

THE YOUTHFUL FURY OF SEXUAL FRUSTRATION

One of my main concerns is the frustration of youth in our society. Upon the quality of their thoughts and acts civilization will endure or crumble. Most male youths are more interested in sex than almost any other subject. This is natural, as their bodies are working overtime to produce billions of sperm cells. Women cannot imagine what an intense experience this is, as their energy cycle is more evenly distributed over the fluctuation of a monthly menstrual cycle. This build-up of male energy is a natural manifestation of universal Yang energy. The development of traditional romantic love at this stage is natural. If this expanding Yang energy finds a receptive female to nourish it the love between them can mature and spiritual evolution gradually awaken. The problem of obsessive sex arises from a material society that stresses the value of physical sex so highly that people remain immature all their lives seeking to sustain a lusty image of sex that exhausts them and ultimately blocks their evolution by stimulating them to rapid loss of their seed.

The harder youths try to grab pleasure, the more surely it eludes them. In their frustration, many seek pleasure with increaing fury, a quest for identity that leads to frequent masturbation and promiscuity. The more often they spill out their vital seed, the more empty they gradually become despite the temporary feeling of gratification as the life force passes out their loins. Unrestrained sexual frenzy can destroy a young man's fragile identity and melt him into the mob mind cultivated by sex-for-profit industry and sexually exploitive media shows. Higher vital energy which should nourish the young person's true center serves instead to grease the empty fantasy of his bed of lust. Afterward he is left with nothing. This spells spiritual disaster if the excesses are not corrected in time. This type of young man may have difficulty in his relationship with women and ultimately this leaves a vacuum in his understanding of himself and the female pole of his own male energy.

For this same reason adolescents tend to fanaticism, political, religious, or otherwise. Mao's Red Guard is but one youth group that has propagated its reigning tyrant's brand of fascism. The proliferation of various cults in the U.S. is strong evidence that the young are not able to fill the void in their lives with the physical pleasures that have become standard. If the fragile link with his newly forming adult identity is frayed or broken by lack of love or social nurturance, a youth has only the group psyche to animate his life. The group mind provides the fullness their hollowness craves. As Nature abhors a vacuum, their own emptiness despises itself. These remarks apply to adults in our sex obsessed society as well; many are desperately questioning for an identity that is their own by natural right, if only they knew how to claim it. The proper understanding of the function of sexual love in their personal evolution would go far to correct these excesses.

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We concluded Part 1 of this talk with the fact that this predisposition to violate the sanctity of the sexual act begins at the start of Creation. Comprehending that the Edenic Fall or Edenic Desiderata is the recollection of the Fall in Lemuria after the Lemurians have separated into two separate sexes and have been given Intellect and the Sexual Fire, but prior to this Lemuria is a recapitulation of the Fall of Sophia and Creation of Ialdabaōth.

THE GNOSTIC MYTH

To truly understand this battle between the male and female energies and the reason the sexual act forms the crucible where the battleground for the Soul takes place, we need to return to the point of departure - the Gnostic Myth.

Let us expand this from the beginning. The sacredness of the sexual act originates in the Absolute. The Agnostos Theos is described by Jesus after the resurrection as God's ultimate unknowability. The Savior calls this ultimate unknowable God the Invisible Spirit or the *Invisible Virgin Spirit*. This Spirit is unlimited, unfathomable, ineffable, immeasurable, and incorruptible. It should not even be called divine because it is beyond our concept of divinity. It is complete silence and complete rest. God is a great intellect - the Cosmic Nous; thus, the Invisible Spirit thinks, and its thinking produces a first thought, called Forethought.

Forethought is the Invisible Spirit's thought about Itself. Jesus calls this Barbēlō, the place of the Supreme Light. Forethought is the Invisible Spirit, and it is the highest level of God that we can possibly hope to know. The Gnostics believed that human beings, like God's thoughts, ultimately came from Forethought and would return to Forethought.

