORK/STUDY OF YOUR HANDS. The second exercise will show you how to extend

the work/study to the whole of the body. This will be followed by exercises, first in the Physical and then in the Astral Plane, and then both together, and then in the Astral alone.

First, *as in all real systems of Inner Development. YOU START WITH THE PHYSICAL PLANE.* In this exercise you start with the fingers of your right hand. Hold your right hand up in front of you. Turn your hand both ways and in all directions. Look at it as if you never saw it before. Then, holding your right hand with the palm towards you, move the thumb over the palm of your hand and say as you do this: "THUMB." Then, keeping the thumb bent over the palm, bend the first finger down over the thumb-palm and say: "FIRST FINGER." Then bend the second finger over the thumb-palm and say: "SECOND FINGER." Then bend the third finger down over the thumb-palm and say: "THIRD FINGER." And then bend the little finger down over the thumb-palm and say: "LITTLE FINGER." Now reverse this procedure by raising the little finger and again saying: "LITTLE FINGER," and so on back to the thumb.

REPEAT this exercise about five times during the first day, and increase it several times each day for a week.

After a week's work on your right hand you should then switch to the left hand, increasing the times the same way you did before. Take your time about this. Don't rush and don't force or pressure yourself to increase the movements too fast. Rather, do the movements with naturalness and earnestness and with deep feelings of the meaningfulness of hand movements.

After two or three weeks of work on the hands individually start using both hands and build up to about twenty movements of each hand. In three or four weeks you should be able to close your eyes, see an image of your Inner Hands, and see them doing the same work as your physical hands are doing at the same time. When this time comes, close your eyes and watch the Etheric-Astral hands do the movements along with the exercising of the physical hands. Don't force this; just experiment a little with it.

Next, lie on your back and put your right leg up in the air as you did with your right hand, first studying your leg as if you never saw it before and then working with your leg in much the same way as you did with your hand. But you develop your own "calls" on the movements. If you can use your toes then do so with the calls. But do what seems best for you and suits you best. Take a week with each leg, but also keep up with the work on your hands.

Next, sit down in a chair, bend forward and backward as far as you can, and then from side to side, saying words, or calls, to fit the actions. Take a week for this, but keep up with the other exercises. From time to time you may shut your eyes and study the image of your Inner Body that should begin to appear to you. This is what you are building up. This Inner Body should appear as a grey-white shadow outline form. You can begin to practice moving this Inner Body more and more by itself and in connection with your physical body.

Please note, it is important that you should remember the instructions in regard to the *Moon Sign Book* given in the Sealed Lesson *How to Become a Power in Your Town, Job, Club, Etc.* There are cosmic cycles that sometimes work for you and sometimes against you. Keep track of the good times and the not-so-good times. Note carefully when the work is easy for you and when it is hard. *For Heaven's sake, keep a record of this, like a diary, and then study the record.* This is the only way that you can find out your own best times, and this kind of knowledge is what makes a good occult

student, as there is no substitute for this kind of knowledge. The *Moon Sign Book* is published annually in October with data for the following year.

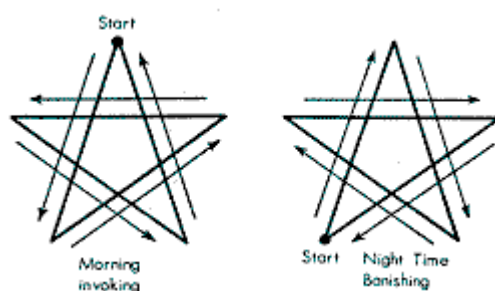
After five or six weeks have passed with these preliminary exercises/work, you will now enter into a period of extended exercise of your INNER BODY. For the purpose of this extended exercise you will use a ritual. The use of this ritual, which I am about to give you, has the added advantage of giving you *access to sources of Cosmic energy/power which you will find vitally helpful in your Physical Life/Being/Living*.

MEMORIZE the following material, and memorize it so well that you will be able to recite it without stopping to think what comes next. It sounds easy and it is easy, but it is also a bit complicated, involving as it does some synchronized words/actions. As you continue to study Ophiel's lessons from the Gnostic Institute you will in time learn the deeper, inner meanings of this ritual and of these words, but the ritual will still work well enough for you now.

1. Touch the forehead and say "ATOR" (*Thou art*)
2. Touch the breast and say "MALKUTH" (*The Kingdom*)
3. Touch the right shoulder and say "VE-GEBURAH" (*and the Power*)
4. Touch the left shoulder and say "VE-GEDULAH" (*and the Glory*)
5. Clasp the hands and fingers together before the breast and say "LE-OLAHM" (*forever, AMEN*).

This CABALISTIC CROSS RITUAL is the preamble to the next section.

After completing it, face East. Visualize a steel dagger in your right hand. Trace a five-pointed star - a banishing Earth Star - called a "Pentagram," according to whether it is morning or night, as indicated in the following diagram. After completing the star, stab it in the center and say "Y H V H" (*which is pronounced "YOD-HEH-VAV-HEH"*).



Turn South, still holding out your arm with the dagger while turning. Trace another star in the same way, then stab it in the center and say "A D N I" (*pronounced "AH-DOH-NAI"*).

Turn West, trace the star, stab it, and say "A H I H" (*"EH-HE-YEH"*).

Turn North, trace the star, stab it, and say "A G L A" (*"AH-GAL-LAH"*).

Continue on around to the East. Extend your arms out sideways in the form of a cross, facing East, and say:

“Before me is Raphael, Behind me is Gabriel. On my right hand is Michael, and on my left hand is Auriel.”

“For before me flames the pentagram and behind me shines the six rayed star.”

Repeat the entire ritual morning and night, noting the difference in the way the stars are drawn as indicated in the diagram. Learn it thoroughly. Take about a month to work it carefully. Apart from this you should perform this ritual every day as it does have a definite good effect on your whole being, from the physical to the spiritual. Do not force the ritual. Later you will learn to expand it in several directions and dimensions. Remember, do it morning and night. And continue with your other work.

After you have practiced the entire ritual for some weeks and know it very well, do the following:

Take a teaspoonful of whiskey, brandy, or ordinary rubbing alcohol and place it on a dish or some fireproof material. Do this in a dark room or at night. (Don't waste it or burn the house down!) Light the liquid, and note carefully the COLOR of the blue flame and how it WAVERS as it burns. Watch the flame burn and get this color and the wavering motion in mind. Do this until you can recall the color and wavering when you close your eyes. You can also use a piece of blue paper or fabric the same color as the flame to assist you in recalling this particular shade of blue, but looking at the flame is best. Practice this for a couple of weeks until you can bring the appearance of the flame to mind without effort.

In the meantime you are, of course, to keep up your work with the rubric/ritual (the entire ritual described on the previous page), with this addition, that as you take the dagger in hand, visualize it outlined in the blue flame. As you turn with the dagger pointing out from you see the circle you are making outlined in the blue flame, and also the stars as you make them.

When you have finished the movements you should be standing in the center of a circle of blue flame with four blue flame stars at each quarter of the Earth, i.e. the circle and the stars will continue to be seen after you have traced them so that now you see them all.

At times your work will proceed easily and the visualization will be quite clear. At other times your work will be hard to do and the visualization will be dull. Note these times in your Record along with data from the *Moon Sign Book*, and see if you can find anything these times have in common.

Remember that all this time you have been working with the ritual, you have also been continuing your work of seeing and moving your Inner Body. When you have reached the point where the ritual is letter perfect, and your visualization of the blue flame is good, and you can “see” your Inner Astral Body of Light very well, then do as follows:

Get ready to perform the ritual. Bring a chair with you into the circle area. Start and finish the ritual, and then seat yourself in the chair facing East. SEE THE INNER BODY YOU HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH, FOR THIS LONG TIME. STEP OUT OF THE SEATED PHYSICAL BODY AND STAND IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU ARE TO REMAIN SEATED AND PUT THIS BODY OF LIGHT THROUGH THE RITUAL/WORK MANY TIMES.

Practice this many times. Use all the ways you can think of. Do the ritual physically. Have the Body of Light do the ritual alone. Do the ritual with the physical body and the Body of Light together. With practice you will develop a very good control over this Astral Body. Don't be impatient! This is great art/work.

This body you have 'created' out of yourself is your FAMILIAR.

From now on it is just a matter of training/work, training/work. Naturally the more you use the Body of Light the more it will become trained, just as your physical body has become trained through use.

You will discover, very soon, that this Body of Light will possess some will and life and independent movement of its own. However, as you have developed it inside the circle you should have no trouble with it. No outside forces can control it. The more you work with it the more of yourself and your knowledge and intelligence and life powers you can transfer to it. Just as an athlete must train his physical body and keep in "practice," so must the Occultist train his Astral Body and keep on using it.

When you are not using your Familiar, keep it inside you. Draw it back into you. Give your Familiar a name. Talk to it. In time it will develop a type of independent existence of its own, but do not be alarmed by this, as it exists only as an extension of yourself and you can end its independence anytime that you want by bringing it back into yourself. Remember, even your physical body is independent from you; it may be fatigued when you are filled with ideas and desires that you want the physical body to carry out. How much less real independence this Familiar, you have created, can have, then, is obvious. Are you going to work against yourself? Of course not, and neither is this extension of yourself, that you have created to help you through life.

Whatever you may have heard to the contrary, or whatever you may have been told, all that any FAMILIAR ever was is just what I have shown you how to create. It is an extension of yourself. You do not really "create" this extension; it was there all the time, but you just give it power in ways different from before and learn to use it consciously.

As to the use of your Familiar? You should pick this up readily as you practice with it, but if you don't then you had better contact me for more directions and information. But first, do the work of creating and practicing with it as described in this lesson.

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The Power of the 'Lost Word'

An Occult Vignette
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Ophiel and the 'Gnostic Institute' present to you the following information and instructions with regard to the nature and use of the 'Lost Word' which, when understood and used properly, can bring you things you 'Desire'.

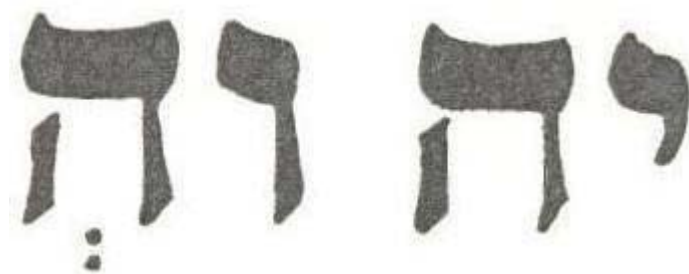
The 'Lost Word' had been the subject of many ancient legends and has been described as a 'Magical Word' which, *'When spoken, or pronounced, or 'USED' properly would bring all material things desired to the 'Knower' of the 'Power' of the 'Word'.*

The legends further say that the correct 'USE' of this 'Word' has been 'Lost' for thousands of years because the 'Type' of illuminated person who could 'USE' the 'Word' properly passed away in those times when people were concerned with other things of a base nature.

But, now the 'Earth' is entering into the 'Aquarian Age' the minds of men and women are again turning to the inner higher types of things and many are beginning again to be able to utilise the 'Power' of the 'Lost Word'. Are you one of them?


We will first give you some knowledge-material of the 'USE' of the 'Word' so try hard to learn it. Meditate on it and attempt to 'USE' it in the practices that follow. Each 'attempt' will bring you nearer to the 'Truth'. When you find you are ready for more contact us again and more advanced knowledge will be available.

Here now follows the basic knowledge and practices about the 'Lost Word' here is the 'Lost Word' itself:



This is written in Hebrew.

(If you don't know the meaning of it now, we are not going to tell you the meaning of the 'Word' now as you might be inclined to say, 'Oh, is that all it is.' If you do know the 'Word' you will not likely be the kind to treat it with 'flippancy'.)


As you can see, the 'Word' is composed of four rather strange looking letters. Before telling you about the letters we want you to note how the letters are formed. Note that they all seem to be formed from something like the first letter, like this: 


Which seems to look like the first letter of the 'Word' (reading from right to left, not from left to right.) this letter is called 'YOD' and it looks something like a flame. If you


will look closely at the letters you will see that they are all formed from this same 'YOD' in somewhat different form, but one still recognisable as a flame - 'YOD'. The Hebrew alphabet is called the 'Flame' alphabet. If you will look at the other three letters of the 'Word' you will note this fact that they are all the same letter in a slightly different form and the 'YOD' composes all three other letters.

Also in Hebrew each letter also has a name and a number, thus besides being called 'YOD', the letter also means 'HAND' (There are other allied meanings far beyond the scope of this article, which will be treated in other courses offered by Ophiel and the 'Gnostic Institute'.)

In the sense we will 'USE' here, the letter 'YOD' means *'the HAND' of God which 'HOLDS' all of 'CREATION' in its 'GRASP'. The 'HAND' is now 'Quiet' 'Quiescent' 'Potentially All' etc.* (There is another letter which also means 'HAND' but this 'HAND' is the 'OPENED HAND' of God.)

The second letter is called 'Heh'  (pronounced 'Hay') and its meaning here is 'Window' or 'Wind-door'. A 'Wind-door' allows the pneumous-air in motion living air, to enter a place or house. Also a 'Wind-door' gives a view of the 'Outside' to those 'Inside'. It can also mean a 'View' into your 'INNER MIND, IMAGINATION'.

The third letter is called 'Vav'  pronounced as it is shown and its meaning here is 'Nail' it can also mean 'Sword'. In the context of its 'USE' as 'Nail' it is 'USED' to 'Fasten' 'Different' 'Things' together.

The fourth letter is another 'Heh'  but in this case there is a little mark under the 'Heh' to indicate that this is a 'FINAL' 'Heh'. (Remember in Hebrew you read from 'right' to 'left'.) This 'FINAL' 'Hay' is the 'REAL' thing and not just a 'VIEW' of something that was seen through a 'Wind-door/Window' 'Inner mind/imagination'.

Concealed in these few descriptive words you have the whole 'SECRET' of the 'USE' of the 'LOST WORD'. Many of you who have studied long before will grasp the 'Truth-Use' of these explanations at once. If you don't, do not be discouraged, you only need more study of what follows.

'THE USE OF THE WORD'

'EVERYTHING BASIC IN THIS PHYSICAL COSMOS IS SUBJECT TO THE 'POWER' OF THIS 'SACRED' WORD. NOTHING PHYSICAL-MATERIAL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE 'WORD' BEING 'USED'

Let us take a simple example; this example will hold all the things you will need to know to get the things you may want in the future. Suppose you want a certain automobile, we will also suppose that you have certain means in your life of which we do not know about, of course. But something seems to be keeping you from having your 'Desires' in regard to this automobile. (If you have 'NO' means at all then your work will have to be more intense. (Get Ophiel's book 'The Art & Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization'.)

For the purpose of this 'Sealed' lesson in 'Occult Power' we will not consider this entire subject but only its basic part, which you should know and understand anyhow. You now determine to 'USE' the system of the 'POWER' of the 'Word' to 'OBTAIN' what you want.

Take the first letter, 'YOD' and meditate/think on the 'IDEA' of God's hand having all things in it 'NOW, ALREADY' Whatever the 'Thing or Things' you want now is there 'RIGHT NOW' So the automobile you want is 'THERE NOW!'

Proceed to the second letter; 'Heh' the 'Wind-door/Window,' meditate/think on this as long as you feel like to get into the mood of the 'IDEA'. Look into your mind and 'SEE' in your 'IMAGINATION' the automobile, 'Visual-Ise' the automobile. This means that you must do all that you can to 'BUILD UP' this 'INNER IMAGE'. You must go and look at the automobile in the dealer's showroom, get pictures of it, study it, go sit in it, get to know it in all its details, every little detail about it, in and for 'REAL'. Then you must 'REPRODUCE' these details in your 'IMAGINATION' picture closely.

This done, you now proceed to the next letter of the 'Word' 'VaV' the 'Nail' which is going to 'JOIN' YOU TO THE 'THING' YOU WANT' You know that 'Nails' are 'USED' to 'FASTEN THINGS TOGETHER', your work is now to put yourself and your 'IMAGINATION/PICTURE' together. 'FASTEN THEM TOGETHER'. Now I admit that at first glance this statement will seem rather vague, this is due to the fact that in our English language there are no exact words for this sort of 'INNER-PSYCHIC PLANE ACTION'. What is meant is that you put 'YOURSELF' and 'YOUR IMAGINATION-PICTURE TOGETHER WITH FEELINGS/EMOTIONS?'

If you will check a large dictionary you will find that the word 'E-motion' means a sort of 'Movement'. An 'Inner movement' the word comes from the Latin word 'E-movere' which is 'E = out' 'Movere = move' or 'Out-Move' or 'Ex-Pressed = Pressed Out'.

So one definition is an 'INNER FEELING THAT MOVES OUT.' You must 'FEEL' that you and the 'OBJECT' you 'Desire' are 'ONE ALREADY.' It will never be quite clear just 'How' this kind of 'EMOTIONAL CONNECTING' will make the 'OBJECT COME TO YOU' BUT THIS HAS TO BE DONE BEFORE YOU CAN GET THE 'OBJECT' YOU WANT. You have to 'PASS THROUGH' this stage with a very natural connection made between you and the object before the object can come to you in the 'REAL.'

And now you proceed to the last letter, the second 'Heh' 🪧 The second 'Heh' is the first 'Imagined/visualised/imagined' 'Heh' become 'REAL.' The second 'Heh' is the first 'Heh' become 'REAL'. The second 'Heh' is the state of your 'Desires Fulfilled' the view from the 'Wind-door' of the first 'Imagined' 'Heh' is now for 'REAL' in your life. (Read over again the paragraph on the preceding page dealing with 'Heh' as the 'Wind-door/Window') There is more to this but in this short 'Lesson' I cannot go too deeply into it, what I have given you here is the 'Foundation' you will need anyhow. If you will do the work I have outlined here, you cannot fail. However long it may take, the 'OPERATION CANNOT FAIL?'

How long will this take in my case????

It was in answer to this question that 'Ophiel' wrote the book previously referred to "The Art & Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization." For many people the understanding of the 'USE' of the 'Lost Word' as described in this lesson will be enough and they can proceed to demonstrate it immediately. For many others (And this was my own experience) it is not so easy to demonstrate due to many other factors of an outside nature. If you are one of these people, for whom the 'USE' of the 'Lost Word' does not work 'Fast Enough' then get my book so that you will be able to take care of this and these other factors.

The 'Lost Word' is translated 'JEHOVAH' all through the Old Testament and it is also translated as 'Lord'. The actual true meaning of the word is 'LAW'. As you can see from the description of the 'ACTION' to be 'USED' in applying this 'Word' is a sort of 'Rule' or a 'Procedure to be followed'. This 'Rule' is, 'A LAW' 'A LAW OF ACTION.'

There is no 'Physical Process' on this 'Earth' that does not follow the action-outlined in this lesson. This is not 'A' law, it is 'THE LAW OF ALL LAWS.' There is no physical action on this 'Physical world' that does not follow this 'OPERATIONAL LAW.'

You now know its 'USE' and you now have 'ALL THE POWER THAT THERE IS.' It is yours when and as you learn to 'USE' it. 'LEARN IT!' 'USE IT!'

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SERIES 2 LESSONS

You and Your Desires

An Occult Vignette
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We have all been through so much mixed-up minor stuff in our lives that we can very easily get confused and lose sight of our goals and ourselves. This is especially true for those of us who have had some Occult work knowledge and training, and also for those of us who have had poor starts in life and are now trying to amend and correct our lives through Occult development and the 'USE' of 'Occult Techniques' based on Occult conceptions of the Physical Cosmos.

What I mean to say is, that many of us are in the midst of our incomplete development and while we realise that we do not know enough yet to change the world or the world around us. We do forget that there a number of basic, simple, 'Occult' techniques that are very effective, which we can use consciously to help us along our ordinary life paths for the time being. Then again, many of us have contacted a number of different teachers and systems in which we were presented with a number of techniques, each seemingly different from the other and coupled with dire warnings against the other guy and his works. This merely adds to the confusion. I don't know under whom you are now studying, nor do I care. I teach the Caballa system in my books and lessons. To me it has been the best and easiest to understand and 'USE'.

However, there are certain basic 'Truths,' which are self-evident and are 'True' in any and all systems. If you will go back to these, not neglecting your other more advanced studies, you can handle most everyday 'Stuff' with ease. The basic thing/fact of all is that you have a sub-con-scious part of your mind, which performs all the unconscious work necessary to maintain your body functions. Also, a deeper portion of this sub-mind appears to be linked to the 'Universal Subconscious', which can and does bring you into touch with aspects of daily living that you find satisfactory and desirable for your well being and happiness.

However, this part of you, your sub-mind, is also influenced somewhat by your attitudes and desires. If you have, and keep, a receptive, hopeful and expectant attitude you will understand naturally that you are in a much better position to notice an opportunity than if you were in a 'Blue' mood, closed to outside incoming influences and ideas. All this is simple and has been harped on many times before. Too simple, 'BUT TRUE.' So don't get in 'Blue', 'Bad moods', I say. 'Easy enough to say,' you say! Well, it is simple and easy but countless people get in 'Blue moods' all the time and stay that way while studying the 'Occult!' It is easy to get in a 'Blue mood' BUT IT IS ALSO EASY TO GET OUT OF ONE TOO.

There is an old hymn that you may have heard many times before, so many times in fact, that the meaning of the hymn has been dulled. The name of the hymn is, 'Count Your Blessings.' Well, you know that is really true. Stop and think 'BACKWARDS' of what good things you have now in your possession and say out loud, 'Heck, I am basically lucky!' Doesn't sound like much but it does open up the 'INNER MIND' to receive more. Keep at it and for some days, feel it and you will find that, 'IT DOES WORK.' Make this simple assertion while doing your advanced work/studies.

Another simple twist you can give the previous assertions is to write out all the things that you want, as if you were advertising for them. I tell you this because I wrote out an advertisement and I got exactly what I asked for from an unexpected source. I

know that it was the writing out, the thinking out and the visualizing, which did it. It won't hurt you to try these two methods:

To clear up your quiet periods by reviewing your good possessions and good points and to put your desire/s down in detail in carefully chosen words on paper. The more details you put down in writing, the more you impress these into your sub-mind, whose particular form of 'INNER ACTIVITY' is supposed to bring you the thing or things you desire and visualise for.

There is also another section/angle, which I would like to describe to help you achieve your life/living desires. I did achieve/get, all the things for which I really visualised. (Many things I mildly desired but didn't do any real work on their acquirement, so I didn't get them) I am not aware of how (HOW) they actually came to me, (the actual transfer method, as it were.) but they came/arrived and the first thing I realised was that I had that for which I had asked/visualised. When I looked back, I was unable to immediately trace the desired object's exact arrival. I have never been able to trace the the exact path of arrival and in fact, when I tried to do this, I now know, I confused and delayed the arrival of the 'Desired Object.'

When I was a teen child, I once conceived the idea of watching myself go to sleep. I tried this a number of times and the effort drove me much wider-awake. It was a long time before I concluded that watching myself go to sleep was by basic nature impossible. It is almost the same way with watching a visualised desire/object come to you. The act of watching such an operation will invariably confuse the whole complex action and destroy it's smooth working. As in trying to watch your self, go to sleep, it destroys this subconscious action of letting go the objective wakefulness.

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Find and secure a picture of the desired object - place it before you and look at it intently for some days in a row - You should find, in a few days, you are able to recall the mental image to visual memory easily and in colour! Then study and meditate on the object. Relax from then on - don't watch to see how it is 'COMING TO YOU' - if you have not asked for too great/large an object, then getting it could be reasonable time-wise. (See Ophiel's book, Creative Visualisation.) So now you can go to it.

The God that is in my mouth

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

This vignette applies to day by day living and some day by day actions we indulge in. I am assuming that you want to do the best that is possible by yourself, without going too deeply into metaphysics every little minute.

The title of this vignette comes from Egypt in a very old writing. (I cannot remember from where exactly, but it was either from a tomb inscription or a Book of the Dead.)

A little thinking, examination, and meditation on this title will show that the ancients were not dumb when it came to metaphysical basics which are as true NOW as they were then, and are more understandable now than then.

You *do* have a God in your Mouth and, of course, the one meaning of this statement is that your Power of speaking/vocalizing, is of the same type of Power (speaking/creating) that the First Cause used when he created the Physical Cosmos out of himself!!! (You create your local physical sphere yourself!)

This self-creation power of yours is quite different, and difficult to explain easily. I may repeat myself several times in trying to cover the ramifications so, as usual, please excuse the repetition.

I will go back a little to lay the foundation for this vignette. First I would like to say that these vignettes are tied together in various ways, but I am not going to arrange them for you, as I want you to get the connections yourself.

Next, we are constantly “shooting off” our mouths. We are constantly “talking” - naturally - but what we talk about represents our ideas. (You will have to look in another vignette for knowledge as to where our ideas come from, as to what the nature of the Astral Light is, and how we impress our ideas/selves upon the Astral Light.)

Our Ideas become feelings ABOUT ourselves and our surroundings, and these Ideas tend to become FIXED FEELINGS in our Aura, (our personal Aura of our personal portion of the Astral Light), and become the personal surroundings of our personal life.

To get this more simply, think about your personal life/living patterns and your speaking patterns. You have all heard the following endless times (it used to be a cliché): “(you) hold a thought, or hold a good thought correctly.” This old cliché is absolutely right and of course, holding a good thought means not to speak the opposite thought.

To give a simple example. I once found myself saying to my dog, “bad doggie,” not actually meaning it, but saying it as a term of affection. This is not a thing to do although it is true that the FORCE of the wrong words will not be put “OUT” on the dog *unless you are very angry or emotional about it*. (Please read that over until you fully grasp its meaning.) BUT THE SAYING, AND THE REPEATED SAYING, BY YOU, OF SIMILAR WORDS, WILL EFFECT YOU IN RETURN, through the agency of the Astral Light which floods through your Inner Being all the time and does mold your basic attitudes.

What you are studying now is the negative aspect of expressing yourself through speech. We will come to the positive aspect next.

There is also a mystery here as to whom you really are. YOU speak out like a creator, and so do create, and yet, you are affected by your own creations, showing that YOU (WE) do not clearly understand YOU (WE) yourself or your Powers, creative or otherwise.

If you will re-examine your speech/life/living patterns you should be surprised at the wide prevalence of your derogatory style of speech. You (WE) constantly say to others, "You are a rat!" or "You are a bad child!" or "You are a dumb bell!" or "You are a damn fool!" or "You are a stupid child." You are this, and this, etc.

The pressure of a constant barrage of destructive speech does bring about the very thing that is not really wanted by anyone, the speaker or the spoken to. And this is done basically by ignorance on the part of the speaker who does not know the destructive effects of his speech, and in many cases could not be persuaded that his ordinary talk could have such an effect on others and, through them, on the physical environment. My poor Mother was the victim of this type of situation. Her whole life was spent in denouncing one thing or another, but fortunately she *acted* the opposite from the way she *spoke* and some harm was avoided.

I do not remember all the details now, but there was a girl child in school whom all the teachers considered impossible and dumb, and the child acted accordingly. One teacher, however, decided to treat the child better and began to use simple assertions and positive statements - that she was not a "bad" child, that she was not dumb, that she could improve, etc., etc., and she did respond remarkably, which, I agree, all sounds very trite and cliché-like.

But it is not really so. Your speech/attitudes do govern your life more deeply than you think they do. Now whether you can change your ways much remains to be seen.

In other Vignettes. I'll try to explain the mechanical effect/basis for the previous statements. I can say now that the working effect of speech/attitudes is due to the actions impressed on the Astral Light by your use of the God that is in your Mouth.

So, for Heaven's sake, and your sake, use the God in your Mouth to create GOOD THINGS for yourself, and for others. It is the same power used either way. It is your choice.

Some Ideas About God

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

The general ideas about God are hardly faceable by the masses of people. I do not want to sound as if I am a non-believer - an agnostic - for I am not. I do believe that there is a basic "First Cause" somewhere, but I am quite sure the present widely held ideas of God as a type of Super-Man are quite wrong. As is the picture that Michelangelo painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel show God as an old bearded man-like form clad in an undershirt, floating in AIR, and borne up by some other human form-like creatures called "angels". (These are not Jewish or Christian but belong to the "Zoroaster" system of theology. These concepts the Jews picked up from their period of captivity in Babylon.)

God definitely is not material/physical and according to the system of the Caballa comes from outside the area of the beginning of the Tree of Life diagram. There are two rather interesting ideas/definitions, in the dictionary attached to this name "demi-urgos", both of them are very thought-provoking for us. Learn both of these definitions by rote.

1. A Platonic subordinate Deity who fashions the sensible world in the light of internal ideas.
2. A Gnostic subordinate Deity who is the creator of the material world.

It would seem from these definitions that more than likely an extremely spiritual, non-material God would have to work through some kind of agent. If he wanted to create and maintain a physical world of matter and thus this agent could well be considered a sort of half-God, ("Demi" meaning "Half".) Myths are full of stories of gods who begot, in various ways, children by mankind. Their children were usually boys who grew up to be heroes and 'saved' people from various dangers and thus were saviours. Corresponding in many ways to the basic story of Jesus Christ, whose mother, as you will recall, was "overshadowed" by the most high and thus Jesus was born of a virgin girl and not through the agency of a man/human.

The basic idea in writing this vignette about God is to try to arrive at some 'Idea' as to how to 'CONTACT' him (?) and get results from the contact - positive results - and not just hit and miss actions, sometimes getting results and sometimes not, with no clear explanation either way. Obviously, as far as we can sum this up, if this Physical Plane universe is created and maintained by a non-physical, tenuous, (tenuous-ness), ethereal, null, obscure, un-concrete, chimeral, shadowy entity, how then can we possibly contact 'IT' directly with our prayers, for definite material things or material actions. WELL, in view of our knowledge of the nature of the "First Cause" we would say that it just could not be done.

Yet there, ARE undisputed evidence all through history that prayers are answered, many times, and we note this fact, acknowledge it, and leave it for now. On the other hand Hitler shoved 6,000,000 Jews into the gas chambers and this God apparently did not lift a finger to save them. Yet the Jews still worship this God. I have no real answer but this vignette is an attempt to search for an answer of some kind. The Jews worshipped a single God only, while other peoples had a multiplicity of Gods and Goddesses.

However, the Jews had the system of the “Caballa” and if you read and study Dion Fortune’s book, “The Mystical Qaballah,” you will find that each of the Sephirah has a different “NAME OF GOD” attached to it, and this name describes the nature/quality of God, functioning in that particular sephirotic location. (You had best study this for yourself, as it is too long for this little article.)

Now, the catch is that when these different names of God were translated, the translators not having any Occult insight translated all these different names of God as just one name - God - So the inner meaning/distinction was lost completely in the translations. All this still leaves the original question about God, and if there is an, ‘agent?’ of God. Well, there does appear to be some indication that there exists a system of contact with ‘THE GOD’ that does function throughout the physical Cosmos, (The Physical Cosmos, not the preceding “Spiritual” Cosmos.) and that ‘he’ can be ‘contacted’ and ‘persuaded’ to grant your prayers and desires. (See my book on Creative Visualization.)

This God agent, the “demi-urgos,” the half-god, can be identified as the “Astral Light.” The Astral Light flows into this Physical Cosmos from ‘beyond’. It is basically the five (fold) Elemental Forces in One. Another name for this is Prana - the Four Elemental Forces Air, Fire, Water, Earth and the bowl, Akasha, into which they are poured. (Another name for the Holy Ghost.) In my book “*The Art and Practice of the Occult*” I go into this subject somewhat more deeply. I do not mean to hustle you to buy my books but the information is in this book, and my other books.

The Astral Light is the Agent=The Great Magickal Agent=for the First Cause God and this Physical Plane. It should be getting clear to you now as to why Creative Visualizations can and do work, as well as ordinary prayer does. It is you, YOU WORKING ON THE ASTRAL LIGHT, that does it. YOU, working on the demi-(half)-God, that does it. And it is your working through your sub-conscious mind that ‘IS’ your connection with the half-God.

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The Symbol Method of Astral Projection

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

The Symbol method of Astral Projection is one of the oldest Astral Projection methods known. There is every reason to believe that this method came from Egypt 2000 to 3000 years ago. The Egyptians filled their temples and tombs with symbols for the things they were interested in and used these symbols as meditation focal points for the accomplishment of their desires.

For example, a picture of this type on the walls of Tutankhamen's tomb shows him in the action of kicking war prisoners. This picture implies clearly that Tutankhamen was successful in warfare, as it is obvious that were he not, he would have no prisoners to kick. This picture on the tomb's wall, drawn by and sealed with Egyptian magic, is a powerful visualisation magic glyph, the proper use of which guaranteed Tutankhamen's victory in any war he might have had to undertake during his reign. (He actually had no war during his short reign.)

In this case the actual visualization/meditation glyph work was done by the Egyptian Temple Priesthood and not by the Pharaoh personally. The object of this Egyptian magic symbol was of course, to contact the Inner Planes of Forces and arrange and direct these Inner Plane Forces so as to produce an Outer Plane result/effect as desired, which was for the welfare of Egypt.

You may do that same thing in a smaller way, by your own efforts, for your personal benefit. This work is great 'Art'. In this lesson I can give you directions for contacting one of the Inner Plane Forces - the Earth Tattwa - There are countless forces but the method is somewhat the same for all of them. The instruction that follows will start you out on this great work. Your first requisite is to learn firm WHY'S and HOW'S, then you will be ready to expand your Inner Plane work as far as you are capable of doing.

It will be necessary for you to prepare a symbol yourself. Get a square of yellow paper about 4 by 4 inches and then paste this square in the centre of an 8 and a ½ x 11 inch sheet of white paper, using flour paste. (No synthetic plastic or glues.) Start your work by seating yourself in a comfortable position. Arrange for a source of light to fall on the symbol. Then gaze at it steadily for one minute at first. Do not strain yourself, after gazing at the yellow square for a minute, turn away and look at a blank sheet of white paper. You will see on the white paper, by reflex action, an image in the complementary colour to yellow. (A sort of violet.)

This image will appear and disappear (It disappears into the Inner Planes.) Close your eyes and you will see the image again. Now attempt to grapple with the image, attempt to enlarge the image in your combination reflex/imagination, enlarge the image before you to the size of a large 'door'. With the door firmly fixed before you, 'step' forward and go 'through' the door.

Now, the first time I did this, I 'saw' nothing but darkness. So don't get discouraged with your work. Later I began to see dim outlines of landscapes. Now you have learned the basic way to 'USE A SYMBOL' as a method of projection. If you want to go further into the "Element of Earth" then read up and follow up, on the directions given in the Golden Dawn, which has been reprinted by Llewellyn Publications in the two-volume Golden Dawn set.

The same method can be used with any material thing, using the 'thing' as a symbol and treating it in the same way, by looking at it and then by closing the physical eyes and recovering the Inner Plane image, which is used as a "door". In this case the 'door' of some material object, (whatever you select.) should lead you 'back-up' first through the "Akashic records" and then on back up the planes to the archetypal beginnings of the (final) Physical Plane object.

At the beginning of your Inner Plane work you might not recognise the Inner Plane scenes that come to your consciousness. They will not seem like anything you recognise but in time, if you persist, your Inner will resolve these scenes into recognisable situations that you can cognise. Remember that much of the Inner Plane knowledge comes to you in the form of feelings, not printed words and these feelings are registered in the lower pit of the 'stomach' actually the "Zeus Plexus" (Not solar plexus.) Now, you know that any 'Occultist' who tells you he sees printed words in the messages he gives is lying.

Now, to repeat, so as to make it perfectly clear. To gain knowledge about a certain material 'Thing', set the thing up as a symbol, put lights on it and look at it. Then close your eyes and recover the complementary image. Enlarge this image until it is the size of a door and then project your self through the door. You should understand from this lesson and from other lessons, that every object that exists on the Physical Plane 'exists' all the way 'back-up' and on all the intervening Planes back up to its creation in the Mind of the "First Cause", or the FIRST CREATOR as it were. Everything is this way; Everything has God for an 'Ancestor'!!!

This idea is nothing new. I was reading over a book about the history of "Christian Science" and many philosophies were quoted to indicate that they had, all more or less, said that "All was God" in dozens of different ways. But here in this re-adaptation of an old Rosicrucian/Kabalistic/Hermetic/Magical action, you have the first practical way to reach the God 'creating area' YOURSELF, IN PERSON.

The first person that read this asked me: "How about using this method on people if you want to get someone who won't respond to your advances?" Well students, there is a way, but you cannot compel love, and remember that. However, who am I to judge what you should make of your life's powers? That responsibility is your alone. As I said, there is a way something can be done with people/persons along these lines, leading to the possession of knowledge about persons. This knowledge might help you to press your suit if you think you are truly in love. (If you are not in love, it won't work.)

Now, attend. I do not do these things myself. I have seen it tried and sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't, but that was good, (And all agreed that in the end it was good it didn't work.) On the other hand, regarding the time it did work, the persons involved have now been happily married for nine years. I will not give this out freely but I will prepare about ten, hand written pages with the information on it and have the pages reproduced as ordered. I will accept donations only. Do not send for the 'Symbol Method for People as Symbols', UNLESS you are ready, and all other methods have failed. "Ready", in the above, means a substantial donation, to indicate that you are earnest, please, no idle curiosity, as it will be recognised.

If the whole idea seems of no value to you that is good, as it indicates that you can pursue your quest by other means, or else that you are not really earnest, and therefore can just forget it. Think long and carefully. No guarantee is given, of course. I do this with reluctance, but some may need it. All donations proceeds go to the work and not for riotous living, believe me.

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The Thread

An Occult Vignette

by
Ophiel

It seems true, at least relatively true, that we all want to believe (be-live) in 'GOD' or a God, or some kind of a First Cause, or power higher than ourselves, outside ourselves. In fact, many people must have some kind of God or they would be very uncomfortable living their Physical Plane lives.

Within the scope of this Vignette, I cannot possibly go too deeply into the entire idea of God. A million books would not even scratch the surface. So I will confine myself to one point only; 'How can we make some progress in finding out something definite about God?'

The Bible is not much help in actually delienating the exact appearance/composition of God. In fact, it tells very little about him personally and does not describe him at all comprehensively. There *is* a scripture that says all we can ever know of God is his back parts. (Exodus 33; verses 20-33.) Some verses would shock the 'Hell' out of some puritan Christians if they ever read the Bible, which they don't do. If this physical life has any meaning at all, it seems that something that we have to learn is how to handle the proper escape from this Physical Plane trap. (Please note I said 'seems'.)

I think I became aware of this situation, reluctantly, a good many years ago. I had an unconscious feeling that we had to face the job of learning how to escape the 'Thrall' of matter all by ourselves, using only the assets at hand, although it was against all normal conceptions of Christian Sunday School teachings. I felt deep down 'inside' that God was not going to effect the release for us.

