

Tarot & Kabbalah in the Gnostic Tradition – Notes 19

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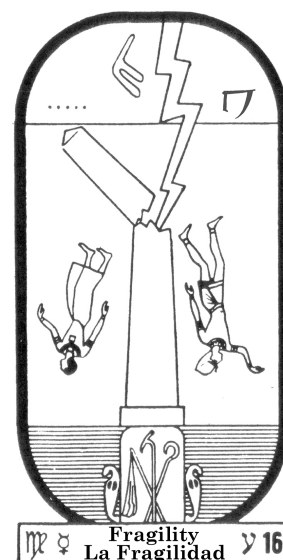
Arcanum 16 – Ayin ♄

English: *The Tower, Fragility.*

Spanish: *La Torre*, meaning “The Tower”. *La Fragilidad*, meaning “fragility, frailty; delicacy”.

French: *La Foudre*, meaning “Lightening, Thunderbolt”. *Le Feu du Ciel*, meaning “Fire from the Heavens”. *La Maison de Dieu*, meaning “The House of God”.

Meaning: The Fulminated or Lightning-Struck Tower. Punishment, Terrible fall. The departure from Eden. Danger: It is necessary to Awaken Consciousness so as to not wander blindly. The blind can fall into the Abyss. The initiate who spills the vessel of Hermes inevitably falls.



Transcendental Axiom: “LIGHT AT DAWN, LIGHT AT MIDDAY, LIGHT AT NIGHTFALL, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE IS LIGHT.”

Explanation of the Card: In the Waters of Life the Staff of Power, the Staff of Command and the Flail (whip), which represents FRAGILITY. To either side of these symbols, the two Serpents, the positive, and the negative. From the upper part descends the Ray of Cosmic Justice, destroying the tower which the kabalists call the Tower of Babel. Two persons are plunged into the depths of the Abyss; one to the left, and the other to the right. They fall with the arms, legs and head pointing downwards, making the sign of the INVERTED BLAZING STAR; this symbolizes the fall of the Bodhisattvas: a fall due to sex, due to spilling the Vessel of Hermes. One must distinguish a “Fall” from a “Descent”. The Initiate descends to the Ninth Sphere during the work in the forge in order to destroy their defects in the lower regions and to then ascend to the Heavens; a Heaven is won following the work in each Inferno. The Initiate falls when they spill the semen.

Related Explanation: The astral light is the substance that God created before everything else, when he said, "Let there be light". The astral light is both substance and movement, it is fluid and a perpetual vibration. It is the vital element which manifests itself through the phenomena of heat, light, electricity and magnetism. The world is magnetized by the light of the sun, and we are magnetized by the astral light of the world. That which operates in the body of the planet, is repeated in us. We breathe out our thoughts & feelings and breathe in those of others that have been imprinted on the astral light which has become their electro-magnetic atmosphere.

The secret fire of the masters of alchemy is the astral light. They communicate and direct the magnetic vibrations of the astral light at will. The empire of willpower over the astral light is represented by the pentagram. Nothing resists the willpower of a human being, when they know the truth and will the good... But, when one's will is vowed to the absurd, it is condemned by eternal reason. Regardless of the direction it is given, what is willed with persistence is done.

Every real will is confirmed by acts; every will confirmed by an act is an action. Every action is subject to a judgment, and this judgment is eternal. Willpower realized through action is like a cannon-ball or a bullet and never backs down before an obstacle. The good or evil which you will (either to yourself, or to others) in the extension of your willpower and, within the sphere of your action, will definitely arrive (either for others, or for you) if you confirm your willpower and if you capture your determination through acts. Actions confirm one's willpower.

Practice 1

Let us pray to Horus (the Being) to strengthen our 3 Brains, so that we do not become fascinated...

Practice 2

The Wise Solomon left us a marvelous Invocation to ask for help from the superior powers. With this Invocation we receive help for our individual needs.

THE INVOCATION OF SOLOMON:

*Powers of the Kingdom, be ye under my left foot and in my right hand !
 Glory and Eternity, take me by the two shoulders, and direct me in the paths of Victory !
 Mercy and Justice, be ye the equilibrium and splendor of my life!
 Intelligence and Wisdom, Crown me!
 Spirits of Malkuth, lead me betwixt the two pillars upon which rests the whole edifice of the Temple!
 Angels of Netzach and Hod, establish me upon the cubic stone of Jesod!
 Oh Gedulael! Oh Geburael! Oh Tiphereth!
 Binael, be my love; Ruach Hochmael, be thou my light!
 Be that which thou art and thou shalt be! Oh Ketheriel !
 ISCHIM, assist me in the name of SHADDAI!
 CHERUBIM, be my strength in the name of ADONAI!
 BENI-ELOHIM, be my brethren in the name of the Son, and by the virtues of SABAOTH.
 ELOHIM, do battle for me in the name of TETRAGRAMMATON.
 MALACHIM, protect me in the name of YOD-HE-VAU-HE.
 SERAPHIM, cleanse my love in the name of ELOAH.
 HASMALIM, enlighten me with the splendors of ELOHIM and SHECHINAH.
 ARALIM, act.
 OPHANIM, revolve and shine!
 HAJOTH HA KADOSH, Cry, speak, roar, bellow!
 KADOSH, KADOSH, KADOSH.
 SHADDAI, ADONAI, JOT-CHAVAH, EHIEH-ASHER-EHIEH
 HALLELU-JAH. HALLELU-JAH. HALLELU-JAH.
 Amen. Amen. Amen.*