God's thoughts are called the aeons. When the Gnostics think of God as a collection of aeons or eternal beings, they call God the *Entirety*, that is, the total of all spiritual reality, which is God. Once God has started thinking and produced Forethought, many other thoughts emerge. The Barbēlō, is called the womb of the Entirety because, as God's Forethought, it begins the multiplication of God's thoughts. The Gnostic Myth describes that Barbēlō, requests from the Great Invisible Spirit to be given eternal realms, and in response, four new aeons appear that may be considered the most basic aspects of God. Each of these aeons exists as a *male-female pair* that expresses the unity of two aspects of the same reality. Now the Great Invisible Spirit *gazes* at Barbēlō, and it describes that this gaze which is what we would call the first sexual act begets in the Barbēlō a Luminous Spark that becomes a new aeon called the Divine Self-Originate, also called the Anointed One, or Christ. The first nuclear family: Father, Mother, and Son.

The begetting of the Christ results in the emanation Four groups of aeons made up of three, and the four groups are led by four Beings called the Luminaries. The final Being of the four producing the final set of the three pairs creates Pistis Sophia with Sophia, Wisdom being the last and most furthest away from the Great Invisible and therefore the lowest of all aeons.

The Universe or Creation came into existence when Wisdom/Sophia desired to think Her own thought, apart from the Will of the Invisible Spirit and without the consent of Her male consort. Her thinking produced another divine Being, but because She acted on Her own, the Being She produced was imperfect and horrible. Mortified by what She had created She named this Being Ialdabaōth and cast it outside of the Entirety/the Absolute. Outside that realm was the formless matter that Ialdabaōth used to make this Universe and Creation. As Ialdabaōth had come from the Entirety, He had a dim memory of what the spiritual world is like and formed this Universe as a kind of replica of it. However due to His ignorance and the imperfection of matter, the Universe we live is like the spiritual world but filled with flaws making it full of corruption and decay.

Ialdabaōth's delusions disturb his Mother Sophia, who realized that ***He had taken power from her*** and now ignorantly believed that He was the ultimate God. Sophia began to move about in Her distress, disturbing the rest and harmony of the Entirety.

In the Gnostic Bible Pistis Sophia, Wisdom repented and the Invisible Spirit and the other aeons had mercy on Her and restored Her to harmony with the Entirety. Sophia was temporarily united with the aeon Afterthought. Together they work with Barbēlō to regain the divine power that Ialdabaōth took from Sophia.

Their first approach is to inspire Ialdabaōth to create humanity. The Barbēlō projects the light-filled image of a divine human being to the lower realms. Ialdabaōth and His fellow Rulers decide to create a human being modeled after this image. This act accords with God's words in Genesis: *Let us make humanity in our image*. Humanity is made in a divine image and that multiple divine beings share in the creation. Ialdabaōth and the Rulers create humanity twice as is depicted in the two creations of Adam in Genesis. First they make a purely spiritual human being, whose body is made of the stuff that constitutes the Soul. Second, they make a material body into which the Soul-Body is placed.

After Ialdabaōth and the Rulers create the spiritual human being, it does not move. Sophia and the Barbēlō send some divine Beings disguised as Lower Rulers to Ialdabaōth and they persuade Him that if He blows His Spirit into the human being, they will live. Ialdabaōth does this and the human being stands up. However this has been a trick for Ialdabaōth to blow his share of the divine power from the Entirety into the human being. When the human being stands up Ialdabaōth and the Rulers realize that the human being is more intelligent and stronger than they are. Ialdabaōth and the Rulers then make the material body from dirt and put the spiritual human being into it. The idea is to obscure and obstruct the human being's thinking and to prevent them from realizing their superiority over them. In response, the Barbēlō send Sophia in the form of *Afterthought* to hide within the human being and to guide their thinking to the Entirety. This is how we have Sophia inside us.