As the years passed by the conviction grew inside me that the escape idea was basically correct. And, as the years of Occult research passed, I came to focus my attention on mankind's myths and legends, as having possible deep hints about Inner Plane matters. And indeed, I found many stories there which, when fully studied and applied, with the missing symbols restored, showed me much of the 'Way Out,' which I followed and now present to you.

There is an old myth/legend, which illustrates this bondage to the Physical Plane. There once existed a cave-like building consisting of a maze of passages called a labyrinth. In this labyrinth lives a monster, the Minotaur, half man and half bull beast. Every year a number of young men and young women were forced into this cave/labyrinth to be devoured by the monster. Finally, a Hero determined to save his people from this annual sacrifice and volunteering for this tribute, he entered the labyrinth with others.

Now in addition to the one kind of physical danger from the monster, there was also another kind of danger from the environment. Once a person had entered the labyrinth he could never find his way back out, unless he possessed the key to the return paths.

The hero, who possessed not only physical strength and courage but inner illumination powers as well, turned to the Gods for aid. A feminine Goddess (his subconscious mind connections) gave him a ball of magic thread and instructed him to tie one end of it to the entrance door, and unwind it as he penetrated the labyrinth.

This he did, and then found the monster, slew him, and returned safely to the outside world by following the thread back to the entrance.

This myth, when analysed even casually, suggests that the labyrinth represents the physical state of incarnation. The young men and women who were annually offered up to the monster represents our selves in our various incarnation phases. The Hero is our embodied desire to be free from these cycles of incarnation. The thread of 'return' is not the only connection *between incarnations*, but it is also an undeveloped 'power', which we have retained from work done in previous incarnations. Now let us consider this other angle of the thread subject - the angle of personal powers.

To be general, it seems that all through history a small number of people remain unique; that have 'something' which sets them apart from the mob. Although this difference, in many cases, did not lead to 'spiritual' gifts but only material gifts, these gifts did accomplish such things as spanning the country with railroads, stringing telegraph cables across the oceans, and endless other things.

This difference, however, is not what I am writing about in this Vignette. I am telling you here that YOU ALL HAVE POWERS. These powers are in you, even though that they are now called 'latent' and are feeble BUT THESE POWERS ARE IN YOU and always have been there. This slender thread of POWER seems to be the only actual link that we can really put our hands on that connects us with something truly higher than anything heretofore known in our lives. Although the connection is not positively clear, that something could be identified as God, or as I best feel it, "The First Cause."

I now come to a strange situation in this consideration of your Powers, which is the question, "So now I know I have these Powers, what then shall I do?"

The answer to this question depends upon how you desire to continue your existence. Do you want to be ruled by matter or do you want to rule matter?

It does not seem to me that you would be reading this paper if you were not a student of the Occult. (Even if you are not too sure what the Occult is, or what is true Occult, with so much conflicting material at large in the world, all claiming to be Occult Science.)

I feel that you want to be free from the tyrannical hodgepodge of Matter's misrule and would like to bring order to our physical life, on up into your Inner Plane life.

Sincere Occult Students! It does not take much to begin to free your self. Everyone can do SOMETHING to free himself, although we may not all rise to great heights, outside of ourselves. Some will do it faster than others, but speed does not count; the results are most important.

You and your desire to be free, your desire for Occult Knowledge, makes *you* the Hero who will enter into this incarnation (The labyrinth of physical matter) with the Knowledge, and *return* from your incarnation by following out, (back up,) this thread of your Powers.

I said you can do this, and I said you, can do this *through knowledge*. It is not necessary for you to become a 'knowledge giant' in order to do this, or to abandon all your other physical pursuits which must receive their due attention, but a minimum amount of attention and work is necessary.

The work consists of learning and using a System.

This SYSTEM is the system of the Caballa.

There are many other systems, but I have never found them, and until I do I'll continue with the Caballa, as it is Occult dynamite.

I do not mean to hustle you to buy my books and/or correspondence course lessons. (May God Forbid!) Ophiel is well off (through creative visualization) and does not need to prompt you to buy his books. BUT Knowledge *is* in Ophiel's books and the physical exchange of labour for money does take place and I can't help it.

Ophiel's books contain the Magic Knowledge in easy form. The first book, "The Art and Practice of Astral Projection" describes the Inner Planes of which our Physical Cosmos is made, and how to enter them and 'see' for yourself what is what. The second book, "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization" tells how to properly and correctly visualize the material things necessary for your well being. "The Art and Practice of the Occult", the third book, is a bit advanced but gives much valuable Knowledge about the workings of the Caballa System never given out before (Certainly not in this form.) The fourth book, "The Art and Practice of Clairvoyance", shows how to bring out this latent talent in your self from inside your self. The fifth book is a little Divination System, "The Oracle of Fortuna", which can assist you in many ways.

As I said at the start of the Vignette, we all want to believe in a God who will help us in all ways. I do not know the complete answer (Nor does anyone else.) But I am fairly sure that the Knowledge in the Caballa System is 'The Thread' that can lead you back to where God, The First Cause, is, and can deliver you from the labyrinth of Matter, and the monster of forced incarnations. You are therefore the Hero. Grasp your threads of Inner Consciousness and follow them back out the maze of Matter. Go, Go, Go, Go.

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‘Aura Seeing’

An Occult Vignette

by
Ophiel

One of the subjects that a beginning Occult student learns about early is the subject of the, ‘Aura.’ He hears that each person is “surrounded” by a glowing “halo” called an, ‘Aura’ and that certain “advanced” Occult people can “see” this, ‘Aura’ and can, ‘read’ the, ‘Aura’ and all kinds of wonderful and dramatic things can be done by these highly advanced Occult people who can achieve this tremendous feat of seeing people’s, ‘Aura’s.’

When, however, the student asks how he can be taught to, ‘See’ aura’s, he is usually told, as I was by the, ‘Fakers’ I first contacted in my, ‘Occult Work,’ that he cannot see, ‘Aura’s’ until he is “ready,” or “worthy,” or perhaps after he has taken some, ‘fakers’ lessons for years, etc. Well, dear students, don’t you believe any of this, ‘trash.’ *You can start to learn to see, ‘Aura’s’ right now,* as indeed, in all of ‘Ophiel’s’ works you are taught, ‘HOW’ at once, and not given the evasions you usually encounter elsewhere. (If you are an, earnest, ‘Occult student,’ then follow ‘Ophiel’ and his, ‘teachings’; you will always get the solid meat of the, ‘Occult’ at once.)

The first thing the new, ‘Occult student’ should do is, ‘acquire’ some ‘*knowledge*’ about how to go about, ‘Seeing Aura’s.’ The startling, “secret” is the ‘lighting!’ In the, ‘beginning’ the ‘Light-set-up’ has to be a ‘certain’ way. Perhaps the best way I can explain this, ‘light set-up’ clearly is by the following, ‘illustration/story.’ Ophiel ‘attends’ a small unpretentious church/gathering, here in Hollywood. As this church is rather crowded, Ophiel has to sit in either the front or second row. The church is held in a theatre and during the service, various spotlights are played upon the portable altar and the row of people who are seated there - the Pastor and his assistants. -

One Sunday, Ophiel was idly sitting there following the service, when suddenly he noticed that, the spotlights being right, he could, ‘See’ the, ‘Aura’s’ of the pastor and the others! This was fascinating and Ophiel now does it all the time. Not only that, but on several occasions he has taught/shown other persons seated next to him how to, ‘See’ the ‘Aura’s’ and they have done it! So you can do it too. Here is the way. To start with, you must have a ‘light source set-up,’ in which you, the ‘Observer,’ are in a ‘Dark background,’ and the subject is against a ‘Light background.’ Now this, ‘sounds’ difficult,’ but it is not. I will illustrate this ‘set-up’ with a few stories to show you how ‘simple’ it is. Look at this, ‘diagram.’ (See illustration.)

I have a ‘two bedroom’ apartment in, West Hollywood, (Where I ‘teach’ Occult Sciences; contact me.) I was slightly ill one day and the same pastor, referred to previously, had come over to my apartment. I was in bed at the point marked ‘me’ and the pastor was, ‘seated’ by the side of the bed, as ‘marked.’ Another person, walked by at, ‘point one,’ and I caught a, ‘flash’ of the/his ‘Aura’ as he passed. I then ‘stopped’ him and made him, ‘stand’ there for 20 minutes, while I ‘taught’ the pastor to, ‘See’ his ‘Aura’ which he, ‘did.’ (It was just a ‘coincidence’ that I had first ‘seen’ the pastor’s ‘Aura’ in church, told him about it, and then, ‘taught’ him to, ‘see-it.’ I am trying to, ‘Teach’ this pastor, the, ‘Christian Mysteries!’)

Another time I was visiting a friend who, just by coincidence, happened to be ill. I was, seated by his bed with basically the same, ‘conditions’ as before.

The, 'light' in the, 'closet' was on; the rest of the room was dark. I was, 'seated' as 'shown.' A person passed in front of the, 'light' and I saw an, 'Aura' flash, so I 'stopped' him and for the next, 'hour' I, 'taught' all in the place to, 'See Aura's.' So, you can 'see' from the 'above' descriptions, that the 'finding' of a 'proper-spot' in your home will not be, 'difficult' when you 'know' what to 'look' for. So, 'look' for the 'proper-spot,' and obtain the 'co-operation' of 'another' person.

When you, 'find' the 'spot', place the, person/subject against the, 'light' and 'remain' in the 'Dark background.' Relax. Fix your 'gaze' upon the, 'edges' of your, 'subject's' body/form, not forced. (Do not 'strain' the sight at any time.) If your 'gaze' is 'fixed' on the, 'edge' of the body, first, faintly and then, 'stronger' and 'stronger.' Eventually, it should, "Blaze-out," about 2 to 3 inches. It will, 'come out,' and then, 'fade away,' back and forth, 'in' and 'out.' This is the, 'Aura.'

Now, there are those, who might try and tell you, that this, 'phenomenon' is a 'Natural-eye-condition,' This is, 'partly' true, but it is this, 'eye-condition' that is 'necessary' for you to, 'See *Aura's*.' If you will keep on, 'practicing' this and become evenly, 'dimly-conscious' of the, 'Aura,' in time you can, and will, 'See' the, 'Aura' all the time, 'at will.' You can also, in time, begin to 'See' some, 'Colours' and other, 'Deeper Meanings' of the, 'Aura.' This is truly the, 'way' to 'see' the, 'Aura.'

You must 'disregard' all the 'other stuff' you 'hear' about wild readings of the, 'Aura' by wild teachers, with 'wild colours,' etc. The Occult is really very, 'simple' and Ophiel 'teaches' it the simple, easy way. None of this, wild, fantastic stuff you hear so much about is 'true.' Most of it is only put out by, 'faker's' that are after your money. Ophiel, by worldly standards, is 'well-off,' already, and does not need to 'separate' you from your, 'money.'

Ophiel does intend to open an, 'Occult school,' and unless something untoward happens in the way of heavy increases in expenses, the, 'tuition' charges will be, 'nominal.' It has come to, Ophiel's 'attention' that a so-called teacher is selling readings of past lives, for \$100 to \$200 (Readings obtained by, 'him' from the, "Akashic Records." He says.) Another, 'teacher' is selling meditation robes for \$150.00! Ophiel 'earnestly' tells you, that there is a, 'very high' probability that anyone, "High" enough to do that kind of "reading" is, 'above' money in any, 'way,' 'shape' or 'form' and has the, 'Powers' that transcend any usual, 'need' for 'money.' And, no 'special robe' of any kind is needed for, 'meditation.' But you 'do' as you please; you have been warned.

Plants and Trees, 'also' have, 'Aura's.' You can, 'see' a tree's 'Aura' against the, 'Sky' if you are 'down' in a 'depression' looking up. Don't give up too easily. When you 'See it,' study it, keep, 'looking' at it and in time, you'll 'see' more and more. Ophiel himself actually 'Feels Aura's,' more than he, 'sees' them, but now that he has written this little lesson, he is, 'seeing' them, more and more, too.

Also, 'ALL THINGS' have, 'Aura's' of a, 'sort,' although the 'living' ones are a, 'bit' different from the, 'inanimate' ones. Look and 'study' for yourself.

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The following is a list of Ophiel's, 'writings' which will, 'prove useful' to you in your, 'Occult studies.'

The Art and Practice of Astral Projection

The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization

The Art and Practice of the Occult

The Art and Practice of Clairvoyance

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Prometheus and Epimetheus: What They Mean to You

An Occult Vignette

by
Ophiel

In mythologies of all nations many great truths are imbedded. These truths were put there by wise men to preserve them, so they would not be lost in the hustle and bustle of daily life/living.

Our basic civilization came from the Greeks, including much of our language, most of our basic thought processes, and even some of our forms of governmental ideas and outlines of laws. Therefore it can be assumed, somewhat, that Greek myths and legends have some additional message for us if we will but stop and look for it.

In the Greek myths regarding the creation of this world, quite a wild and disconnected story is told, (as you can read in the textbook, *Classic Myths in English Literature*, by Professor C. M. Gayley, which you should have, or one similar to it).

When you read this Greek creation story, you cannot help but be confused by the introduction of a series of strange creatures, which immediately start fighting with each other, with all kinds of disastrous results to themselves and the others.

As you know, all my teachings are based on the Caballa. I explained a great deal about this basic Caballa system in my book *The Art and Practice of the Occult*, which book please read, consult, and study, as you will find it greatly to your personal advancement/advantage.

As you learn about the Tree of Life diagram, you will perceive that all the confusion attendant upon the creation of this world - the creation of a Physical World from a "spiritual," non-physical, previous existence - is placed/shown on the Tree of Life by the spaces from Kether, to Chokmah, and to Binah.

In these myths, among the events happening during this transition (the space just noted), a "race" of creatures comes into existence called the Titans, (which probably means "big" or "huge," from which the name Titanic comes).

Most of the Titans, especially the earlier ones, came to an untimely end or a poor situation, except for the two which we are concerned with here, Prometheus and his brother Epimetheus.

I will digress here a moment to explain that these myths were thrown out into the world, willy-nilly as it were, (as you might say one would "chum" bait for fish.) Many minds would read them or hear them and every now and then, in some mind a receptive chord would be struck. This person would wonder what the connection was and make further inquiries, which would show the priests in the Temple that this person was ready for higher things; thus they would take him into the temple and begin to teach him these higher ideas.

Another little side issue, that seems to be only another little side issue but, it turns out, can be a very decisive one, is the names that are given to the Gods and to the aforementioned different creations appearing on the way "down" from spiritual to material. I will not attempt to list them all here. (Look up as many as you can in Gayley and the dictionary.)

In this Vignette we are concerned only with two Titans, Prometheus and Epimetheus.

The Occult "bait" in the story of these two brother Titans is in their names, (which I hope you suspected by now). To break down their names, "pro" means "fore," "before," (and still does in our language today, much of which I said came from Greek thought). "Metheus" means "mental," or "thinking." So the meaning of the word "Prometheus" is "forethought" or "planning/thinking" - thinking with "fore-planning" or thinking before you more or less do something.

In Epimetheus, the name of the other brother, "epi" appears to mean "after," and is used in our English words such as epic (which is a story of events that have already happened or are supposed to have happened in the past.) So "Epimetheus" means "afterthought," or "doing things and making moves without thinking or making plans."

It could also be said that these two brothers are the positive and negative aspects of thought/thinking, or in a still more modern way, Prometheus is a "go-go," and Epimetheus is a "no-no"!!!

In the myths about Prometheus, several points are stressed:

1. Prometheus was friendly to mankind. (Epimetheus was of no positive value to mankind.)
2. Prometheus had a number of clashes with Zeus over his friendship with mankind.
3. Zeus once took Fire away from mankind, or withheld it, and Prometheus entered heaven, stole some fire, and brought it back to Mankind.
4. Prometheus possessed a deep secret which concerned the future of Zeus and his powers, but he would not reveal this secret to Zeus even though Zeus was able to torture him severely at that time.

The reference to Prometheus stealing fire from Heaven and giving it to mankind is a trifle obscure because, as is true in so much of the open Occult, much in the way of connecting knowledge links are left out and the absence of these knowledge items is what renders most open Occult Knowledge incomprehensible to the average reader. This same is true for the Christian religion in its present form. There is another nasty difficulty that cripples clear understanding of the Occult and that difficulty is the deadly inability to get Occult and Bible material translated properly from one language to another. I cannot go into the millions of things that crop up, but I can give two examples. I am told that when Martin Luther translated the Bible into German and came to the lines where the Angel Gabriel addressed Mary, "Hail! Mary, full of Grace," he found this impossible to translate. According to German modes of speaking/expression, "full of" meant "stuffed with," or "bursting with," or physically "bursting full of." So he had to change the words to, "Hail Little Mary!" Another example is a line in Job that reads, "Fair weather comes from the North." I am told that the true meaning of this verse is "Gold comes from the North." The translator saw this statement and could make no sense of it, so he took it upon himself to change the word "Gold" to "Fair Weather," as this made more sense to him. The truth of the matter is that the North referred to is *not* the direction north but the Elemental Quarter of the North, and those of you who have read my books know that all good material things come from the Elemental Quarter of the North. This is the basic true meaning of the verse, but this additional connecting knowledge was hidden from the translator.

Now the secret that Prometheus had, that concerned Zeus, is really quite clear when you have the Caballa Tree of Life diagram before you (with the additional knowledge given in my book *the Art and Practice of the Occult.*)

If you will consult this book you will find that Zeus is located on the right-hand side of the Tree of Life (facing it) and that that side has been designated by me as “the past.”

There are only two “gods” located on that past side, Zeus and Aphrodite. Chokmah represents the unbalanced, unsteady condition attendant upon the organization or raw spiritual forces into hard matter. But the Titans, Prometheus and Epimetheus, also belong to Chokmah. (Aphrodite also is of the nature of the past as you will perceive with a little mental reflection.)

Zeus, then, is of the nature of the past-something done, something arrived at already, something arrived at by a pattern of thinking or planning. And this thinking or planning involves fore-planning or fore-thought, and fore-thought is governed by Prometheus. Do you see the secret?

FORE-THINKING CAN CONTROL ZEUS!!!

Now then, how does all this apply to YOU TODAY?

Through contemplation you will find that all *good* physical life/living requires advance thinking in order to be anywhere near successful. Almost all the troubles within our own lives, and almost all the troubles in governments and the world, come from the fact that there is no real fore-thought taken about anything. All the world seems to live for the moment, like Epimetheus, and then later wrestles with whatever comes along *after* it happens. Ninety percent of all trouble could be avoided by fore-planning.

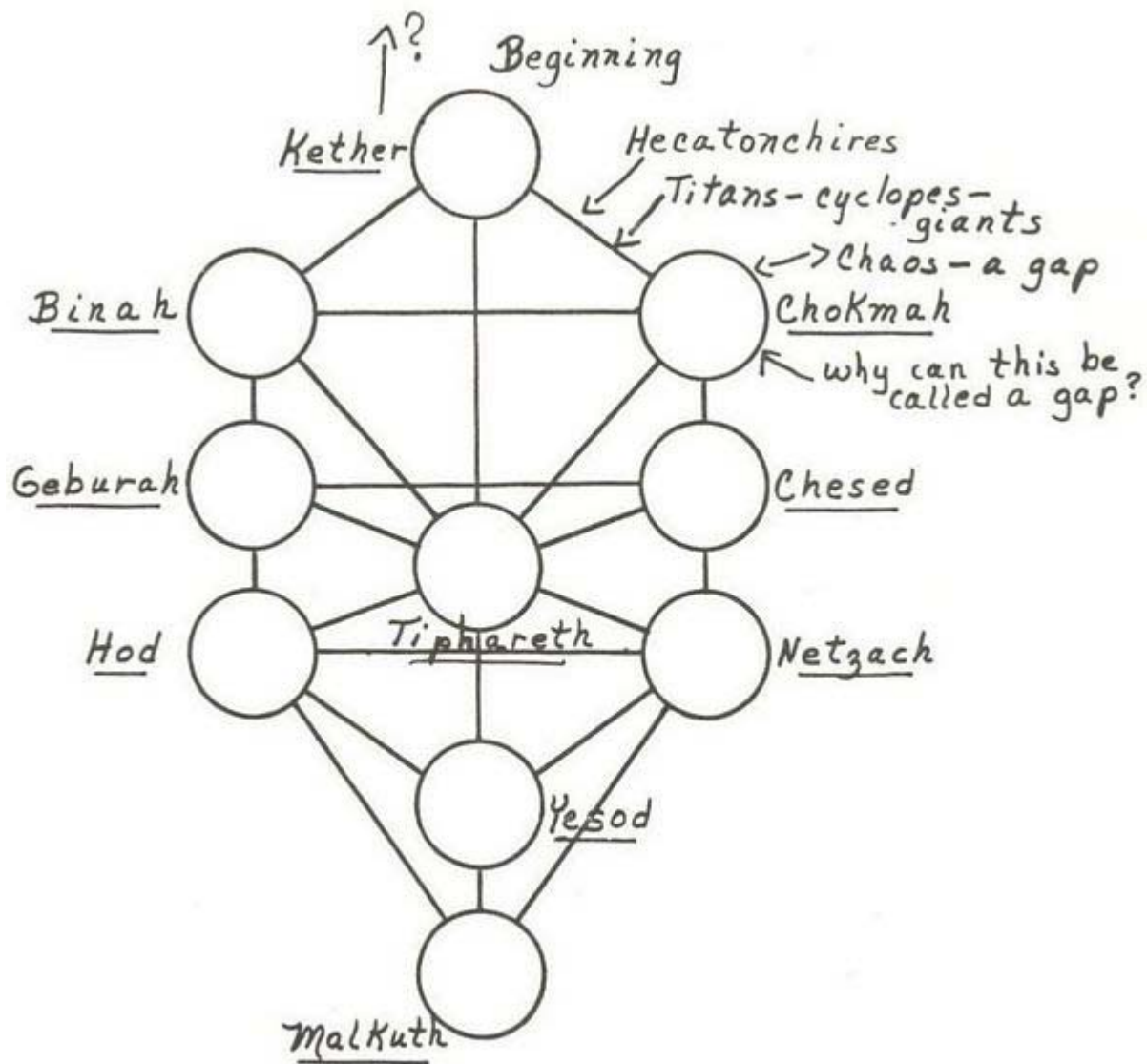
For example, in my own personal case, I carry around a large bunch of keys - the house keys, car keys, basement keys, pass keys, etc. Some years ago I lost these keys and I then realized, with a shock, that I could have very easily foreseen this and prepared for it by having a duplicate set of keys made. Ever since I have done this and although it has been some trouble to keep up with the changes, I now have a complete set of duplicate keys ready in case I lose the daily use set.

As I said, it seems as if forethought is only “horse” sense and yet in our simplest, everyday life affairs we do very little of it.

Fore-thinking must be important if the Greeks thought enough of it to create two characters to convey this message to us. These characters, be it noted, were also early “Earth” creation forces, so this message goes back to primitive beginnings, thus reinforcing the idea of its importance.

Go you and do likewise!

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Students: copy this Tree of Life many times, and each time add something you have learned, for instance, "where does Wednesday go on this chart?" Explain.

‘Self Awareness’

An Occult Vignette
by
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Among Occult students, Occult societies of various kinds, people that give lectures, people that run small or big schools, those who write big books on the Occult, and all that sort of thing, there is such glib parlance about something called ‘Self-awareness.’ Of course, I have heard people talking about something called ‘Self-awareness for years, but I never knew what they were talking about. Then I asked them, ‘What? Do you mean by, ‘Self-awareness?’ I have never gotten an explanation.

As I think back now of the hundreds of times I asked that question, I can’t remember *one single answer* that ever made any sense. They all seemed to, ‘hem’ and ‘haw’ and ‘stammer’ and ‘stutter’ which just left me a complete blank. I never really knew what they were talking about by, ‘Self-awareness. There are two other “companion” words, which I have also heard for years - Self-realisation, and the more common word (Which I have used in my own writings,) Self-development.

I have contacted a new group of people here to whom I am giving some lectures. This group is called a, ‘Self-awareness group,’ but it was not until I really got down to thinking, “What did they mean by, Self-awareness?” that I did some work on it and came up with an, ‘answer’ of sorts. As usual, now I am faced with a big realisation concerning an, ‘Occult development,’ that I hadn’t been aware of for years and I find no words available to really describe it, although I will try. I have been fooling around with, ‘Self-awareness’ for years, but I didn’t know it was called that, and when I asked these people what they, ‘meant’ by, ‘Self-awareness,’ they certainly didn’t describe anything which was connected with anything I was, ‘doing.’

Now, however, I know that what I was ‘practicing’ was a, ‘form’ of ‘Self-awareness.’ As is usual, when I come to a, ‘situation’ like this, I ‘turn’ to the ‘dictionary’ for a “first degree of illumination,” or an, ‘idea,’ to throw some light on the subject. The ‘dictionary’ definition is very poor, which is not unusual, because for many of these words, the ‘meaning’ developed so slowly and sneakily into one language that it took centuries. And during this time, the ‘meaning’ became so ‘common,’ so ‘well known’ (Or came from such, ‘ancient’ sources,) that the, ‘exact’ meaning has disappeared from the dictionary and from our understanding. They have ‘lost’ their ‘esoteric,’ hidden, ‘meaning’ through these centuries of slow development.

The, ‘dictionary’ does give a list of ‘synonyms,’ however, which is rather ‘illuminating.’ Some of these are, “Aware,” “Conscious,” “Alive,” “Awake,” meaning, “Having Knowledge of something that is not, ‘Obvious’ or ‘Apparent.’” ‘*Aware*’ usually implies, ‘Vigilance,’ in ‘Observing’ and ‘Drawing Conclusions’ on what one ‘Sees’ and ‘Hears.’ *Consciousness*, implies, ‘Awareness’ of ‘Something Allowed?’ to ‘Enter’ the ‘Mind’ and with ‘Fixed Attention,’ upon it. *Alive*, ‘Adds’ to ‘Sensible,’ with the, ‘implication’ of ‘acute sensitivity’ to ‘something.’ *Awake*, implies, that one has, ‘Become Alive,’ to ‘Something’ and is on the, ‘Alert!’

Now, the word, ‘*Awake*’ is really more, ‘esoterically illuminating’ than the word, ‘*Awareness*’ The dictionary definition of ‘awake’ reads: “To come out of sleep: or a, ‘sleep-like state.” Those words are ‘Very Potent.’

If you will stop to think of our lives, and the way they appear to be, I would say that many people are in a ‘Sleep-like state’ all through their, so called, ‘Waking-lives.’ Talk

to people; watch them, if you 'think' deeply about it, and 'feel' deeply about it, you can, 'sense' that many people are, 'NOT AWAKE!' and 'NOT AROUSED' are, 'NOT THINKING!' and are, 'NOT AWARE! Of what's going on. They are not, 'Aware' of much of anything. They would rather get into a 'Cocoon-like, dream-state, a 'half-dead' state, and stay there.

To repeat, people flounder through life wrapped up in a shell. I have never found any group or religion, which woke them up even a little. Even a '*little*' is a, '*lot*.' People seem to get a vague life pattern for themselves, with not much planning apparent. It seems clear enough that those people who get ahead in this world are those who are awake and planning, who are vital and dynamic. Have you ever noticed this yourself? Watch them next time; study some of these people. They actually seem to be more alert than other people. You can even say that they are partly awake. Those people are the ones that get ahead in this world, even though they are bitterly criticised by others who don't want to be aroused too much. If you read the story of any really successful man you will find this strange phenomenon there.

In the past decade or so, I read all the books written by Kenneth Roberts. (He wrote many stories about early American History and the struggles centering around, the Revolutionary War and preceding that.) Two of the books were 'Northwest Passage' and 'Rebel in Arms.' While I admire Mr. Robert's style very much and wish I could write that well, he had a strange way of continually railing against the characters in history. He would call then names and have his characters criticize these people. After a while then I became a little bit awakened to it. I thought it was a little bit funny, and I wondered why so many of these people seemed inferior, whereas all through the book there moved so many of these people who were violently getting ahead and accomplishing things.

Strangely enough, one of the dynamic people was Benedict Arnold. (To get the true picture of him, you would have to read some history. Things were not quite the way they say, He did end up a traitor but there were some crazy ideas he had about this country falling into the hands of France, and this of course, we did have a lot of trouble with France afterwards, as a nation, and they still don't like us very well.) Anyway, Kenneth Roberts was comparing the actions, which took place daily, of those vital wide-awake people, to those who were half asleep, dull, and unresponsive in their thinking.

I am coming to the conclusion that this is the earthly beginning of what Occultists talk about as 'Self-awareness.' It does seem to me that many people in life are aware of things, and of course, aware of things that are connected with themselves and their own participation in daily things, that other people are not aware of.

This, 'awareness' of themselves, of the Physical Plane World, and then of the, 'Inner Plane Worlds,' would suggest to us that the trilogy, (Of 'thinking/action' above outlined.) is the, 'Open Sesame!' to the, 'Cave of Riches,' stolen from those who were/are, 'Not alert!' (Ali Baba and the, 'Forty Thieves,' in the, 'Arabian Nights.')

Our physical lives are very much like what is depicted in the, '18th Tarot Card.' 'The Moon.' The, 'Land/Plane' before the 'Towers' is the, 'Physical Plane.' The, 'Land beyond,' the 'Towers' is the, 'Astral' and 'Inner Planes.' The 'Mountain Peak' is 'Illumination.' We are the, 'Shellfish' crawling out of the common, 'Amorphous Pool' of 'Consciousness.' Stirred by an, 'Impulse?' of 'Separation/Action,' but still surrounded by a, 'hard shell' of 'personality' made up of our, 'Prejudices' and 'Idiosyncracies' but taking the, 'first steps' on the path, 'Upward' and 'Outward.'

On each side of the, 'Path,' is a 'helper,' - Nature - represented by the 'Wolf,' and 'Art,' represented by the, 'Dog.' We can 'use' these 'Two Powers,' to 'Aid' our 'Journey.'

That is, 'All' that is 'meant' and 'implied' by the word, 'Self-Awareness.'

The next time you hear the word uttered by some fuzzy would-be-yo-yo, just tell them you're not interested because you, 'KNOW' what the word really means. And all the 'time' you are developing, 'Self-Awareness.' You are also practicing, 'Self-Development,' the, 'Two' go 'Hand-in-Hand.'

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The Occult Faker

An Occult Vignette

by
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Unfortunately, in such an elusive subject as the Occult, there are a lot of fakers. Some of them do it on purpose and some of them are merely ignorant, sincere persons. Those fakers who know they are faking are not as dangerous, or even as troublesome, as those fakers who really believe in their fakery. The knowing faker will mislead people who follow him only so far, and then pull out when the going gets tight, which usually brings the innocent followers to their senses: but the self-deceived faker will continue, and carry himself and his followers to destruction, or if that word is too strong, to disillusionment, which may be mild or serious depending upon the desired depth of the Occult Student and his stage of growth at that time.

How then, may a possible Occult Faker (or indeed, any other type of faker) be recognized easily beforehand?

To recognize an Occult Faker is not easy, especially when one is carried away with enthusiasm at the moment. When one is in the grip of this enthusiasm there is no calm appraisal possible.

However, if you can pull yourself together long enough to stop, look, and listen, you can consider the following: the motives of the Faker are always money and/or power. (Dion Fortune mentions these two things in her books.)

Therefore, look out for excessive demands or requests for money. One "Occultist" I hear of sells Akashic readings. Two kinds: a \$200.00 reading of your past lives as he reads it from the Akashic records, and a cheaper reading for \$150.00. You may believe and act as you please, but I have not the slightest hesitation in saying that this man is a faker, but his name I will not reveal.

There *are* such things as Akashic records, also called The Records, composed of the reflecting Ether. But any information from these Records is received in the form of FEELINGS, not words. I seriously doubt that there is anyone anywhere "advanced" enough to be able to recover the past feelings of several of your lifetimes and translate these into a word story. You have been informed so you're on your own now.

I have also heard that a Swami is selling a special meditation robe for \$150.00, which is put on and is supposed to be charged in some special way to enable you to meditate more effectively. WELL! Dear students, I can tell you that what you wear does not make one iota of difference in your ability to meditate.

Now, and also apart from the preceding, there is another item to look out for, in guarding yourself against disappointments in Occult Teachers, if the teacher does not make excessive requests for money, etc. Or, in fact, does not even mention money but leaves that up to you. This other "teacher" will claim to have great Powers.

Now, in the case of a faker, these Powers are always hidden or are just around the corner. He can't or doesn't show them to you (which is all rather probable as he might be fooling himself). BUT he also is never able to *teach you* the secrets of his powers or show you how to develop these or any other powers. For this non-passing-on, some of the following reasons are given out:

1. They are too secret to be given out.
2. You are not ready.
3. You are not worthy.
4. He will give out the secrets when he is darn good and ready. Meanwhile, pay up your dues and shut up, etc.

Then he will continue with endless lessons and dissertations and grades and degrees, all of which lead nowhere.

Then to top it off, when, by your own efforts, you achieve a degree of enlightenment, he will call your achievement low psychic development!

About this time you should be ready to make a break for something else.

So be it.

The real Occult is concerned with Knowledge. Knowledge about the true inner construction of the Universe - both "outer" physical and "inner" non-physical. This Knowledge should be rather comprehensive and definite and testable. Such knowledge which can lead to development of your facilities so as to enable you to "project" out of your physical body and onto the next inner plane and explore therein, for example. Then further Knowledge to enable you to "work" the Forces on those inner planes so as to change your physical life "down here" the way you think you want it to be. The Knowledge I refer to is Astral Projection and Creative Visualization; creative in the sense of YOU initiating the ACTION, not waiting for "FATE" or chance to initiate it. Creation in the sense of YOU controlling the ACTION, not waiting for "Fate" or chance to control the action.

This kind of Knowledge can come only through genuine inspiration and contact with "higher" ideas and conceptions, and then passed on to you by some type of Teacher.

So this is what to look for and to test for and this is the genuine, and do not be fooled by FAKERS who want only your money. PLEASE DO NO BE FOOLED, too easily!!!!!!!

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“Work” On All Planes

An Occult Vignette
by
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For some reason this title was announced and the Vignette was asked for from Yugoslavia and England! And I cannot find the Vignette anywhere around the place here! It could be that some inexperienced person assisting me here sent the original away in place of a copy of it, and so I have lost it. Now, I must write another. The same thing happened with another Vignette entitled, “What You Deserve”. I couldn’t find that one anywhere until I discovered that I had changed the title to, “You Tell Them, Baby”, or, rather, added that additional title to the Vignette.

I have harped for a long time about there being a number of different planes, from the ‘bottom’ to the ‘top’, whatever those things are, especially the ‘toppers’. Much to my regret I cannot go into the description of each of those planes; those descriptions would take in a universe of books. (Please consult the Theosophical System of naming the planes from bottom to top).

The idea of this Vignette is to acquaint you with the fact that any action you perform is not confined to one plane only, as would seem to be the case under physical observation, as “the world would say”.

The basic idea of what I just said is that when you perform an “ACT” - “ACTION” down here, the repercussion goes back up the planes to the top, making some kind of effect ‘there’. Rather, to make it plainer, the repercussion registers on each plane, and then this effect on each plane affects the plane above, and so on up, as aforesaid. OR, to restate it again still plainer - ALL space, planes, are filled with the Light, the Astral Light, the plastic medium. (In a sense, this plastic medium becomes denser the ‘lower’ it goes.)

It appears to be relatively true and correct that material end results, plus meta-physical end results, plus any kind of inner plane actions and reactions, no matter where started (usually started here except where to be later noted), go to the top and then, after affecting the top, come on back down the planes to end here (or, as Dion Fortune says, are grounded in/on Earth). To be a little more exact, there appears to be two kinds of “Work” - Actions - Those that start from the TOP and come DOWN and end here, and those that originate, start here, go on up the planes, to the top, affect matter there, and then come DOWN again, and re-affect matter, effecting material changes here. Or, as the Emerald Tablet has it: It ascends from earth to heaven, and again descends to earth.

I will repeat the description of the process in another way, as this process is very important and really basic.

No one knows the reason for the continued existence-creation of the physical plane universe, but, as L. Frank Baum said, “The reason for a thing is never so important as the thing itself.” We are now “here” and ‘stuck here’ until we get away KNOWINGLY, under our own power, as it were.

While we are here, we function. How we function is the problem. Do we function well or function badly? Are we ignorant of the non-visible Truths of Be-ing, or do we think and be (to be) live - be-lieve - that the physical world is really material? And that a material man-shaped old-man God is “up” above in a “Heaven”? From whom we

have constantly to ask favors by 'praying' to him? If that is what we believe, then I say we function badly. At least I did, until I learned differently and attempted to function differently. I respectfully suggest you read and study my/the book called "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things through Creative Visualization." Do this calmly and quietly and try to make it work. And see for yourself what could be what.

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SERIES 3 LESSONS

Winter Solstice Message 1973

An Occult Vignette
by
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Today is the 14th day of December, and in eight more days will occur the Winter Solstice, on December 21st. I intend to send this Winter Solstice Message out all through the Winter Quarter, December 21st to March 21st, which marks the end of Winter and the first day of the spring, Vernal Equinox, when happy Ophiel will have another timely message for you-alls (?) a Spring Message.

The word "Solstice" means to "stand still" and on December 21st the Sun has gone as far "south" as it can go, and it "stands still" for a few days and then starts to move "back-up" north, in which direction it moves until the Summer Solstice, June 21st the beginning of Summer. Then it apparently stands still again for a few days and then starts to move South again to repeat the cycle once more.

This journey of the sun did not escape the attention of the ancients, those who observed and thought; and the southward journey of the sun accompanying wintry weather did not escape them either. Thus, when the sun reversed its southward course, there was cause of great rejoicing and carrying on. Hence the universal pagan festivals, culminating in the Saturnalia of Roman times: This festival the Roman Catholic Church hypocrites baptised and took into the Church as the birthday of Jesus, who, if he existed at all, was born around the middle of July. It is important to Occultists and Gnostics (Knowers), those who know, that you as an occultist and a knower, should keep the right perspective on this Christmas business and treat it properly.

There is no reason you should harass your friends about their "fake" Xmas observances unnecessarily, but then again, there is no reason why you should allow those of them who do not receive gifts by the score to be dependent over such lack of gifts of recognition, or what have you, at Xmas time, as these things are pure fakery and based on lies and fakes and deceptions which are ages old by now, and which should have been discarded centuries ago. It is really extremely queer that stable stuff got so much attention. It all shows the ignorance the masses labour under, or rather, in this case, the lack of critical discernment. The stable "good-spell" incident is mentioned in only one "good-spell" Luke. Mark says nothing at all of the early years of Jesus before thirty, and Matthew says the birth took place in "a house" (Matt. 3-11). John says nothing of Jesus' early life either.

