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This chapter of de Manhar's book describes the Alchemical process...

Here Rabbi Eleazar asked a question: "What was the great object of life with an Israelite during the time of Moses?"

"Eleazar, my son," replied Rabbi Simeon, "why dost thou ask such a question as this? Hast thou not read and studied the words of Scripture? 'I am he who declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done'" (Is. xlvi. 10).

"Yes," replied Rabbi Eleazar, "and I recognize them as true."

This is why we are taught by tradition that Moses is not dead and is therefore called "man," of whom it is said: "There was not found a helpmeet for him" (Gen. ii. 20). But everything was against him and he found no help in bringing the Schekina out of captivity as it is written: "And he looked this way and that way and he saw there was no man" (Ex. ii. 12). At that moment, scripture saith: "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man and He took one of the ribs and closed up the flesh thereof" (Gen. ii. 21). "The Lord God" denotes the Divine Being as father and Mother; "a deep sleep" the captivity, which is also the meaning of the words "a deep sleep fell upon Abraham" (Gen. xv. 12). "And He took one of the ribs"--from whom? From the virgins of the Matrona. The divine Father and Mother took a virgin from the white or right side of her, designated in scripture as "fair as the moon" (Cant. vi. 10). "And closed up the flesh in its place," signifying the union of the celestial with the animal nature of man. The words "for that he also is flesh" (Gen. vi. 3), refer to Moses, whose physical form radiated light golden hued like that of the sun, as it is written: "The face of Moses was as the face of the Sun," whilst that of the virgin of the right side was like the moon. Therefore scripture saith: "Thou art fair as the moon and clear as the sun" (Cant. vi. 10). Another signification of the words, "And closed up the flesh in its place" is that the Father and Mother wished to protect (*vaisgor*) her, as it is written: "And the Lord shut (*vaisgor*) him in (Gen. vii. 16).

In Thelema, BABALON is denoted as the Scarlet (indicating blood) Whore and a Virgin.  She is Gaia: the Earth and equivalent to the Lower Shekina of the Jews; the below.  And it is she that gives birth to all from her womb and who takes all into her womb, which is why it is said that one must pour all of one's life force into the Cup of BABALON.  Thus she carries the blood of the Saints.  But what makes this passage most interesting is the ONE who yet remains nameless and that we may equivocate with Kether, shows the Divine Being as androgynous; calling it "father and Mother."  The Mother emanates from the father as Binah does from Chokmah.  She is connected to the Moon as the father is to the Sun and described aptly as divine as in similar fashion, Liber AL also teaches:

AL I.16: "**For he is ever a sun, and she a moon. But to him is the winged secret flame, and to her the stooping starlight.**"

An extract from Crowley's commentary provides more insight into this:

16. *Our Function shewn in a Figure*.

I am a Sun, giving out Light and Life; but she is their guide in darkness, making them pure, single of heart, awake to the Highest.

*Our Powers.*

I have the power to kindle in my mind the Essence of the Abstract Soul; she that of taking all that may be dear and near and clear to men and women, that so they all may find their joy in all.

**16. The Beast is thus the source of Light & Life & bestows these openly upon such as understand clearly the nature of the Universe. Her function is to reflect his light to such as walk in ignorance yet dream & aspire. He is the type of the individual & she of the forms by which he is able to express himself.**

Further in the [Commentaries of AL](Liber%20AL%20vel%20Legis), Motta declares that Crowley claims to have set up of the Beast and the Scarlet Woman as offices.  But I think this was a misinterpretation by Motta of Crowley's teaching; and one that has had a sad repercussion in Motta's line (Ray Eales now claiming to be THE Sun and holding the "Office of the Beast.").  Crowley does not say that he is THE Sun, but rather, that he is 'a' Sun.  In the giving out of Light and Life, it should be noted that this is what we all give to ourselves.  But first, we are all guided by the Moon, which is also recognized in the teachings of Gurdjieff.  But though Gurdjieff derides this as an inherent flaw, Crowley teaches that it is the Moon that brings us to a pure heart with a single motive, to awake the the powers that are inherent in each of us as divine beings.  This is an echo of the words of NUIT in Liber AL:

AL I.61: "**But to love me is better than all things: if under the night-stars in the desert thou presently burnest mine incense before me, invoking me with a pure heart, and the Serpent flame therein, thou shalt come a little to lie in my bosom. For one kiss wilt thou then be willing to give all; but whoso gives one particle of dust shall lose all in that hour. Ye shall gather goods and store of women and spices; ye shall wear rich jewels; ye shall exceed the nations of the earth in splendour & pride; but always in the love of me, and so shall ye come to my joy. I charge you earnestly to come before me in a single robe, and covered with a rich headdress. I love you! I yearn to you! Pale or purple, veiled or voluptuous, I who am all pleasure and purple, and drunkenness of the innermost sense, desire you. Put on the wings, and arouse the coiled splendour within you: come unto me!**"

"And of the rib which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man" (Gen. ii. 23). In this verse is an allusion to the mystery of the marital affinity. We are taught that when this affinity is ignored and disregarded the consequences are most injurious. The Holy One in his operations has worked on the law of affinity, as it is written: "The Lord (IHVH) hath built Jerusalem" (Ps. cxlvii. 2). The V in the divine name IHVH is the son or child of I and H, the Father and the Mother, to whom scripture refers: "And the Lord God made of the rib which he had taken from man." This rib denotes the middle column in the sephirotic Tree of Life symbol of the virgin, of whom it is written: "For I, saith Jehovah, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her" (Zech. ii. 5).