Here begins the great drama of salvation in the Gnostic Myth. Sophia and Barbēlō seek to regain the divine power that Ialdabaōth has stolen and that is now present in humanity. In response, Ialdabaōth and his rulers try to prevent human beings from realizing that this power is within them and stop them from worshipping the Unknown God. This great struggle continues to this day.

Returning to our theme of the Divine Origin of Rape in Mythology, the first moment this struggle takes place is in the Garden of Eden. Ialdabaōth placed Adam in a material body, which tended to make him forget his true nature. However, Sophia, in the form of Afterthought, was hidden within Adam. The Rulers realize that Afterthought is within Adam, and they try to take possession of Her by creating a female body in Her image. When the rulers take a part of Adam and use it to make Eve, Afterthought leaves Adam and goes into Eve.

This enables Sophia to reveal Herself more fully to Adam. Adam then awakens from his forgetfulness and recognizes that his true Self is a fragment of the Divine. The rulers next attempt to prevent Adam and Eve from eating from the tree of Gnosis or Knowledge that would acquaint them with good and evil, but once again, Afterthought helps them by appearing as an eagle and encouraging them to eat from the Tree. They do so, and their recognize that He is not God and He expels them from the Garden.

Ialdabaōth also sees that Afterthought or Sophia/Wisdom is shining in Eve and decides to rape Her. The Barbēlō sends divine Beings who take Sophia out of Eve, which means that Ialdabaōth **rapes Eve but fails to harm Sophia. Cain and Abel are born from rape of Eve by Ialdabaōth. The Gnostic Myth then explains that the Ialdabaōth's rape of Eve is the origin of the sexual intercourse or what we would now call the Fornication.** It gives rise to the desire for sex that comes from the Rulers, and sex itself results in the birth of material bodies in which the Divine Power that Ialdabaōth took dispersed. Through what we call the Kriya Shakti method that the Adam and Eve's that have not fallen practice they beget Seth. Seth is begotten in the image of the Archetypal Divine Seth who resides in the Entirety; thus, He becomes the symbolic Father of all people who have the divine power within them. The Gnostic Myth ends with the Rulers giving Adam and Eve water of forgetfulness, with the result that human beings fall into oblivion and forget their true origins.

Returning back to Genesis 6 with the Sons of God taking the daughters of men, Ialdabaōth sends His own Angels to Earth to mate with human women. At first, the women resist the evil Angels, but then the Rulers concoct a *Counterfeit Spirit* that leads human beings astray. Under the influence of the *Counterfeit Spirit*, human women have sex with the evil Angels, and humanity loses its Knowledge of the true God.

To now begin to weave in the Salvator Salvandus, the Parousia and the birth of our Intimate Christ we turn to those that are saved. The *saved people* are part of a posterity that is descended from or linked with Seth. They are also called in the Gnostic tradition the *Immovable Race*. This language makes it sound as if only some human beings have the Divine Power within them and will be saved. The Savior talks about two forces that are active in the lives of human beings: the Spirit of Life that comes from above, from the Invisible Spirit and the Barbēlō, and the Counterfeit Spirit that comes from below, from Ialdabaōth and the Rulers. These two Spirits descend upon human beings and compete for influence over human Souls.

The Savior divides people into three groups to further explain Salvation:

The first group consists of people upon whom the Spirit of Life descends and who become perfect and worthy of Salvation. Basically, Gnostics and those who listen to Gnostic teaching and become Gnostics.

The second group are the Souls upon whom the Counterfeit Spirit descends and who are led into works of wickedness. These people are not Gnostics and reject the Gnostic message. When these people die, their Souls are placed in new bodies, and they go through multiple existences until they become perfect and attain Salvation.

Lastly, the third group consists of people who have gained acquaintance with Gnosis and then turned away. These Souls will be tortured with eternal punishment, along with the Rulers, at the end of time.

Forethought/Barbēlō has incarnated in a human body and announced Her message of Salvation and awakening to all human beings. Jesus as the Christ is the incarnation of the Barbēlō's final visit to humanity. Through Jesus, the Savior, the Barbēlō is calling to all human beings to awaken from our sleep and recognize our true nature, to resist Ialdabaōth and the Rulers, and to follow Her to Salvation.