So it is mighty queer that one little goofy little story would get so much attention out of all proportion to its importance, but as I say, it was due to a mild type of ignorance and lack of discernment. Anyone with a modicum of brains, in working order, would know that a man with an enceinte wife would not take her on a long journey. Nuff sed.

There is another point here, which should be examined occult-wise. Immediately after the Xmas hurrah comes another "misplay" this one called "New Years Day." January is supposed to be the beginning of a/the New Year. The name of the month, January, comes from the Roman God Janus who had two faces; hence he faced both forwards and backwards. Janus is also Saturn in another phase. I am informed that the word "janitor" comes from Janus also. A janitor watches the gates or the door entrances and exits.

Now, this brings up another subject of some occult importance: The New Year, or what month or day constitutes “the beginning” of a new cycle or “new year.” Common sense would say that the beginning of a new season-cycle would be the ideal start of a new cycle-year. I am not sure if the beginning of the Winter season was held by the Romans as the/a New Year or not.

A check with the encyclopedia shows that the Saturnalia and the New Year were celebrated as one, and the Romans considered the beginning Winter as the New Year, December 21st, later changing the New Year celebrations to January 1st. So they considered the beginning of the Winter season to be the beginning of the New Year. Apparently the Jewish people consider the beginning of Autumn as the beginning of a New Year calendar-wise, and March 21st religious wise as another kind of New Year.

For what it is worth, the most logical date-place for the/a New Year to me personally is the first day of Spring, March 21st, or actually the exact minute the Sun enters the Zodiacal Sign of Aries, passing out from Pisces, which entrance takes place sometime during the 24-hour period around the 21st of March. For example, in the year 1073, the Sun entered Aries at 10:24 am. P.S.T. on March 20th, not the 21st. I presume, like Easter Sunday, the Spring is “early or later” according to the Sun’s time-table, which at times speeds up and at times slows down, apparently.

Dion Fortune says that in Spring vast tides are sweeping in and through the Inner Planes and I presume she means these tides have an “effect” upon earth and our bodies, but she does not say much more, nor can anything in the way of information be gotten from her present day Society, which does not seem to be following the Magic Path any more. I’d like to digress here for a few moments. I thank those people in England who wrote to me and asked me to take on Dion Fortune’s work. I am not being falsely modest when I said I was not the one. It is only that I do not have the background education she had in psychology, including Freudian education and training, but Dion Fortune had probably also been an advanced occultist in her past lives, as she has said that she “recovered” her knowledge and powers etc. Then, too, I never did take the path of ceremonial magic, but have come the metaphysical way, however I am informed that there is a group in England following the Golden Dawn methods, and I wish them luck unlimited. They can be gotten in touch with, but at this writing I have misplaced their address.

Another subject that comes to mind here, and I will touch on it, is this Santa Claus thing. Next January 4th, I will be 72 years old and all my life have been in contact with this myth. When younger, first I thought one-way and then I thought another. Now I am “an old goat” (Capricorn) I don’t give a damn one way or the other, and of course I do not have the space here to trace the development of to-days Santa Claus, a composite of several other beings - from memory: Saint Nicholas (Armenia), Kris Kringle (Holland), Reindeer (Lapland), Yule Log (England), Holly (Rome), Mistletoe (Druids), etc.

I myself am a little bit leery at the idea of giving a child the notion that something is going to come down a chimney and leave valuable manufactured articles in exchange for the vaguest promises of “being good” for a whole year. Then again, I am always disturbed, by wondering what effect; it will have on many children when they discover the Truth. Especially the “poor” children who certainly have a right to ask the/a question: “What gives?” and/or “What is going on here?” When, no Santa Claus appears to come down their chimney. The only redeeming point I can find to the whole business is that Santa Claus “lives” at the North Pole where his “give away factory” is located. The North Pole is really the North Quarter of the Elemental Force

of the North. The Force Quarter, not the direction. And this North Quarter is the Quarter from which all; inner plane "things" and "forces" are translated/transformed into material objects through the agency of the Archangel Auriel (See Ritual as given in several of my books.)

Now, this Winter Solstice Message will take on a more personal note. Ophiel is getting just plain old. He will be 72 next January 4th 1974. In many ways he is not in too bad shape, but of course cannot act like a spring chicken any more. Ophiel had planned to write a total of twenty-five books. There are six in print, one being printed, and two titles projected. That is all for now.

Ophiel has been trying to get two publishers to take over the books but there is a most curious resistance to this. They stall and stall and stall. Ophiel cannot put these next sixteen books out without some help of some kind, both material and metaphysical. It is up to you-all. Do you have any ideas? Ophiel has a very strange horoscope. He is a double Capricorn, with a chart very similar to Richard Nixon's. You must have noticed how Mr. Nixon's life peaks up and then peaks down. Mr Nixon will outlive and live down the present screw-up. It is an equally strange thing to notice that Truman, too, had a terrific horoscope. No matter what happened in his official family in the way of scandal - and they were worse than this present stuff - Truman would come out smelling like a rose, and this was all due, as I said, to his powerful horoscope which protected him no end. Ophiel has some of this difficult horoscope too, but he fights it all the way. And now that it is almost over, he would not have changed it if he had known when if he could have changed it.

However, Ophiel does need people to assist him now, who have normal to strong horoscopes, especially if you students want those sixteen books, really want them. One thing, which could help Ophiel greatly to get his books out, would be an IBM Composing Typewriter. If any of you have such a machine that you could even lend to Ophiel, it could speed the books up. Also, I wish that somewhere some people would start to form groups to study and communicate with Ophiel, and to make an effort to start groups so that when Ophiel does kick-the-bucket, the whole thing does not flop out dead. Also, to find and develop those who are - I hate to use the word - "ready" for higher stuff. Also a group who can become familiar with the requirements of Ophiel and make an effort to assist him, as he cannot do it all by himself, no matter how much he tries.

Next year, 1974, Ophiel MAY go to Europe. First to England for some lectures: Then possible contact with the Witchcraft movement: Then Sweden for a short time to see the spot where the sun sets for one or two hours at midnight in the summer: Then to Louvre, then Italy, then, possibly through the Iron Curtain to Pula in Yugoslavia on invitation. Then Africa to see if I can pick up any occult threads - as all this came from Africa/Egypt - then the Pyramids. Then Timbucktoo, to say I've been there. Then Cape Town on invitation, lectures: Then to India on invitation. Then again, I may not be able to do any of these things due to galloping old age, and just stay at home!!!

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‘Some thoughts on the Ten Commandments’

An Occult Vignette

by

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Today there does not seem to be the outer concern of ‘sin-ing’, at least, I don’t seem to be running into it anymore, so I am wondering where the ‘sinne’ has gone. (Too)

It seems to me, when I was a child, in ‘Iowa City’ Iowa, that I was constantly being admonished not to sin, by my ‘elders’ and it took me years of introspection to realise that my ‘elders’ were saying one thing and then doing the opposite themselves. And it also took me other years of education and psychology and meditation, before I arrived at this ‘true’ conclusion. Some wise-poet-prophet, in the ‘Old Testament’ did say, with a flash of ‘brilliant insight’ (and probably got his ‘head knocked off’ for it!) ‘These people honour me with their mouths, and draw nigh unto me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.’

‘Sin’ from ‘Middle English’. ‘Sinne’ French, Old English, akin to Old High German, sunta-sin. Not too clear, but these definitions-origins never are.

1) An offence against God. b.) A vitiated Misdeed, Fault? 2. A transgression of the ‘Law of God’ (A ‘law?’ what ‘Law?’) b. a vitiated state of human nature in which the self is estranged (As God is our being how can we be ‘estranged?’) from ‘God’. (I do not find these ‘definitions’ very clear, and as I see used in the ‘law’ details, uncertain and vague, and not exact. But! Then, I am only an ordinary person!

There are a number of comments here, at this point that I would call your ‘attention’ to. Please notice that the word, ‘Sin’ is not of Greek or Jewish origin but of ‘Old English’. Beyond the ‘Old English’ lies its ‘origin’ in ‘Anglo-Saxon’ and this word ‘sin’ is of real old ‘Anglo-Saxon’ and with the ‘Old’ ‘Anglo-Saxon’ ‘MEANINGS’, NOT! Of the ‘Greek’ or ‘Jewish’ meaning of words, which meanings ‘ARE NOT THE SAME AS JEWISH OR GREEK!!’

To repeat, for emphasis, I am informed that the ‘meaning’ of the ‘Anglo-Saxon’ word ‘Sin’ is very different from the Greek word, from which the ‘English’ ‘sin’ word is translated. In ‘Anglo-Saxon’ the word ‘Sin’ means to ‘offend’ Odeon and/or ‘other gods??’ in some personal, insulting, way-manner. While the Greek word ‘sin’ means that, in spite of all our efforts, we did not ‘achieve-perfection’ in some way, but fell short of ‘perfection’ but we are still trying. As you can easily perceive the original Greek ‘sin’ idea is quite different from the stupid ‘Old English’ ‘Anglo-Saxon’ idea as a personal insult to (A) God, as if any ‘God’ or ‘Goddess’ ‘COULD?’ be ‘insulted’ by a mere man!

Actually, all the ‘sin’ that I seemed to run into as a kid/child consisted of screams of don’ts concerning, what I now know, as ‘race mores’ which you can look up for yourself. But I was given the understanding that these were ‘God’s’ own rules/laws? Little more than ‘customs-manners’, which customs manners seemed to be only for ‘ME?’, as ‘adults’ did what they pleased, also where and when they pleased!!!

To get down to more important aspects of these things in a more personal manner, I used to live in Hollywood? In the evenings I used to go down to ‘Hollywood Boulevard’. At that date there seemed to be an outfit, now gone, and which I should have investigated, that used to scoop in young hippie types, both male and female.

And indoctrinate them with superficial smattering of the 'Jesus Christ' story and which say that you are a 'sinner' and 'Jesus' is 'coming' etc.

I often engaged them in conversation, attempting to find out the reason for this conduct, and to determine how extensive their actual knowledge bible writings were. And of course, upon questioning/talking, it would be obvious that they knew nothing except what they were 'TOLD!' and hence superficial and nil, in value in all ways. I have asked these superficial kids, and I have asked top 'Roman Catholics' and other 'Top Church people' What does the word 'Sin' 'actually mean???' and their almost universal answer is 'Keeping' or 'Not breaking' the 'Ten Commandments!!!'

I consider myself a 'good' man. I take no delight in defying what people put a 'value' and not 'doing' what people consider as 'sinning' nor do I like to do what is commonly called 'sinning' and I do not 'mean' the 'Ten Commandments' entirely. But also the other mass of undefined actions, mostly, disapproved, unsociable actions, in which I do what the 'mass' of people, do not do. But I 'feel' I do not 'hurt' anyone, like 'eating' peas with a 'knife!!' In other words, the 'mass' of 'race mores' that is so dear to the 'heart' of the 'un-illuminated' middle class morality, that 'Shaw' first called to my attention in 'Pygmalion.'

I have tried to 'point' out to my family and my dear cousins, about the various kinds of 'understandings' but I have received back only a blank stare incitement, based on the aforementioned 'race mores' and 'customs' and 'manners'. And with the 'additional' breaking of the 'Ten Commandments!' in order to throw some 'additional' light on this 'Sin' and Sinning' ballyhoo let us 'examine' take a 'good look' and then another 'good look' at the 'Ten Commandments' and see if 'light' can be thrown upon man!!!! I will 'examine' the 'Ten Commandments' one by one and 'backwards', to see 'how' they pertain to you and me!

10. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, his man servant, nor his maid servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is, thy neighbour's."

Let us consider this commandment in parts, one at a time. 1st, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house. My neighbour's house, by a strange quirk, is a duplicate exactly, of my house. Probably, many years ago, a builder built the two houses at the same time, and used the same plans to save money etc. To the very best of my knowledge I have never coveted that house! If, during all the years I lived there, if I had wanted that house I would have made arrangements to buy it, but I never wanted it.

My neighbour is a woman and hence the wife stuff never entered into the act. Nor his manservant or his maidsevant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that belongs to thy neighbour. There are no servants involved, especially in this day and age and it is impossible to find house servants for love or money! There is one thing that I can definitely promise you 100% is that I will definitely not covet on an ox or an ass into my possession, let alone me wanting them!!! So that is out concerning the 10th commandment.

'Comment' - Moses was leading these 'Jews' to a 'promised' land, where they expected to settle down and 'LIVE THERE'. But! That land was already in the possession of people who lived there then!!! Who were these people??? Being as God is the 'Father' of us all, did he not 'make' these people??? Or did the 'Satan' make these 'people????'

Here 'God' in the tenth commandment has told the 'Jews' not to 'covet' anything that belongs to his neighbour, and here he is telling Moses to guide the 'Jews' to a place that is already occupied by people. 'Who were undoubtedly created by 'God!'

Also, 'God' is telling them to 'covet' this land in which other 'people' are in possession already! WOW!! Not only that but 'God', later, 'ORDERS THEM TO KILL ALL THOSE PEOPLE! WOW!! (A 'Loving Father??' if this is the 'Father Love?' I want none of it!!) I find all this very queer. None of the churches I ever knew said anything about this contradiction, reversal anomaly. This is certainly a very queer reversal and a definite contradiction and certainly a glaring contraction and also what about all that stuff that 'God is Love???' more on this latter.

So let's go to 'commandment' number 9.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.'

If this 'commandment' means to get up in a courtroom and swear lies against a neighbour in a civil or criminal case. I have never done anything like that. As a matter of fact, I have told the truth, in a law suit and the other side gave a blatant lie, and the fat headed Judge believed the lie and I lost by being honest, so I can't subscribe to the 'automatic' truth stuff. Something was wrong.

Comment - However, there is another meaning to this stuff. You can take it 'metaphysically'. If you take it this 'way', to bear false 'testimony' against your neighbour. It could (does) mean that this world is an 'illusion', 'false' and a 'deception', that 'matter' is not what it is accepted to be, by the 'un-enlightened' 'un-illuminated' persons and that this 'Physical World' instead of being 'substance' is the 'SHADOW' of 'OTHER?' 'INNER WORLDS??' So, anytime, you accept this false 'idea' about something concerning your neighbour you are 'bearing false testimony' about your neighbour etc.

So now for 'commandment' number eight.

"Thou shalt not 'steal'"

I do not 'steal', so this, again! does not apply to me personally. It does seem a little 'queer-strange' again that if this giving-out-commandments-God, whom the bible says is the 'creator' and 'ruler' of this world, the 'ruler' of all things 'down-here' and 'up-there' etc., could have made a somewhat better divine effort to have distributed necessary physical effects out and around, there would be no need for anyone to 'steal' at all ever. Hence, there would be no need for anyone to 'steal' at all ever, hence, there would be no need for such a 'commandment' number eight. And by 'distribution' I 'mean' wives, horses, camels, clothes, money and all other necessary things pertaining to this 'Physical Plane'. Surely the 'symbolic' 'Man from Mars', visiting this 'Earth' and being on a tour of 'observation' and 'being' a very 'observant' man, (Which is 'more' than the Christian Church members seem to be?) Would 'think' this sort of 'thing' very funny? In the 'sense' of 'strange' not 'amusing'.

God, who is all and all and all 'Powerful' and yet 'doesn't?' supply all his 'children/creation' 'equally?' but seems to 'Play?' 'Favourites?' this way and then 'makes threats?' against his 'children?' who 'need?' physical things to exist? Yet, when they went after them, God, makes, I repeat, 'threatening motions against

them?' when this present 'Earth' arrangement is 'His?' 'Idea' and 'His?' fault in the 'First Place???'

Then there is another queer 'idea' here that I have never found any 'Christian' commenting on or even noticing at all? Here 'God' is giving the 'Jews' a commandment telling them not to 'steal'. Yet, just previously before they were supposed to go out of Egypt, 'God' ordered them, through 'Moses' to borrow? All kinds of 'pots' and other 'supplies' from their Egyptian neighbours. And then they 'left' Egypt without returning those borrowed things? Isn't this 'stealing?' and those 'Jewish' people were going to be 'led' to a place, location a 'promised land', then in possession of other people, and they were and did take over those lands, and loot and kill and what have you!! Now, isn't that 'stealing!!!!' and not only that, these 'Jewish' bandits, were 'ordered?' by 'God?' to 'kill' all the 'Men and Boys' in that 'promised' land but they could 'keep?' all the women and girls for their own uses, sexual uses?? Sounds rather negative does it not???. More later.

So, now we come to 'commandment' number 7.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

This 'commandment' is a little bit confusing! Apparently this 'commandment' 'means' not to 'seduce-entice' the 'wife' of another man in to 'sexual relations' but might also 'mean' for a female not to 'seduce' the husband of a woman into 'sexual relations!!!' although that is not clearly indicated. Also there seems to be a suggestion, borne out more by examples-facts, rather than expressed words, that this adultery 'idea' was for females only, certainly the 'Jewish' men did not hesitate to practice polygamy even at the time of 'Christ!!' and all through the history of the 'Jews' was ever much said about 'males' wandering from the 'straight' and 'narrow' one female only, sexual path!!!!

I am told by 'Bible' experts, that the basic 'meaning' of this number seven 'commandment' is that a wife, in those days, was 'considered' the private property of a husband, I think he 'bought' her or, at least, paid something for her. And it was not so much the 'sexual' aberration as it was in 'invading' the 'private property' of a husband but there was also the danger of 'fertilising' a 'wife' with the 'child' that was not the child of the 'husbands.' Thus making a 'fool' out of 'him?' and he would go to the trouble and expense of raising a child, and heir, that was not his child, a 'chip' off the old 'block' (Head.)

All these 'ideas' were very 'negative' in those days and indeed, in these days too. Incidentally in a 'society' in which the 'female' is the head of the family group, as in some south sea societies, the 'Queen' had one official 'husband' (Usually a 'brother!!!') and any, and all, of her 'children' were 'automatically' the 'official' husband's children, no matter who the 'Physical Father' was and it 'sounds' a hell of a lot more 'sensible' than this 'Jewish Gods ideas!!!' (Probably 'not' a 'God's' idea but a 'man's' idea.)

There is another very queer omission here at this point in all this stuff about 'sinning' etc. Nowhere in the 'Bible' is any kind of 'directions' given for a 'model marriage' ceremony, of any kind. You would think that, as 'God' is so 'hepped' up about 'adultery', he would have made some kind of a 'marriage pattern' ceremony, so that there would be no 'mistake' as to what constituted a 'marriage' connection of one man for one woman, which 'apparently' exists only in the 'Minds' of today's 'Christian' religions, certainly not in 'those days' 2000-4000 years ago!!! Then too there is

another curious omission in this 'adultery' business, apparently 'adultery' could only be done by 'married persons?' and did not 'pertain' to 'unmarried persons!!!' I believe, that the 'civil morality codes' are 'based' on this 'idea' and that 'unmarried persons' carrying on is listed under something else. Check it out for your own information.

Going back to the 'idea' of marriage ceremonies for a few lines. There are sure some weird marriage ceremonies going on in the world and it is a wonder that 'God' does not do something about it, drastic that is. Many marriage ceremonies and courting practices come, dam close to being 'wicked?' like all get out. There is a place in, never mind where you can find it if you look. I had better not name any names here. Where courting girl consisted of a boy entering her bedroom at night which bedroom is 'conveniently!' situated on the ground floor of the house and when the girl becomes pregnant the girl screams and the boy is 'forced' to marry her!! WOW!!! There is another in a country south of that country, where there is a lot of canals, with islands all through the area. On a certain day, with the blessing of the 'Church' a boy and a girl pack an all day lunch and go out to spend a day on some island. If the girl becomes 'pregnant' the man is 'obliged' to marry her!!! WOW! And the 'gyrations' that savage tribes go through, to get married is for the birds as far as 'Christians' are concerned. So! None of these 'sin' 'full of sin' marriage ceremonies are 'wicked' as long as it 'results' in a marriage of one man to one woman. Nuf-sed. !!!!!!!!!!!!!

So, now for the 'Sixth' commandment'

"Thou shalt not kill."

Boy! What a 'whopper' and a 'negative one at that.' I repeat, those 'Jews' who were on their way to a 'Promised Land.' 'God' gave them 'orders?' to kill all the inhabitants of that land and seize the 'spoils' for themselves, including the 'women' and 'girls', which they were allowed to keep for themselves!!! (What about 'Commandment' number, Seven?) You can read these directions in the 'Bible' yourself. What the hell is this BUT! KILLING???? Later on 'Jesus' comes along (?) and says and preaches how, 'God is Love!!!' (Something amiss here!!) All the 'Churches' are 'Silent' on this subject, seem to think it is 'OK' to 'Kill' if 'God says to so do!!!!' 'WOW!!!'

So, now we come to, 'Commandment' number 5, "Honor thy Father and Mother."

No comment, I did my very best on this one.

So, now for 'Commandment' number 4, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy."

I once belonged to the "Seventh Day Adventist Church," and it is amazing the way they torture everything around to the 'Sabbath' stuff, out of all-reasonable reason and context. They will admit that certain things HAVE to be done on the Sabbath (Which, by the way, is Saturday, not Sunday, such as feeding animals, caring for the sick and even, - somewhat, admitting that some municipal services must be done on the, 'Sabbath.' I have found all degrees among them. There were some that wouldn't work at 'ANYTHING' on the 'Sabbath, not even cooking and serving food at their camp meetings, and dinning rooms! (Those kinds soon got booted out of the 'Church' as that was Too much, even for them!!!) I found myself unable to come to any valid conclusion about this 'Sabbath' idea at all.

Too many interpretations, and no real authority showing behind it, just vague ideas of some one's ideas of what certain vague scriptures meant. The 'Seventh-day Adventist Church' is an offshoot-outgrowth from the preaching-actions of a man named 'Miller'. Back in 1840-1844, who got a bee in his bonnet about some 'dates' that he pulled out of the hat of the 'Old Testament' Bible readings he got out of the, 'Book of Daniel?' That referred to 'Time and half a Time' (As I recall from memory.) and he interpreted those words to mean calendar dates.

Mr Miller figured out that, 'Time, time and half time' meant calendar dates that came to 1844, and he also figured that the world was going to come to an end in the year 1844. Mr Miller sold his farm and went all over 'New England' preaching that the world was going to come to an 'end!' in the year 1844!!!! Mr Miller raised all kinds of hell about this coming end of the world!! He got many people half-crazy over this coming end of the world!! I forget how he picked out a particular month-day in 1844. But on that day, (Sometime in the Autumn) many people dressed in white robes, and even climbed up in the roof of the house or barn to be closer for the event etc.

Of course, as you know, nothing happened and they climbed down again, to resume their lives, many of them had property that they had sold for a song or given away!! A remnant of 'Miller's followers, the die hard ones continued to search for the reasons for the no-show. A girl named 'Ellen White?' began to have 'visions' by and of 'God?' who she said gave her a new set of directions and information about the, 'no-show.' Later a 'Seventh-day Baptist' sold them on the 'Sabbath idea' and that 'idea' was accepted by the 'Starting-over-again-church' and that is the basis for the church today. It now appears that 'Daniel' instead of being written in 800-900 BC was 'written' by some forger, in 200 BC who made the whole thing up out of his 'head-dreams.' Hence the 'Time, time and half time' of Millers 'ideas' are thrown out of line in ways. So much for that!

So, now we come to 'Commandment' number, 'Three'

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain."

Here again I never knew exactly what that 'commandment' really meant. Does this 'commandment' mean not to 'swear' using the Lord's name in so doing?? I try not to swear too much but if I should use the name Lord in getting excited sometimes, I MEAN IT AND IT IS NOT IN VAIN. Otherwise I don't know what this 'commandment' really means? And now we come to 'commandments two and one. I will take these two together as they are connected in ways. These two 'commandments' say in effect, that, there is only one 'God' you shall have only one 'God' and nothing else, and you shall not make an image of any other 'idea' of a 'God' and then 'worship' the 'image' as a 'God' object.

I have been aware for some time, that there was only one 'God' or 'One First Cause.' I never did subscribe to the 'idea' that there were a number of 'First Causes!' Although, I remember, when I was very young, about 16 years old, I did get confused over a rather convincing story presentation by H. Rider Haggard, given in one of his stories, but, although confused I did come back to a 'One God' idea and I still do. Although I now know some supplementary, ideas about 'God' which do allow for an 'idea' that there are 'divisions' of the 'First Cause' into separate 'action-causes' which could give the 'appearance' of 'being' a 'multiple' of sources, whereas, it is the 'One' acting-functioning in many different ways at once!

To 'develop' this 'idea' of divisions of the 'First Cause' into many 'different' manifestations would require many books. But it is not beyond the bonds of simple reason to understand the 'God' the 'First Cause', can, and does have to function, in many different roles on this 'Physical Plane' and that is all there is to it, basically. I have written several books on the 'Caballa', which books teaches and explains a great deal of 'ordinary' Caballa Knowledge, which, Knowledge should be of great value and assistance to your future studies of the different modes in which the 'First Cause' out-presses, expresses itself.

And now we come to the first 'commandment' which is - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image (carved-moulded, cast-carved, etc.) of any likeness of anything - thou shalt not bow down to them (it) etc. All things considered I don't really understand this first 'commandment' too well. I never believed-understood that anyone, even in those days (And while very few persons could read or write, those people were not DUMB!!!) I just cannot believe that in those days people thought that a 'God' inhabited any kind of an art image no matter what the image was made out of, or how formed, or what it consisted of.

Surely, the people 'KNEW' that any 'image', carved of stone, or wood, or gold, or any other metal, substance, WAS ONLY A 'SYMBOL' OF A 'GOD' OR 'GODDESS' I repeat, the people must have 'known' that there was, 'no' 'God' inside an image-idol, or what have you. And yet, this 'commandment' sounds as if "Jehovah" thought that all men thought a 'God' was supposed to be 'INSIDE?' an 'idol' of some kind, any kind.

To me the 'idea' of any kind of an image is that the 'image' is a 'SYMBOL' of something, which idea would seem to indicate some sense about the whole 'commandment'. (Probably, the 'Bible' being a 'translation' of a 'translation', the 'original meanings' were 'lost' in the 'translation' into 'English.' The 'original' text might be 'clearer' and might have indicated some 'idea' about a 'symbol'.)

So, in looking at these 'Ten Commandments' over in this way I still don't have a very clear idea-picture of what 'Sin' is, and what I am not supposed to or, or not to do. As I repeat, I am not connected with any of those 'Ten' 'Thou shalt not/s', in any 'way', 'shape' or 'form', that I am really aware of, and, I repeat, in some ways, I AM DEFINITELY NOT CONNECTED, especially in the matter of my, 'neighbour's' 'ox' or his 'ass' and again, I say - you would have one hell of a time to get me to take my, 'neighbour's' 'ox' or his 'ass!!!' or even get me to 'desire' one of them.

SO! WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THE FUSS ABOUT????

I am well aware that you, and I, should not go about killing persons, or robbing them, or doing other dirty tricks on people, as this is very inconvenient to others. All governments have local government laws-rules against those sort of things. But then, while 'God' deplores killings and stealing and other things, he (it) (himself) (itself) does not lift the first joint of his 'God' little finger to, 'STOP THESE ACTIONS!!!' himself?

But 'apparently?' just 'sits' around deploring these things-conditions, and moaning about them, and treating a 'Hell' after this life, after these people kick the bucket. A 'hell', such as is the centre of the 'earth!!!' ???!!! Presided over by something called the, "Devil" (Where the 'hell' did the "Devil" come from???) (The 'Bible' don't say!!) (And, this "Devil" is the 'cause' of all the trouble here on earth and 'God' does not correct the trouble the "Devil" causes, but stand by and lets the "Devil" run wild gathering in his 'harvest' or "damned souls" and 'God' instead of 'intervening' to 'save'

them from this fate, just gives them an 'extra shove' over the 'edge' on the 'way down!!!')

Separating the 'sheep' from the 'goats' (what's wrong with 'goats???) In other words, 'God' lets the 'Devil' raise 'Hell' down here and then does not 'intervene' to shield his people from the 'Devil's' wiles and all he does, is give the 'vaguest' of 'promises' with a minimum of assistance. - There is something funny here and I don't mean amusing!!!!!!!!!! -

Take the case of the 'Jewish' people. The 'Jews' have been worshipping 'Jehovah' some thousands of years, and this 'Jehovah' promised them 'PROTECTIONS'. Listen to this - Psalm 91, Vs 1.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most 'High'
Shall abide under the shadow of the 'Almighty'.
I will say of the 'Lord', he is my refuge and my 'Fortress'
My 'God' in him I will trust.
Surely he shall deliver thee from the 'snare' of the 'fowler'
and from the 'noisome' pestilence.
Thou shalt not be afraid for the 'terror' by night!
Nor, the 'arrow' that 'flieth' by day.

And so on and so on, and yet, to repeat, 'Hitler' stuck 6,000,000 'Jews' into the 'gas chambers' and 'Jehovah' did lift a 'little God finger' to save them. After all those thousands of years of 'worship?' this sure is a 'bummer' to 'understand?' Frankly, I don't get it at all and I can't find anyone else who does either!

When you 'question' a man of the 'cloth' about these 'obvious' discrepancies and contradictions, the 'answer' you get from both 'Protestants' and 'Roman Catholics', is that "No man can understand God's ways." In other words, God has something up his sleeve, and someday, he will pull it out with a 'Big Bang?' and then everything will be explained and made clear, and CORRECTED!!!! Well, I sure hope so!!!!

Then too, at this point, the somewhat obviously stupid question is asked by the/a village idiot type, viz, If God is so 'uptight' about sins, why did God let it be so easy for man to sin???? Especially the 'Sin' of 'SEX' horrors upon horrors!!!! Which 'sin' seems to make more noise and upsets among certain types of people, especially the 'sex starved' types!!!! Of both 'sexes' (Who are fighting a losing battle with their (Bodies) themselves. Especially those types, that can't mind, their own business and leave others alone. Broadly and intelligently speaking, all God had to do was to 'fix' things, and human bodies, arrangements and other 'things' so that, it was impossible to 'sin' or 'do' anything displeasing to god that way.

To repeat, for emphasis, if God is so uptight about human beings having sex, in the manner-way they do, then all he had to do was to make man without external sex organs, and the other sex too without sex organs and he will have no more trouble with 'THAT SIN!!!!' Man could, for a simple example, reproduce by 'parthenogenesis' which certainly shouldn't be offensive to God as it involves no sinning at or in any ordinary sense. But this obvious sensible solution does not seem to have occurred to God!! (I wonder if 'Test tube babies' are offensive to God??? There is certainly no 'coupling' of 'wicked' sinners involved.) I did hear that the 'Pope' was against it but for what reason I didn't remember reading.

Another phoney sounding bleat, by men of the 'cloth' is that God does not make it 'impossible' to man to sin, because to do so would be an interference by God with man's free will, to 'sin' or not to 'sin!!!!'

And yet all through the history of God and his dealings with man, as recorded in the Bible - when man exercises his freedom of will, and has a good time doing it - God comes along and burns everything up, or sends a plague to wipe him out, or sends in an invading army to destroy everything in sight, or makes a world wide flood, or a drought, or what have you??? So what is this but a bad form of interfering with man's free will in another subtle form???? Or, to sum it up, God agrees that man can do as he pleases, but if he does what he pleases, exercises his free will, god kicks the stuffing out of him for doing so. What kind of deal is this?????

Then there is this nutty story about a couple of mythical cities named Sodom and Gomorrah, with the strange implied sex actions by a mob of men story, the whole thing is very likely untrue all around and just bull. In a way though it appears, from a closer reading of the story, that God didn't burn the town down on account of naughty sex stuff. But, on account of that, God couldn't find one righteous man in the town/s. This Sodom and Gomorrah story is really very queer all around. I have read a lot, for a person like me, of ancient history of cities in those days but I never ran across any stuff like this in other cities of that time period. It would seem that if these sorts of actions took place in those times, there would be other stories about such goings on in other places around about that are, and nearby areas, and be recorded in history in general. But I don't find any such stuff in history such as is recorded in the Bible, and not in other history books.

However there is another story like that Sodom stuff that is told in Judges chs, 19-20. I just read this story over again and it is sure a mixed up story that doesn't make much sense to us today, (probably the original story had intelligent connecting links in it but the translators screwed it up and left out the connecting parts.) Read the story yourself and see what you can make out of it.

As near as I can read out the story, a man took a wife from a certain locality and took her home. (The Bible calls her a 'concubine-wife!!) Apparently, after a little while, she ran away from him and returned to her father's house. The husband came after her and she agreed to go back with her husband. There was some delay in leaving and when they did leave, on the journey back, they came to a town named Gibeah, late in the travelling day. It appears that there was no inn at that book dock place so they decided to camp out in the street for the night! A native, of the town, then invited the man and his group to spend the night in his house etc. Now, occurs that same damn fool stuff, the 'men' of the city came around that night, and demanded that the stranger be brought forth so they might know him! Crazy!!

As aforesaid this story, and the Sodom story, are the only two stories like that type that I know of or have heard of and both of them in the holy Bible. (How come this stuff got in the Bible in the second place??? Had the writers of the Bible got some kind of a hang-up on this stuff????) (Freud must be turning over in the grave!!!)

Here, in this story, are Jews, of the tribe of Benjamin doing the same thing as the men of Sodom are supposed to have done. This type of 'sex' should be called 'Benjamitony' after this place where this peculiar action, 'FIRST TOOK PLACE,' instead of naming the 'LATER' actions in that Sodom city place, Sodomy (?) !!!!! To repeat, it would seem that these, Jew-Benjamin's should have that distinction as they were the first to indulge, according to the Bible, in these sort of thing. Just doesn't seem right not to give credit where credit is due!!!!

Then follows an additional queer story. The host man and the husband both of them offer women to the mob in place of the man husband. The host offers his daughter and the husband offers his concubine!!!! The mob apparently refuses the host's daughters but take the concubine in and treats her so badly that she dies from the treatment. Now here is another damn fool thing I don't get. The husband turns his concubine over to the mob in place of him self and doesn't give a damn what happens to her. Something very strange there, something about the status of females in those days.

The next morning the husband comes out, after a good nights sleep, and kicks in the ass, as she is lying there, and say's "Come on, let's get on the road!!!" then he finds that she is dead, and what the hell did he expect. Then the ass starts a war over the incident and the Benjamites end up getting it in the neck, and a lot of other innocent people are killed also. So what gives???? And how is it that God does not send Fire and Brimstone on this place as he is reputed to have done to Sodom. Isn't it the same thing? A, 'distinction' without a difference???

To get back to that boring Sodom story, here is another angle. When the disguised Angels entered Lot's house to spend the night, and the mob later tried to storm the door to break it down, the Angels waved their magic wands and 'all' the mob went blind!!!! (Isn't this interfering with their exercise of free will???) If these Angels had the power to so alter the cells of these men's bodies, so as to make the men blind, then, with the same power they could have so altered the cells of their brains, as to make them noble, and enlightened heterosexuals out of them!!! They would then have been righteous out of the men, and they would not have to be burned up!! But then there would have been no story!!!!

- -== Recapitulation, of a Sort. ==--

To get back to the idea of "SIN." I repeat, the true basic idea of something called the/a "SIN" as used in the Greek language at the time of Jesus. The word meant, an immediate inability to achieve, or an immediate inability to do, or come, to perfection: perfection's this instant: a falling short of the goal through no fault of yours due to an incomplete state of growth ability at that time, and for the time being. Today the idea of the meaning of the word "SIN" has come to mean something to do with sex in a manner not approved by the American Catholic Church. And ignored by the European Catholic Church or the breaking of a taboo-rule of some kind having to do with race mores. Or something about diet in the Old Testament about not trimming the beard, or eating pork or camels or fish without scales and many other things that have been dreamed up in the last several thousands of years, or some other kinds of actions or rites. As practiced by the wild race of Jews, who were actually little more than a mob of wild bandits from the desert? (You Christians wouldn't give them house room if they appeared at your doors today, and if you did give them house room they would have raped, and then killed all of you!!!! Or if Jesus appeared at your door, dusty and soiled from walking around the dusty country, and thirty years old and not married, and traipsing around the country with twelve men!!! You would show him the door with an OUT, OUT, OUT!!!!)

Mr Ian Fleming, the author of the 'James Bond' stories in one of his stories, I think it was "you only die once!" describes a/this same type of incomplete, imperfections when, with a marvelous kind of insight, (Which I never found yet in a Christian type) he describes the Japanese 'religion.' To repeat, for emphasis, Mr Fleming said, in effect, that in the matter of Japanese National Policies the case of a government operation of any kind which was not carried out successfully by a government official. And which was not too successful or not completely successful:

The official would apologise to the head of the official above him and that official would apologise to the official above him, until the apology would reach the Premier of the Nation, and he, in turn, would apologise to the Emperor, and the Emperor would apologise to the Gods!!!! This same type of idea can be found in one of Paul's famous letters. (Paul's name was not Paul but Saul. Which means little man!!!!) In which letter (look it up for yourself) the translators, ignorant, unconscious forgers basically, did let the original lines/words stand as follows - "We have all 'sined' and come short of the Glory (radiance) of God!!!!" The words "fall short, or come short" are the true meanings of the word SIN, and as I said, got into, or were left into, the present version of the Bible. Through the mistake of the translators, who when they were translating this original writing, left those original ideas in the text, even though it conflicted with the later anglo-saxon ideas of the word 'sinne.' The Bible is full of these kinds of misconceptions but you can easily find the correct meanings once you have some key ideas as to what to look for, and to recognise it when you see it.

The idea of striving to be better all around, and more perfect, sounds more like good sense than the stupid idea of not breaking, or breaking some micky-mouse rules!!! (Nothing in this essay is to be considered license for an excuse to go about with a lot of rule breaking, just to be doing something screwy. The 'sin' matter is not clear at all as to what is actually what is what, and the whole damn thing calls for some quiet, introspective, contemplative thought.)

At this point I am no wiser than I was before as to what 'sin' really is and what to do about it. The whole damn mess-matter is so damn queer that it defies analysis. In every aspect examined the screwy world's screwy ideas about 'sin' just goes all to pieces under the most simple examinations. Apparently the kit and caboodle is a bunch of man-fear-man rules of regulations, vaguely connected with fuzzy God ideas in someway, and the 'breaking' of which, in some way, is connected with a Hell place underground, managed and presided over by a thing called the Devil. Who 'operates' the place, (For God) and for what reason I don't begin to know or to find out anything that hangs together from the 'Word of God.' Incidentally a man, by the name of Dante, travelled to Hell and back, gives a description of a number of different Hells, and a lot of little side Hells for special kinds of dirty actions by people-persons, (Including, a number of Popes!!!!) And no end of priests, bishops, and other characters!!!! The deepest Hell of all contained Satan who was frozen solid and chewed Judas constantly WOW!!! What the hell will they think of next. Since it has been said that this conception of Hell is not approved by the church (What is the/a real description of that place and who got the low down on it???? for real???? WoW.) How did Dante think that Satan could get time off to do all its dirty upstairs if it is frozen solid???? In the book of Job it says that Satan roams around the earth going to and fro, didn't Dante read the Bible? He should have checked this out first. But what is a little thing like accuracy with all that other negative lies?

