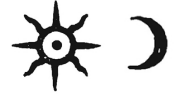


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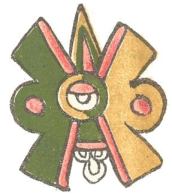
Cancer, the Moon and the Radiation of the Cosmic Forces

The Mysteries present us with two great luminaries; the Sun and the Moon. The Moon is the planet of Cancer, and the Sun is the planet of Leo (the following sign, which will appear after Cancer).

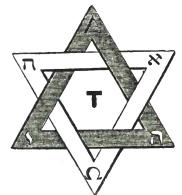


There is a principle of Occultism: EVERYTHING RADIATES. Everything has its particular aura, its auric radiation, and this principle is also accomplished by the action of Words. Matter is nothing but Crystallized Spirit, and since all Matter radiates, then that radiation is the Cosmic Force.

Mexican Initiation taught the significance of the OLIN symbol, signifying 'movement'. Therein are shaped the Cosmic Forces that come from above and the Terrestrial Forces that come from below, and in the center is the Sun. Since we generally continue dreaming about whatever we've been preoccupied with before falling asleep: let us, therefore, take advantage of this circumstance and let us (before remaining dormant to the descent of the Cosmic Forces from above) think of, or concentrate on, the form of a Triangle with the point down, and the other Triangle of the Earth pointing up, forming the Seal of Solomon or the Mexican sign of OLIN.

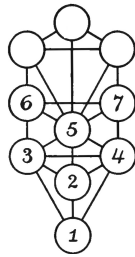


Upon entering this current or stream of Cosmic Forces in the domain of Cancer, we are preparing the way for Solar spiritual activity. Cancer is the sign of artists, and of thinkers; therefore, it encourages the Imagination, and we know from our occult studies that we need to first prepare the Imagination, in order to achieve Inspiration.



We have to differentiate between the two currents or streams of Cosmic Forces: one from below (from the Earth and the three inferior bodies), and the other from the heights of the Cosmos (from the Heavens and the three superior bodies).

7. Atmic Body
6. Buddhic Body
5. Causal Body
4. Mental Body
3. Astral Body
2. Etheric or Vital Body
1. Physical Body



The currents emanating from the three superior bodies merge in the center, in the fourth body, in the Mental Body. Our Mental Body reflects our Imagination, and so during this whole month we should think about attracting to ourselves the Cosmic Forces (from above) and then the Terrestrial Forces (from below), in order to mix them in the centers that correspond to the sign of Cancer.

The Moon, the Thymus and our Spiritual Growth

The growth and development of the Glands are a repetition of the growth and development of humanity... All the Glands of Internal Secretion grow and develop from birth, but are also headed little by little towards death. Except for one, which dies on its own (separate from the rest of the body), the Thymus gland. It forms a notable exception, since, it only grows and acts on our growth during childhood. We see how enormous the growth of a child is in the first days of life, and if we followed (in that same proportion) then we would become giants. At about 21 years of age we stop growing and reach a period of stagnation, and eventually we go back down towards decline.

All of this is caused by the Thymus gland, which weighs 15 grams at birth and goes on to weigh 30 grams during puberty and then disappears. Although, it does not disappear entirely, but remains, and these remains are of paramount importance for us, the occultists.

Growing up is not only a phenomenon of the physical body, but also has its spiritual application, since, if the material part of the gland grows and develops the material body, then its spiritual exponents also grow and develop us spiritually. The practice of the present lesson has as its objective to not let the rest of the Thymus gland disappear, but on the contrary: to retain it and force it to work once again towards our wishes.

Krumm-Heller's Practice to Gather the Energy of Cancer

We know the action of the Moon in making the water increase during high tide and then decrease during low tide; so too does the Moon make the Thymus gland grow. The Moon operates upon all liquids and this includes the liquid that comes out of the Thymus and Lymph glands. Lymph fluid is known as the basis of nutrition, and thus allows us occultists a glimpse into the wonderful phenomenon of metabolism. It is a liquid of transparent or semi-opaque whitish color, with a salty flavor; it contains many white blood cells. The Lymphatic plasma has the same principles as blood plasma, but in other proportions, and here we catch a glimpse of the relationship between the Sun and the Moon.

The Moon prepares the path for the Sun, and the lymph is the 'great preparer' for the formation of blood, therefore, the lymphatic liquid collects the nutritive elements from the blood and sends out the waste left behind by the action of metabolism. Without the Thymus gland, this action of the lymph would not be possible. Notably, its arteries come from the mammary glands and the Thyroid. It is sufficient to have experienced a removal of the Thymus gland in order to observe decreased development and a decrease in white blood cells, making us fat and anemic. Now let us imagine all of these effects on our spiritual exponents...

In our spiritual life there are also periods of rapid growth, we have periods of infancy and periods of maturity; we have times when we feel encouraged, predisposed, more capable of producing, and in those periods we constantly grow intellectually and spiritually.

In the previous Lesson we have spoken about the recommendation of the exercise for Imagination, but now let us pass on to the realm of Inspiration, thus we will feel inspired for the approaching day, and utilizing the following practices with the Sun, we will open the center of Intuition, which corresponds to the heart. We do the same breathing exercises as in the previous lessons, but we mentally send the air to those centers that correspond to the sign of Cancer so as to awaken Inspiration. At the same time, we need to do something in order to activate the blood circulation and for this we moisten the chest with cold water upon waking or when getting up in the morning. The Hindus go to the Ganges in order to wash themselves when doing this exercise.

Summary of the Practice:

1st Part

1. Using the Imagination, concentrate on the Cosmic Forces (from above and from below) mixing within the Thymus gland & the whole Lymphatic system, awakening Inspiration.
2. Respire (or breathe in) through the nose while opening the arms & legs; then Expel the air through the mouth while closing the arms & legs (do this 5 times).

2nd Part

3. Lay down to go to sleep and return to the concentration until you fall asleep.
4. When you awaken, use the mantram "Raom-Gaom" to remember your dreams.

Note: We can also vocalize the vowel "I", which is related with Imagination.

