

Introduction to Gnostic Kabbalah – Notes 7

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The Ascending Ray and the Revolution

Each spark of divinity (each Essence) from the Absolute begins its ascending path and passes through the Mineral, Plant and Animal kingdoms before finally entering the Humanoid Kingdom. As a human, we are given 108 lifetimes to either continue the ascension or return to the Abyss. If we do not choose to ascend, then (after our 108 lives) we return through the Animal, Plant and Mineral kingdoms before again entering the Abyss for what is called the “Second Death”.

The Second Death means that we enter into the Atomic Infernos of Nature in order to have any residue of the Ego removed from the Essence and to pay all our debts to the Law of Karma. Afterwards, we may restart the journey through the Mineral, Plant and Animal kingdoms once again. This process reoccurs for a maximum of 3000 times, after which (if ascension has not occurred from the Humanoid state) the Essence returns to the Absolute, but without Mastery. In Gnosis, the process of going from Mineral to Humanoid is called “Evolution” and the process of going from Humanoid back to Mineral is called “Involution” or “Devolution”. The process by which one continues the ascent is called “Revolution”.

The Lateral Octave of the Sun and the Seven Types of Human Beings

The Path of the Revolution is directly related to our Level of Being and to the level of realization (within ourselves) of the Ray of Creation. This is connected with what is called the “Lateral Octave of the Sun” which allows us to look, more specifically, at our position in the Cosmos and at the work that we need to do in order to continue to ascend.

When an Essence enters the Humanoid Kingdom, it then becomes one of 3 different types of humanoid beings (based on various factors including the circumstances of life, genetics, karma, etc). These 3 types of Human Beings are related to the Three Brains: Human Being №1 is the Motor-Instinctive type, №2 is the Emotional type, and №3 is the Intellectual type. These first three have their “Center of Gravity” in their corresponding centers meaning that they will always attract circumstances related to that center. These people form what is called the circle of the “Confusion of Tongues” because they interpret everything in their own way, in the way they believe it is, and cannot communicate with each other. As a result many problems and conflicts arise.

Human Being №4 is different: he or she is not born as such, but is always the product of the work upon him or herself. Their psychic centers are balanced (no single center predominates in them) and they have a Permanent Center of Gravity which consists in their ideas, in their value of the work, and in their relation to the Gnostic Esoteric Teachings: they have begun the Revolution. Human Beings №5, №6, and №7 are the further result of the work upon oneself and the crystallization of one’s Essence. Human Being №5 has a Solar Astral Body, №6 also has a Solar Mental Body, and №7 also has a Solar Causal Body.

The Three Circles, the Two Humanities and Beneficial Influences

The Human Being №1, №2, and №3 lives in what is called the “Exoteric” or “Public” Circle of Mechanical Humanity. The Human Being №4 is working with what is called the “Mesoteric” Circle; they are between Mechanical Humanity and Conscious Humanity. The Human Being №5, №6, and №7 have entered what is called the “Esoteric” or “Internal” Circle of Conscious Humanity. This means that in order to do the Revolution, we must begin by becoming Human Being №4.

By converting ourselves into Human Being №4, we thereby move into the Mesoteric Circle, with the goal of eventually arriving at the Esoteric Circle (and of becoming Human Being №5, №6, and №7). **This requires that we start working on balancing our psychic centers and that we seek for influences which will stimulate the Awakening of our Consciousness.**

As we have mentioned before, humanity (and Organic Life on Earth in general) is acted upon simultaneously by influences proceeding from various sources and different worlds: from the moon, planets, the sun, and stars, etc. All these influences act simultaneously: one influence predominates at one moment and another influence at another moment. For the Human Being there is a certain possibility of making a choice of influences (of passing from one influence to another). It is impossible to become free from one influence without becoming subject to another. **The whole thing, all work upon oneself, consists in choosing the influence to which you wish to subject yourself, and of actually falling under this influence.** And for this it is necessary to know beforehand which influence is the more profitable.

Different Types of Influences and the Need for Superior Emotion

There are three types or categories of influences: A, B and C. **The “A” influences are all of those prejudices** of humanity, of the laws of the physical world, of business, of what is called “family”, “environment”, etc., in general all the matters of existence and of the Exoteric Circle of sleeping humanity. **The “B” influences are formed by esoteric or occultist types of currents and by the Schools of Regeneration.** The “C” influences belong to something very different from those of Mechanical Humanity: **“C” influences come directly from Conscious Humanity**, from those who have already achieved the Intimate Self-Realization of the Being.

Type “C” influences could not be accessible to us if they do not become type “B” influences first, because the language of the Adepts is addressed to the Consciousness, it belongs to the Dialectic of the Consciousness. In order to be understood by people, type “C” influences must be converted into “B” influences. Therefore, when the student understands by themselves that there are not only “A” influences, but that there also exist “B” influences and that these can be found in books, allegories, the teachings of the Medieval Alchemists, or in pyramids, niches, ancient sepulchers, sphinxes, monoliths, sculptures, paintings, the music of the great masters, etc., then they begin the search for the DIVINE HUMANITY (Conscious Humanity), from where “C” influences originate.

Type “B” Influences awake in the aspirant a very special kind of superior emotion, a very intimate emotion which leads them to work upon themselves in order to achieve the AWAKENING OF CONSCIOUSNESS, and thus, some day they will get into the Mesoteric Circle and, later on, into the Esoteric Circle. Through studying and experimenting with Gnosis, that emotion arises in us and then the work becomes Conscious (this is how we learn to work consciously). Thus, **it is necessary for the student to feel that special emotion in the Gnostic Esoteric Work.**

All the work upon ourselves is done with this emotion, that is to say: the work has to be emotional, it has to be a LONGING and an ASPIRATION, which is the same as the SUPERIOR EMOTION. The one who gives the true value to the Esoteric Work is the emotional center: it is the one who assesses the work and from this comes Conscious Willpower (the Will of the Being), which is what really counts. Only with that kind of Willpower can one persevere and succeed in this work. Thus, in order to experience “C” influences we must seek for the Superior Emotion and this is achieved with Meditation Techniques, Astral Projection, etc. True esoteric investigations are achieved through daily practice, that begins with Self-Observation. To reach “C” influences implies a methodical and ordered work, beginning with “B” influences and by studying and using the practical concepts of these influences. The student has to purify their 5 inferior centers, with the purpose of receiving “C” influences which come from and through the 2 superior centers. To “purify the centers” means the elimination of the “egos” or “I’s” which are located in and control them.