This whole Hell after life is a screwy idea. There is no Bible foundation knowledge about anything like this in the Bible, especially the eternal duration idea. There are some vague references to some trash burnings but they are little more than descriptions of bonfires in refuge dumps. And are by no means eternal and in all cases, were not written down by Jesus or taught by Jesus but were added hundreds of years later by the usual crew of ignorant forgers, and this fact is well known by Bible experts.

One of these negative types of Hell like stories is given in Mathew Chap 13, verse 24-30. In this example story (Example of what?) It turns out a man prepares to raise a field of wheat. He then 'sows' the field with 'clean wheat seed.'

The man then goes to bed, and while he is sleeping an 'enemy' comes to the field (At night? Doesn't anyone sleep?) And 'sows' some rye grass tares among the wheat. (What in hell for? Sounds like the dumbest thing I ever hears of!! To go to all that trouble for practically nothing effective in the way of hard harmful results in the long run, or short run!)

Then, of course, in the normal course of nature's events, the wheat and the rye grass sprout up together. The man's servants come to him and ask him, did he not use clean seed? So where in the devil did the rye grass come from? The man, evidentially smelling a rat says "some enemy! Has done this. Then the servants ask, should they pull up the rye grass now? (That too is a dumb question as the man's answer showed.) The boss man says to let the two, the wikked rye grass (wikked?) and the saintly wheat grow together until the harvest at which time: the two will be separated and the (wikked) rye grass burnt up in a big bonfire (Whee) and the (Holy) wheat gathered into a safe barn (?) - where it gets its 'punishment' later, BY BEING GROUND UP AND EATEN. (Oh for heaven's sake!!!!????!!!!)

Now this here story is a very queer story, no matter how you examine look-analyse it. To begin with the story starts out abruptly with nothing to indicate that it is a parable. That is it does not have an introduction to indicate that it is a parable. But hold on there!!! There is, or there was, an introduction to this cute little story!!!! Turn to Mark ch 4, vs, 26.

26. And he was saying, "The Kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil:

27. And goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts up and grows - how he himself does not know.

28. The soil produces crops by itself (???????) first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.

There is another cute little scripture puzzle here in verse 28. Where it says - "The soil produces crops by itself. Automatically? without seed." What is Jesus talking about, great mystery!!! Most likely the original story was quite different but the forgers during these 1900 years got mixed with their own lies, and something connecting is left out, for sure. But lets go on -

The verses 26, 27, 28 are the original introduction to the other sower and the other story. For some unknown reason these verses were severed from this story and put here instead of being left with the original story of the first sower in Matt, ch 13, verses 24-30. However before we can go any farther with these versions of these, 'sowers' we will have to examine the third sower story!!! To recapitulate so far, we have one story from Mathew Chapter 13, verse 24 to 30. In this Mathew story a man has an enemy sow weeds among his wheat. It has been pointed out that this story begins abruptly with nothing to indicate that it is a parable or an allegory, which is the same thing. Then the next story is the missing introduction to this enemy-sowing-weeds-among-the-wheat story and ends up as a dissertation as to how wheat springs up without any seed being planted!!!!

The third sowing story. From our view point is that of Mathew Chapter Three, verses 2 to 9, as follows -

3. And he spoke many things to them in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow.

4. And as he sowed, some seeds fell beside a road and the birds came and ate them up.

5. And others fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.
6. But when the sun had risen, they had scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
7. And others fell among the thorns and the thorns came up and choked them out.
8. And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop some hundred fold, some sixty, and some thirty.
9. He who has ears let him hear.

This parable is certainly very curious and it is hard to understand if it is examined closely and analysed carefully, it does not say very plain and all out, who the sower is? If the sower is, supposed to be God that is doing the sowing, then it would appear that God was very careless in its sowing. As it would seem, with a little care, that the seed could have been 'sowed' so that almost all of the seed would fall on proper places, and not hit so many no-good spots, places, such as are described in this story. I cannot make out what the seeds really are that the sower is supposed to be sowing.

There are three explanations given in the Bible about the meaning of this parable. I would put them; all three of them here but it probably would be better for you to look them up yourself. All of these explanations are muddled up and fuzzy. It would seem to me that the only important idea to be considered in this matter is the manner in which the seeds, whatever they are, are sown. It is certainly not the fault of the seeds if they are not sown properly, and yet in this parable, in all three of them, the seeds are blamed for what happened to them and that they did not all produce good results as the seeds that landed on the right places. Certainly a very funny way to look at the matter.

The seeds and the doctrine are ONE and the same. In the one bad sowing, Satan, in the form of birds, comes and takes the doctrine away from the seeds, but do not eat the seeds!!!! Just how could even Satan, pull a stunt like that?? It would not seem that the sower, who ever it was, doctrine was very strong and practical, if it can only flourish in perfect conditions!! It also seems a lot queer that rotten places should be in existence when a perfect all powerful God is supposed to run this physical world.

Regarding the seeds who were 'choked' by the 'deceitfulness' of riches, no institutions on earth have been more choked by deceitfulness of money than the Roman Catholic Church and many other churches. In 1910 almost 98% of the land in Mexico was owned by the Roman Catholic Church and in many other times in history. Check yourself.

To go back to the first story in this essay, let us try to make some sense out of it. To repeat. The sower-man is presumed to be God and the enemy is supposed to be the Devil??? (That Devil must be a real nut!!!) The God sower-man sow's wheat and the Devil man sow's rye-grass-tares. And then the wheat and the tares grow up together, each after its kind. - What the hell was expected? Ice cream cones??? The tares are true to its nature and the wheat is true to its nature. God the creator of all that exists made both of them. In this parable what is supposed to be the function of the tares, what is it supposed to be/do??? Was the tares' supposed to 'tempt' the wheat to become tares? To change over to rye grass? That sort of thing is impossible; the one cannot change into the other. The rye grass is not eatable by its nature, so why punish it for being what God made it? If God does not like rye grass why did he make it? Also take notice here that, in the end, the wheat is destroyed by being ground up and eaten, and its life destroyed, for being true to its nature, so they both end up being destroyed - so what gives?

I will have to go over these three sower parables again as I see now that there is so much fuzzy thinking there that none of it is very clear as to what, actually, is supposed to be true and full of deep meanings. When I was much younger, and was studying religion, or 'dabbling' around, as my dear Roman Catholic aunt-by-marriage called it, I read the Bible stuff and I never notice anything amiss about it. I accepted the general ideas usually expressed by Sunday school teachers as 'gospels' truth, without any degree of examination or analysis and I have no idea as to why I did that other than just plain ignorance. I am not writing these things for poor reasons. I don't like to find contradictions in any religion. I am not perfect but I can't play the hypocrite, I certainly will never point the finger at someone or some institution for doing something that I am doing myself.

I have found that all religions do not practice what they preach, mostly because they don't know their own scriptures, and because they do not read their own scriptures with understanding. And because they do not think deeply into their own scriptures and notice how one sided and slanted they are. There is nothing in the universe so thin that it does not have two sides, even god has two sides!!!!

Last week a knowledgeable Iranian woman, who was intelligent, said that the present status of women in Iran was not in accord with the Koran, but was, later on impositions. She said that the compulsory veil worn by Muslim women is not from the Koran, but was imposed by that Turkish government a thousand years ago, and has nothing to do with the Muslim religion.

Let us consider and examine another one of these parables from the Bible, that is much quoted and like the crack that Shakespeare made, that is "more honoured in the breach than in the observance thereof." The parable of the Seven wise Virgins and the Seven Foolish Virgins, and connect that parable up with another teaching of Jesus, called the, Golden Rule, much quoted by Christians. The Golden Rule is not called that title exactly in the scriptures but is called that title outside of the Bible, in Sunday Schools, and by Bible thumpers, and Bible carriers about not readers or understanders of the Bible, just carrying it about. The Golden Rule is "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This statement is quite plain and quite simple and anyone can grasp its meaning. Jesus Christ gave out this Golden Rule as a doctrine to be practised by his church.

Later on Jesus Christ, the Son of God, (who was the mother???) gave out another parable for his church, to be, to, obviously, practice. The above referred to Seven Wise Virgins and the Seven Foolish Virgins. For some reason this story is given out as if it had no connection with any other kinds of previous teachings. I cannot subscribe to the idea 'ALL THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS SHOULD NOT APPLY IN FULL TO EVERY PARABLE, but, apparently, these parables were given out as wholes and not to be connected in any way with any other previous teachings. (Probably again the original manuscripts-teachings contained the connecting links but the forgers in the last 1900 years left them out for what reason, other than ignorance, I don't know.)

I cannot accept the idea that these parables are to be subject to all the other teachings that Jesus is reputed to have made. But when I ask preachers about these points they find not a bit of connection but their attention is riveted on the central idea of the parable and is subject to no other interpretation. Well I say that is incorrect and all teachings are applicable to each other.

It appears that it was a custom, in those days, 1900 years ago, for a group of young men and young women, the women called virgins (Were the young men virgins too!!!!!!) in the parable (I am told this was a Greek custom and not a Jewish custom.)

(How was Podunk Mid-America know the difference?????) (All these kinds of Christians would know was what they had been brainwashed into 'believing.')

It was said that this kind of group were to go 'out' at night, carrying 'lighted torches' to meet the bridal party and escort them to where the wedding celebration is to be held. Where the bridal party is coming from, or where the band of youths and maidens come from and why at night, I am unable to say.

In this Bible story the bridal party is delayed, (The sucker have second thoughts?????) And during this delay the whole bunch of boys and girls fall asleep while waiting. A while later the bridal party starts to arrive and they are aroused from their sleep. It then appears that the torches have burned out, and have to be re-lit with a splash of oil. It then appears that five of these virgin girls are worrywarts; they had no faith in God to run things. They had no faith in other people's timetables. Hence they had loaded themselves with extra supplies of torch oil, which they proceeded to use on their torches, and got their torches going again.

The other five, virgin girls were ordinary persons who had been told that a certain time was in order, and there was no reason to doubt the timetable. Therefore they had not burdened themselves with extra supplies of oil, and therefore, through no real fault of theirs, other than not being able to foretell the future. Through possession of clairvoyance extra-sensory power, which the Bible calls witchcraft and condemns as being of the Devil, they found themselves in a temporary emergency pickle. Naturally they turned to their "Friends" "???" and asked for a splash of oil to get their torches going again, to be met with selfish and contemptible refusal and told to go and buy oil, at midnight!!!!

And then, Jesus commended their 'Selfishness' and the breaking of the, 'Golden Rule' that he had taught previously, "To do unto others as you would have them do unto you!!" and also another rule-idea that he had also previously taught and that one was "To love thy neighbour as you love yourself." Jesus also commended them for being 'wise' and ends his comment with the idea of always being 'prepared.' It is true that this screwy life is full of surprises and setbacks and hold ups of no end.

But I don't understand how Jesus expected these young girls to be all wise and be loaded with clairvoyance abilities. After a person has lived seventy years, plus, like I have a human being does develop a lot pf precaution ideas and then you can't get all contingencies forseen. But that sort of thing comes from being kicked around by earth forces which Jesus-God lets run wild and does not control them, themselves, nor does Jesus-God automatically endow 'his children' with abilities to forsee this crud but leaves them to their fate, to struggle along as well as they can by their own abilities, and then when they fail short because of lack or ability to forsee the future, it is intimated in the parable, that they can go to hell for it!!!!

What would have been the end of this story 'IF THE BRIDEGROOM HAD SHOWED UP ON TIME????' The everything would have been all right and the 'wise virgins' would have been the 'foolish virgins' because they had loaded themselves down with a lot of extra oil that they did not need, and they would have been the condemned because of not trusting, trusting what???? Also note, that this threadbare story is a story of a Greek custom and not a Jewish custom, so how did the Greek stuff get into a Jewish story?

All these parables are so full of holes that you can sail the 'Queen Mary' through them and not touch the sides!!! I cannot believe that Jesus, much less our Heavenly Father, is such a dope as to act this way. No one but a bunch of screwballs could subscribe to the ideas embodied in these stories. You are all human but you wouldn't

treat your children this way, so how much less would our Father God. Anybody and church that could accept this stuff needs to 'sneeze,' their brains are 'dusty!!!!'

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Living Life

An Occult Vignette

by
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It is rather strange that after going through an Occult gauntlet from the highest making contacts of "Spirits" (Forces) to energising Talismans, I now come down, back to 'thinking right' and 'holding a good thought' and other formerly thought of banalities of the "Nu-thot" movement which once sounded so blah to me. Ever since I discovered, from a book by Leadbeater that thoughts had forms and that after I saw Leadbeater's picture of "Thought Forms" I recognised that what Leadbeater pictured were things I had been seeing for a long time. Mentally at least.

It was only a step further to realise that Thought forms are constantly being created in each of our Auras that each Thought Form is a Potent Life Creation of its Own. That during its 'Life span' it radiates vibrations which affect its creator/maker or I should say, RE-affects its creator/maker with the vibrations of its own be-ing as long as it 'Lives.' And that Thought Forms are being created constantly every time we "think" but especially when we "EMOTE-THINK" and "THINK-EMOTE" - this was an obscure, non-visible fact that, which, while I was aware of in my mind fully, I didn't appreciate it fully, in all its implications, to my Daily Life-Living.

A mistake that I hope you will not make, and of which to warn you against I am writing this Vignette. Writing this Occult stuff this way and for these reasons, to help you live a better daily life is sort of shooting off a shot gun in a general direction. Our lives are so broad and general and so much the result of pure habit that to change these basic habits is almost beyond our powers. Yet change we must if we want to "Get Ahead."

Perhaps the more correct word to use is "modify". It may be possible to completely change our lives but some modification is possible always. (As apparently no "creation" is ever very completely destroyed or done away with.) I do recall that years ago there was a little occult class going in which the subject of the Pentagram or "Five pointed star" came up, and it was said that the Five pointed star with the one point down symbolised disorder (Evil) and two points down meant order (Good.)

I pointed out to the teacher then that the whole situation required only a 20 percent turn either way to make matters "right" and 20 percent of a change does not seem much of a change. And should be fairly easy for anyone to do especially given a little time to do the changes in. So, then, basically, what we are going to change in order to change our lives for the good, better, best?

The simplest thing to change is our "THOUGHTS/FEELINGS" and it would follow that ALL the "OTHER THINGS" will change too.

It appears that our basic thought life patterns if we examine them closely, have been 'put-upon-us' by others. We have been 'moulded' by somebody else according to their way of thinking, feeling, what suited them, or what others 'believed-in.' They felt/thought we should be, too, and so they moulded, pressured, us accordingly.

Of course, if the moulder was of a high exceptional quality type, we could have benefited from the moulding/training indeed, a basic training is needed, of course, for ALL persons at the start - beginning - of their lives. They must be taught all the simple fundamentals such as, eating, dressing, cleaning, and cleaning up their environment and methods of contact with others.

But as a rule this training should not take the form of beliefs and practices which have to be accepted on "faith." Which word, in this case means little more than credit or tie or changing it to a possible future after death or a credulity peculiar and pertaining to another person only. In a case like this, there are types of 'beliefs' that can be created and embedded - attached - to a younger person's "aura" where they can remain for years, or his whole lifetime, bringing this pernicious messages-pressure-influence to bear whenever something sets the off or Re-creates them.

It is strange you could be asking how it is that many worthwhile Thought Forms which you desire to remain with you are easily blasted out of existence and lost while the damned pernicious ones remain seemingly forever intact? The continuous existence of a Thought Form depends on how much Emotion as well as "Ethereic material" is put into the Creation of the Thought Form. Deep Emotions attached to a Thought Form GIVES IT LIFE!! As "E-Motion" is LIFE! - A "Life Movement" -

Basic "Magic" is really this - ATTACHING DEEP EMOTIONS TO "IDEAS" WHICH ARE BASICALLY "THOUGHT FORMS."

Ritual magic is this, although they do not tell you this in the Grimories. I guess they were working by 'rule of thumb' but we advanced mental big shots these days, can now go behind the scenes and watch the "Machinery of the Universe" work, as Dion Fortune says!! So, therefore, the use of Rituals, Candles, Robes, Circumambulations is to 'Re-in-force' the Pressure of Emotions on the Creation of Thought Forms.

So? What to Do? Apparently we are surrounded by our own Thought Form Creations as well as the Thought Form Creations of others. We are 'influenced' by others and we 'influence' others. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? I really don't know. You will have to decide for yourself. If you are satisfied to remain where you are then there is no problem. You can pick up a few 'Occult tricks' to amuse yourself. But if you want to progress then you'll have to go through a Mental-Mind-Cleaning and taken an inventory of your resident Thought Forms, deciding what you want to keep and what you want to discard. If you need advice, contact Ophiel at the address given.

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The 'Happiness Doll'

An Occult Vignette

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The number of 'occult' tools that you can use in/on your journey through life are endless, as soon as you find out about them, - Which is where Ophiel comes in. - One is, "The Treasure Map/Chart" for which see the Vignette entitled, "The Treasure Map." This vignette is about another device which Ophiel calls, "The Happiness Doll," and which is explained and set up as follows. We are all familiar with old idea/concept of the so-called, "Voo-doo Doll," a doll-like figure which is attached to a person in a magical manner, and which is then treated to produce certain results usually considered bad.

What is not generally understood or written or spoken about is that almost all detrimental magical 'operations' can be reversed and used for 'good' purposes, also just as effectively as for 'bad' purposes. Hence it follows that a 'doll' can be set up/constructed for 'good' purposes. More complete directions will follow. Just now I wish to introduce you to another concept and then to combine the two concepts into one. There exists an ancient principle of magic which was once used on a grand scale, but which you can 'adapt' to your own use. This method has no name, but I will refer to it as the "Egyptian Tomb Method," just by way of identification. These two magic 'tools' can be combined into one, as I will show you.

During Egypt's powerful periods, when a 'Royal Child' was born, a tomb for its eventual burial was commenced. As fast as the walls of the rock tomb were exposed, they were plastered over and paintings and drawings were painted thereon. These drawings/paintings were all manner of future events, all showing the Royal Child in some beneficial, successful activity for the whole period of its coming life. When the tomb was completed and the drawings finished, the whole was enchanted/magnetised by the Magic of the Priests, and so went into effect in real life. And 'with a little bit of luck' were successful in making the public and private life of the "King" all that could be 'Desired.' Of course, there is more detail to the above, but this should cover all the pertinent material you need to set up the same type of working method for your own life, as all magic workings are connected together in many ways.

You can now proceed as follows. Select a 'doll-like' object to represent you. All of the following supplies will require a search of some kind and it is this search which adds power substance to your project. Select three boxes of whatever size 'appeals' to you. These boxes should fit one inside the other, the smallest, then the next largest and the largest box of all outside containing the other two. These boxes correspond to the "coffin," the "room," and the "tomb" of the Egyptians, which, were all decorated as aforesaid. You now put pictures of all the 'goodies' you think you need on/in the boxes both inside and outside somewhat the same as you did/do with the "Treasure Map," with the 'Happiness Doll' inside the Inner Box. You can now put some coins even a dollar bill, or some jewellery or some 'Symbolic' dime store jewellery, also some 'symbolic models' of things that appeal to you, and anything else that symbolises the things you 'think/feel' you want. Let yourself go on this. I cannot give you exact directions as this is your personal choice, and - AS VERY USUAL - keep your 'creation' concealed from curious and ignorant eyes and tell no one about it or what it is or what you are doing or 'anything' else.

What is Man (?) (Again?)

An Occult Vignette
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Ophiel went through a gamut of different 'ideas' as to 'What?' man 'IS?' and how he comes, 'Up?' with this 'One?' (Idea) which he 'offers' to you for your 'consideration' and 'meditation?' Ophiel 'feels' almost like 'apologising' about this last 'idea' but when he 'considers' the 'idea' in its 'implications' and 'aspects'. He 'feels' that he should not hold that 'idea' back, just because it is 'dynamically' and 'startlingly' different. So!!

You will recall from, Ophiel's book, "The Art & Practice of Contacting the Demiurge" 'how' Ophiel came around in a large 'metaphysical circle' to the 'concept' of the 'Gnostic's' 'Demiurgeous' The 'concept' of the/a 'God Being' called, 'The Demiurgeous.' (Half-God) which 'Creates/Created?' this 'Physical Plane World' and 'considers?' 'ITS?' 'Self?' the 'GOD??' of this 'Physical World' and 'DOES NOT! KNOW??' that there 'EXISTS??' an, 'ABSOLUTE?? GOD??' 'BEYOND?? IT??' and 'ITS?' 'Physical Plane.' To make the 'idea' of the 'Demiurgeous' as clear as possible, I want to 'give' here the very 'first' 'idea/concept' of the 'Half/God' that I ever heard of. So, please 'view it' that 'way' for now.

The 'basic' proposition was, 'GOD' the 'Real' 'Upper,' 'Highest,' 'First Cause.' 'IS' 'non-physical' and I do 'mean' 'non-physical.' However, 'here' we 'do have?' a 'Material World?' lets face it!!! Which, 'Material World' was 'created' by and from the 'First-Cause-God!' But!! 'CREATED?? THROUGH?? AN 'AGENT??' An 'Agent' which, is 'Half-God-Non-Material?' and 'Half-Material?' as the 'name' so 'aptly' expresses it. The 'half-God,' or 'Demi-urgeous' 'Demi=half' and 'Urgeous'='God-like.'

Also, this word, 'Demiurgeous' 'means' 'WORKER' and this 'meaning' 'corresponds' with the 'conception' that the 'Demiurgeous' 'CREATES/WORKS/RUNS' the/this 'Physical World?' As I said, this is the 'simple' 'idea' of the 'Half-God.' So, stick with this for a time. (Not to 'complicate' matters, different 'Gnostic' Sects, got all kinds of 'Bees in their Bonnets' over 'ideas' of the 'Demiurgeous' some even calling it 'The Devil!!' but leave those 'ideas' for the time being and stick to the 'idea' of AGENT only.)

I agree that the above 'ideas' are fantastic 'sounding' But! as you have come into this 'through' 'Magic' I can 'say' to you that the 'Demiurgeous' is the 'Source?' of 'ALL MAGIC!!' and indeed, the 'Source' of 'ALL PHYSICAL' including, 'Voodoo', 'Christian Science', 'Witchcraft', 'Medicine men', 'Kahunas' and - I repeat - 'THE SOURCE OF ALL THINGS!' 'Metaphysical' and 'Material.'

I do not 'know' where you can get any 'good' 'reliable' 'knowledge/information' about the 'Demiurgeous' - especially anything simple - and above 'ALL' 'HOW?' to 'CONTACT??' the 'Demiurgeous' and 'GET IT TO WORK??' FOR YOU!!' To 'Bring You?' 'What?' you 'Want?' 'THAT!!' is the 'ONLY THING?' of any 'REAL IMPORTANCE IN YOUR LIFE?' the 'CONTACT' and the 'WORKING METHODS??' of 'USING?' the 'Demiurgeous' Nothing 'else' 'matters?' a tinker's dam, 'especially' at first. Now, the above is 'basic?' The 'new?' 'Idea' is, 'CONCERNING THE NATURE? OF THE 'DEMIURGEOUS.'

To 'cut' this a little short, to come to the 'point?' Does not 'Man?' 'Resemble?' the/a 'Demiurgeous!!!' 'Man Visualises?' thus, 'Man Creates??' - ATTEND!! - 'Through his 'senses' 'Man' 'Creates?' the 'Whole Physical World?' this has been said in other books and in sections of my own writings. I am 'devoting?' a lot of 'space' and 'attention' to this to 'me' 'newly discovered 'concept/idea' of/about the 'Demiurgeous' and as different facets come into view, I add these 'facets' to the 'latest' book (1973) or write a Vignette about it. To get back to 'Man.'

I 'recall' a 'Scripture' that 'say's' (paraphrasing the 'quote' from memory.)

'What is man that thou art mindful of him? Thou, (Who is 'Thou????') madest him but little lower than the Angels.'

(The 'Angels' come from the Zoroaster religion and had no origin in the 'Jewish' or 'Christian' religions, as such. The name in the 'Jewish' religion appears to have been 'Son of God' or 'Sons of God.') So, 'man' was 'made?' but a 'Little Lower?' than a 'Son of God?' Which 'statement' again, does not 'explain' very much again?

Now, don't get 'mad' at me on account of all this 'humming' and 'hawing' I am 'trying' to find a 'way' through this 'mess' of 'poor' translations of material based on the 'Caballa System' which information is 'inconveniently' left out? Then the 'Caballa System' has still more missing 'parts' 'information' left 'out?' And the resulting 'mishmash' is a 'puzzle' of 'mysteries' piled upon 'mysteries.'

But! Don't get 'discouraged, 'You!! Are a Man/Woman!' and 'YOU!' 'EXIST?' and you 'DO!' have 'POWERS' that I have described here and in the other books and writings. 'YOU DO HAVE THESE POWERS??' So, 'proceed' to 'Develop' and 'USE YOUR POWERS!!' Every little use/gain is a 'practice exercise/development' and every 'successful' 'USE?' brings you just that much 'CLOSER?' to a 'Wider Use?' of your 'POWERS?'

As you 'Use' your 'Powers' think about the 'Demiurgeous' and its 'role' in the 'Cosmos' 'AND YOU 'DO' HAVE A 'DEFINITE CONNECTION??' WITH ALL THIS, - THE 'TRANS-MUNDANE' GOD, - 'THE DEMIURGEOUS' - AND 'MAN??' - 'MAN!!'

Work, - Study, - Perceiver - Never give-up - the 'Mystery' can be 'Solved?'

Learn and Practice, 'Astral Projection', 'Creative Visualisations', 'Clairvoyance', 'Create Talismans', Study the 'Oracle of Fortuna' and 'Master' all these 'Things' you 'can't' 'lose' if you, 'work', 'work.' (Besides! It's all a lot of good clean 'fun!!!')

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‘The Dweller on the Threshold’

An Occult Vignette

by

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When I was first starting out on the ‘Occult Path’ I ran into a large number of ‘Clichés’ banded about freely by pseudo-occultists. When asked about the meaning of these ‘clichés’ one never got a straight answer, only vague remarks about various meanings, and those none too clear. Now days you don’t hear too much about these old things, as they seem to have ‘died out’ under the avalanche of new developments, such as extra-sensory perception, (instead of ‘Clairvoyance’) and other such things.

One of the old things that attracted my attention was an old saying, which was, ‘The Dweller on the Threshold?’ I was never able to find out what this statement meant, to get any real information about its meaning, but I felt a nagging necessity to know something about its true meaning. I therefore did some meditation on the subject, and a number of ‘ideas’ have surfaced since then, which I present here with.

It appears that the original ‘Dweller on the Threshold’ was something that you met when you passed on and had to face then. That was the way the ‘idea’ was vaguely presented to me at first, years ago. I am not interested in things after death, but only in things that can be done to improve Life/Living here ‘NOW!’ So, this after-death ‘idea’ never appealed to me very much and in addition it became apparent soon, during the ‘psychic investigation’ that while there was some connection after death, there was a much more worth while ‘connection’ worth exploring here while living.

Not going into great detail about ‘Occult Matters’ for which please see my other writings and books, the mental, psychic trail seemed to indicate/lead to connections between the ‘Physical Plane’ and some ‘phases’ of the ‘Planes above’ called the ‘Etheric Plane.’ Where they ‘merge’ into each other. A little more detail can be given here, as I say, in my lessons and lectures, the ‘Physical Plane’ is the ‘Tail-end’ of a whole ‘bunch’ of ‘other’ ‘Inner Planes.’ We exist on each of these ‘Inner Planes’ clear up to the ‘Top.’

That is, on each of these ‘Inner Planes’ we have a body of sorts. Lower down, near Earth, the ‘Inner Etheric Plane’ body is ‘formed’ much like the ‘earth’ body. ‘Higher’ up, the body ‘loses’ form and becomes a ‘pattern’ of ‘forces’ only, but enough for now. In daily living we react to and/or against this next ‘Etheric Plane’ in many in and out ways, of which I know very little, in spite of all the ‘work’ I have ‘done’ up to now and continue to work/do. The work to be done is gigantic.

I did find that between these two ‘Planes’ the ‘Physical’ and the ‘Etheric’ there is a ‘space/place’ in which ‘ALL’ is reversed in relation to each other ‘Plane’ for a ‘certain’ limited area/space. I have noticed this ‘reversal’ in ‘projections’ many times in passing through this space on through to a ‘Higher’ part of the ‘Etheric Plane.’ Therefore, I offer the following for your ‘consideration.’ Do not ‘accept’ this as a full revelation, as many details remain ‘obscure.’ Assume, for the time being, something like the following to be the case, and work on from there, as in a theory.

Therefore, for unknown reasons, it can be what we develop, by living here, on this ‘Physical Plane’ an ‘Opposite?’ ‘Personal entity?’ on the ‘Etheric Plane,’ which is the ‘exact’ ‘Opposite’ of our ‘Physical Plane Entity!!!!’

Of course, this 'Ethereic Plane' entity is the 'Opposite' as to our 'Physical Plane' construction, it being composed of 'Ethereic Plane Matter.' Whatever these things are really, so why? Should not the 'mental qualities' be also 'exactly' the 'opposite' too?

As I said, I have no direct revelation that the above is so, but so much 'evidence' seems to be coming in, in actual working out of these situations in 'real' life, that I ask you to give the 'idea' some deep 'consideration'. It could also be 'true' that this 'reversal' does not apply to all people, only to 'certain' ones. I would like to alter the above to read instead.

That the two parts of a person, the 'Physical Part' and his 'Ethereic Double Part' are more likely 'Positive' and 'Negative' to each other and that the 'consciousness' which 'occupies' these 'two bodies' fluctuates between the 'Positive' and 'Negative' phases, from 'Positive' 'Elevated Thinking' to 'Negative' 'Dejected' Thinking' as a mere matter of 'Living' in a 'Physical Plane World' which is 'subject' to a host/group of influences beating 'down' upon it from 'somewhere?' 'INSIDE?' the 'Inner Planes.'

This type of 'beating down' is 'automatic' because you/we are 'linked' to the 'Inner Planes' through the 'chakras' in our 'Ethereic bodies' and through 'corresponding points' in the 'Physical body.' The three 'ductless glands' and the four 'plexus' the 'Pineal' gland, the 'Thyroid' gland, the 'Pituitary' gland, and the 'Heart' plexus, the 'Jupiter' plexus, (Mistakenly called the 'Solar Plexus') the 'Spleen' plexus, (The Mars plexus) and last, but not least, the 'Coccyx' plexus, as the base of the 'spine.'

I have said 'elsewhere' that these 'Inner Plane Forces/Powers' could not 'come down' unless 'YOU!' furnished a 'channel' for them. In the present case you do furnish a 'permanent' type of channel, through your 'Chakras' aforesaid, for these 'Forces'. What I meant was that in the case of 'special manipulations' and the 'special arrangements' of 'Forces' it is 'necessary' to 'furnish' a 'special' series of 'channels' for 'special' work 'occasions.' This is what 'Magic Work' consists of.

I repeat, 'mental manipulations' of 'Inner Plane Forces' no matter what 'work' you 'do' 'Ritual', 'Invoking spirits', 'bad' or 'good' entities, or whatever, you are 'dealing' with 'Inner Plane Forces' one 'way' or 'another.' So now, having wandered away from the theme of this 'Vignette' in laying the 'foundations' for a basic 'understanding' of the material herein, we 'return.'

One of the 'original ideas' presented to me years ago to account for the 'possible' existence of this, 'Mysterious Creature?' - 'The Dweller on the Threshold'. - Was a poorly adopted, negative Christian 'idea' that our 'sins' were 'stored-up' there, and then 'confronted?' us upon 'death?'. This 'idea' conflicted so much with the old 'idea' of 'hell' and other mixed-up 'ideas' that I was never impressed by/with it.

And then again, many strong characters, confronted with their 'sins' would probably be 'delighted' to see their old friends again, and instead of suffering from living them over again, would be delighted. And also delighted to have the chance to 'live' them over again, so that 'idea' lay there and 'died' a 'logical death?' Therefore, in our pursuit of understanding we return again to the 'idea' of a 'reversal' between' this 'world' and the next, which 'reversal' is based on the 'premise' that, as a 'comic' writer once put it, years ago, in writing about a hotel, he said the blankets were so 'thin?' they had only 'one side!!'

Of course, nothing in the 'Universe' is so thin, not even God, that it has only one side!! So, everything has 'two sides' and it would 'follow' according to this 'rule' and

other 'theory/evidence' the 'WE' have 'two sides' to 'US?' It also 'follows' that these 'two sides' are 'different' from each 'other' Probably exact Opposites!!!

In life/living actions we seemingly 'fluctuate'?? between these 'two opposites' and the degrees between!! Now that this has been brought to your attention, what is to be 'done' about it?? We are all supposed to strive to be 'perfect' and somewhere in between the 'two sides' there is a 'balance' and in that 'balance' each of 'us' is 'perfect' But! As you and I 'know' only too well, keeping the/a life balance is a touchy matter.

Keeping the/a balance is where 'Occult Knowledge' followed by 'Occult Practices' comes in. Knowledge of the 'Forces' involved, and practices as to how to handle the 'Forces' involved. The 'Knowledge' and 'Practices' involved are to make a start (which will never end!!) Knowledge of the 'basic', simpler 'Forces' such as the 'Astrological forces' which are the 'Twelve Signs' of the 'Zodiac' and the 'Seven Planetary Symbols' of the 'Seven Planetary Rulers?'

The 'Zodiac' is an, 'imaginary' path/belt, which runs across the 'Heavens' above the Earth'. This 'belt' is 'divided' into 'Twelve' equal sections, each section named after an 'animal' or 'object' symbol, or to 'use' the uncommon word 'Totem Animal'. The 'Twelve animals' are: A 'Ram', A 'Bull', 'Twin boys', (Man is an animal?), A 'Crab', A 'Lion', A 'Pair of Scales', A 'Virgin Woman', A 'Scorpion', A 'Half-man, Half-horse', A 'Goat', A 'Man' carrying a 'Pot of Water', and 'Two Fishes'. The 'Symbols' are: An 'Egg' shaped 'Oval', A 'Circle', A 'Pyramid', A 'Half-moon' and A 'Cube'.

You probably know of these 'symbols' already, but that is the omission/comission, you know 'of them' but you don't KNOW THEM! in their 'entirety' hardly anyone does? And there lies the catch, I cannot, in these few pages, 'outline' the whole 'Cosmogony, or even part of it, of the 'Forces' behind the 'Zodiac' and 'Planetary Forces' you will find additional information in my other writings, which you can assimilate as 'Time' goes by.

I can say that the most 'basic' and 'best' presentation of this 'Knowledge' is in the 'Caballa System' for which see my other writings, and remember to keep the basic 'idea' of 'basic forces' always in your 'Mind'. Thus, then, it appears that 'The Dweller on the Threshold' (Of 'consciousness') is a 'Physical YOU!!' 'HERE??' and an 'Etheric Counterpart' 'THERE??' and that these 'TWO PARTS' embody some 'Strange Arrangements' of 'Expressions', some, 'Good' and some, 'Bad, some 'Convenient' and some, 'Inconvenient.'

You can 'throw' your 'Desire/Influence' anyway you want after you 'Learn' about the 'situation' and 'develop' some 'ideas/notions' of what you want to do with/in life, your 'Life.'

‘Why do you Let the Devil ‘USE’ you?’

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Ophiel

I once worked for a private school for the handicapped children; the grandson of the owner was allowed to run wild without even normal restraint. Naturally a great deal of conflict occurred which could not be resolved because of the dilatory attitude of the grandmother. The old “Spare the Rod and spoil the child” syndrome exemplified. One time after a particularly screwy episode I said to the boy, “Why do you let the Devil use you like that?” Rather to my surprise, he answered meekly, “I don’t know.” Not denying the validity of my question.

Now, of course, I don’t subscribe to the ‘Bull’ about the/a Devil data as given in the Bible, which data is very scant, actually, and not all consistent, and connected up by a lot of thin assumptions and jumped-to conclusions. But in the episode I have referred to above, I was talking about the irrational outburst of hooliganism and theft he indulged in, apparently with no valid reason. I have just completed two other Vignettes connected theme-wise with this idea. They are “Your Other You” and “The Other You”. It is with the intention of going more deeply into this curiously fascinating subject that I used the illustration above. Since that period in my life I have found all through life some variation of that story occurs with everyone I meet. (As soon as I saw these effects in myself, I started to work on ‘IT’ with a view toward controlling ‘IT’, the incomplete results of which I start to pass on to you.)

It appears that each of us has a devil, which constantly urges us to move in ways just the opposite to a course, which we have chosen as best for us. Of course, such ‘devils’ are more apparent in some than in others. Does this mean that some people have their devils under control? And that others don’t? And if so, why do some people have such control over their devils and others don’t? Does reason have anything to do with it? Are the devils of some people more amenable to reason than the devils of other people? Does education have anything to do with the control of one’s personal devil? Are some person’s devils more aducable than others? If so, why?

I will digress here for a moment, - this will again infuriate my critics, who have stilted sense of order with a fixed idea of how material should be presented in some fashion approved of by themselves.

I have never been satisfied with the sixth Tarot card. The modern version shows a naked man looking at a naked woman, who is looking up at an angel. In point of fact, the Angel is Raphael, Archangel of the elemental Quarter of the East and Elemental Force of Air. This modern card, generally attributed to Paul Foster Case, doesn’t totally strike a responsive chord in my heart. The older Tarot sixth card shows a man between two women, one obviously a ‘good woman’ and the other a ‘bad woman’ (Whatever that is for real!) The man is shown making a choice between the two.

Overhead is a Cupid about to discharge an arrow at the ‘bad woman.’ One woman obviously represents the ‘subconscious mind,’ the other woman represents the ‘subjective mind’ and the man, represents the ‘objective mind.’ Now, why should there be two ‘subjective-female minds’ and one male, ‘objective mind?’ This is not clear to me yet. The Cupid is a love or desire, and the way the arrow is pointed indicates the way the man is leaning, inclined, action-wise.

In all the junk written about the Tarot cards, none of the above has ever, to my knowledge, appeared, which shows me how little the Tarot practitioners have penetrated into the deeper meanings of the cards, contenting themselves too often with trivia. Now I think a little 'light', illumination is beginning to penetrate the darkness.