The IH of the Tetragrammaton is the divine father/mother and the V then is the Son/Logos, denoted by the archetypal symbol of the Adam Kadmon, which is the archetype of humanity and contained in the letter V.  Note that V is Atu V: The Heirophant and the V or Vau is translated as a nail.  This is why the new Adam Kadmon of the Gnostics, Jesus, had to be nailed or permanently affixed to the Cross of L.V.X and Life.  The importance of Taurus is explained in some detail in the [Starry Gnosis](http://www.astronargon.us/starry.html).  The final H then is this Lower Shekinah unto whom the Hierophant (H) adores; and again, I'll refer you to my personal mystical experience on this and found in my footnote to my article: [The Riddle Solved](http://www.astronargon.us/The%20Riddle%20Solved.html).

It is for this reason that the future temple, glorified and perfected humanity, built and formed by the Holy One, will endure forever. It is of this temple that scripture speaks. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former (Hag. ii. 9), which was built by man's hands, but this shall be built by the Holy One, and is alluded to by the Psalmist: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. cxxvii. 1). The words "And the Lord God formed the rib he had taken" equally apply to Moses, who, when building the tabernacle in the wilderness, foresaw the future tabernacle God would form, as it is written: "And for the second side (rib) of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards" (Ex. xxvi. 20). The north side here refers to the side of the sephirotic tree called *Chesed* (mercy), and known as the white side. "And closed up the flesh thereof." The word flesh signifies the red side of the tree which is called *Geburah* (power), and at this time were fulfilled the words: "His left hand is under my head and his right hand doth embrace me" (Cant. ii. 6), as also the words: "This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." She shall be called *ashah* because she was taken from *aish* (man), that is to say, that the virgin humanity is a union of the man or father representing the male principle, with the mother, representing the female principle.

The Earth yet is Virgin unto the Godhead; not having yet united, except by the work of the Hierophant, humanity, in the Great Work.  The formula of this is again, explained in the Hierophant Atu and shown in great eloquence in the above paragraph; that we might see the four rivers being the four Sefirot that surround Tiphareth, which itself is the L.V.X.

When the temple just referred to is completed, each individual will find his companion or mate-soul predestined from the beginning to become united with him, and then will be realized the words of the prophet: "And I will also give you a new heart and a new spirit will I put within you" (Ezech. xxxv. 26), as also the words of another prophet: "And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel ii. 28), alluding to the renewed state of humanity in the future, as tradition expresses it. The son of David or the Messiah will not appear until all souls now incarnating shall have reached perfection and accomplished their destiny, and those who have lost their Higher Self and have failed to become united with it shall be exterminated from the world. "And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed" (Gen. ii. 25), referring to the time when licentiousness and sensuality shall disappear and vanish out of the world and nothing exist causing a sense of shame and immodesty.

Indeed, we live in this prophesied time!  More and more, those of US can see so much prophecy arising; for better and worse.  After the so-called Age of Prophecy or Biblical Times, the well seems to have run dry; until the awakening of the Rosicrucian Age with Nostradamus and the partnership of John Dee and Edward Kelly.  But today, since the great prophecies of Crowley, and before him the powerful skryings of the woman of the Golden Dawn, we find much happening.  Certainly, the prophecies of Runar as some of you know, have struck a deep chord in me.  But there are also the lesser prophecies of those in the Thelemic tradition, of which though I may be quite critical of, still bear merit in that these people are at least catching a part of the flame.  As per AL:

AL I.56: "**Expect him not from the East, nor from the West; for from no expected house cometh that child. Aum! All words are sacred and all prophets true; save only that they understand a little; solve the first half of the equation, leave the second unattacked. But thou hast all in the clear light, and some, though not all, in the dark.**"

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I'd like to add a further comment to this.

Note from the text: "When the temple just referred to is completed, each individual will find his companion or mate-soul predestined from the beginning to become united with him, and then will be realized the words of the prophet: "And I will also give you a new heart and a new spirit will I put within you" (Ezech. xxxv. 26)."

In the U.S., the main problem of suburban living has been coined as the "Quiet Desperation"...the alienation of incomplete lives for the so-called American Dream of a house, picket fence, two-car garage, et al.  And in thinking about this, I have noticed the high percentage of unfulfilling marriages; engaged not for love, but for the fulfillment of this dream (otherwise the marriages would be fulfilling).  The temple of the 'human soul' is not complete until the soul itself is awakened to its divinity and therefore, the life path chosen in this sleep is haphazard at best.  Though I have seen, some yet find this fulfillment in marriage.  Usually, I have seen such marriages tied together by a vision of life that serves humanity; whether through the arts and sciences or community service or even business enterprises.

The first lesson taught to the Aspirant of the A.'.A.'. is a devotion to NUIT (Not-I) and we can tie this in with the formula that says the manifestation of the Will must be supported by Love.  Indeed, Liber AL teaches that two people must come together through love and warns against any other factor.

AL I.41: “**The word of Sin is Restriction. O man! Refuse not thy wife, if she will! O lover, if thou wilt, depart! There is no bond that can unite the divided but love: all else is a curse. Accursed! Accursed be it to the aeons! Hell.**”

And so in the A.'.A.'., the Aspirant is also taught that the true marital unison is consummated when a couple no longer looks at each other, but together in the same direction forward.  In other words, all suspicions and emotionally alienating complexes are annihilated that the two souls truly become one in two beings and a purpose for living together is but the fulfillment of the Will through the Love for each other.

This is why the coming Aquarian Age will be ruled by both Uranus and Saturn.  Uranus is the individual and Saturn is the community.  We must find each our individual expression in life (I); but this is always in the context of the community (Not-I) that we must serve.

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