THE FEMININE IN THE GNOSTIC MYTH

Now let us try to comprehend the Divine Feminine and the relationship to this violation of the sacred sexuality. It has obviously come down to us through history as what was termed the battle of the sexes, Feminist versus Patriarchy and today what we see as the violence perpetuated against women. With this final piece of the puzzle we will better placed to understand the story of the conception of Jesus through the Roman soldier and violation of the Virgin Mary.

Barbēlō is described in the Gnostic Myth as follows: *She became the Universal Womb, for She precedes everything, the Mother-Father, the first Human, the Holy Spirit, the Triple Male, the Triple Power, the Androgynous one with three names, the Aeon among the Invisible Beings, the First to come forth.*

This description twice balances male and female elements: The Barbēlō is the Mother-Father and Androgynous. At one point She appears Female: She is the Universal Womb, yet also the Triple Male or Thrice Male. Thus, She is supremely Male and yet She is also the Womb.

Wisdom/Sophia is the one who enlightens human beings about their true origins in the Entirety and teaches them about the way to Gnosis. Yet it is also Sophia that creates the error that leads to the generation of Ialdabaōth and the loss of the Divine Power that He takes. By pondering on Her own, Wisdom/Sophia disturbs the harmony that should exist between male and female aeons.

In the Gnostic Text Thunder Perfect Mind/Intellect, there is a monologue spoken by a Female Divine Revealer. She talks about Herself in paradoxes. *I am the honored one and the despised one. I am the whore and the holy one. I am the wife and the virgin. I am the bride and the bridegroom And it is my husband who begot me.* What woman is both revered and despised, is seen as both holy and a harlot, and has a husband who gave birth to her? The female Revealer would seem to be Eve but Eve as the embodiment of the female divine, whether Wisdom/Sophia or Forethought and the Barbēlō.

In the Old Testament Book of Proverbs, God's Wisdom is personified as a female figure. The Hebrew word for Wisdom, *Chochmah*, is feminine, just as Sophia is in Greek. Proverbs depicts Wisdom as God's helper in creating the World, and She addresses human beings directly, inviting them to follow Her. The true Wisdom of God can be found in Gnostic myth.

From ancient Egypt we have The Isis Aretalogy (*Discourse on Virtues*). This text is famous because it shows a Goddess making grand claims about Her powers. In the text, Isis lists Her many virtues and reminds human beings of all that She has done for them: *I divided the Earth from the Heaven. I showed the path of the stars. I ordered the course of the Sun and the Moon.*

The Gnostics also give the human female Eve a larger role in the Genesis story, and also include a new Biblical character Nōrea, sister of Seth, who is prominent in the Reality of the Rulers. Some Gnostic writings tell us that the Gnostics are descendants of Nōrea, who leads humanity to improve and defy the evil Rulers. **That Reality of the Rulers is distinctive for how it places gender and sexual violence at the center of its story. From the start, the Divine Power that enters this World is coded as feminine, and the evil Rulers of this World experience an erotic attraction to it.** They create Adam and Eve precisely so that they can possess the Divine Power from above. When the Divine Spirit enters Eve, the Rulers want to rape her. However, the Divine Spirit laughs at the Rulers, leaves Eve, and becomes a tree, probably the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. The Divine Spirit leaves behind a fleshy Eve, a shadow of herself, and it is this fleshy Eve whom the Rulers rape.