As was stated in a previous Vignette, it seems that by some rule/law of transition - being when mankind becomes enmeshed in matter, 'exiled' from its original "home", it acquires a peculiar condition. Wherein the 'outside' of the material plane world is 'inside' to the etheric world, - the two worlds are 'opposed' to each other, 'opposed in all ways.' The two existences 'fight' each other, or, rather, the 'inner' seems to 'oppose' the outer. Whatever is acceptable to the outer as good for itself, is opposed by the inner, and the inner works to bring about an undesirable set of circumstances which will defeat any plans the outer has, especially those plans it has to 'better' itself.

Now, faced with that idea, which expresses the 'truth' relatively, I raise my eyes to heaven(?) and say, "What the hell can I - We - DO?" the solution, - and there had to be one, - has to lie in the changing of the "inner" so that it does not interfere with the "outer." I have the idea that the solution is to make the "inner" work by making the "inner" "Holy" through "Justice!!!!????!!!" Semantics again rears its ugly head:

What do the two words, "Holy" and "Justice" MEAN?

I will not waste time on dictionary meanings. You can check a large dictionary yourself. The basic semantic meaning of "Justice" is Adjustment, and the basic meaning of "Holy" is complete, fulfilled, to balance. We are going to consider/examine these two words in connection with the idea of "The Other You."

"The Other You." Is not whole and is out of adjustment or it would not be opposing you. #1, for want of a better designation (See other vignettes on this subject.) The information/knowledge available on this subject is wretchedly inadequate, but regardless, you are surely aware that YOU ignore your subjective mind and it's prompting as much as you can. That is, you pay no attention to 'hunches' unless they are very strong and you are in a receptive condition, very likely only in times when you are in trouble of some kind and desperately open to 'suggestions?' from the sub-mind.

It would seem to me - and please do test it yourself - that the outer objective mind rules the under-mind and crushes it down whenever and however it can. And a lot of your/our/my 'trouble?' could be born from our ignorance of this process, and that the trouble is the result of the 'under-mind' fighting back to assert itself. The obvious remedy is to develop your clairvoyance and to allow the 'under-mind' to have a role in your life process. To seek to develop 'hunches', explosions of inspirations, and to learn to test and to follow the true guiding ideas/directions.

When you do this, you allow both minds to come into a balanced function, there can be an 'end' to that kind of conflict, each mind working against the other instead of in harmony, as the two minds should. The, 'two minds,' thus become 'Holy' complete or whole. Of course, once complete, there is still needed constant adjustment to keep them in balance, but that is a relatively easy process and should in normal life be almost automatic.

To illustrate an application of the above, you should work an experiment I did years ago when these ideas first dawned on me and which came about in this manner:

I was accustomed to prepare a tea and powdered milk mixture for a morning drink. I would pour the milk into a saucer-type pan to heat it. Inevitably I would pour out too much or too little, and some left over or not enough to fill a cup. It came to me that the sub-mind KNEW EXACTLY the right amount to pour out. I tried turning over to the sub-mind this simple task. What a sensation: The objective mind fought back like fury: All sorts of ideas came to me: to measure, to mark, to do anything but depend on the 'sub-mind.' I had a fight on my hands (?) The queerest part of it all was that the sub-minds "instructions" came in "feelings" as to the amount to be poured out.

Finally I had it down pretty good and could let the sub-mind regulate the exact amount of the milk to be poured out to fill the large cup I used. Try something like this yourself. The 'Illuminated Man' of Occult Song and Story uses some combination of the above ideas, - ideas that are never mentioned in books - , which present the Occult only in glittering generalities. More on this in other Vignettes and to come.

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More Ideas About God

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

GOD, - 'HE' alone knows who 'GOD' is? - I guess there is no subject on Earth more potent than the subject of God. - GOD - the 'Tremendous UNKNOWN.' Ophiel is struggling to find out about, 'God' and once he has found out 'something' vital and 'TRUE' he hands it over to You! By 'vital' and 'true,' Ophiel means 'knowledge' you can 'USE?' and not some 'Sermons' where you just sit around and listen to endless 'spouting' about nothing, that have no 'USE/APPLICATION' of any 'Practical' kind to daily-life living.

Ophiel has made a "couple" of 'breakthroughs' of 'significance' all made by him alone, and he has no, 'confirmation' from other 'sources' that he is on the 'right track.' Indeed, as Ophiel was out on the 'fringes' of the 'Universe?' and the 'Outer edges' of 'knowledge,' - areas seemingly never 'trod' before? By anyone? - So how? Could he 'get?' confirmation?

But!!! - A 'degree' of 'confirmation' did come!!! -

On August 7th 1973, Ophiel met a man. At this first meeting, Ophiel recognised that this man had information of tremendous 'value' when it was 'linked' to the 'previous' work Ophiel had been 'doing.' This man's 'knowledge' and 'information' fitted in, like the pieces of a 'jig-saw' puzzle, with much of the work Ophiel had been 'doing' by himself on and with the 'Caballa System.' The man is an impractical scholar; 'God shower good vibrations on him!!' (His 'goodness' and his 'scholarship' come from 'past' incarnations.)

This man, - (I have not received permission from him to give his name here.) - 'KNOWS' both, the 'Jewish Caballa' and the 'other' 'Jewish books' as well as the 'Hindu books' and is able to point out the connections between them. Among the 'difficulties' which Ophiel has to face in 'exploring' the 'Frontiers' of 'God-hood' are the countless 'Duties/Forces' and their 'overlapping' names and claims. However, once Ophiel began to discover that the 'different' 'Duties/Gods/Forces' were 'ALL THE SAME ONES?' he began to make progress.

There is a 'million ways' to 'present' the following 'God material' and 'No one?' has any 'Means?' of 'Knowing?' just which way is best? Except, through 'trial & error?' and I'm not going to 'wait' for 'that?' but am just going to go ahead and - GIVE - as is. In the 'Jewish Zohar' and in other 'Hebraic' literature, there 'appears' to me to be a 'mass?' of 'word chaff' with a 'few' grains of 'wheat' mixed up in it, just as in this 'essay?' Note, what 'extensive' word 'foundations' I had to 'Lay' - and you 'still' have no 'God Revelations?' - (It is coming!)

I should say, that this is the 'way' of the 'Zohar books' appeared to me and I 'venture' to say, 99.99% of other students, - at least, that is the 'way' it appeared to me ten years ago, or thereabouts, when I first looked into them. Now! However, - (Thank 'Hermes' and the 'time' spent studying and meditating.) - When this 'Jewish' scholar gave me the 'following' description of some 'Zohar' material I was able to fit it in and I am 'sure' - MAKE IT WORK - Or, rather, - YOU! MAKE IT WORK. - (Here 'IT' comes!)

The man spoke of 'A/The "Vast Countenance" and then spoke of a "Lesser Countenance." The Vast Countenance does 'nothing' but 'Observe?' The Lesser

Countenance 'DREAMS??' the 'WORLD?' and 'YOU?' into 'CONTINUAL EXISTENCE??' The man said: 'You?' (And I) 'EXIST??' ONLY FOR 'NOW?' AND 'ALWAYS??' DID 'EXIST??' 'ONLY?? NOW??' Never a 'real' 'Past?' or a 'real' 'Future?' these are also only a 'Present' 'DREAM?' of this Lesser Countenance. There was more, but I will go on now and 'connect' the preceeding up with the material Ophiel discovered himself through 'Hints?' from Gnostic literature combined with his own explorations into the Inner Planes.

Perhaps the first thing Ophiel noticed when he was exploring the Inner Planes/Places - (and so should you!) - these 'Inner Places' WERE FULL OF LIGHT. We are, used to daylight and other kinds of 'lights' in the night-time but the rather astounding fact is that there is LIGHT on the Inner Planes. You can 'see' the Light even in 'ordinary' Dreams? If there was, 'NO LIGHT?' 'THERE?' HOW COULD YOU 'SEE?' THE 'OBJECTS' AND 'FIGURES?' IN AN 'ORDINARY?' DREAM?

It took a long time for Ophiel to grasp the 'significance' of this Inner Plane Light. And even then, when once some idea of its significance was grasped the concept was so large, so gigantic in its 'endless' entirety, Ophiel was awed/apalled at the magnitud of the task of getting material down in an 'understandable' and 'workable' form for your daily use. To endeavor to make a start towards 'understanding' and 'using' this 'God-idea' tool, Ophiel will sort out the various 'ideas' past and 'present' which have been/are 'prevalent' and relate them to one another, so that they can 'explain' each other, reinforce each other and yield? 'Working results?'

The first 'idea' to be considered is the Hindu-Theosophical concept called "PRANA." Ophiel had run across this word PRANA many times in his early work. He does not here intend to retrace his past steps for the purposes of this essay. All I can now remember is that there was nothing 'real/useful' said about "Prana" on which I could 'hang' anything for 'working' purposes at that time. There is one book of Hindu-Indian origin that you should have in your reference library. Even though I have no 'feeling' for 'Eastern thought' and 'Practice' especially not the many so-called Yoga's, (I 'feel' the 'Yoga's' are all 'deceptions' and especially 'deceptive' to 'Westerners' in that no one tells the 'practitioners' of 'yoga' that these 'yoga' 'practices' lead to a 'dead' end?) (i.e. a state of 'bliss?' in which 'no growth' no 'further growth?' is 'possible?' or 'occurs?') (Stop and 'think!' a moment and you'll see it yourself. If that is what you 'want?' then, 'go to it?' I myself 'want!' 'growth!' 'progress!' and I try to 'give' all my books and writings to this 'end?' - PROGRESS - and 'progress' is possible only 'Through?' 'Magic/Knowledge?' and then 'USE!!' of that 'KNOWLEDGE!!')

I do recommend the book referred to, which is called "Nature's Finer Forces" by Rama Prasad. Who the 'author' is/was, I have no idea. He was connected with the Theosophical Society away back. (1870) There are many used copies of this book in existence and it has also been 'reprinted' in a simpler form recently. I am 'aware' that there is a 'contradiction' here when I say I do not 'recommend' 'Yoga' material to 'Westerners' and then, apparently 'reverse?' myself and 'recommend' a 'Hindu' book from India. I hasten to explain that this book, Nature's Finer Forces sounds like a 'Western' type book in parts. The 'material' in it can be 'used' when 'additional knowledge' is supplied to supplement the Occult Material. You and I have to 'work hard' though, to take the 'meaty gist' from this book. Please note the following 'Definition' of "Prana" as given by Rama Prasad:

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PRANA: The 'Life Principle of the Universe.' And its 'Localised Manifestation.' The 'Life Principle of man and other living beings.' Prana 'consists' of an 'Ocean' of the 'Five Tattvas.' (The 'suns' are the 'different' 'centres' of the 'Ocean' of 'Prana.')

this 'statement' in 'brackets' because I am not too cognisant of the 'role' of the 'Physical Sun' in 'connection' with and of Prana.) (The 'sun' behind the 'Sun!') (Continuing) Our solar system is filled to its extremest limit with Prana, and that, it is in this 'Ocean' that moves the 'various heavenly bodies?'

It is 'held' that the 'whole ocean of Prana' with the 'Sun' and the 'Moon' and the 'Planets' is a 'Complete? Picture?' of every 'living organism' on 'Earth,' or for that matter, on any 'Planet' anywhere. Hence is 'Prana' spoken of sometimes as a 'Person?' a 'Living Being?' 'All' the 'manifestations' of 'Life in the Body?' are 'known' as 'Minor Pranas?'

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The only statement in the above that I don't quite comprehend fully is the statement that the 'suns' are different centres of the 'Ocean' of 'Prana.' I will have to work/meditate on this 'idea' some more. I think I know a bit of what it 'means' - I think the reference is to the 'Sun behind the Sun' or the 'Sun's' 'Etheric Plane' 'Counterpart' and the 'Other Sun's' 'Counterparts' on 'UP' the 'Planes' to the 'TOP!'

I must 'admit' I have given no attention to the 'Etheric Counterpart' 'idea' of the 'Inner Planes' 'Sun's' being, as I thought it a little out of my 'idea/range' heretofore. I will give the matter more attention in the future. Anyhow, according to the 'way' I explain the previous material, the 'Inner Planes' are 'full? Of Light?' that is the 'way' I saw the 'Light' myself first, so I'll 'approach it' from that 'direction/description.'

I had 'heard' the name 'Astral Light' before, so when I began to 'see' the 'Light' in my projections and also in my meditations I took up the name in 'earnest?' At this 'point' I hope I'm not being premature in telling you that I 'FEEL!' pretty 'certain' that the 'Hindu Astral Light' and the 'Jewish Lesser Countenance' (The 'ONE?' who 'DREAMS??') ARE/IS THE SAME 'THING???'

The only 'real' 'difference' I can 'detect' at this moment in 'time' is the 'point' that the 'Astral Light' has not been held to be 'SELF??' 'DREAMING ACTIVELY??' but this 'Self Dreaming' could be 'over stated?' Please attend the 'following' from 'Rama Prasad's' description: "The whole 'ocean' of 'Prana' with the 'sun' and the 'moon' . . . is a 'COMPLETE PICTURE?' - COMPLETE PICTURE?' - of every 'living organism?' on 'EARTH' this 'picture' could be the same? As the 'DREAMING?' heretofore noted, as 'nothing?' 'Say's?' the 'PICTURE?' is 'NOT?' 'Continuous??' and 'Moving??'

To hurry on, - As I 'see' it and to get 'it' quickly in some form now and to 'elaborate' on it later, - The 'Object' of all 'MAGIC/OCCULT' 'Knowledge' is to 'change' the 'Theme?' of this 'DREAM?' (Whether the 'Dream' is by the 'Astral Light' or by the 'Lesser Countenance.') 'Both' in 'relation' to 'ourselves' now and in 'relation' to 'others' and by a 'group' in relation to the 'World.'

It 'does' 'appear?' that we 'can' and 'do?' have 'some?' influence along the 'lines' of 'changing' the 'DREAM?' as 'mankind' has been 'PRAYING?' and 'WORSHIPPING??' for 'untold' 'AGES?' albeit 'ignorantly?' as to the 'WHY?' of it 'ALL?' Also! The 'method?' of 'changing?' this 'dreaming?' has to be 'gone into carefully?' I can say here, as a 'preliminary', that we 'think' and 'work' in 'WORDS?'

'WORDS?' 'Do Not!' 'Influence?' the 'INNER PLANES' 'AT ALL??' or 'VERY LITTLE??' The 'Inner Planes' are 'Influenced??' by 'FEELINGS/EMOTIONS??' In all 'PRAYER,' it is the 'EMOTIONS?' which 'Each Word' 'AROUSES?' that 'DOES THE WORK!!!' of 'INFLUENCING/ALTERING!!!' the 'DREAM?? OF 'OURSELVES????'

A 'method' here 'suggests' itself to me as to how to 'operate' this 'DREAM CHANGE?' but I have no more now than an 'Idea!' I do not think it will be 'dangerous' for you but let me 'TEST' it out for the 'Time' being, until I have more data and can prepare a relatively 'foolproof' method of 'DOING' this DREAM-CHANGING!!

Regarding the 'changing' of 'This Dream?' whether, as aforesaid, the 'Dream' of 'Life/Existence' is being 'done' by the 'Gnostic' 'Astral Light' 'concept' or by the 'Lesser Countenance' or 'both' I now 'Understand?' that the 'Changing?' of the 'DREAM' of 'LIFE?' 'Should/must??' be 'done?' Carefully!!! for the 'following reasons?' Which please study and 'absorb' and 'follow' as I 'feel' the 'absence' of 'attention' to the 'changing' of the 'DREAM' or the 'influencing' of the 'DREAM' has made much of the 'TROUBLE' regarding 'GOD/RELIGION' and their 'roles' in our 'Daily-lives.'

I was told that, 'WE?' (To 'try' and 'make' this complex subject as simple as I can.) - Are considered . . . SHELLS . . . (Special name; don't let it 'throw' you.) viz. One 'shell' the 'Physical Body'; another 'Shell', the 'Etheric Body'; another 'Shell' the 'Astral Body'; another 'Shell' etc, etc. 'UP' to the 'Top' again. Naturally, the 'Shell' we 'identify' with is mainly the 'Physical Body Shell.' Also, most 'naturally' the 'Physical Body Shell' is the 'One' which 'bears the brunt?' of our 'daily-living' the 'Blows' of 'Fate.'

Now, we want to, 'change' our 'lives' to a 'better set' of 'conditions?' or to put it into 'practice?' the 'new way' we have been studying, to 'CHANGE!' the 'DREAM?' of our 'Life' by the 'DREAMER!' Be it the, (Repeat, please 'absorb' the 'idea') 'Lesser Countenance' 'concept' or the 'Astral Light' 'concept.' So, 'WE' 'proceed' to 'attempt' to 'influence/change' the 'DREAM?' Now, students, I am, 'informed?' on 'reasonable?' authority, and based on 'some' evidence? That, now that 'You!' 'know' about the 'DREAMER?' and the 'DREAM?' 'IF?' you 'USE??' the 'Knowledge' to make 'TOO VIOLENT' a 'CHANGE??' in the 'DREAM?' in your 'Life-Dream?' 'YOU CAN 'DISRUPT??' THE 'SHELLS!!!'

A little 'far-fetched?' I 'agree?' - BUT! PLEASE! - Let's take no 'chances?' 'Change/Influence' the 'Life-Dream (er) . . . 'SLOWLY' . . .and . . . 'CAREFULLY' . . . ONE 'CHANGE?' AT A 'TIME!' - 'SLOWLY' AND 'CAREFULLY.' Don't 'rock' the 'boat' 'change' your 'Life' 'quietly?' and 'slowly?' Give the 'changes' 'TIME??' to 'get?' to the 'Physical Plane' and for 'YOU!' to 'GROW INTO THE 'CHANGES?' the 'NEW?' 'Changes' you 'WANT?' to 'BRING ABOUT?' in 'YOUR LIFE?'

Astral Light – The ‘Plastic Medium’

An Occult Vignette

by
Ophiel

One of my students in working with the ‘Body of Light’ method of Astral Projection discovered the Astral Light in a more substantial way than what I had pictured the Astral Light as being. He found, for some reason peculiar to himself, that instead of using the Light to be Formed into a ‘Body of Light Familiar’ type as designated, he could surround himself with a ‘Curtain’ or ‘Shroud’ of Light and could direct this Light to DO things for him. Even to somewhat influence living people, (Not, apparently, influencing them in the ‘you-know-what-way!!’ but just in ‘ordinary’ ways.)

He said he got the Light (To put-it simply) to have neighbours turn down their TV sets, to have children make less noise, to get busy motorcycles off the street and finally, to find himself a much better place to live in than formerly. Here is a man who is USING-using the Light and not merely ‘meditating on/over it, mooning over it as so many people do, especially our Eastern friends, - the real ones - not ‘humble’ mendicants in robes who come here to teach us (what?) and who travel from American city to American city in executive-type \$200,000 private jets!!! But this is beside the point. You’ll learn all the ‘tricks’ of the ‘trade’ if you stick around long enough. My telling you will not convince you, - you will have to find out for yourself - (I wrote a vignette called “The Occult Faker” which is only 10c ask for It.) pardon the ‘aside’.,

Back to the ‘Light’: With me, to know and understand a thing is to be able to ‘USE’ it. I trust it is the same with you. To ‘know’ about the Light is to be able to ‘use’ it. That is, I mean, to know of/about the QUALITIES of the Light is to be able to ‘use’ those QUALITIES. The Main quality of the Light is that it is ‘Mutable’ (Old word) or ‘Plastic’ (New word).

That is, The Light Takes ‘ON’ the FORM/SHAPE of WHATEVER YOU!! ‘Want/Make’ it TAKE!!!

The Light does this through the ‘GENTLE FORCE’ of ‘WILL’ plus ‘DESIRE’ plus ‘VISUALIZATIONS’ plus ‘KNOWLEDGE.’ (Gnosis = multiple knowledge = Wisdom = Gnosis.) The above named ‘Designated Forces’ mould the Light into the ‘Desired Form’ and Away it Goes!!!! And that is JUST ABOUT ‘ALL’ THERE IS TO IT. But you must learn for yourself, how to ‘Handle’ the Light. BECAUSE NO ONE CAN DO IT FOR YOU

Since writing the above material, additional knowledge and information has come to hand. I said in a book somewhere, that. 1) The “Demiurge” created all Forces and All so called Forces such as the “Planetary Forces” and the “Astrological Forces” and on and on, all the “Forces” with which and in which we work here on this Plane, and the Plane line which Separates the Physical World from the Non-Physical-World, the World of the Demiurge from the Non-Physical-World, precluding the ‘domain’ of the Demiurge.

2) Two of the Forces created by the Demiurge are the Planetary Forces and the Astrological Forces. Knowledge note: All the ‘activities’ here on this Physical Plane are divided up among the Planetary Forces and each Activity is ‘ruled’ by a Planet and the “God/Goddess” connected with that Planet. For example, Real Estate is ruled by Saturn. The ‘Rulers’ of these Planetary-Astrological Forces were called “Archons”

apparently the name of the Greek Officials of certain districts in Greece. There is a 'reference' to them in the "New Testament" in one of "Paul's" (?) writings.

It was also said in one of the Gnostic Sects that man 'accomplished' things through 'Wisdom,' which Wisdom enabled him to 'Evade?' the Archons of this World. I do not know all about Gnostics so I don't fully understand the above statement which was probably given as a direction to a man who was trying to 'escape?' from Matter completely and not trying to 'Work' matter as we are trying to do.

Now, as I am here discussing the working with the Light I suggest that while, as I said before, the man using the 'Light alone' was able to accomplish certain changes in his environment, I am not always able to do so. (Ophiel is not a 'real' practitioner/worker, He is a 'path' finder and a 'digger up' of knowledge for others to use.) If you find these things to be true with you or if you are in a 'cycle' that is slow then Work through the Planetary God Forms of the 'Gods' that rule the physical objects that you are interested in. A good technique is given in the book entitled, "The Art and Practice of Caballa Magic" wherein the combination of 'Patterns' acts as Doors or Gates to give you entry to the designated parts of the Physical Cosmos you want to 'deal' with.

There is another 'mystery' here, too, that you will have to study and work successfully in the future. I have spoken to you before about 'words' per se, versus 'feelings - emotions' (Motions-movements.) The Light does not 'respond' to words as such, but only to emotions 'BEHIND' the words as such emotions are 'exposed' in the field of Action-Emotion-Movements somewhat clearly. You have to FEEL AND GIVE DIRECTIONS to the Light THAT WAY and NOT!! THROUGH!! VISUALISATION!!!!

Also, FEELINGS usually DO! generate a Picture, a Mental Picture; and Vice Versa a Mental Picture generates an Emotion.' Therefore, this is the 'WAY' you DEAL with the ASTRAL LIGHT. NOT!! WITH WORDS!! As is our 'USUAL' Material-living manner. It is 'DEALT WITH!! BY EMOTIONS!!! FEELINGS!!!!'

There will be more given out on this subject as soon as it 'arrives' from the Inner Planes.

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THE OTHER YOU

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

There is so much which is unknown in the Occult that, from our point of view, it is simply appalling.

Many years ago a comedian was reported having said about some hotel blankets here in San Francisco, "They were so thin, they had only one side!!"

An amusing thought, indeed. Not true, of course. There is NOTHING in the physical universe that is so thin that it has only one side.

In my work I have been struck many times by a strange dualness in things, in myself, and in others. It seemed to me that in every operation I undertook, tiny or large, I ran into a strange dualness/doubleness, which, - not allowed for, - would cross up my operations by setting up strange kinds of blocks and boundaries, bringing all kinds of plans to naught.

There is, In magical operations, an operation known as "binding". Usually this means to limit or encompass or put a boundary on any kind of operation, especially a metaphysical one, since a metaphysical operation can be reversed as easily as it was started forward.

Now, besides magical operations, there are all kinds of other mental operations which make up our daily life/living besides our physical life/living movements.

You are a four-fold creature, consisting of four elemental Forces (really five Elements/Forces, but the fifth is so nebulous and so difficult to understand correctly in all of its ramifications, that in ordinary occult work it is not referred to, but IS in the background of those who know.)

Thus, as a four-fold creature, you function on all planes at once, and especially do you function on the Etheric plane.

The Etheric plane (see all my other books) is almost a double of this plane; everything here is duplicated there, with the difference that the duplicates there are rather plastic and moldable.

Then there are parts of the Etheric plane, and places where The Etheric borders on the Astral plane where thoughts become forms. And these forms come alive with a kind of life.

The making of these Thought Forms is An Occult Art, and can be one of vast usefulness to you when done properly.

What I am discussing in this Vignette is the not so obvious fact that you create these "double thought forms" every time you do something/anything on the Physical plane.

Naturally, - or should I say unnaturally? - for some ungodly reason, the inner double seems to oppose the outer double, and it seems that a lot of the trouble of this world can be traced to this strange fact.

Dear students, I am not prepared to argue/prove this material to be true. Please make some tests of your own.

There is one thing you can do. First, you can become aware of this “doubleness”. You can even become able to see thought forms. Then you can become aware of your ability to “bind” the inner Etheric double so that it becomes unable to harm the outer physical double.

The actual inner binding is as automatic as the original inner creating.

In a sense, it was no wonder that when the ancients came into contact, mental contact, with the reversing effects of their own mental creations thought there were such things as devils. For them, there seemed no other way they could explain the negative effects that appeared in their lives and disrupted their best laid plans.

As I write this Vignette I am becoming more and more aware of the queer existence of this dualness. I seem to catch glimpses of it as I proceed on to living, and it becomes clearer to me as I write more.

Now, for merciful heaven’s sake, do not become suggestible and allow yourself to be influenced unduly by the above material. The above material is presented for STUDY only, suggested study, not as FACT, a final, finished fact. Exactly what the Truth IS is not really exactly known by me, or by anyone else, but what I write seems to have some validity. So, do STUDY and examine and do not accept too easily. STUDY for your future USE, possible use, in your life.

Ophiel learns in a very queer way, - almost the reverse!!!! (WHAT!?!?) of the way the world learns. Ophiel does not seem to learn from books as such, but rather, the thoughts/ideas “come” by a sort of divine afflatus. AND THEN Ophiel turns to the books to check his impressions, his inspirations, and that is what happened here.

I first got the dual-ness idea and then turned to the books. But I find very little in the books about this subject, or even hints or suggestions about the subject. Of course, I could have overlooked some of the connecting references, so I’ll have to go to the books again with the dual-ness idea in mind.

The nearest thing I can recall about this idea are some statements made by a mystic named Neville. He referred one time to the next plane as similar to this but better. He called the next plane “Woodland”. If you can find Neville’s books, they are helpful, but are more mystic than metaphysical, or so they seem to me. I’ll try to give a list of his works at the end of this book.

I had been aware for some time that the Etheric plane had some reversals to this plane, but not to the extent I have outlined above. It seems that once you get “over there” and get into their/its influence, you accept the Etheric plane’s reversals as “right side up” naturally.

The strongest strangest effect that this possible, - (see! I don’t want you to accept my word without your own TEST) - reversal is in personal character.

OH! Do you suppose it possible that the author of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde mentally picked up this ‘possible truth’, too?? Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is a perfect example of the character reversal idea.

However, be that as it may, we are all aware of the different ways people are/act. People are a queer mixture, “good” and “bad” all intermingled. A person will do a

beautiful thing and then commit a vile murder. You have read about things like that, times without number, in your lifetime. I really need not give specific examples, but there was the real life French 'Bluebeard' of the '20's who married at least twenty women for their money, killed them and burned up their bodies, - and all the time having a wife and child at home, who knew him as a good husband and father. Another example, a beautiful and saintly nun who broke out into the most vile swearing anyone had ever heard when she was ill and delirious. And then, to indicate perhaps that this 'double' stuff was suspected by semi-clairvoyant writers, Mary Roberts Rinehart in one of her stories says of a clergyman, ". . . while coming out of gas after having a tooth pulled, tried to kiss the dentist . . . and called him 'a sweet little thing' although Mrs. Ostermayer is quite a large woman."

I will pursue the matter no further along these lines, but will turn to other ideas of the phenomenon.

As seems usual in physical life, the action of alcohol and/or drugs breaks down the barriers between the different worlds. You are all.

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Your Other You

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

Dear students, - In this Vignette I am presenting a new-old 4,000-year-old idea, and please bear with me.

I am out on the frontier/fringes of the Etheric-Astral-Mental Planes, and all alone. All I can do is to notice effects and to try not only to understand them, dimly, BUT try to make some kind of working disposition/disposal/formulation/array/lineup/methodization/groupage, - and/or many such like words, - to USE what I find out here on the fringes of the Inner Planes, - TO USE DOWN HERE. (Apparently the 4,000-year-old idea was never put to any USE, unless the astute Egyptian scribes failed to write down the use, - which is probably what happened. If there is a bunch of people somewhere on this earth plane who know and use these things, this knowledge, they are sure hiding it from me. But we'll root out the secrets, won't we?)

Especially do I refer to the Egyptian KA or DOUBLE idea which they depict in their tombs.

To get on with it and to bring it down to today, I, being seventy years old, have come to a form of realization, - not self-realization, that in dealing with many people I cognize that there seems to be TWO people there.

(I am slightly familiar with the psychological concept of the split personality. I do not mean that. I mean something much deeper. I am also familiar with the concept of the Etheric double, and I do not mean that, either.)

I seem to find/think/conceive that a person seems to have built up a second "person" who more or less functions through the 'visible' person. Let us call them P¹ and P². P¹ being the actual person and P² being the opposite person, or shall we call them 'personalities'?

Let us digress for a moment. In the Gospels (Goodspells) there are the stories about how after the dipping in the river, Jesus goes off into the desert (although he was already in the desert) and the Devil appears.

Now, this Devil is named in Greek 'the Adversary' or 'accuser'. Dictionary: Slanderer. This name translated into "Devil" has nothing to do with all that Lucifer, Satan, Fallen Angel crud. "IT" is just called "The Adversary", or "Opposer".

This 'Adversary' claims that he is the ruler of the World (physical world). Hence, the implication is that "IT" is The Creator of the physical world. And it follows naturally that 'God' is not the Creator of this physical world.

(Then you consider all the baloney that has cluttered up the Path leading to Truth - Whew! These old clichés! - it is not any wonder that the metaphysical concepts are obscured by Ignorance with a Capital I.)

(I am writing another Vignette called "Magical Workings on Matter", and the two of them are perhaps fouling each other up, but they are connected. So I guess you should get the other Vignette, too, and read it in connection with this one.)

The point we have come to in one Vignette is the question of Who, What, Created the Physical World, and what is Man's connection with this world's creation. And now in this Vignette we are faced with the rather possible fact that we act like a double; that we have a duplicate of ourselves which is/acts contrary to what we seem really to want to be. An opposer, - an accuser, - an adversary, - a slanderer. All of these words carry the connotation of something, a being, that is the opposite of ourselves in every way, but which is not present to our physical view. It lets itself be felt in its opposing everything we want to be or to do.

To make matters worse, the person with whom you attempt to deal in life, he is two, too. When you go to him, say with a plan for something new, your opposer will contact his double/opposer and stimulate that opposing double to reject or slander or belittle your P¹'s ideas and plans, to both your and his loss and detriment.

To put it more clearly, perhaps:

You are P¹ (personality one) and your opposer/devil is P² (personality two). Your human contact, say, is P³ (personality three) and P⁴ (personality four). So while you P¹ are talking to him P³, your P² is mentally "talking" to his P⁴ and doing the negative work. All unbeknownst to P¹ and P³.

Hence, using some factors/functions unknown to me now, these 'opposing' personalities, - in this example the P² and the P⁴ - in some way seem to 'rule' this physical world. Look about you. It is only a most unusual type person who can forge ahead in this world seemingly without effort. Evidently such a person has firm control over his P² or has 'converted' his P² to assist with the aims of his P¹. Also, such P¹'s seem to dominate the P²'s of others, so the 'devils' don't function malefically in his presence.

I know that these ideas seem darned far-fetched and they certainly are different from the usually accepted concepts of how this physical world, - AND WE THEREIN, - operate and live. I do not claim that these theories/ideas are really exact or precise, but after 70 years of living and 40 years of Occult Research, I am certain some such damn personality/psychological contraption is functioning in us, as seems evident when we look at the results of our every-day living.

Now, don't be suggestible and imagine anything and everything all fouled up in our lives. Whatever is, IS - has been here/there for a long time up to now, - and it's not going to come into more existence overnight.

As to remedies. What can be DONE to release ourselves of this 'body of Death' (as one of the New Testament writers put it; and a fairly good name for this 'opposing' force, as it is certainly death to progressive ideas and action we desire to perform.

(I suppose some smart Alec critics are going to scream that this phenomenon I am describing is something peculiar to me, to my personality alone, and hence of no real value. Not so! I noted something was wrong in my life years ago, but wasn't able to pinpoint it. And it wasn't until recent growth insights that I have put 2 and 2 together and got 22, by recognising this same phenomenon in others and relinking it to my own experiences. Now I recognize it in almost everyone I meet, upon contact, to some degree.)

So, again the question comes up: What can be done?!? Here are some courses of action, - not really remedies as such.

Course #1. Run away from P². You can go into a convent or monastery, and by giving up all DESIRE for anything/everything, and by letting some-one or some-thing (The Church, perhaps) regulate you and your life, P² has no chance to oppose anything, as you are not doing or creating anything, anyway. (Yet I have heard of goings on in such places which demonstrates that the P²'s still do rear their ugly heads!)

Course #2. Bind(?) P² by means of Magical Formulae. I don't know for how long the binding can hold; usually a magical binding lasts only until the next change of the tides, which are supposed to be 12 noon - 6:00 - 12:00 - 6:00 - etc.

Course #3. Re-educate P². Unless P² is trained at a very early stage, I can see no hope of changing it when it is old, - not completely. Then again, by the very nature of the creature, P² is just automatically the opposite of P¹ - viz. when P¹ is kind, P² is cruel. BUT, there might be a way that P² can be rendered inoperative, or that both P¹ and P² can become modified so that they are a mixture 50/50, equal, half good/half bad, whatever that can mean! You might have a stern-kind-just-exact kind of man who alternates slightly between extremes and, as I said, is neither too much one nor too much the other.

Then again, the above could depend on what the customs of the country are at the time. P¹ and P² could both have been educated according to contemporary standards (which change from decade to decade). P¹ and P² could each have 50-50 basics but things like mid-Victorian prudery could force dislocations which distort both P¹ and P²; and P² would be called evil when it truly isn't.

But what I was really thinking of was P² opposing P¹ in everything. According to the 50/50 suggestions, the P¹ could be moderately optimistic and moderately pessimistic. Aggressive, but intelligently cautious. Thus P² could be the same, 50/50, moderately pessimistic and intelligently cautious. Thus there would be no unrestrained expansions of P¹ and thus no vicious and wild expansions of P².

I wonder if the preceding is too simple. Can a person, after a lifetime of emotional upsets and storms settle down into an evening-out process?

Look at yourself and your own life. See if you can detect the presence of P² and its actions. How do your two personalities get along together?

I will write more when I have more information/knowledge.

A 'Technique' of 'Visualisation'

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

I will probably write a series of Vignettes on this subject of which this one will probably be considered the First. Some years ago, when I wrote the book entitled, "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things through Creative Visualization." I knew nothing, but nothing, about the concept of the Demiurgeous and the Transmundane God. Much less did I know of their Inner Secret Jewish counterparts, the, Vast Countenance and the Lesser Countenance?

In both concepts, the Jewish and the Greek, - (and if I had the scholarship to research, probably in the/all other religions, too), - the idea seems to have been that there is a 'Super-Dooper-Non-Physical First Cause God' who is, all, 'ALL' and (To make a confused long story longer.) A secondary-type God, doing the actual physical plane creation WORK (Apart from contact or supervision of the Transmundane God) of the physical plane.) (Look at the Bible creation story, of the creation of man. You will find two creations recorded therein, one of them being the creation of man, from the dust of the ground, and the other not the same. Read it.)

Also, this Secondary God creates some, Lesser Gods under, 'ITSELF', and, 'THEY' in turn, have assistants all up and down the gamut. (There are great mysteries here, and all I can do it to follow a thread through the maze a little at a time slowly, (though not by choice.))

The, "Nature" of the 'Secondary God.'

It is necessary now that we should examine the nature/construction of the pattern of the Secondary God and get some idea as to how 'IT' operates/functions/carries on. (Of course, - NEVER - raise the question as to the WHY? Of ALL THIS!) There are dark and terrific mysteries here that never will be solved, and never understood, and never known! So don't try! Just go along, one step at a time.) To repeat, - (And I may have to repeat this again and again.) - The Secondary God is a very peculiar, screwy kind of God and it is necessary for us to reverse completely our knowledge of 'IT' before we can, 'operate.' Or, shall we say, 'Co-operate' with 'IT' and also necessary to reverse completely our ideas of ALL Gods, AND the Universe, and just about everything else that, 'EXISTS.'

In this, connection I shall tell the following story, and ask you to ponder upon it. Some missionaries in a certain area in Darkest Africa were having a very easy time converting certain tribes of natives. (Original story in TIME Magazine.) A check by a more critical observer elicited the fact that the natives were eager to join those missionaries' God because they had observed that when those missionaries wanted anything, they just wrote down their prayers on paper and sent them to an assistant of their God called, 'Sears Roebuck Co' and God sent back the things they wanted by aeroplane!!! Great deal!!!! I hate these old clichés but this is certainly another case of the 'Wish' being the, 'Father,' to the, 'Thought!!!' Well, at any rate, to start somewhere, again, men expect their Gods to be like them, just short of super man, - like, "Super Man." - (And as Archie Bunker said in describing God and what "He" was like. - "he's

white, an old-man type with a long beard, just as some Dago painted him on a ceiling of a church in Italy!)

BUT, - as with almost everything else in this material world of illusion, actualities seem to be radically different. And let me digress here for a moment even though I may seem to be changing the subject. The "New" Testament has a few things to say about this "Secondary God" without actually naming "him" as such. (Recent research data now available is too bulky for this little article. I'll try and get it down in another pamphlet later; watch out for it.) So, without explaining, WHY, especially in later medieval thinking (?) and especially by that "hypocrite" church (?) What few scraps of knowledge were available about the Demiurge were changed into that crud about the/a devil, fallen angel stuff, but even then and now, yet, abysmal inner-plane, meta-physical, ignorance.

As is written in that much mistranslated, misinterpreted, muchly altered, and rearranged, "Good-Spell" by 'Luke', whoever he was, in Chapter 14, verse six: "And the 'Devil' said to him, 'All this power (?) will I give thee, and the glory (?) of them (?); FOR "THAT" (Obviously all the world, (and they must have been standing on a 'flat' planet!)) IS DELIVERED TO ME: AND TO WHOMSOEVER I WILL GIVE IT."

These English words are a little funny, even queer. The 'Devil' says, ". . .POWER. . .give you" and then calls "it" the "GLORY" of "THEM". Kind of queer language? Could "he"/IT mean - THE POWER TO CREATE THE/A PHYSICAL PLANE? Create out of what?) Knowing that the whole physical plane was a, "Sensory Illusion" (?????!!!!!!) (Means for you to THINK.) That is, Power-Knowledge that the whole Physical Plane is a 'NO-THING' as far as being really real REAL, and that you can, AND PROBABLY DO, AND MAN PROBABLY ALWAYS DID, create this Physical Plane with his own God-given sensory powers. What else did the Devil/Adversary have to offer? He didn't offer him the WORLD/THIS WORLD. What he offered him was (the) POWER (Over the world) and the GLORY (The satisfaction of creating it for himself the way he wanted it?)

Now, of course, any illuminated person, any so-called Master, who already 'KNEW THE TRUTH', would reject the offer. I repeat: Any illuminated man, knowing the Truth, knew then the Adversary's offer is worthless. The offer of ruler of the world is connected with one of the "natures" of the Devil, who is called a "liar", a "slanderer". (What does a "slanderer" really do? The word means, 'stumbling block', 'offence, and the utterances of 'false charges' or 'misrepresentations', that defame and damage another's reputation.) Please study the preceding material; read it over a number of times, as it is not immediately clear, not too easily seen without inner INSIGHT, as all our training and teaching and conditioning have been otherwise. So now, with that out of the way, we can proceed to a 'technique' of 'Visualization,' which, please study, - learn - and use. 'USE.'

I have written elsewhere that between this physical plane and the etheric plane there exist strange "sections" of reversals. More especially does this reversal exist, when Etheric Plane Creative Visualizations work is being done to bring about a 'Physical plane' end result? To again summarise/designate it:

The Etheric Plane is very plastic in relation to the material of this physical plane. For example, when you picture a finished end to a situation over there, THE MEANS of that END COMES INTO EXISTENCE (over there) ALSO. (Just the opposite here.) Therefore, - ACT - on this knowledge; viz. Visualise THE END RESULT of something you desire. And then create a number of other visualizations BACKWARD which could bring the first visualization about.

Or, first visualize the end result you want. Then re-look at where you are now. That gives you two places: The Start and the Finish. Then fill in the space-interval in between with steps that lead along from the start to the end. Those fill-ins I will have to leave to you, as I do not know for what you are visualising. However, don't steal from anyone and don't injure anyone. Just make natural and in controversial steps in between and set up as many as you want or need. Go to it.

The Power is yours because you can visualise, and you do not need the Devil to give it to you. (He is a liar when he says he will 'give' it to you. You have the Visualisation Power already NOW, and had it all the time!)

I have gone into a lot of detail in this little essay to give the background your intelligence can understand and accept, as well as tying it up to everyday needs and desires, which, is what really interests us the most. - Notwithstanding what 'croakers' and other 'shallow-ists' say we should do and think, - according to their half-extinguished lights!

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What You Deserve or You Tell Them Baby!

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

There is a general, wide-spread idea among people that if a man/woman does a good deed, a good deed will be done to them in return, and so on, or he will be rewarded in some way suitable to match the "good" he had done. This idea is embodied in the very, very old cliché - Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return to you many fold? (Or, as the wags say it: Return to you as cake!!)

In all the 72 years of my life that I have watched this putout and return, I have never found the return action to be automatic. On the contrary, I have found that many people have put out much and when the time came that they needed in turn, nothing was forthcoming, especially from God. Knowing now what you know about the nature of the Astral Light and its action and reaction, as have stated in these Vignettes and in the books up to now, you should not expect a good reaction should follow a good action automatically.

Years ago, before I knew anything about metaphysics, I had not found this automatic reaction to be true, in spite of the anguished screams from half-baked Christians who told me they experienced good returns when they 'did' a 'good' deed. Generally it will be found that IF a good deed is 'returned/experienced,' it is because they EXPECTED a good deed return AND their EXPECTATION prodded (produced) this RETURN! The Astral Light/Demiurgeous is 'PRODDED' into action. But again I repeat: The good return is not automatic.

(Dictionary definition: An incitement to act; to incite to action; TO POKE OR STIR AS IF WITH A "PROD" (a) TO THRUST A POINTED INSTRUMENT "INTO." Please note these definitions, as they will be referred to later.)

I do not wish to raise-up, too many different ideas in this little Vignette. I want to stick to the idea of the non-automatic return, so you won't expect it and be disillusioned, and then how to make a positive return work. Before continuing on, though, please think first about any acts of charity you do for others. There is something screwy about this whole give-away business. For example; No Parents in their right minds will do their children's schoolwork for them! The object of the work is for the children to LEARN, not have the school work done for them.

And it is the same for God and Man and Life, (in spite of what the Gospels seem to say.) This physical Life is, 'A Problem,' and not, 'A Picnic,' and I say, in my opinion, that each man and woman must work out a personal understanding of his relationship to God, the Physical Plane, and to just about everything else there is, and to do this in spite of all appearances, and all the bellowing of organised religion. (In which I don't think he will ever find God. Still, don't leave your religion until you are ready, good and ready, and don't talk about it.)

I have found that the Physical Plane and the Bible and all religions have blinds and traps and dead-ends in them. You must THINK! your way OUT! of those blinds, traps, and dead-ends, and no one else can do it FOR you! So now, let us return to the subject of our Vignette. In other places, we have dealt with the philosophical nature of the Demiurgeous and its physical manifestation, the Astral Light. In the course of normal physical events you will 'run-across/contact' those who - what shall we term it? - are in distress? Now, there are very few people in this physical sphere whose

troubles are not of their own making, and the absolute correction thereof beyond the powers of any ordinary mortal.

For example: I saw an old TV drama return lately, and in the story some slightly upper-middle class people were arranging for the entrance of their daughter into a very good private school. The silly little 'twerp' began to talk and scream tearfully that all her friends were going to a junior college and there is where she wanted to go, too!!! And ended up with that line about wanting to make her own judgements (mistakes.) (The day will come when she will shed bitter tears over her 'judgement' and will blame everyone and everything except herself.)

Nothing can be 'done' about things like that except to let them work out their own mistakes, notwithstanding the Gospel injunctions about such matters. (Another rich family girl went nuts worrying about other people's problems instead of her own, and, while her parents were away began to make nitro-glycerine in the home basement to blow up banks, and blew up the house and all and sundry, and they found a few pieces of her splattered about too!!!)

I do not like this non-automatic return-reward myself, at all. I think God should live up to his Bible promises and take care of His people, followers, worshipers, or whatever you are going to call them. The object of this Vignette is to tell you, dear students, that in this business of 'doing good to others' when you do the good number, you must lay down the/a rule to the Astral Light that you EXPECT a definite RETURN/EXCHANGE/CREDIT for the 'good deed' you do, and/or at the very least, no backlash or dis-credit or dis-advantage for it.

If you do not do this, you could get what in physical life is called, 'a reaction,' and in the Occult is called, 'a reversal.' The non-understanding of how incidents operate between this plane and the next is the cause of much (all) trouble in THIS world (plane.) (See other writing of Ophiel.) SO, - You Tell Them Baby! - And, make sure you, TELL 'IT' what is what and what you did and what you expect BACK!

(Additional random note, - I trust helpful, - on Inner Plane structure/construction as to how to TELL 'IT!!' if you are reading and using Ophiel's writing, you should know that the Astral Light 'appears' to projected inner sight as an, 'amorphous golden cloud' - its nearest physical plane manifestation.)

When and if, you want to influence the Demiurgeous, here is one, Read again, what I said about the, 'Prod' or the 'Probe.' You have the power to visualise or to manipulate, OTHER PARTS OF THE ASTRAL LIGHT MATTER. IT IS EVERYWHERE!!! Visualise and 'Assemble' an inner plane 'object,' - call it a 'prod' or a 'probe' - even visualise it in the 'shape' of what you are working with, if you want. AND THEN 'THRUST!!' THE 'PROBE' DEEP INTO THE ASTRAL LIGHT CLOUD MASS, and TRY to have the 'Amorphous Cloud/Mass' ASSUME THE 'FORM!' of your, 'PROBE/PROD!'

To the, 'point' you do succeed in having the, amorphous mass assume the FORM of the Desire Picture Probe, rests the success of Your Magic Work!

Assistance from the Gods – Part I

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

We can use all the help we can get in and on this physical plane, especially with regard to the daily difficulties and minor mishaps and nuisances we face in life. It is observable, and I have been told that in times of great crises, natural calamities, and facing catastrophes of major proportions, that people rise to heights of courage and great valor. It is only in the day-by-day experiencing of life's little grindings that we get played out, over and over.

Ophiel has some helpful ideas for you. He can offer this help to you because he does not deal in the pie-in-the-sky stuff as churches do, - heaven when you die, - initiation, - etc. That stuff is all very well in its long drawn out place, but what most of us need is HELP right now TODAY, when we ask for it.

If you have had some "occult knowledge" and some training (see Ophiel's other books and writings), you must have become aware that "out" there and "over" there, there are Forces in existence which play on and over, in and out of this earth plane at all times. These Forces were/are equated with Gods and Goddesses in olden times because such personalization was easier to deal with and to understand by the untrained, uneducated minds of the masses through past thousands of years.

Now, today, even though you might say/feel that you know better, it is still possible to work with these God-like Forces and get results, which is, after all, all that really matters.

Therefore, here is the way to get help: When bogged down in daily living stuff, first stop and consider what is going on. In what connection is the activity? This 'connection', then, is the CONNECTION you must contact, or "connect up" with. Suppose you are having trouble getting out a letter. The letter just won't write! Letters, you think/reason, are ruled by Hermes/Mercury. You must have seen pictures and statues of Hermes. Recall them to mind-memory. Then address him by name! Speak to him as if he were real! A real person! Tell him vigorously and with attention, "Hey you! I want some help here. This letter-writing is your sphere of action/rule! Give me a hand!!" (Mental hand) You be the boss! Do this, and you'll get help.

How the help will come, the exact way, I cannot tell. That is your frame of reference. It will be different than my frame of reference, I know.

Ophiel wrote a book called "The Art and Practice of Clairvoyance." In this book many cross-references were made to different gods and different objects and workings you can use. You may find this book of great help in forming the memory connections required.

If you will take up this idea and follow it for the rest of your life, you should receive some powerful assistance from now on in your life/living. And don't give up, ever. Things can and do change overnight. See Ophiel's other writings. They are for your benefit.

Assistance from the Gods – Part II

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

In “Assistance from the Gods - I” Ophiel gave some simple-appearing (don’t be fooled) directions for contacting God Forces or God-like Forces which “fly” around, play back and forth, on the Inner Planes just beyond this physical plane. (As an aside, I want you ex-Christians not to feel you are worshiping any things as Gods. Talking to ‘Forces’ as to anyone, is not ‘worshiping’.)

Dear students, I want you to start to come INTO CONTACT WITH THESE “GOD” FORCES PHYSICALLY. This physical contact is an important step in your development/initiation up out of the/this Physical Plane into the Knowledge, Practice, Use, Power, Contact of the terrific advantages of working on this plane through the optimum resources of the Inner Planes through which ALL THINGS COME, FINAL THINGS, from “above”, that end here.

There are many ways to start to explain the gist of this Vignette, and I expect to cover ALL of them in time. For now, I will merely say that in the following exercises the Forces to be described enter the physical body through various plexuses and ductless glands, which are the outer manifestations of the Inner Plane Chakras of the Etheric Body. (More of this elsewhere in other writings.)

The simple, practical, powerful occult work I want to teach you now is as follows, - (I will even skip over the fact that it will be necessary for you to learn a goodly portion of Greek Mythology, which is our civilization’s heritage, and will assume that you know a few basic-basics.)

Apollo is the name of the Sun God. At the beginning of every day, Apollo arrives at the Gate of the East, accompanied by a bevy of maidens who are the hours, and, preceded by Aurora, the Goddess of the Dawn, starts his journey across the sky in his phaeton of gold, drawn by the horses of Fire.

Of course, all this is subjective and metaphorical. BUT, - the story is SYMBOLIC of the Force called Apollo and you must come into contact with the Force, - AND MAKE THE FORCE OBJECTIVE. Here is the way you do it:

Any time you are outside, look up into the sky at the sun (not, of course, into it). “Picture” Glorious Apollo in the golden chariot with the fiery steeds. “SEE” this image in your inner mind consciousness. This ‘image’ is Apollo’s “mold”/“pattern” - or, what shall we call it?

As soon as the mold/pattern is formed, with Apollo pictured in mind, the Apollo consciousness will rush in to fill up the mold/pattern, and your picture will ‘come alive’, ‘BE ALIVE’.

The following is important: You would feel a TINGLE like an Electric Current passing through parts of you, up and down your spine, followed by ‘goose bumps’ along your forearms. The ‘goose bumps’ are sure signs that you have contacted the God.

When you have reached the goose-bump stage, you know you have contact, and you can then talk to the God and make known your wants and desires, making them known in no uncertain terms.

The same process can be followed for each and any of the Gods or Goddesses in the Pantheon.

The easiest God of all to contact is Pan, and you can contact him first. You can read about him in Dion Fortune's occult novel, "The Goat-Foot God", which has now been reprinted. I myself seem to have lost my Pan contact after making the Apollo contact, but will attempt to regain it, too.

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The Treasure Map

An Occult Vignette
by
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The "Treasure Map" is a device that can be used by YOU, hence it is a magical device. A magical device is an 'Arrangement/Device' that can simply be called a Treasure Map or Treasure Chart, but you use the name that appeals to you. Ophiel/I cannot put down here all the past writings about the operations of Magical - Inner Plane - currents, which have been put, down and outlined in previous writings. Please look them up and study them if you need more power operations. I will confine myself to a simple explanation and trust you know enough to 'use' it as it is. However, if you will follow my directions, the operation should work automatically.

The Treasure Map then, is an instrument to bring to the quick attention of the sub-conscious mind, and through the sub-conscious mind, out into the "Inner Planes." From which Planes, all things come, pace/step through, on their way 'down' to the Physical Plane and on the Inner Planes creates and attracts, those Physical Things which, you FEEL is necessary for your Happiness. The operation of the Treasure Map is automatic being subject only to the necessary limitations of the size and value of the material things you are working for. And the SIZE of your present "SPHERE OF AVAILABILITY" for which, see my book, "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization" by Ophiel. Naturally if you want the 'Moon with a fence around it,' it will look larger than a simple thing, like a bottle of whiskey!!!

To make your Treasure Map/Chart proceed as follows: Select a size you find convenient to handle; - my present chart - is 4x4 - (Four feet by four feet.) I hung it in the back of my clothes closet for which reason I will tell you when I come to that place in construction. You can have your chart/map 3x3 or 2x2 if you are so inclined, that is up to you. When you have selected your size then you should make up your mind full, as to what you want from life - You are now Thinking of 'Things' - not states of mind. The selection of Things is very important. Things will not make you 'happy.'

They can however make you very comfortable, the reason things cannot make you 'happy' is that there is no such 'thing' as 'happiness!' you have to BE! 'Happy' nothing, I repeat, can 'make you happy.' But don't let their philosophical concepts bother you, just go ahead and get the things you 'FEEL' you need and if you are going to be 'un-happy' at least be 'un-happy' in 'comfort!!!' When you have decided what things and what type of things you need in your life for your comfort, then look about you for pictures of these things. You should find pictures of these things in magazines mostly. Magazines that deal with the objects you are thinkin of.

You need not be in a mad rush, to fill up your Treasure Map/Chart take your time and look and in the looking Think/Desire/Want these 'objects' you see. And in seeing you SEND OUT, THRUST OUT these small out thrusting, PRESSURE SEEKING TENDRILS which SEEK OUT and BRING TO YOU those things you have DESIRED.

Occultly the way the Treasure Map/Chart works is, - ALL - physical 'objects' exist on ALL PLANES on up to the Beginning of an 'Archetype' IDEA/PLANE. On these Inner Planes it is 'FREE', all 'Objects' are 'Free', 'Free' as THOUGHT IS 'FREE?' All you really have to do is to 'Feel/Think out' and 'Claim?' your Desired possessions FOR YOURSELF!!

However, there are certain other things required, and you should 'grow' as you claim/desire your 'wanted things.' Getting yourself into Financial Security properly is only one of the many basic requirements of living a 'Successful Life. Your 'security' is to be used to enable you to study and progress your life, UPWARD.

One way you can use your Treasure Map/Chart is to Look at it everyday and study the 'objects' of your Desire very carefully until you know them very well. Continue to look at your Map until you can recall all the desired objects clearly in your mind/memory with your eyes closed. The clearer you recall these 'objects' the stronger your Desires become, then the quicker they can come THROUGH to YOU!!

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‘Magic Workings on Matter’

An Occult Vignette

by
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In fairy tales of Magic it is said the magician waves a magic wand and ‘Direct’ changes take place in ‘Physical Matter’. To make direct favourable changes in physical matter is an acquired magical ‘Art’, it is an achievement which we ‘Occult’ students earnestly wish for. And so the moment of ‘Truth’ arrives, ‘Just how much direct changes in matter can we occult students expect from our magical knowledge? And the magical operations based thereon? There are a series of answers to the preceding questions. I will make an answer and number it and then attempt to explain it.

Answer #1 - the nature of the Physical-Material-Place of operations -
‘WHERE WE ARE NOW’

What, just what, is this Physical Material Plane?

Those of you who have studied my books and other writings, should have learned that the nature of the Physical Plane appears to be a ‘SOLID-ILLUSION’ (!) (?). You should have cognised the apparent ‘Fact’ that there are four (really five) Elemental Forces, reacting on each other and with each other, to form-create the illusion of a solid Physical Plane. That is the ‘REAL’ meaning of the word, as the world knows it. ‘THE PHYSICAL PLANE IS ‘REAL’ ONLY AS WE MAKE IT ‘REAL’ BY OUR OWN POWERS!!!!!!

What are our powers? Our own Powers of Perception - our five senses - which five senses make ‘REAL?’ the apparently ‘SOLID’ Physical Plane!!!!!!

Now there is a terrific mystery here, a ten thousand century old mystery here. To which neither I, nor anyone else, have any real satisfactory answer. All I can do is point out the problem, challenge and then attempt to clearly outline it. Once we do that, we will have at least a hint, as to the way it might be solved, or at least make some attempt to grapple with the problem.

Answer 2# - So it follows, ipso facto, (Which is Latin for ‘The very nature of the case.’) That the point of ‘IT ALL’ is the point where ‘YOU CONVERT THE “OUTSIDE?” “ABOVE?” “ARCHETYPES?” “IMPULSES?” “VIBRATIONS?” Into onto the/your Physical World!!!!!!

This is the ‘VITAL ‘HOT POINT’ OF IT ALL “ALL”.

Control of this, shall we say, “TRANSFORMATION POINT”, I’d say, is the big ‘POWER POINT’ of our existence and ‘IF’ this control/change-over point can be gotten under ‘YOUR CONSCIOUS CONTROL’ ‘YOU’D HAVE IT MADE!!’ So what can you do to get ‘IT’ under your control?

Answer #3 - There is a thing, which, for want of a better word let us call it the ‘Power of Acceptance’. It appears, in our ordinary ignorance of the construction of the Universe, that we accept and accept ignorantly, ‘Whatever is thrust at/to us’. And we translate this ‘Whatever’ into our present lives/existence.

(The ‘Whatever’ being the ‘Higher Planes’ and from therein higher planes originating (oh for a word) Pressure-Concepts? Desire-Word? Logos? Your Desire or others

Desires? Pressure? Concepts? From Archetypal Ephemera to Etheric Vibrations. (Which Etheric Vibrations impinging upon the human physical body chakras, through and from the Etheric Plane 'Appearance' 'Reality' out of the Elemental building blocks? Thus was/is our world created/made and all the things therein?)

To say it again more hopefully and more simply: You have in you, facilities that converts the impulses coming 'Down' from 'Above' into and onto the 'Physical Plane' and makes them apparent Physical Realities?

Answer #4 (connected to other writings of Ophiel - check -)

About 2000 years ago there was a religious philosophy called Gnosticism and those who followed it were called Gnostics, which name means 'To Know'. The Gnostics had a basic God system, which was easy to understand. According to them there existed a First Cause God 'WHICH WAS NOT PHYSICAL'. They called 'IT' a 'Trans-mundane' God. As the Trans-mundane God was not physical 'IT' could 'NOT KNOW ANYTHING' about a physical plane. YET IT HAD A "DESIRE" to 'EXPRESS' itself ON THAT PHYSICAL PLANE? (No one knows why? Great mystery!) And so 'IT' had to deal with the 'PHYSICAL PLANE.'

Another great mystery: There came into 'BEING' another kind of God, an 'INTERMEDIATE' God, which was called the 'DEMIURGE' meaning 'Half-God' and 'WORLD BUILDER.'

As the 'Demiurge' was 'HALF NON-PHYSICAL' and 'HALF PHYSICAL-REAL' 'IT' could deal with 'BOTH THE NON PHYSICAL GOD AND THE PHYSICAL PLANE'.

Now 'YOU' - INSIDE YOU - Have a 'DEFINITE CONNECTION' with this 'DEMIURGE' and when I know more about 'IT' and how to 'WORK' this 'CONNECTION' I will get it out. Work on this preliminary for now and master 'IT'.

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On the 'ART' of 'CONTACTING GOD'

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

This night, and the last few nights, I had been concerned with the idea of a contact with God and/or God like forces. What had brought this about was a situation that had arisen during the operation of my small apartment house here in "West Hollywood." At a poor time in the year, around Xmas holidays, two apartments had become vacant at once. Now, while I know about "Creative Visualization," and even some things about "Christian Science" operations, I myself am basically a teacher, not a practitioner of the Occult Arts. So, I have to 'switch gears' quite a bit in order to change from one phase to the other, even though they are basically the same things.

In this case I did manage to switch and I did several kinds of Occult type work of the "Creative Visualization" type nature, and I did fill up those two empty spaces quickly. Which pleased me because I am not, as I said, a 'practitioner' but the results showed that I could do it, and so can you.

Since I have started to write this Vignette it has occurred to me that this God subject is quite vast, and while I am going to put down much vital material here, there is a lot of basic fact material, which I can't squeeze in such a small space. Therefore, I have decided to create a small course of the basic facts pertaining to this kind of work and embody these facts in a short 'correspondence' course, with my personal supervision.

With this Vignette, and this course, it should be possible for you to do a great deal of 'Inner Plane' metaphysical work of an ordinary nature, which should help you, through life in a nice manner. But please note, - unlike fakers - I do not promise you the 'moon with a fence around it.' I say - you can do much metaphysical work for yourself - (never mind others for now.) depending upon the 'pressures' of the Inner Plane Forces. Known as the "Astrological" forces, at the time. Please! Again, I say do not expect to move 'Heaven and Earth' for now. (That will come later!)

With that out of the way we can proceed to metaphysical 'techniques,' leaving as I repeat, the deeper fundamentals for deeper studies. Indications, physical and mental are that 'YOU are what you THINK you are.' Hundreds of metaphysical writers have said this in books, and then sailed off on mental tangents leaving you dangling as to how to really change your thinking about yourself. Dear Students, changing your thinking about what you think of yourself you can not really do, probably never. But once you Recognise this poor thinking pattern of yourself it can be 'OUTWITTED' and 'OUTMANOEUVRED.' Suppose a man has an automobile that won't run - his basic thinking can be - "Oh, how terrible! I always get 'lemons!' Nothing I have is any good" etc, etc. While these basic, 'non-helpful' thoughts rage through his 'being,' his fingers can be adjusting the car, or he may have called in some expert to fix the car. And, suddenly! The car is fixed and running and he is off! Sounds trivial doesn't it? His Psyche has it one way, but reality has it another! He did 'ACT' while the/his Psyche 'RAGED' and the Psyche was 'WRONG.'

I am not a Psychologist but I can see into a, stonewall as far as the next man can. The 'negative' attitude then becomes a sort of 'Devil' and I have no doubts, that if the attitude gets real worse, it becomes like a possessing 'Devil' (Don't be suggestive, I am speaking only of rare cases, not yours!)

We can go a little further into this and explain the 'mechanism' of the 'devil' or at least the 'mechanics' of its 'construction' (You are probably wondering what the 'mechanical' construction of a 'Devil' has to do with the 'ART' of 'CONTACTING GOD?' Have patience! You'll See!). 'GOD' and the 'DEVIL' are the 'REVERSE SIDES' of the 'SAME COIN!!!'

There are a number of key words that apply here, anyone of which could be used as an 'opener' but the word 'Attitude' will cover this opener as well as any of the other words. The etymological meaning of the word "attitude" appears to be 'Fitness' or 'Fit-ability.' Now, at some point in a person's life, usually when they are young and offer little cognitive resistance, someone else starts to impress ideas and 'attitudes' upon the child's mind-psyche. These 'ideas-attitudes' if they are 'good' then they are 'GOOD.' If on the other hand, if they are merely the 'other guy's' or 'gals' ideas of what is 'good' then they are 'BAD.' One reason is that they are 'PUT ON' a 'helpless' individual before that person can develop judgement of his/her own as to their 'validity.'

The worst effect of this putting on business is that in a short time the 'put-on-attitude,' can become permanent in your 'make-up,' and affect the individual for the rest of their life, regulating and hampering the conduct in many ways. I feel that I should explain the modus operandi of the creation of this 'Devil' this 'INNER PLANE DEVIL.' As most of you who are more or less familiar with my writings know, I use as a basis the Cabbalah or Kabbalah that is a good foundation for this study. A book that influenced teachers and writers on the Cabbalah is known as the "Bahir." From Gershom G. Sholem's "ZUR KABBALA AND THEIR SYMBOLIK." We find from "Bahir" the following:

"Das lehret, dass es bei Gott ein Prinzip gibt, welches Bose heiss, und es liegt in Norden Gottes.'

"This teaches us that there is a principle in God which is called Evil, and it lies in the 'North' of God."

One Psychotherapist commenting on the above has said this is an "eloquent illustration and confirmation of the psychoanalytic theory of the origins of the superego."

To those of you that have read my book on "Astral Projection" and have some 'experience' on the "Inner Planes" - You have 'SEEN' noticed the "Light" that fills the Inner Planes. This Light is the "Astral-Light." It also has innumerable other names given by those who have penetrated the Inner Planes before, - Discovered the 'Light' - and gave it a name - a name, which appealed to them. This Light (Which is described more fully in other Vignettes) is Elemental Substance. This Light CAN BE DIRECTLY CONTROLLED by YOU! As it is 'Intelligent' and does what you 'Tell it' to Do! ESPECIALLY WITH REPETITIONS!! It is the 'God Light' substance, which by, 'NEGATIVE REPETITION??' becomes a 'DEVIL' shrouding a person like a, 'VEIL LOADED WITH?' and 'GIVING OFF?' a definite set of 'NEGATIVE VIBRATIONS' which 'RADIATE-REACTS' according to the 'Directions' of their Creation/Creator?

(Mind you, not even necessarily YOUR! Creation but someone else's.)

Plato and the Soul

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

Ophiel is not a scholar. The following material is not supposed to be scholastically certified but is merely general knowledge assembled from various sources. It appears in general, that before the time of Plato no positive knowledge 'idea' of the existence of life after death was in effect. Ah! There was a myth about a place called 'Hades' from which comes our 'idea' of 'Hell' or the 'Underworld', which are ruled by 'Pluto' who was the 'brother' of 'Zeus' the 'Sky' God. Pluto was ordinarily depicted, as having horns and a tail, with 'cloven' hooves in place of 'feet' and it is this 'representation', which 'furnishes' the common concept/idea/picture of the Devil so widely current among 'unthinking' people.

Here I will impart an, 'occult secret' to you-all, and disabuse you of any 'idea' whatsoever of 'organisation' to this essay. (Get that! 'Essay', look out, 'Bacon', 'Thoreau', 'Emerson', et al) which lack of 'order/organisation' will make critics and grammar teachers furious! 'Why can't he stick to the subject?' 'The/a Soul and Plato'. But watch! Here it is, This 'Earth Plane' 'IS!?!?' THE 'UNDERWORLD!!!' The Greek 'Underworld' is not below here anywhere. This 'here!' is it. 'The Elysian Fields' are in the 'Etheric Plane' 'above here?' and this is 'whence' we 'came?' But 'enough' of that.

I am not intending to discourse on life after death other than to say that apparently the early 'Jews' had no 'teachings' about life after death, as there is nothing in 'Scripture' about it, other than statements such as 'The dead know nothing' etc. Also, it seems the Greeks had no 'concept' of an organised life after 'death'. They called the dead 'shades' and all they do was 'squeak' a little, or 'chatter' a 'bit'. Examine the 'material' for yourself, as I am not putting it here.

However, it does appear that 'Plato' taught about 'something,' which went on living after a man's body 'died.' I will have to break down some day and study the works of Plato, but I couldn't wade through it before, as I did not know what I was looking for, and the whole thing by itself, was too much. Now that I've got a clue, I'll tackle it and see what comes out. It also seems queer but it does appear that during the first 400 years before 'Augustine' the 'Christian Church' floundered around like a chicken with its head off, and 'Plato' got into the 'Church act' with something called 'Neo-Platonism'. I don't know the whole story but you can dig it up in your local library.

Anyhow, what Plato was talking about was the 'Etheric Body', not even; the 'Astral Body' and he implied that the 'Etheric' had another 'Life' besides the 'Physical Life'. Then, later, either 'ignorantly' or 'knowingly' and on 'purpose' the 'ignorants' somehow got the word 'Soul' attached to the 'Etheric Body'. (The 'noun' 'Soul' means 'Ghost'. The 'noun' 'Spirit', 'Spirit' comes from the 'Greek' word, 'Pneuma', meaning, 'Air'. The 'noun' 'Spirit' means 'Soul' and so 'round' and 'round'.)

Another 'Big Secret!!!!' Ah, - 'WoW!!!' - In those days there were some 'goings-on' in some well 'known' societies, called, 'Mysteries'. The best 'known' was the 'Eleusinian Mysteries.' No one knows what was 'taught' there exactly, but I am 'guessing' it was some form of 'Etheric projection idea' in which the 'aspirant' was 'separated' from his/her 'body?' and 'saw?' the 'Inner/Etheric Plane.' Etc.

The ceremony was preceded by some days of preparation, and another guess of mine is that it was this preparation, which included fasting, and then some 'subtle'

drug or poisonous mushrooms, that did the separation trick. I don't think ordinary meditation methods would work on masses (And I also bet they had a few casualties each time, as some of them reacted badly to the drug.) There is another name, which I now want to call to your attention, and this is about all I can do here and now until I myself can get more information on the subject. The name is 'Mithra.'

Mithra is the name of a 'God' that appeared on the scene about the time of the 'Jesus Christ' number. As this 'essay' is about 'souls' however, I will confine myself now to that connection. A preliminary study I have made of 'Mithra' reveals the 'God' as a sort of 'mediator' between man and the 'Gods' of the Greek and Roman 'Pantheon.' The exact connection being that man, 'consisting' of a body and soul sought the aid of 'Mithras' in 'contacting' the 'Gods'. Also, 'Mithra' had some connection with the 'Demiurgeous' and might have been the 'Demiurgeous' in another religious form. I confess the 'soul' connection here is 'tenuous' but there is something there 'Seek it!'

I am at a loss to understand how and where and when all that crud got in and out of the 'Christian Religion' as to the 'soul' being 'lost' (When I was a child, - 1910 - all 'souls' were 'automatically lost' if they did not belong to the 'Roman Catholic Church!') If and as the/a 'Soul' is the 'Etheric Body' - and it just can't be anything else, - how is it lost? May I 'digress slightly' again?

The Egyptians enclosed with the mummy (That is, of the rich, the 'priesthood' and the 'nobility'.) a book called 'The Book of 'The Dead'. In this book were 'directions' for the 'soul' as to how to 'conduct' itself after death. What struck my attention was where the 'book' directs the 'soul-person' to address the 'Gods' with the 'following' statements, such as, 'I have done no wrong.' 'I have been perfect.' 'I have always done the right thing.' Etc. Whereas they were the dirtiest stinkers in live life that ever existed. 'Hypocrisy' says you and I? Well no, do remember, as 'Ophiel' has stated before elsewhere, that this 'Physical World Plane' is an, 'ILLUSION?' and that all actions and reactions in it are 'ILLUSIONS' too.

Therefore, anything and everything that happens during a physical lifetime is an 'ILLUSION' too! Thus it is perfectly proper for a newly dead 'Soul' confronted with probably also 'ILLUSIONARY GODS???' to deny the 'whole thing???'

So, therefore, I merely as you-all to be leery of those 'wolves' in 'cheap' clerical clothing who speak glibly of 'souls,' etc. Ask them where they got their 'soul-existence' information from, and when they cannot show you, tell them to take their 'pie-in-the-sky' stuff about 'souls' and go 'lump it!' (And God bless us every one, said 'Tiny Tim.')

The 'Two Dreamers'

An Occult Vignette

by
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I had a letter from a man in prison who requested my help in deciding a course of action for him to follow. His letter was not too clear as to what the course of actions he was referring to were - he used the phrase "open doors and closed doors." - This is as if some 'Being' was watching him 'shutting?' him 'off' from certain paths of directions - actions and/or 'opening' other doors/paths to him. I am 70 years old and I have been 'in' first, several religions, which I joined, and then left, and then studied several other religions, which I did not join. Then I have been 'in' the Occult about 46 years, in which Occult I have fondly imagined I progressed progressively.

I admit that when I first entered the 'Occult' I too had some kind of an idea that there was a 'governing' hand over us 'individually' and an, 'all seeing' ever 'watchful' eye watching us watchfully. At some point during the past 46 years I lost the idea that we, you and I, were being 'guided' each personally along the way of life, but where that point was I didn't notice. Now I am fairly well assured that whatever 'Divinities' there are they do not - run - rule - our 'physical lives' especially by opening and closing metaphysical symbolic 'doors' to us.

(This material in this vignette is 'my' 'idea' - Do not 'follow' me because I write this vignette - study yourself and make up your own mind - I write this vignette for clarification of ideas - nothing else.) I wrote a book called, "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualization." Many people have written books on this subject (A list is in the back of this book.) and have laid out, more or less, the same general material as I gave in my book. For many people the directions in those books worked and worked easily. For many others those directions didn't seem to always work so evenly or accurately or else they worked 'hit & miss.'

Then in the case of a person like me, who has an 'atrocious' kind of mind, which kind of mind cannot learn by 'rote' but must learn by 'basic analysis.' Must learn by 'knowing?' the reason WHY. (This kind of 'mind' is hell, especially in lower schools, teachers themselves don't know the reasons, 'WHY'. I was branded an 'Idiot' child!) Fortunately, as the years crept-dashed by, I was able to 'develop' so that I could find out the basic WHY from reference type research books so I was able to bring my 'mind' under control and get going.

Hence if you will read the "Creative Visualization" book referred to you will find, outlined and delineated, the BASIC LAWS governing the ART of CREATIVE VISUALIZATION. And when you apply those LAWS you should 'succeed' in this ART. Now! Since writing the above referred to book, I have come into additional 'Knowledge' - Information - Wisdom - regarding the basic 'work' along this metaphysical 'power line.' I will endeavour to give here as much 'basic' as I can.

I expect to give more in a larger book to be called "The Art and Practice of Caballa Magic" (Tentative title.) As is usual 'Truth' at the 'Top' is the same but arriving at the Top on different 'Paths' from different Times and from different Cultures the symbolism IS DIFFERENT. There are 'Two Symbolisms' from Two different periods. I will sketch them out here in two different vignettes, which should almost be the 'same?' up to this 'point?' Vignette number one will deal with the Ancient Jewish Inner-Higher - Top/Hidden teachings.

Now, we come to the 'nitty gritty', the Subject of this Vignette #1 is the "Arik Anpin" = "The Vast Countenance" and the "Zoar Anpin" = "The Lesser Countenance." To be brutally simple/brief, the Story/Legend is that,

ARIK ANPIN = "The Vast Countenance" just 'STANDS?' or 'SETS?' 'THERE??' and 'DOES' 'NOTHING??' but!

ZOAR ANPIN = "The Lesser Countenance" just 'STANDS?' or 'SETS?' 'THERE??' and 'DREAMS THIS WHOLE PHYSICAL UNIVERSE INTO 'EXISTENCE' THEN 'CARRIES' THE 'PHYSICAL UNIVERSE ON??' (Makes it 'Go/Run' as it were.)

(Now, I realise the above raises a 'million other questions' and I do not have an 'answer' to a single one of these 'questions.' 'HOWEVER?' the 'simple' above statements 'SEEMS?' to be a metaphysical 'FACT?' and so, for the time being, 'ACT' on it and 'TRY' it, and 'work' it, and leave the 'WHY' for later revelations.)

So, what to do? Well first 'knowing' of the above 'patterns' is a great 'help' and accepting the idea as a theory can lead to results providing some kind of proper actions follow. 'Actions' in accordance with the above 'pattern idea.' (And do forgive my 'repeats.') (The 'repeats' are for 'emphasis.') So, what kind of 'actions' 'Follow?' your 'Acceptance' of the Idea of a "Lesser Countenance." 'DREAMING?' this 'Physical World Universe' INTO EXISTENCE?

(Another 'Million questions' arise here, as to what 'MATERIAL?' does the "Lesser Countenance" 'USE?' to 'DREAM/CREATE?' this 'Physical Universe' out of?) Answer - The 'Physical Universe' is 'Created?' 'OUT OF?' the 'FIVE ELEMENTAL ESSENCES/FORCES.' And it is 'COGNISED' by YOU!!! THROUGH!! YOUR FIVE SENSES???' you might say, additionally created, by you! By your own! 'Magical Powers' of your own! Five Senses? Under the 'Stimulus' of the "Lesser Countenance" for which knowledge of/on see my other books.

And thus we come back to the 'Philosopher's Dream' of there being really no matter in the sense that the world thinks 'Matter' as 'being' solid? Etc. wow! So, again, what kind of your personal 'actions' should follow your acceptance of the 'Idea' of the "Lesser Countenance?" Well! The Lesser Countenance is 'Dreamingly Creating this World.' YOU! are 'Living?' in this 'World' and 'YOU!' are 'Influenced?' by this 'Dream.' Therefore, it 'suggests' itself naturally that you should attempt to 'INFLUENCE?' the 'DREAM WORLD?' in your 'Favour' and do this through whatever POWERS you do possess naturally. And one of the Powers you DO possess NOW!! is a power called IMAGINATION or the POWER to CREATING IDEA/IMAGES BASED ON ANOTHER POWER YOU HAVE/POSSES CALLED DESIRE.