The Female Spiritual principle mocks the Rulers and escapes, but they succeed in raping the human Eve. When Nōrea becomes the Female source of Divine Knowledge/Gnosis, She too comes into conflict with the Rulers. First, when the Rulers decide to destroy humanity with a flood, Nōrea, tries to escape the flood with Noah on the Ark. When Noah refuses to let Her on board, Nōrea, causes the Ark to be destroyed by fire, and Noah has to build another Ark. At this point the Rulers decide to attack Nōrea. The Chief Ruler says to her, *Your Mother Eve came to us.* Nōrea replies, *it is you who are the Rulers of Darkness; you are accursed. And you did not know my Mother; instead it was your female counterpart that you knew. For I am not your descendant; rather, it is from the World above that I am come.* The Chief Ruler is undeterred, and Nōrea cries out to God for Help. The Luminary Ēlēlēth arrives to rescue Her and reveal that She is the Mother of the Saved People.

There are good examples of sexual union such as Adam and Eve producing Seth, and in the Entirety, the conception of the Self-Originate/Christ the Savior by the Invisible Spirit and the Barbēlō. However, in the Reality of the Rulers, sexual desire motivates the evil Rulers to attack Eve and Nōrea. Ialdabaōth rapes Eve and the Rulers later seduce human women, leading to human sinfulness.

After Ialdabaōth rapes Eve, it is said that to this day sexual intercourse/fornication has persisted because of the First Ruler. In other words, sexual behavior as we know it comes from Ialdabaōth and sexual desire/Lust is a major means by which the Counterfeit Spirit leads human beings astray.

Let us recall that the pairing of Male and Female aeons provides harmony and stability in the Fullness. It stands to reason, then, that separating the Male and Female would be negative and the beginning of death. Christ came to heal this division: If the Female had not separated from the Male, She and the Male would not die. That Being's separation became the source of death. Christ came to rectify the separation that had been present since the beginning and join the two; and to give life unto those who had died by separation and join them together. (*Gospel According to Philip*)

Does this mean that each of us has a lost half of the other gender with whom we need to reunite? Yes, however it is not the case that each of us must reunite with our partner of the opposite gender, because our identities as men and women belong to our bodies, which are not our true selves. Our true selves are our Spiritual selves, the parts of us that originated from above, and our true Spiritual selves are all female.

According to Valentinius, we humans are all female elements, and we exist in a kind of alienation from our higher masculine selves, the Angels. We are like the divine Male-Female aeon pairs, but we are all Female Aeons and are separated from our Male consorts. The separation of Eve from Adam represents that alienation on the level of human difference.

The original Adam, created in Genesis 1, indicated the original union of the Male Angels with the Female Superior Seed, and the separation of Eve from Adam in Genesis 2 demonstrated the separation of the Female Element from the Male.

The Genesis account makes clear that the Female Element is derivative of the male. The Female Selves that we have now are the lower, derivative aspects of our true Masculine Angelic Selves.

Salvation, then, is not simply the reunion of Male and Female or the coupling of our Angelic and Spiritual Selves. It is, rather, the return of the derivative Female element to the Higher Male Element. The Valentinians understood this process of being made Male and reuniting with one's true Angelic Self as beginning in Baptism and being gradually accomplished through the Rituals and practices of the Gnostic Church.

Remember that what we are describing here has to be understood that whether we are of the male or female gender physically we are all Female. Each of us has the Male counterpart/Consort that has not entered into this Creation and we are striving to reunite with in a Spiritual sense, not in Matter physically.

This reunion with one's true Angelic Self occurs through the Ritual of the *Bridal Chamber*. Salvation will not be complete until the end of this world, when our Spiritual Elements, our Female Selves, will unite definitively with our Angelic Bridegrooms and join the aeons of the Fullness as Eternal Male-Female pairs. Ultimate Salvation is to be the union of the Angelic Male Selves and the Human Female Selves within the Fullness: this is the ultimate Spiritual Bridal Chamber that we replicate in the physical when the male and female join in the practice of the Sacrament of ROMA (*AMOR*).

Therefore, if the division of Adam and Eve represents on a worldly level the division between the Male Angelic Elements and the Female Spiritual Elements, then ordinary marriage provides an image or representation of this final consummation in the Mystery of Marriage.

Salvation therefore lays in the underlying harmony of the Male-Female organizing principle of the Cosmos.