I am not 'presumptuous' enough to tell you that my book, "The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualisations" is a 'universal panacea' to 'cure' your 'earthly troubles' due to 'Mis-dreams' of the Lesser Countenance in regards to your 'Self' BUT!! this book is a 'Start?'

Take my unsupported word for it now, I tell you, dear students, that it 'IS' possible NOW! to 'use' your IMAGINATIVE CREATIVE POWERS plus DESIRES to 'ALTER?' the Lesser Countenance's 'DREAMS' 'CONCERNING YOURSELF?'

So, for now, 'use' the 'Knowledge' and 'methods' as given in the book - WITH THE ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DREAMER - as given, in the 'background' of your 'mind' 'DO' this 'GENTLY' but 'PERSIST!' and you can 'ACHIEVE RESULTS!'

There are 'other' methods of influencing the Lesser Countenance but at this writing I am not in full possession of knowledge of them. It also appears, that some methods of influence are being discovered by others without full knowledge of the 'Reason d'etre'. And that 'idea' never 'suited me.' As soon as I learn these other methods I will write them up but for now, you have a sure safe method go to it. 'Get the book' and go 'to it' - More 'Knowledge' is coming.

"ZOAR ANPIN" DREAMS THIS WHOLE 'PHYSICAL UNIVERSE' INTO EXISTENCE AND THEN 'CARRIES' IT 'ON?' IT IS THE 'FIRST? DREAMER?'

'YOU!!' 'CAN!! WAKE-UP-ENOUGH!!!' TO 'DIRECT!!' THE 'DREAM!!' OR AT 'LEAST!!' 'YOU!!' 'CAN!!' 'START' TO 'DIRECT THE DREAM!!' OF 'YOUR!! LIFE!!!'

'TRY IT!!!'

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Your 'Disloyal Life Opposition'

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I trust that all of you know of the meaning of the words, "Loyal Opposition." It is a phrase not in use in this country with its form of government consisting, as it does, of an elected body of legislators and a separately elected President in contradistinction to a form of government in which a king has transferred his sovereign powers to the people and whichever fraction of the people win, elect a leader called a 'first' man or premier to lead the government.

The non-leading party then assumes the role of watching and checking the actions of the leading party so it does not become a runaway government, and hence, acquired the name of, 'opposition party' and to protect its functioning basic loyalty, the non-leading party then calls itself the, 'Loyal Opposition.'

I laid this foundation to explain some of the following phenomena, which occurs in the human personality. The parallel is not exact but I intend only to suggest some ideas along these lines, which could be illuminating and helpful to your daily life living. In our selves there seems to be, 'Two Forces' contending; it seems as if one 'force' wants to, 'go ahead' and one 'force' wants to 'stay behind.'

There is nothing really wild about this, all through nature, the 'Universe,' et al, it seems to Ophiel as if he detects an 'Ebb & Flow,' a 'Going & Coming,' an, 'Up & Down.' This 'ebb & flow' is personified most clearly by the passage of, 'day & night.' Just a few days ago, six to be exact, the seasons of Nature reversed themselves and the Sun, which had been going south, stopped, then turned about and started to return North again.

Now, for merciful Heaven's sake, do not yield to suggestions in this vignette, or anyone else's and imagine you detect these reversals in yourself violently when you didn't notice them before this time of mentioning. It happens that Ophiel did detect them and wishes he didn't, and has more or less suffered from early ignorance about these changes before he knew what they were and could handle them, or make an attempt to handle them.

The only object in writing this vignette, is to wake you up to these two, 'Universal Forces' in us, and, if not to arrest them, then, at least, to handle them to our, 'advantages.' It must not be inferred that these, 'Two Forces' ebbing & flowing are 'Bad' or 'Evil.' NO! The 'Ebb & Flow' seems to be necessary for life to 'function'; you cannot go forward continually. Periods of 'rest' and 'renewal' are 'needed.'

However, what Ophiel is referring to is the fact that in some people these 'Forces' can get out of balance, so that too much 'ebb' is manifested and not balanced by enough 'flow-go' so that a person can, 'sink down,' into an, 'Unproductive attitude' or develop, 'Negative attitude' or a 'Constant discouraged attitude,' outlook on life; a development which doesn't work for the benefit of the person. I presume, judging from past evidence, a 'balance' between the 'Two Forces' is what is, 'Desirable,' and also, 'Necessary.'

And so you ask, or should ask, how do I get a desirable and working 'balance' between the, 'Positive' and 'Negative' Forces? You are not really helpless although it may look like that for much of your life. But the 'Truth' is you 'DO HAVE!' some

'POWERS?' and you can, 'Choose?' between these, 'Two Forces' because they are 'Mental Type' 'Forces' and you, 'DO HAVE! MENTAL POWERS!!'

There was an occult writer of a few decades ago named, "Dion Fortune." She made a significant statement along these lines. She said, (As an example,) "If you don't feel like, 'Praying,' get down on your knees and start to pray and soon you will feel like praying." So that is the, 'Idea!' You go and do likewise.

Many years ago I once worked for a small brokerage house that had, before the 1929 crash, been a large business house. The owner had died leaving the business to his two sons and also a part time secretary who had worked hard through the years to help build it up. I knew there had been a further decline in the brokerage business, but one day when I was shopping in a "Sears Roebuck" store, I was astounded to see the younger brother working as a clerk in the store. I was so embarrassed I could not even look or speak to him and I turned away.

I inquired through the 'grape-vine' and found the older brother was still in the brokerage business working for someone else, but the younger brother had been frozen out and hence the store clerkship. Later I found out that he had 'died' although he was a comparatively young man of about "39 years" or so. He had died because of the, 'intense blow' to his 'Ego' because of his comedown in station of life.

When a man or a woman is, 'hurt' that 'way', let us call it 'soul injury', he/she can get sick of a mere cold and just lie down and die from sheer mortification and lack of 'Desire' to put up a 'Fight' to, 'GO ON.' As I have noticed many times in my life, you either have to have a sublime confidence in, 'all,' combined with an 'Extreme Extrovert' nature which nothing can disturb, or you have to have a, 'Mean' 'Irascible' non-conforming disposition which is too 'Mean' to give in and, 'Never Quits' but 'Fights' to the 'Bitter End.' (And this is the kind of 'Disposition' Ophiel had/has!)

(If Ophiel had not had this kind of a 'Disposition,' he would have been 'Dead!' Many, many years ago, as he was 'Fate's Football' for many decades, until he learned enough 'Occult' to blast the 'Negative Forces!' But! Ophiel will 'Never' have it 'Perfect!') There is a 'merry' old song that goes something like this:

"Oh, do you remember Sweet Alice, Ben Bolt? Sweet Alice who cried with delight when you gave her a smile? And, trembled with fear at you frown? Do you know where Sweet Alice is now? She is down in the graveyard."

Well, she 'croaked off' because she couldn't take it and those kinds of 'pushovers' this world can do without! Do not be a, 'Sweet Alice.' Don't yield to 'Ebb Cycles.' Stiffen your 'Backbones' and 'Fight Back,' never 'Give In!' Throw your 'Desire' - Will - on the 'Flow-go-up-cycles.' And just 'Relax!' on the 'Ebb-go-down-cycles.' Really! You are the 'BOSS!'

An ‘Exercise in ‘Preliminary Projection’ – Part I ‘Exploring Other Planes for Knowledge’

An Occult Vignette
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This Physical Plane is the Inner-most, tail-end, of a whole series of ‘Outer Planes.’ There are terrific mysteries here. Endless persons have given work and attention to try to understand these things, and some progress has been made along some of these mysteries. Ophiel has spent forty years of work on these mysteries and has made some progress. Ophiel has spent time and his money to get these things down on paper so that you use them to better yourself by underrating some of these mysteries, mysteries which, are connected with your existence on this ‘Physical Plane.’

It is my understanding of the basic ideas that were given out by the ancient Greek religious ideas, was that, through “Wisdom-Knowledge” a man could make himself over into a ‘Higher’ type of Being, show, could, make progress in understanding the Mysteries of Physical Existence. There were, also a number of ‘Mystery cults’ who taught Occult Knowledge to their followers, the most famous of these cults was the “Eleusinian Mysteries,” which was located at a place called “Eleusis,” situated near Athens. Look up more references about this cult yourself, if you are interested.

We are ‘down here’ now, none of us are very happy ‘down here.’ Down here, is not ‘natural’ for us because we, apparently, came, ‘from somewhere else’ and are ‘going somewhere else!!!’ We have some kind of an ‘Inner’ ego, and we are ‘connected’ with a physical body, through which we function (?) though somewhat clumsily at best. In fact we are not very firmly attached to this physical body, at any time during our physical life living, as witness the ‘ease’ with which a blow on the head can knock the Etheric Body loose enough, so that we see, ‘Stars,’ the ‘Etheric Plane Stars.’ Or, in which a tiny bullet or small fall can end it all.

Other signs of easy ‘detachment’ are the ways in which our, ‘imaginative powers’ can extend our ‘physical powers,’ the ways in which we can develop Clairvoyance (see Ophiel’s books) and other Powers. The ways by which all of us pick up some psychometry, and learn to recognise the powers we already have now. And which is the most important thing of all, to be able to ‘RECOGNISE?’ these ‘workings,’ the present ‘workings’ we now all possess and by knowing them, increase these powers and increase their potency. After the above brief, preliminary, introduction we will return to the subject of this Vignette.

Astral Projection, as it is called and referred to, generally means to ‘Leave’ the physical body and ‘go’ elsewhere, elsewhere being what was considered to be a ‘Plane’ named the “Astral Plane.” I want to correct several things-ideas right now, there are, depending on what teaching-book you are reading, seven planes, roughly considered. (For more exact knowledge about these seven planes see Ophiel’s other books and his correspondence course on Astral Projection.) I will use some ordinary English names here - Physical Plane - Etheric Plane - Lower Astral - Higher Astral - Mental Plane - Higher Mental - Archetypal Plane. (In this small article I cannot go too deeply into these planes and their meanings. Please see Ophiel’s other books and writings.)

When you 'Project,' by several different methods, you do not 'LEAVE THE BODY!' (If you read a book about "Astral Projection" and the author says that you "Leave" the "Body" and go "Off" somewhere, leaving a shell of a body behind/empty, you can depend on the fact that that author is a fake!) YOU DO NOT LEAVE THE BODY!!!

In any kind of 'Projections' YOU TRANSFER YOUR 'CENTRE' OF CONSCIOUSNESS TO ANOTHER PLANE!!!! This Transfer of your centre of consciousness, and not all of you, does away with that old boggy about some "evil" spirit will come along and take over your empty body 'shell.' Most of you is there at all times, and running the body's living machinery. With that out of the way, we can proceed onto the first projection kind of work-projections.

(Note - All projections are, actually, all the same. Projections are really not projections, in the sense of, out of, away from, the body. All projections are transfers of 'centres of consciousness,' to other 'centres of consciousness,' and they function as if it is a 'projection.' There are great 'mysteries' here but you don't have to know it all now for simple types of projection described here. Go along for now as it is.)

The following directions lay out and explain a system of projection, which I discovered and have named "The Little System." There are a number of things that you will use, have to use, in any kind of a projection system, and to gain some proficiency and practice in what the "Little System" was designed and adapted for. I repeat there are certain practices, such as visualization and image retention and recall and 'moving' in a projection, and other things that are demonstrated and used in the Little System. I suggest you perfect these things, using the Little System.

I have been informed, since publishing the Little System that some persons 'took off' in the middle of the Little System Projection. And went on 'out' easily. I didn't know this myself, until, I was told by students. So the system was better than I first thought. So don't neglect your early 'Little System Projections.'

To set up the practice of the Little System you select a route. You will have to adapt your route to your living circumstances. You can confine it to one floor or to several floors, go downstairs to the basement etc. After you have selected your route carefully, go over it several times until you know it very well in all the little details. Select four, five or six spots along the route and put something there, a picture, a vase, or an object of some familiar kind. Then, retrace the route, physically and study the objects you have placed there. Study it hard, study it carefully, study it minutely, set into your comprehension every little crack and scratch and distinctive distinction that is a part of the object you are 'engraving' on your memory, for recall later. Your intensity in so doing this is a measure of your success in recalling the object later. Do this with all the 'stations' until you know them very well.

To use this Little System you do this - You can do the work in the mornings when half awake, or you can do the work anytime that you can find the time to relax and go into a 'reverie' - half-awake and half-asleep. In your image making part of your mind consciousness you recall the route and the 'stations' in it. You get up from where you are, and go-walk-move along your route to the first station. You pause there and recall the object there to mind. Recall every detail in exact detail. Remain there as long as you want to or feel it is necessary. Then move onto the next station and repeat the process. In time you should become very proficient in travelling this route and making good recalls.

This Little System is a type of "Ethereic Projection" and is quite capable of training you for the other systems of projections. This system is capable of several other kinds of expansions, which you will learn yourself as soon as you get a good grasp of these

ideas. I was told, by a student that he “took off” in the middle of the route, and went ‘out’ somewhere else, on the Etheric Plane. You can rest assured, that, while travelling the route you ARE ON THE “ETHERIC PLANE” AND YOU ARE LEARNING TO PROJECT AND GETTING THE ‘FEEL’ OF IT.

I am going to give you one more ‘ordinary’ method of projections. This projection method is called the “Dream Method.” The Dream Method and the Little System is all you will need to start your projection work. There are other methods, which you will find in my book, “The Art and Practice of Astral Projection” which you should get and study, when you are more ready for it.

The Dream Method consists of learning to half wake-up, during the Dream, and recall that you are dreaming. You then take over the Dream and go around in it freely exploring the ‘Plane’ you are on. The vital point of the projections to prime yourself to learn to ‘half-wake-up’ in a Dream and this is done by ‘Desire.’ The ‘Desire’ to ‘half-wake-up’ in a Dream. In a period of time you begin to do that automatically. Even if this sounds difficult it is fairly easy: There is a book written by “Oliver Fox” called “Astral Projection.” This book was out of print for many years but is now back in print in a paper back. Mr Fox gives some details.

I followed his book in my first work but I had to clean it up as he got off on tangents and sidetracks and worries about whether God wants him to project, etc. In the Dream Method there is a curious phenomenon; in the projection you seem to be drawn ‘up-ward?’ and you cross a point when you cannot ‘walk’ anymore. You then have to proceed by ‘thinking-proceeding’. Apparently you have crossed over into the “Lower-Astral” and the method of ‘Locomotion’ changes from a somewhat semi-etheric-physical type to a ‘mental’ type. When you try to ‘move’ you experience ‘resistance?’ but no resistance to ‘mental’ willed movements: Practice both of the ‘systems’ outlined above.

When you achieve a degree of success in both of these ‘Systems’ you will be ready for other things and other advancements will come to you naturally.

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An 'Exercise in 'Preliminary Projection' – Part II

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In a matter of 'leaving' this/the Physical Plane and starting to explore the Planes beyond, a number of natural 'separations' are always occurring. In point of fact we are not really very firmly attached to this Physical Plane at any time during our physical life, as witness the ease with which a 'blow' on the head can knock the 'Etheric body' loose enough so that we 'see' the 'Etheric Plane's Stars,' or in which, a tiny 'bullet' or a 'small fall' can 'end it all.'

Other signs of easy 'detachment' are the ways in which our, 'imaginative powers' can extend our 'physical powers,' the ways in which we can develop 'Clairvoyance' (See 'Ophiel's' books) and other 'Powers.' The ways by which all of us pick up some psychometry, and learn to recognise the powers we already have now, - Which is the most important thing of all, - to be able to 'RECOGNISE?' these 'workings,' the present 'workings' we now all 'possess' and by 'knowing' them, increase these 'powers' and increase their 'potency.'

It is, 'during' sleep, that the, 'bonds' of 'earth' are loosened for us all. It is from the, 'sleep state' that it is 'easiest' to make a certain type of 'Projection,' called the, 'Dream Method' of projection. (See 'Ophiel's' book called, "The Art & Practice of Astral Projection.") However, be that as it may, there occurs to many of us now, - (And to those it does not occur, it can be 'developed.')

a 'certain type' of simple phenomenon; I refer to a type of 'half-awake,' 'half-asleep,' condition, in which you are not immediately aware of, 'IN WHAT DIRECTION YOU ARE LYING IN BED.'

This has happened to me many times and has also happened to some of my friends as they told me when I questioned them about it. When I became aware of this situation/sensation, I straightened myself out directionally automatically. Today, this morning, however, when I became aware that I could not determine in which directions I lay, it occurred to me to prolong the sensation for as long as I could. And this I did. I then tried to feel I was floating above the bed in the air, but I couldn't get that feeling no matter how I tried. 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. 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-cognise 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 tarot 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. - Also, there is more knowledge available in 'Ophiel's' other writings. Check.

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The 'Two Creators'

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You should have read the Occult Vignette 'Dreamer - Creator - Number One' before reading this vignette 'Agent - Creator - Doer - Number Two' because if you have not read number one, number two antecedents might not be too clear to you, and I cannot repeat all the material from number one here.

The 'oldest' quest-hunt in the world is the quest-hunt for a 'Higher Power' who/which rules/governs people and things. Priests and 'Prophets' have come along endlessly in past ages and set up systems of 'ideas' about 'Higher Powers' which systems 'work' for some decades of centuries and then fall into 'desire' and 'decay.' I am not writing history nor do I need to, all you need to do is to read any ancient history book and include a modern history book, and unless you are completely dumb, you cannot help but notice the 'rise' and 'fall' of these systems. Systems, both 'Religious' and 'Political.' Or, as that translated French, I think, proverb says, "There is nothing permanent but change!"

However, all that is neither there nor here. What you should be looking for is the equivalent of getting 'Knowledge,' as much 'Knowledge' as possible, of what 'Power' possibly does lie behind the physical world appearance. And at least, make an attempt to contact such a 'Power.' The main test being does the/a/any 'contact' produce 'RESULTS!' If it does not produce 'RESULTS!' then to hell with it. (I say 'spinach' and to Hell with it!)

Dear students - I can see, in the preceding, that I didn't give much information about different types of possible 'Powers' which you might have come into 'contact' with, I gave in 'Vignette #1' of this series some back ground material on these 'Powers' which please read again, and then resume. I trust you studied the 'concept' of the 'idea' of the "Vast Countenance" and the "Lesser Countenance" who/which 'Creates?' the 'World/Universe' 'THROUGH?' its 'DREAMS?' There is another 'idea' of the same as the 'Lesser Countenance' but which came from another time, later I think, culture. The 'Two' countenances are 'Jewish' and the "Demiurgeous" is 'Greek.'

To get down to 'nitty gritty' again. Around the first century, A.D. there existed; a religion called the "Gnostics." I am not a 'scholar' I have not done an exhaustive research on them. When I found out about the Gnostics such a 'bell' rang in my mind that I went no further, or 'rather' I didn't contact the Gnostics through books. 'I 'contacted?' the Demiurgeous ITSELF!!!' and then I went to the books to find out 'what?' I had 'Contacted?' So, my approach was much 'different' than the 'usual?' You can also, 'SEE THE DEMIURGEOUS' for YOURSELF!! and there is 'NO ARGUMENT!!' about 'ITS' existence? What so ever!

I will repeat part of this; through the exercise of the 'Art of Astral Projection' (Ethereic) Projection I became aware of certain effects during a projection. My attention being attracted by these effects I followed up with a study of the effects. My further attention was caught by a similarity in appearance and description of these effects and some reading I had done in the past about Gnostics. Now, before going on to describe how you can influence the Demiurgeous the same as you can 'influence' the Lesser Countenance, I will again attempt to make an intellectual link between the 'Two' first so you will have some 'idea' of what you are 'doing?' and 'what?' is 'what?'

I do this because it seems to me that when a person knows what he is 'doing' he can handle 'IT' 'better' and 'Best.' You will find the description - explanation - of the "Lesser Countenance" in 'Vignette #1' which, please review.

The substance of a statement from Gnostic literature, which attracted my attention, was - paraphrasing it - 'God is not physical' - The 'World' 'IS?' 'Physical' - therefore 'GOD,' cannot 'KNOW!' 'ANYTHING!!' about the 'Physical World' 'DIRECTLY??' 'GOD' WOULD HAVE TO 'WORK?' 'THROUGH??' AN 'AGENT??' TO 'OPERATE' ON THE 'PHYSICAL WORLD' - TO 'GOVERN?' THE 'PHYSICAL WORLD??' Note the 'similarity' here - the Gnostic 'GOD' is not 'PHYSICAL' - It 'does not' - 'CANNOT??' by its 'NATURE?' work 'DIRECTLY' on the 'PHYSICAL PLANE??' - see the similarity of this, 'NON PHYSICAL 'GOD' AND THE 'VAST COUNTEANCE' - other than nothing being said about the 'composition' and 'nature' of the Vast Countenance the 'concepts' are almost 'identical??'

The 'Vast Countenance' and the 'Lesser Countenance' 'ideas' came from the "Zohar." The Zohar may have had, and almost certainly did leave out, additional 'teachings' and 'knowledge' which, were given 'mouth to ear.' It is a 'miracle' that as much got written down as did get written down on paper. The 'blanks' can be 'filled' in when one reaches a certain degree of 'knowledge' as is 'done' here in making the 'Gnostic' - 'Countenance' connections.

As to the nature of this 'Gnostic Agent,' the 'agent' would have to 'partake' of both the 'Nature' of God and the 'Nature' of Earth, be a 'Mixture' of 'Both?' or another way of saying it, 'Part' spiritual and 'Part' physical. Nothing was said of the Lesser Countenance as to what its 'Consistency?' was, but as afore said, this 'Knowledge' was probably not written down but 'Transmitted?' by 'Word of Mouth to Ear.' It is probable, in fact 'certain' by its name 'Lesser' that it was not on the same 'Level' as the 'NON-MATERIAL-GOD' 'IT' 'WORKS?? FOR??'

The name given to the 'Gnostic Agent' was DEMIURGEOUS which means 'HALF-GOD?' I personally was 'stuck' for a time on this name as I 'mis-thought' the word 'Demi' meant 'small' whereas the name 'means' 'Half' - like demi-tass, a half-cup of coffee. - After I got straightened out in my thinking I recognised the 'correct' meaning of the position of the 'AGENT', which I had not 'quite' recognised before. The above 'conceptions' crystallised for me slowly some time ago. That is, the 'intellectual' 'conceptions' did follow my 'seeing' the 'Astral Light' on the 'Ethereic Plane' in a projection and then, I repeat as I said, I remembered a few 'words/descriptions' from some Gnostic literature and so turned to the literature for further 'knowledge' of this 'Thing?' I will state that at first, the 'preceding' is all I did, 'Identify' the 'Astral Light' as the Demiurgeous and learn more about it. I did 'think' that all 'things' came FROM! the 'Astral Light.' I 'knew' the 'Light' was 'like' a liquid. I 'knew' it could be 'influenced?' etc, but! I did not 'know' 'EXACTLY? HOW?'

Then, reading further Gnostic literature, I found another 'Gnostic' group that 'taught' that the Demiurgeous was 'EVIL!!' that the Demiurgeous 'CREATED??' All the 'EVIL' things on 'Earth.' (See the 'similarity?' to the 'Lesser Countenance?') That the Demiurgeous 'DOES!' 'CREATE' the 'Physical World' is 'Probably True????' And that the 'Physical World' can be 'CONSIDERED? EVIL?' is 'ALSO?' 'Probably True????'

In these small articles I have not been able to go into any great detail about either of these 'God Forces' the "Lesser Countenance" and the "Demiurgeous". - Much of the 'preliminary' material and up to date material is in my books. And if you will study and 'understand' everything so far, you can 'make' a good 'start.' I will give you 'more' out in greater detail as it comes to me. Look for it.

Witchcraft

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As you know, in England and America there has been a sort of revival of so-called Witchcraft. Many women are running around calling themselves witches and as nobody really knows what a true witch is or was, or what Witchcraft is or was, they are getting away with it. But I guess it doesn't really matter very much and it all can be considered good clean fun.

Ophiel is not a "warlock" or connected with any official "witches coven" in any way, shape, or form, however. Ophiel does intend to go to England sometime and try to contact a fairly reliable, real, coven and ask to be taken in as a special member. In return for this I will give the coven material of a certain nature, which I feel, should not be offered freely, to the world at first, for two special reasons.

- 1) The 'Knowledge' is advanced and specialised and of no value to anyone unless they are Advanced enough to Use it.
- 2) Some previous interview/contact should be made first to find out what use is to be made of the Knowledge.

However, outside of all this Ophiel has a good idea of what "Witchcraft" really is, as well as some of the other mysteries of ancient times, such as the "Eleusinian Mysteries." In the first place, all the crud you hear about witches in history, - their appearance, their actions - is a lie put out by those Roman Catholic Church Fanatics to discredit the witches as Rivals of Christianity.

Witchcraft is a religion, a "Nature Religion," a Natural Nature Religion that involves some fertility rites and contact with Nature's Forces and their Use. (This is much the same as Ophiel teaches now.) And that is just about all there is to it. Of course, all these people in this Nature Religion being close to Nature for hundreds of centuries, did pick up much Nature Lore about herbs, seasonal influences, the passage and movements of the Sun, Moon and Planets and all the things which make up the Physical World Cosmos and the Next Plane Up - the Etheric Plane - and also the 'Attachments' between this Physical Plane and the Etheric Plane.

How these attachments/wires/ropes function is the control of this Physical Plane from the Inner Planes. All this knowledge in a more or less garbled form, was acquired by these Nature religionists and was held by them to be sacred or at least very private and was never given out freely to outsiders. It was taught mainly by word of mouth.

A tremendous amount of this, 'Witch nature process,' took place before the discovery of printing but even then there was less desire than ever to put down on paper any Sacred Knowledge. This reluctance to record and share Knowledge is the main reason so little is known about what the witches knew and what they did. Much Knowledge was lost upon the death of an old Witch when she neglected to select and train a successor, especially if the death was accidental and/or unexpected.

There appears to be the custom, especially among the American Indians, that each medicine man should acquire his 'Magic Knowledge' for himself and thus each medicine man had to acquire his magical proficiency by himself and could not build on a previous foundation of Knowledge.

This of course, is not as good as it could be, as if each school child had to 'rediscover' arithmetic for himself, instead of being able to learn a standard block of Knowledge and continue to build upon that block. I recall a history story along these lines. The Indians hunted the buffalo, or rather bison, for all their needs. But at the time they required larger numbers of animals for food, as before the onset of winter. They apparently would lure these animals over a cliff and then finish them off below as they were disabled by the fall.

To accomplish this, the current medicine man would do the actual job of getting a stampede started and then lead the stampeding animals toward the cliff. They would run and could not turn aside even when the leading animals discovered the cliff. I recall in this story that the only bison 'caller' the tribe possessed was getting old and sick and the tribe was rightly concerned about their future food supply. It appeared that the young, upcoming medicine man was not fully ready to take responsibility. So the tribal council approached the old medicine man and asked him what could be done. He replied that he could not tell his 'secret magic' as it was his Magic - discovered by him - and telling would destroy its efficiency.

However, under the pressure of the circumstances he did agree to allow the new medicine man to come fairly close to him while he 'called' the buffalo to learn what he could without being told directly what the Magic was. But the old man was killed by a miscalculation before he could divulge his magic buffalo-calling secret, so it was now up to the young medicine man to learn for him self.

The story continues with the young medicine man going out with some friends to observe and study the buffalo. After some weeks of fasting and concentration and other semi-occult practices, they discovered/observed that a buffalo stampede was often started by one animal 'starting off' on a run for no reason, and that others would also follow without reason. The young medicine man covered himself and his horse with a buffalo robe and rode along the edge of the herd, and then, suddenly he broke into a gallop alongside the herd. Invariably the herd would follow and a stampede was in full swing. So the secret was discovered!

Now, of course, there are much deeper laws of Nature to be discovered and used. In the case of these Indians, each medicine man had to start anew so those deeper discoveries could not be attained as they were in the Witchcraft covens in Europe. Even these were scattered and destroyed in the persecution by the Roman Catholics and other dear Christians. There were always a large number of Witches, and their students who escaped did train others and these others, and building on this basic block of 'Knowledge' did make a degree of progress and some new discoveries. Progress was also made through contact between Witches of different countries.

The Occult Forces, which I speak of here, are basically the same forces, which Ophiel has been teaching about now for some time. The Knowledge of these forces consists of the fact that there are 'Planes' 'Inside' and 'Above' this Outer Physical Plane. You will find through these Inner Planes, moving downwards, that there is a 'HALF-GOD' Force called by many names. The name I use is the "Astral Light." It is upon these two 'Basic Knowledge' facts, that ALL "MAGIC" and OCCULTISM RESTS. And again I repeat, Ophiel teaches all these things freely and openly and I can truly say, and affirm, that in the beginning and well into your occult development you need look no further than his books and lessons.

Today, screwballs are dressing-up 'Practices' of Witchcraft as sex orgies, black masses, devil worship, or Satan worship, plus hell knows what other 'silly ideas' they will attach to Witchcraft, in spite of the fact, that there are many good, clear and concise books that tell the Truth about Witchcraft.

Then, of course, there is the classic depiction of a “witch” as being the ‘old bag’ female in a cottage on the outskirts of a town (Maybe living in a ‘Ginger Bread’ house!). Mumbling curses, handing out love philtres, riding off to devil dance parties on a broom, and generally being an all-round bad character, whereas, the truth is the opposite. (To show how wrong the world is about witches, the drawings of witches riding brooms show the straw part of the broom at the back/rear whereas the straw part is in the front of the ridding witch and has a candle on it to light the way!) The noun “Witch,” I am told, comes from the Old English word “Wicca” which means “Wise,” so a “Witch” is a “Wise woman.”

When many old people who have been active mentally and metaphysically all their lives begin to lose their ‘sex creative powers,’ those powers turn(?) to ‘Magic Powers.’ Especially so in women, more especially when women reach and pass their “change of life” (As Dion Fortune says in substance.) Then, with their newly enhanced powers these older people begin to cognise the presence of an/the ‘Inner World/s’ and realise the many ways for entering those Inner Worlds and manipulating the contents therein so as to bring about desired Physical Plane results.

This is ‘ALL’ there is to ‘MAGIC’ basically. However, there is another kind of ‘magic’ which in my opinion is not necessary nowadays as you can now develop by ‘Acquired Knowledge’ which was not available in the older days. I repeat, that this is ‘ALL’ there is to ‘MAGIC!’

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SERIES 4 LESSONS

The Winter Solstice 1974-1975

An Occult Vignette

by

Ophiel

As you no doubt already know, the earth tilts about 18 degrees from the perpendicular and this tilting causes the Sun in its yearly cycle apparently to "travel" north to the degree 0 Capricorn and south to the degree 0 Cancer; that is, apparently. On or about December 21st the Sun is as far north as it will go, and on or about June 22nd it is as far south as it will go. These days are called the first day of Winter (December 21st) and the first day of summer (June 22nd.) The first day of Spring is March 22nd and the first day of Autumn, September 22nd. The first day of spring is also called the Vernal Equinox, and the first day of Autumn the Autumnal Equinox. There are two other words used in these seasonal connections: The Summer Solstice (June 22nd) and the Winter Solstice (December 22nd.)

Solstice means to stand still, and is the day the sun alters its direction north to south, or south to north from the celestial equator. The word Equinox means to be equal, i.e., on March 22nd and September 22nd the days are equal in length, twelve hours daylight and twelve hours darkness. What do these two facts mean to us? How can we USE them? For it is of no value to talk endlessly about things and not use them, or to want to use them, and not know how. You can start your own USE by noting that these points are "turning" points in the year's cycle (circle). At each of these points you have a fresh start, as it were, a point from which to invoke new forces, in turn.

Since writing my previous material, I have come across something new, which changes everything I wrote previously - or, rather, enlarges everything I have written previously. Thus, instead of saying "invoke new forces in turn," I should say: going through, working through, the highest Earth Power, you then invoke the lower new powers.

TODAY - from the Occult, and also from the Non-Occult viewpoint:

I do not want to make an outright accusation, but it would appear that crime is on the rise, and the present type of police department seems helpless to cope, AND are conceding this fact. It once used to be said, with smug satisfaction from police and puritan-type church groups that "Crime does not pay" (while the policemen beat up some dime-store shoplifter.) But today, considering the vast amount of material stolen from the helplessness of the police to recover the goods, except by accident, I would say that "Crime does Pay and pays very well.)

Some goofs have said that the people have the kind of government they want, and when they want a different kind, they will change it. What should be said is that people have the kind of government they deserve and when they deserve better, they will get it. A Republican democracy can be a wonderful thing, and again, it can be a pain in the back!! (Even the original Greek democracies weren't always consistent; at one time the people would vote one way, and at another, completely reverse themselves!) In the great legislative bodies the "people's" representatives always include a number of nuts in it who block progressive legislation at all times, and no truly progressive laws can get passed due to such nuts. For example, remember how the nuts were able once to get a law passed that margarine must be hand-coloured by the purchaser. And that law stood on the books for years. Then it took two sessions of Congress to get the law repealed. Yet the commonest of common sense

would indicate that the silly law should never have been passed in the first place, and if passed, should have been repealed first time round.

Ophiel himself does not smoke nor take drugs, so he has no self-interest in tobacco, drugs or marijuana. But “merry-wanny” is here to stay. No amount of money poured out like water is going to stop the use of marijuana. No amount of police power is going to stop the use of marijuana, police power which should be used on much more important matters than that.

Then there is the use of the hard drugs. A sensible solution would be for the government to furnish the addicts their “shots” for a nominal sum at certain places, as I understand this is done in England. When this was proposed here, I recall there were loud squawks from the police departments that this would create “problems.” But nothing was said about the problems, which the non-application of this plan was constantly re-creating all the time, such as constant stealing and other crimes to get the money for “fixes.” Then when the police began cracking down on these stupid addicts and stupid marijuana users, to the exclusion of other enforcement work, such as attention to burglars and muggers, they would plead that the laws must be enforced uniformly, as they proceeded to enforce the laws un-uniformly!! - Concentrating on all kinds of stuff such as bookies and pornography, and as I said, letting the much more important crimes go by.

It should be the duty of all knowing occultists to mentally combat this police “disease” and mentally picture the police forces doing their proper and necessary work, or getting out of the picture and letting someone else do it who will do it. It is the duty of occult students of goodwill and understanding to use their powers to pressure the government to do the right thing, as you may be sure the negative forces are pressurising the government to do the wrong things.

We are going through an entirely unnecessarily rotten economic time. In my opinion this rotten time is due to the government’s concentrating on that stupid Watergate stuff instead of attending to running the country, and running the country properly. It therefore behoves all knowledgeable occultists to STUDY and APPLY the basic-basics of the knowledge for his benefits ALONE until he has mastered the Laws of Supply so he has plenty and from his plenty can give to others.

Ophiel has written a book on the subject of Supply - a book with a rather long title - “The Art and Practice of Getting Material Things Through Creative Visualisation.” The subject of supply has been a touchy one throughout all history, and indeed even before recorded history. Magic has always been used, from the beginning of the human race, to help in hunting food. And the same kind of Magic that was used by Peking Man is the Magic you use today to bring you what you want!!! - and to avoid being enmeshed in this present economic turmoil. In this little article we naturally cannot go too far into details. Please see other books and writings I have sent forth on this subject.

Fundamentally, the Inner Planes are full of LIGHT. This Light is the Secondary God, the existence of which is hinted at in various places in the Bible - in spite of ignorant translators and the difficulties of the different languages into which the Scriptures were translated. This Physical Plane is the LIGHT “condensed.” The condensation process is highly technical, definitely not simple. This process has to be learned, as does the construction of the Inner Planes. Ophiel stands ready to teach this condensing process to the best of his present knowledge, but please note that Ophiel does not claim to know everything! Also, please note that it is the faker who claims to know everything!!!

All powers and “secrets” and magical practices are connected with knowledge of the nature of the Astral Light. There are also some very divergent “revelations” of the nature of God that are also connected with the Astral Light. These secrets can open up your life to vast possibilities now unknown. Truthfully, your studies can go as far as you want to go, but actually you do not have to go too deeply to be able to help yourself quite well. And anyhow once started, your continued growth is automatic.

However, you can hasten your growth, or you can allow it to advance at a slower pace. Contact Ophiel for detailed directions. Keep stiff the upper lip (What does that mean?) and develop and use your personal Astral Light contact power to the limit over the coming year.

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Spring Equinox Message for 1975

An Occult Vignette

by
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It probably could be said that the advent of Spring is the most welcomed of all the four seasons, especially in the temperate zone of the world, when Spring means an end to the rigors and the cold of winter. We already explained, in the Winter Solstice Issue, how the Sun does its yearly change number, apparently going south for the "winter" and then returning for the "summer" and I trust you are aware of the mechanical operation on the part of these "heavenly bodies." In trying to find some deep reason for all this fuss over the return of the Sun, I have consulted what authorities are available at hand, such as the encyclopedia etc. I am now referring more particularly to the Roman Catholic Church run fuss known as Lent.

Again, as usual, turning to the dictionary-encyclopaedia light on the subject word Lent - the dictionary says: ME (Middle English) Lente, springtime. Old English, Gengten, akin to Old High German, Lensin, spring. As you can see, two important definitions are apparent here. The first outstanding item is - the word Lent means Spring and the word has its origin in the German-Saxon. So it comes from the German races who embraced Christianity AND PUT THEIR OWN INTERPRETATIONS-MEANING ON INTERPRETATIONS.

The Bible is written in Semitic and Semitic words (which Semitic words and thinking processes are close to being Oriental - definitely not North European.) This process results in an entirely different meaning being applied than what the original meaning was intended to be. The Old English meanings of religious words were based on their Old Norse Gods worship meanings and not on Greek thought meanings, which were entirely different.

(A little side issue.) For example, Christians constantly say: "Bless you!" The word 'bless' (dictionary again) comes from Middle English - Blesson' Old English - Blestian; French - Blod. French definition - the use of blood in consecration! These definitions are not too clear except they show the word 'bless' comes from blood - and that is not what is intended when a person today says "bless you" to another person. Actually the words "bless you" mean, basically, to 'cut off your head and sprinkle it on a wooden statue of Odin.' (Churches, please do not try to take refuge in the statement that 'this is not what is meant now-a-days.' The old root meaning is what governs the action or use of the word and not any recent changes in meanings. Therefore, use words more carefully.)

So now, to get back to lent and to spring. It seems obvious, from a glance at primitive people's history, that truly their lives depended on their crops "coming in good" each year and upon the prolificacy of their animals in producing new additions of themselves and plenty of them. And, as I said before, it did not escape the attention of the ancients that the time of the year when this activity took place was just before and during Spring. The ancients had Gods which were attached especially to this "Spring Time," and to which they paid a great deal of attention of all kinds.

The fussy attention paid to Spring Gods has since been called "The Rites of Spring," and ceremonies too numerous to describe or designate took place over a long period of time running back into antiquity and then into the beginning of the human race. One rite can be mentioned. Some kind of a Male God Husband figure of an Earth

Goddess is killed and then brought back to life resurrection. This motif in many different forms took place in Spring Rites. You can find them in history books.

And so we come down to today. What do we find? For a 40-day period extending back from Easter Sunday, there exists a basic Roman Catholic rite called Lent. During the period, Roman Catholics are supposed to do and not do certain things, some of the things being dietary.

We have in this country what is called religious freedom. (However, the Roman Catholics are constantly trying to impose their doctrines upon others through pressure on lawmakers.) For example, abortion laws. The abortion matter should be between the woman and her doctor and none other. It is so queer for the Roman Catholics to take this course when history shows that the Church, almost from the beginning, killed more babies, children, women, men than any other institution on earth!!) Having freedom to follow a religion or freedom not to follow a religion, you can observe the Lent stuff if you so choose or choose not. However, in my opinion, the carrying on of this Lent stuff does cause a lot of trouble to some people, especially as now-a-days agriculture and animal husbandry prolificacy has intelligence and science to help it along without the aid of fasting or abstaining from this or that.

Years ago I had a little bakery delivery route, which turned out to be deeply affected by Lent in that the business suffered greatly during the Lent period, and I was not a follower of those ideas. On the TV a few days ago, the arrival of Lent coincided with a children's Disneyland outing trip. The children's trip was cancelled because some damn church adults decided to make the children suffer because it was Lent!!! Not a cool idea I'd say.

As I said the observance of Spring Rites goes way back. But 2000 years ago, more or less, the Spring Rites go connected up with the Jesus Christ death syndrome, and the Pagan Rites were baptised and taken into the Christian Church gradually - to which Jesus Christ person and Christian religion it has no real connection. If the Roman Catholic sheep want to follow those ideas, then let them do it and shut up about others doing it. The Roman Catholic Church has all it can do to work off the bad Karma it has accumulated through the centuries!!

And now down to today!!!

In regard to the political scene - for some unknown reason the should-be leaders of this nation went to sleep the last few years. When they partially aroused themselves, they found that a certain section of the world seemed to have all the oil there was. And so, that section has many nations under their thumb - oil-wise that is. In spite of the fact that this country imported on 6% of its oil, it was said at first, now the last I heard it was that we import 10-14%. But even this amount should not warrant tripling the price of 90% of the rest of the domestic oil, or gasoline output. The partly aroused leadership of this country now stands there staggering and can seem to find nothing in the way of any idea of a possible solution to the problem. Therefore it is very important for all Occult students who possess knowledge to "think right" and to use the processes of Creative Visualisation, as given in Ophiel's book, to "treat" the government of the United States - to make the government do the "right thing" - for its self and for you.

To put it somewhat simply, visualise the government doing the "right thing" in all its actions, and HOLD that picture-feeling-thought firmly. At the risk of repeating obvious TRUTHS, all occult students should use the power-actions of CREATIVE VISUALIZATIONS during the coming year; for yourself-himself-herself benefits.

Again repeat! Ophiel suggests, in connections with the above, that you then work for yourself and do not get bogged down in trying to work for others. You cannot really influence/help others until they ASK you for knowledge and assistance.

Ophiel has found, to his amazement, that many people want to be hurt and to suffer, and to be miserable and in endless cases do not even know about this, but are impelled by a subconscious desire, a queer desire, put on them by others, without their own real life desire at all!! In a case like this, your efforts to help not only can come to nothing but they could actually be aroused to turn on you and physically hurt you, driven by the compulsion that controls them.

This subject is so vast and beyond Ophiel's power to fully resolve here. Ophiel does not have this sort of compulsion himself and did not recognise this queer thing for many years of his life. If you have such a buried compulsion, seek some psychological help. But you probably don't have it, so don't yield to the suggestion.

Well! Ophiel must close for this "season." The next message should be the Summer Solstice. Ophiel might be in Europe - health permitting - Ophiel may get to India. Ophiel will give a full report on the state of the Occult in Europe and Asia and India!!!!

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Jesus is Coming?

An Occult Vignette

by

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As I walk up and down 'Hollywood Boulevard' I am constantly presented with leaflets by young men and women, which leaflets proclaim that 'Jesus is coming!'

Now, fifty-four years ago, I joined for a period of about two years, 'The Seventh-Day Advent Church.' Which is 'expecting?' the/an 'Advent?' a/the 'Return?' of 'Jesus Christ' coinciding with the 'end??' of the 'World??' Due to a 'very peculiar' mental characteristics of my make-up, I left this church in about two years because of discrepancies in 'actions' by the 'Church Members' as 'against' their 'talk?' a 'discrepancy which has no real bearing here on my writings.

I 'probably' should explain, though, that I cannot stand the kind of 'talking one way?' and then 'doing? Just the opposite?' If you are going to 'do' something, then 'do it?' 'Unashamedly' but don't 'talk' about how, 'wicked?' it is for 'others' to do 'certain' things and then 'sneak out' and 'do' the things yourself! 'Undercover, on the side! a 'Hypocrisy' I cannot 'bear', as it is so 'snide' and 'cheap' and 'sleazy!'

But, back to the subject, it does seem, from the 'New Testament' stories, that 'Jesus' after he 'arose' from the 'dead' and was around for a time, ascended 'up-above,' with a promise to, 'come back again?' Now, it is certainly amazing to us 'mortals?' as to 'why?' didn't 'Jesus' remain here then, and go on with what he was 'doing?' before, only pouring it on 'stronger' than 'ever?' Continuing his 'teachings' and his 'ministry?'

Also, it seems 'strange' that 'Jesus' did not 'END?' the 'World?' 'There & Then??' in 30 A.D. instead of 'Going-Away?' and 'Promising?' to 'Come Back?' later?? 'Why??' wait?? Eventually, 'WHY NOT NOW???' Since that date in A.D. 30, countless 'Nuts' have 'proclaimed' the 'return?' of 'Jesus' by some 'certain' date, generally scores of years in the 'Future?' This 'space' of 'years' gives them some time to get 'around?' the 'country' and 'proclaim?' the 'good-news?' (!?!!) And 'drive' 'weaker minds' half-nuts with 'fear' and 'anxiety?'

In more or less modern times the most notable of these 'screwballs' was a man by the name of 'Miller' (This is being described from memory, so I am being general in the matter of first names and 'exact' dates.) Miller was a 'New England' farmer. For heaven knows 'what?' reason, he got to 'studying' the Bible, especially the 'Book of Daniel.' He got quite 'hyped-up' over the 'passages' in 'Daniel' relating to 'Times and a Half a time.' and by some mathematical deductions of his 'own' he figured out that the time period 'referred' to there was due to end in 1844? Still some few years in the 'future' from 'his' then 'today.'

'Miller' quit farming and 'travelled' all over 'New England' 'proclaiming' his 'ideas/theories.' He got a 'following.' One of those 'symbolic' references in the 'Bible' which, is taken to refer to the 'Last Days' is something about 'Stars falling from Heaven.' (The Skys) It happened, cosmically speaking, that during a 'time period' preceding 1844 the Earth encountered and 'passed through' a cloud of cosmic detritus that 'resulted' in a terrific display of meteors. This 'shower' of meteors was taken to 'mean' the 'Stars falling from Heaven?' Although there is a 'big' difference between a 'meteor' falling into the earth's atmosphere and a 'Fixed Star' of 'untold' trillions of miles away, 'falling' into the earth's atmosphere.

The 'Bible' has always been a bit 'careless' in its definitions. A 'shower' of meteors 'occurred' on November 13th in 1832 and again in 1833 on November and on November 14th 1866, the 'year!' 'Miller' had 'picked?' for the 'END!' These 'recurring' showers of 'falling stars' were known as the 'Leonides' as they seemed to 'come?' from a 'point' in the constellation of 'Leo' Also, notice, they had a 33-year 'cycle.' Probably the 1833 'display' was the 'clincher?' for the 'Millerites,' who 'ignored?' all of the 'other' 33 year 'cycles' before that 'date.' To make a 'long' story, 'longer,' nothing happened? And 'people' duly 'resumed' their daily 'activities' 'What else?' can be 'said' in such 'brief' writings as these?

Again I say there doesn't seem to be much sense in the 'Bible' story of 'Jesus' taking off that-a-way 2000 years ago when he had proved his 'point?' in every way here. Why not wind up the world there and then? Instead of letting it go on and on and on and on! Get some books and read about the first 200 years of the church. Ah, they had some merry times then! Many people expected the end any day so they ceased to work, and as 'Jesus' had forgiven them their sins, they had a lot of wicked fun, so much that even the pagans looked askance at them! Read what Paul has to say about them in his letters. I am reasonably sure you can forget about a 'Second Coming' No real holy authority for it?

All reference to it in the 'Bible' are later insertions. All that stuff then, and what it grew into today, is for the birds. I have said repeatedly that the knowledge of Religion is full of traps, blinds, dead ends, false assumptions no end. But if you really want to 'Know' you can find out but you must think, and examine and hunt. Nothing outward is what it looks to be (old cliché) appearances are 'deceiving.' The simplest way to start the 'Great Work' is to be told that 'Matter' the 'Material World' is not really real, in the sense we thought. That being the case and if the 'Matter World' is not really 'Matter' as the world 'thinks' THEN THE WORLD HAS ALREADY ENDED (For you) and you take it from there.

I can give you another starting hint - viz. - The 'TRUTH' (Of all 'BEING') is the opposite of what we think it is!!!! (WoW!!!) I can give you another hint-guide; A very good 'START' to 'IT ALL' is to learn to 'project' your 'centre' of 'consciousness' onto the next plane above the 'Physical Plane' (Don't worry about the 'other' planes; the 'Ethereic Plane' will keep you 'busy' for the rest of your 'life!!!!')

THE CURSE

What It Really Is – And How to Do.

An Occult Vignette
by
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A Curse - what isn't? To do the dictionary check number, - as I always do, - and depending on which dictionary you consult, you should find that the word "curse" comes from the old German word "hex", and "hex" means to cross, as to cross one's path, or to put 'something' in the path of a person, or to 'double cross' a person, or to run across (discover) a person's tracks-path, etc. (Putting an obstruction or block across a person's path suggests the role of the/a devil, whose function is to obstruct persons as they go about living life; to tell lies about a person, thus obstructing him, which lies deceive others and the person, also.) (Please give the foregoing your close attention, as it will be applied in the material following.)

Usually the idea of a Curse is that of an old woman, witch-woman type, sitting around a fire on which a pot is boiling furiously. She throws into the pot some unsavory-looking things which react violently, emitting a cloud of smoke, and into this smoke she screams something, and then something "bad" happens to someone, maybe someone even miles away. I say that this is the usual idea of a curse.

Actually the "giving out" or "putting on" of a curse is not that complicated at all. A mere feeling vibration directed towards a nation, a state, a city, another person, or an animal, or a plant, or a climatic condition, can cause "changes" to take place, - changes which are or are not desirable. PROVIDED the local cosmic conditions are such that the projected vibrations are allowed to "go out" and do their work AT THAT TIME.

A hex/curse is much more common than is ordinarily known to everyday people. In point of fact it is so common that we have become used to it, or immune to it, as could be said. Our (what noun shall I use for our "being"?) "life-living" seems to make adjustments constantly to low grade curses, in much the same way our bodies make adjustments to low types of germ infection.

But then again, as is also the case when a newly powerful germ appears, the ordinary defenses of the body are overwhelmed and disaster results. Just so can a new, powerful Hex "come" and overwhelm the usual psychic-body defenses and disaster is the result. (Now, do not be open to suggestion and imagine all kinds of things! Real curses and those able to use them, are as scarce as hen's teeth!!)

It is my intention in this do-it-yourself vignette to explain the basic-basics of a curse. Once you understand the basics, you should be able to protect yourself, as well as do a little 'counter-attack' yourself!!

Elsewhere, I have written extensively about the Astral Light, which please see and study. Here I will touch upon some different aspects of the Astral Light.

The inner plane next to the physical is called the Etheric Plane. The word Ether is from the Greek and means to shine. Illuminated persons who have developed projection to the Inner Planes have described this Shining Plane as the Sea of Shining Ether. I use the words "Astral Light". The Astral Light is God!!!! More about

this I cannot explain in this small Vignette; I have covered much of this subject in other writings, which please see.

The Astral Light is intelligent. It does what you ask-tell it to do - IF ASKED-TOLD IN THE PROPER MANNER. There are other conditions, too, which must be met. The question of Time is very queer in this matter. Time 'over there' is not the same as time here. Too, sequences there are different. 'Here' we "go" from 1 to 10, - "there" we "no-go" from 10 to 1. Apparently, all is reversed "over there" compared to "here."

It was strange to me when reading a Christian Science article recently to notice the author calling this world or universe, a counterfeit universe. If he had used the word "counterpart" instead of counterfeit, he would have been much nearer the Truth. Counterfeit and counterpart are somewhat similar in meaning when used in this one connection, the connection between this physical plane and its "works" and the etheric plane and its "works". Everything exists on ALL PLANES as a counterpart or duplicate; but the word "counterfeit" is also correct in the sense of a double or duplicate, even if not of the same "texture" or quality as the other is.

With some of these 'simple' matters explained (?), we can proceed with the curse knowledge.

Generally, the Astral Light does what you tell it to do, in spite of what I said about the reversals. Generally, I said. It appears again that certain types of people can use the Astral Light better than others. If you take note of these people, you will see that they are those who have begun to REVERSE their opinions about this world and to "think" and act and to TREAT everything just THE REVERSE of the way ordinary people think and do/act!! These people are metaphysicians and occultists and witches and medicine men, shamans, brujos, and so forth. Or, to put it another way, these people just plain think differently than other people think, the ordinary run of the mill people.

Please give the preceding much hard thought, and take it to your heart. Go over it again now in a slightly different manner. From times past, as far back as we can go in the history of man, there have been, have existed, certain men and women with "Powers over Nature", which powers sometimes "worked" and sometimes didn't work. [Important aside: Precise study should show that . . . Confidence . . . Faith . . . Belief . . . were strong factors in the "working" of the/any Powers, especially if such qualities were present in the recipient of the Power. Again, - if a strong factor of Confidence/Belief was not present, Powers directed by others sometimes did not work.]

Now for your practical "WORK". You now know something about the Astral Light and something as to how it works. When you want to accomplish something on the physical plane; 1st - Be Calm. 2nd - Quiet the waves of Astral Light, give it any form you want. 4th - Then tell it, say to it, calmly, "You are intelligent. I know you can do what I ask you to do."

Again, notice the following: Instead of telling the "image blob" what to do directly, say it this way (for example), "wouldn't it be (nice) (wonderful) (etc.) if you were to go and do (then describe what you want done) for me!!!"

This is a very simple inner plane occult operation. Take it easy at first until you get the IDEA and you have had a degree of success so as to gain confidence and your "image blob" gets to KNOW YOU. GO - GO - GO.

How to Get 'AHEAD'

An Occult Vignette
by
Ophiel

In the vignette below the ideas expressed are different. Read the vignette over carefully many times, notice the ideas therein and attempt to integrate these ideas into your daily life living. Remember that this vignette is a condensed occult knowledge and not masses-messes of useless words. Truly the application of this principle can alter your life for the better!

The object of life is to live on all planes and to live more expansively on all planes. There is nothing much to hold you back from expanding on the Inner Planes, as existence is non-resistant there, no-thing to hold you back or to have to work against. So you can amass inner knowledge to any extent and without effort.

However, we also exist, a large number of us, and a large part of us, on the outer Physical Plane where the rules are different from those on the inner planes. There are different rules that 'RULE' or 'GOVERN' which simple statement is never completely understood.

While it is true that all the features of the Physical Plane are governed by the rules, which come down through the inner planes to 'HERE' there are important physical plane rules which must be obeyed here or matters will not satisfactorily work out, 'HERE.'

I first heard of this kind of situation many, many years ago when I was dabbling in Christian Science studies. A man who was practicing Christian Science (The idea of supply) was employed as an automobile salesman. He spent a great deal of his time during working hours reading the Christian Science textbook and he did expect his studies to bring him success in the sales of cars. Apparently he thought the studies themselves would suffice to 'BRING' him the business and to tell the truth, in the Christian Science textbook there is every indication that such is the case.

Actually, 'LIFE' on all planes is needed equally but as I said, this fact is definitely not brought out clearly in the Christian Science textbook, nor indeed in any other 'Spiritual Writings'.

In some way, the discrepancy was brought to the man's attention and he began to apply physical principles 'COUPLED' to his spiritual studies and he then became a very successful salesman.

NOW, WHEN YOU WORK 'PHYSICALLY' AND 'MENTALLY', BOTH TOGETHER, YOU CREATE A MUCH STRONGER CURRENT IN THE 'ASTRAL LIGHT.' (OR, AS IT HAS BEEN CALLED, A 'STRAIN' IN THE ASTRAL LIGHT.) AND THE RESULTS SHOULD COME MUCH MORE QUICKLY ON BOTH PLANES.

Usually the combination of physical movements and mental work was performed for initiation into some degree after another in some of the Lodges and Societies but there is no reason why it cannot be 'Employed' for any reason and indeed it is. 'Even for so-called 'BAD' reasons.' (Actually, there is no 'BAD' or 'GOOD' on the Inner Planes.)

All this is very well and good but surely we can go a little more deeply in our quest for 'real' occult knowledge, which leads to power. You have been told elsewhere that the Inner Planes are full of (Liquid) light. This 'Light' while it is still 'Light' is UN-solidified, undifferentiated physical matter and it could be said to be on its way 'DOWN' to becoming solid matter. Or, in another way of speaking, physical plane 'RESULTS', final results.

On the inner planes when you do something mentally, you start currents moving in the 'Liquid Light'. These currents are supposed to flow towards whatever goals you are working for. On the Inner planes there are well-defined areas, which contain the matter you are interested in (These areas are the Astrological designations which 'RULE' the subjects in which you are interested in.)

(Note about the salesman: it has been suggested that as he succeeded through physical work, that it was not necessary for him to have studied metaphysics and that most great men have succeeded by hard physical-mental work and not the metaphysics. However, even in the short part of the long run, there is a sort of complete fulfilment in succeeding by the use of the two forces, the 'Inner' and the 'Outer'. Success by either force alone, does not seem to 'do it up' right and on this flimsy note, I end this note!)

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Getting Material Things

An Occult Vignette

by
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To start this essay broadly and then to narrow it down is my intention. First, just how far-much can Inner Plane “workings” influence the outer Physical Plane? The answer is, in general, some; to a precise point, no. By that, I mean it is possible by using Inner Plane Power to effect changes on the outer Material Plane, but not directly, and only within certain very special limits, and not often instantaneously.

I know this is rather disappointing news for those who are in physical need and want to turn to the Inner Planes for assistance on this physical plane and who need help at once.

All things are relative to each other in time and space (earth time and earth space) and you must start sometimes, go on from the starting point, and grow into the use of Occult Knowledge, leading to Power. But, please remember, physical action is needed to supplement occult WORKINGS. We all would love to have a direct control over dear old Matter. And I do know of one instance of DIRECT INFLUENCE ON MATTER, but I’m afraid one not very usable or practical.

I had occasion to run a hotel in a rather poor neighborhood many years ago. I fitted up the rooms with new furnishings and rented them to persons of a certain race, which I will not name, as that is not the point. To my amazement in about six months the place looked like a shambles. For example, in my own home we had had window shades for 30 years and they were still good and good-looking. In six months even the window shades in the hotel were in tatters and rags. The linens had disintegrated, and even the new paint had become dingy.

After a studied meditation process, I arrived at the surprising discovery, to me, that the members of this race hated their surroundings, had no regard for their property, nor for the property of others, and it was this intense hate and disregard directed against their surroundings that destroyed the physical material around them!!!! These conclusions were my own, but, I feel, reasonably accurate. I know of no way to make a controlled test of my theory, but I might suggest that slums reflect the mental attitude of the people who occupy them, leaving out of consideration any conclusion that the occupancy is forced, or that the slums are occupied by enslaved noble souls who have to live there. My experience has shown me that the “noble” persons forced into the slums temporarily stay there only long enough to gather themselves together and leave those surroundings for others better suited to their “nobility”.

I admit that this example is a little obtuse in regard to direct mental control over matter, but please ponder on it and see if you can find guidance from these ideas. Could it be that those people who value their surroundings and who love and cherish their possessions find that their possessions are “preserved” and stand up for years, as my family shades did.

To return to the conception of getting material things thru mental magic. Yes, it can be done, but the process is not like that of waving a magic wand. There are people who are naturally successful without inner plane help, but if you were to examine their lives, you would find that there existed a definite pattern, both of a physical pattern and a mental pattern, that did it. And this same type of thing is what you must embody into your life, too. In other words, - change your thinking! AND, - how many

people really change their thinking? WELL! You can but try. Even changing your thinking for short periods can have some effect for beneficial changes.

Now, how much must you change your thinking and what kind of change exactly is required? Your change in thinking has to be of the nature of a complete reversal of the “wordly” and accepted manner of “world” thinking.

What does this really mean? First, - you must stop regarding the physical plane as “real” in the sense that “solid” means “real”. You must start to think of the “solid” plane as an “illusion”, something counter to the world’s accepted image/idea of it all. Second, - you must begin to think and act just the opposite of the way the world thinks and acts.

These changes require that you also strengthen your inner convictions to match the changes, and this certainly is no easy thing to DO. And I can offer you no real, personal help to make it easier. No one but YOU can strengthen your Inner Self. This strengthening is a process of growing, and growing in spite of all setbacks and results of cycles, of “hope deferred”, and all the screwball tactics that make up “living life”, this physical life.

I certainly don’t mean to sound gloomy, by no means. Actually, to understand the construction of “ALL” and to master your own Life LIVING is the greatest achievement in all the universe, and should thrill you to the core of your being. And this achievement is done through KNOWLEDGE. KNOWLEDGE of yourself, - KNOWLEDGE of the machinery of the Universe, - AND, - your acquired Knowledge of how to RUN THE MACHINERY OF THE UNIVERSE in regard to your own personal self.

In these few pages I cannot give ALL KNOWLEDGE. I aim to give out something in each writing, and, in time, to get a great deal of it out. [And I am not doing this to extend the bulk of my writing, but because the scope of this material is very large.]

Please study the following basic-basic and assimilate this knowledge into your BEING. A great deal of TRUTH is here given.

The next Inner Plane is full of Light. This Light is the SUBSTANCE of the Secondary God. I call this LIGHT SUBSTANCE the Astral Light (Star Light) (my pet name).

EVERYTHING in our physical existence is connected to, related to, concerned with, the Astral Light. For the rest of this Vignette I will list the names, other names, by which the Astral Light has been DISCOVERED and NAMED by occultists and metaphysicians through and over the centuries as each came upon this Light Substance in turn, used it, and then named it, the name he gave depending somewhat upon the QUALITY of the Light he used.

The following are names for the Great Agent:

Prana
Holy Ghost
Elemental Forces
Cosmic Magnetism
Magnetic Fluid (Mesmer)
Keys of the Kingdom
Living Water
Vril
Hidden Agent

Logos (Gnostic)
Chameleon
Flor Salis Albi (Flower of White Salt)
Philosopher's Stone
Elixir of Life
Demiurge (Greek)
Half-God
Animal Magnetism (Mrs Eddy=Christian Science)
Para Brahman
Absolute Substance.

Check other Ophiel Writings. Become familiar with these names.

The 'Core Knowledge' of this Vignette is that you, 'Learn' about the, 'Existence' of the Astral Light and then from then on, you take the, 'Existence' of this Great Agent into all your calculations. Generally speaking you can learn how to manipulate the Agent so that it will not harm you and can benefit you. Learn and Work.

As I have said before and will say again and again, this life is a very "queer" thing? It is said that we "came" from a free "space" and here we are 'confined'. Some kind of lesson is to be 'Learned' a way of 'escape' is to be found? The above is a start.

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SERIES 5 LESSONS

Showing God What To Do!

An Occult Vignette

by

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PROLOGUE

This essay is not for easy reading. This essay is not for entertainment reading. This essay contains KNOWLEDGE and DIRECTIONS on a very complex and full of great mysteries subject. The Occult. Ophiel will follow rules of grammar as much as possible, but he has found that teaching the Occult calls for “emphasis” and pressure-attention to the “Point of Knowledge” from time to time, and many repetitions to drive home a ‘point.’ Therefore, Ophiel, I repeat, will underline and “set off” words and phrases. Do not resent this if you think these “emphasis” are not necessary for you.

Showing God What To Do!

Read, Study, the Prologue to this essay.

The essay following deals with an entirely different idea of God than heretofore had by men. This idea, being so different from usual, is very difficult to expostulate in an exact manner; hence, there may be gaps which I will have to go back and fill in and try to make physical plane sense out of the applications of Inner Plane Forces to outer HERE.

The Universe is filled with FORCES (don't rack your brain trying to pin the FORCES DOWN.) The Forces are, ARE. They do function. They do perform ‘Jobs,’ and, to some degree, can be controlled and directed BY YOU! The Forces, were detected by our ancestors, and other ancient peoples; because the ancients were more clairvoyant, (Clairvoyance: Cognising, seeing by means of LIGHT, The Astral-Etheric Light that fills all the “space” beyond this Physical Plane, - See Ophiel's other writings.) And they ‘sensed’ these Forces. And, in time, came to be able to WORK-USE these Forces, TO SOME EXTENT. (The reason our ancestors, and ourselves, did not, could not, cannot, use the Forces perfectly ALL THE TIME, is because of Cycles, which change constantly, in an, Ebb and Flow manner - when flowing good, the Forces WORK - WHEN Ebbing, the Forces tend to ‘reverse’ their paths. These Forces came to be known and called “Gods.” (See Ophiel's Vignette/Essay on Binding.)

At this point, I refer you to Ophiel's book called, “The Art & Practice of Caballa Magic,” for more information about the Forces, their Names, and other things about them. These Forces are, in terms of the Earth Plane contact, very queer in their construction and actions.

Note the following items, and learn them:

The Forces are, “ALIVE.”

The Forces have a sort of, ‘Basic Intelligence,’ in that they, ‘Do Respond’ when ‘Spoken To.’ (They, do not, ‘initiate’ the ‘speaking to,’ though: I repeat, they respond to below, ‘ONLY’ when contacted/connected up from below.) The construction, “Body” of their Inner Plane existence (for one description) resembles, “Water” (or “Light Water”) in that on the inner planes there are inner currents that FLOW like water, WETS like water, has WAVES like water, has TIDES like water, has STORMS,

like water, even Hurricanes and Water-Spouts like water, has Streams, Rivers, Lakes, and Oceans, like water.

The whole of the Inner Planes above the Physical Plane is an Ocean of Liquid-Light (here on earth we have Water-Water!) The whole physical earth plane is a duplicate-counterpart to and of, the inner planes. All the Elemental Forces down here are duplications of above.

The Elemental Forces (Air, Fire, Water, Earth and Akasha) are counterparts of the Inner Plane Forces. (Air, Fire, Water & Earth are called 'Elemental' but this word 'Elemental' does NOT refer to the physical chemical elements, Fe, Au, C, Ca, etc. The Inner Plane term, 'Elemental,' means something like 'BASIC.')

I insert this comment at this point: The Duplication of these Forces 'Down Here,' is a reason why manipulation of Forces down here can result in effects, 'Up There,' which, again, by repercussion, can recreate results-effects down here. Study and meditate on the preceding Knowledge and absorb it so it becomes part of your mental being (BE-ING)(TO BE.)

Now, with this basic knowledge in your mind, you should have some idea of what an Inner Plane Force-God consists of. Some ideas, which, should enable you to figure out ways to USE these Gods-Forces to your advantage; As you can perceive, the ancients put "handles," names/handles, on many of these Forces as they could cognise and work with, also - "work." They worked the Forces by means of Ceremonies, which ceremonies may or may not have included animal blood sacrifices! They also worked through the medium of drugs which drugs, mandrake, belladonna, aconite, poisonous mushrooms, hemp, opium, datura, and/or others of the nightshade family; also by fasting, followed by a big drink of wine, etc. All these things separated the Etheric body from the Physical body, and granted access to the inner planes, where they could deal directly with the Personified Forces, especially when the Personified Forces were persuaded to 'occupy' a 'thought-form' created by a person-priest.

I am now going to disrupt the usual correct literary order of literature and introduce an example here of a semi-modern magic working still being used by aborigines in parts of Australia. (I told you this book is not a glorious literature book, but a hard-line Knowledge teacher. So learn!) The operation is called something like, "Pointing the Bone." (Or Bones.)

According to outer appearances, the operation appears the most harmless and absurd-looking thing possible. The operation consists of an Aborigine taking a large bone and laying it on the ground, or otherwise suspending it, pointing the bone lengthwise with one end directed towards the "enemy." From what I have told you so far about forces, do you have, or can you think of any ideas as to how the bone-pointing could/should WORK? (According to the Liquid Light idea.) Ponder on these ideas and see what you come up with for now, by yourself, while more Knowledge follows. Following my policy of jumping around, I am going back to the basic ideas of what constitutes the final physical plane, but this time I will concentrate as to how it got that way and what you can do about it; to make it WORK for you. (But! Don't forget those damn Cycles!)

To start - I am not a Bible slave! Undoubtedly there is much in the Scriptures that is pragmatic, but not practical in relation to inner plane Truth as such. Much of the "Old Testament" was not written down until 900 B.C. and purports to describe events that took place 2000 years before as if it just happened that year, or a few days around then. (900 B.C.) However, in spite of all this backing and filling, occasionally I have

been struck dumb to find in those Scriptures a real 'Occult Truth,' that I had read a thousand times before and never registered it exactly.

Such an Occult Truth occurs in LUKE, Chapter 4 Verses, 5 to 7. Read these verses over carefully; note verse 5 - and the Devil taking him up into a High Mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. (A smart Alec has said, 'They must have been on a flat planet!!' Oh, these wise-crackers!! They should be punished for insulting the Devil!!!) (Verse 6 - And the Devil said unto him, (Get This!) All this [P]ower will I give thee, and the (G)lory of them: for THAT is delivered unto me; AND TO WHOMSOEVER I WILL GIVE IT.

At the risk of sticking my head out, I am going to say that, 99.9999 percent of people thought, as I did; that what the Devil-Accuser (practically) said was, "All these, (Material-Kingdoms) I will give to you (if you will fall down and worship me?) (Why must anyone, "Fall Down?" Can't the Devil be worshiped standing up??) (The Devil must be a nut; what the devil is to be had of value, by being worshiped?)

However, the Devil(?) Satan(?) did not SAY, 'I will give you these, Material-Kingdoms.' What "IT" said was, "All this power (POWER) will I give thee and the glory (GLORY) of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. (!!!!!!)

There is, among certain Occult Groups, an assertion that this material world is an illusion in that this material world-plane is not really "real," "hard" real. Great Mysteries exist here, and I will have to take them up in other books at other times. All I can do here is to call your attention to the fact-clue. The only physical way we can 'cognise' this physical plane world is through the five physical senses. Meditate on this statement.

To proceed, and to simplify these ideas a bit, it would seem, according to the preceding idea, that the Devil could not offer Jesus ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL or REAL, but only an, ILLUSION, a collection of illusions, based on mere perceptions, made by (Physical) Elemental Forces and made ON the (Physical) Elemental Forces. Jesus could very truly have said to the Devil, - "Get the hell out of here, you faker, you're offering me NOTHING THAT IS REAL. You are offering me ILLUSION, and ILLUSIONS I can create myself, and I sure don't need your crud!" I went into this side trip to make clear to you that there are strange depths to many things that do not meet the ordinary perusal we usually give to our life surroundings.

So now, we come to practices. Keeping in mind, all the previous qualifications I gave you, and the Knowledge outlined, you are in a position to ask - 'Jesus, how do I go about, Showing God What To Do?' (To 'DO' in regard to my Life and its Physical Plane Betterment.) Well, friends, The God-Showing Work, is/are quite simple! The inflowing God Forces are like the flow of a clear unruffled stream of (Light) water. "Light Water" can be made to take on any form of "RIPPLES" (Vibrations) you can impress onto it, and also, it, in its still or placid state, can take on reflections/pictures of anything you "put" onto its surface.

You put the 'ripples-waves-models' and the picture-model onto the 'Light Water' (Inside Your Life/Aura) (Or you 'THINK' of it as being 'INSIDE' YOU! YOUR HEAD!) by making up, or thinking (plus desire,) a creation idea picture, (the 'picture' is the only 'REAL THING' that is 'REAL,') the counterpart "down here" is the shadow of the thing you desire are gotten. You must desire FIRST, then PICTURE your thing desired. The clearer and harder you PICTURE your thing desired the more you should succeed. Hard picturing, but calmly and quietly, not frantically or terrifically presurish, does it. And that is all there is to it. Ophiel has written a book, about the

subject of Creative Visualization. In this book, this, VISUALISATION TECHNIQUE IS GIVEN IN MORE DETAIL, I will give some other details here, too.

Regarding your 'YOU-NESS' (to coin a word,) you are a 'many-bodied' person. In Occult Knowledge parlance, 'multiple-bodied' means you consist of a number of 'bodies' or centres of consciousness, which centres go on 'up' the planes to the 'TOP' (the beginnings of all things.) These subjects are given more fully and in more detail in Ophiel's books and other writings - what we are concerned with here and now, is the application of these other bodies to the subject of this Vignette, "Showing God What To Do?"

To proceed: When you form a picture-visualisation of what you want to come into your life, into your possession, you are doing this process with your 'Ethereic Body' on the 'Ethereic Plane.'

Your Ethereic Body is formed from the particles of Liquid Light, and the Ethereic Visualisation-Object-Model you create and assemble is also composed of the same particles of Liquid Light. To say it another way - You can do Creative Visualizations and create good things for yourself on ALL PLANES SIMULTANEOUSLY. This explanation should give you some idea as to how the visualisation process works.

After completing a good visualisation of what you want on the Ethereic Plane - the thing you want must be gotten to 'Down Here,' in Physical Matter. This is the part that is most baffling to us. The thing must come through Physical means, and you must allow Physical Time for it to come through. Here is where you should have followed, to a large degree, of common sense. It is true you can create-visualise anything on the Inner Plane, but as the thing you create has to come through to here, some allowances for stubborn matter should be taken into account. If you create-visualise for a very large thing, and as it has to come by natural means, these natural means must be created-arranged, and in the case of large things, Time must be taken into account.

One proper way to work the creation-visualisation process is to start with things that are relatively simple and close to your present state. Then, as you acquire these simpler things, your natural resources will increase, and bigger and bigger things can be acquired more easily. To use the Creative Visualisation process, as outlined before is an, ART. Naturally there is more to this Art than is given in this little Vignette, but the main parts are herein given. If you will follow the process as shown, this 'Magic' process can work, and with time and experience, you can acquire all the other details connected to this, Mental Magic Technique.

So now as we near the end of this Vignette, I hope you can see-understand the meaning of the blasphemous sounding of this Vignette, 'Showing God What To Do.' The what, and how of (a) (the) (Gods) God, is a great and terrific mystery. As I said before and elsewhere, everything about ALL is different than what 'IT' is thought to be. You will have to un-learn everything heretofore thought to be so, and re-learn all over again. This process is one of the true meanings of that honeyed phrase so much thrown about carelessly by pseudo-occultists - Born Again!!!

Acceptance

An Occult Vignette

by

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In the matter of living this physical life there is too much ready acceptance. The word acceptance comes from the old French, and means 'to take,' readily or to receive easily, probably receive without objecting. I seem to recall that, when I was quite young, I accepted situations readily and without much examination or resistance. Then, as I grew older, I developed resistance much to the dismay of my dominating parent.

I cannot say, that I profited knowingly from this developing resistance, but I must have saved myself a lot of otherwise unknown troubles. What I can truly say is that all the real trouble I had in my life has come from a too ready acceptance of what was put on me by others. And for which, I got the blame for.

I am not sure as to how the acceptance is with others personally but I have noticed some very peculiar happenings in the world due to this uncritical acceptance of things. For example I am trying to work with several people here in the matter of Supply for them. I have discovered, to my surprise, that they have a kind of basic indifference to the doing of the operations that can lead to the supply of goodies for this world's use. I give them directions and show them how to set up the pattern, and then I find that they do not follow up but just act lackadaisical and frivolous about it, meanwhile being on the edge of lack of goodies to live a nice life-style. I was not that way at all. I found lack to be very degrading, and I worked like hell to get around and over the obstacles that held me up. I am now on Easy Street, I can still do better and I am working on it all the time.

However, to repeat it again so I am sure you will get the meaning of this Vignette. You do not have to accept the situation that life has pushed onto you! You can protest and work to get out from under the negative pressures. The desire to get from under has to come from within you, no one else can do it for you or supply you with the drive, desire other than to tell you about it as I am doing. I might add here, that you cannot do anything for anyone else until their desire comes to them from inside them. **YOU CANNOT DO IT FOR OTHERS; THEY HAVE TO WANT TO DO FOR THEMSELVES.**

As I have said before, and it bears repeating, this physical world is the tail end of whole bunch of outer other worlds. The whole cosmic universe consists of Forces, and these Forces culminate in and onto this Physical Plane. The Forces come down from no-things to some-things. You can learn how to interpret these on-coming Forces, and direct them the way you desire them to out-press themselves here. All these changes and modifications are done by you; through KNOWLEDGE, which becomes WISDOM, and wisdom makes life a thing of niceness rather than a thing of struggle and negative actions. Much of this knowledge is in my books now, and what is there can keep you busy for the rest of your life. And I am always getting more Knowledge and analysing it for your easier understanding and applications.

I do not know exactly what this physical world is all about but I do have a few grasps of some things and ideas. I have an idea that this physical plane is a creation of the First Cause, who 'lives' in a non-'hard' world. To make it very simple, in a non-hard world there is not much you can 'DO.' In a 'hard' world there are things you 'CAN DO,' manifest and work on your ideas, and put ideas into idea-things. There are other

disadvantages though, as you can well know, BUT YOU DO HAVE INNATE POWERS THAT CAN ENABLE YOU TO WORK OUT THOSE DISADVANTAGES, and progress, which cannot be done in a 'non-resistant world' of just ideas.

I am not too much conversant with the Hindu religion but I have heard of something called, 'The Dance of Shiva,' and I have heard that the Hindu regards this physical plane as a 'hell' or as a 'play-drama-dance', ' which we enter voluntarily in order to learn to use our powers on our own creations!! Manipulate our own Creation-Selves!!!

There are certainly some very different ideas than the Bible Belt Bible Thumpers. Give these ideas some meditation and see what you come up with!

-So Be It-

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