

The Chalice of Ecstasy

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Being a Formula
of Open-ended
Initiation
Suited for this AEon
Based upon a merger
of the
Tree of Perfection
with
the Cup of Babalon
under
the Auspices of Jupiter

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During 3 different opera during the first pentad of Arachnae of this year (May 16-21, 1984 e.v.) the fleeting images which usually follow VIII^o orgasm were 'blacked-out' by an overwhelming vision which began with Don's Tree of Perfection. In earlier work with this Tree, there had been a strong tendency for it to 'evolve' gradually (yet purposefully) into the Jovian Tree of expansion (Kether=Pluto, Chokmah=Uranus, Neptune=Binah, Daath=Jupiter, Chesed=Venus, Geburah=Mercury, Tiphereth=Sol, Netzach=Mars, Hod=Saturn, Yesod=Luna), with an ensuing melt-down of the Paths into marbelized colored wax matrix as Jupiter went 'Nova' and became a star. The meltdown of the Paths 'imbedded' the Sephiroth into the 'backdrop' of the Universal continuity, while interconnecting each sphere to every other sphere by all the Paths.

But in these 3 opera, the transition was abrupt & without any hint of progression (like switching energy states by means of a quantum leap). What happened next was common to all 3 visions, but the detail of resolution of the vision has improved with repetition.

First: Jove/Daath goes 'nova' & becomes a self-luminous body. Its color is Royal blue rayed with filaments of fine orangey gold which emanate as fine spider-webbed strands from the center of the Sphere & progressively become twisted snake-like pseudopods which extend beyond the boundary of the Sphere of Daath to touch the marbelized back-drop of Paths (very lightly, like a spider testing her web for distant thrummings).

Second: The sun turns brilliant lemon-yellow with a network of royal purple strands (much like Jove's strands, but much finer in texture). Luna becomes a grail-shaped crescent of electric ultra-violet. Saturn

becomes so black it looks more like a void than a color. Mars becomes a bright blood-red. Venus becomes an iridescent Kelly green while Mercury becomes a rich glowing psychedelic pumpkin orange.

Third: The Tree then begins to fold over itself & take on a palpable three-dimensionality. The upper 4 Sephiroth fold outward, so that the plane which defines them lies perpendicular to the axis of the Tree. Each of these 4 spheres becomes an iridescent narcotic gemstone on the rim of a celestial chalice. Kether becomes a brilliant white star (Sothis), Uranus becomes a 'justified' higher vibration of Mercury (feminine emphatic androgyne whose anus has been filled with the semen of his children) & becomes a shining pearl [i.e., Uranus who ate his children becomes your-anus who receives the seed his children in joy]. The sterile mother at Binah becomes the three-pronged transmitter of the energies of the Trident of Set. Each of her prongs is tipped with a jewel (ruby, emerald & a royal blue stone) of the same crystalline composition.

Sol becomes the point at which the bowl of the chalice joins the stem. Venus & Mercury become twin serpents which emanate from Sol (like distended sperm) & encircle the bowl 3-1/2 times between Sol & the rim of the cup. Looking down on the rim, Mercury spirals deosil & touches the rim twixt Jove & Uranus; Venus spirals widdershins & meets the rim twixt Sothis & Neptune. Sol then elongates into a pillar of yellow fire with a surface network of royal purple 'veins' which distends downward to touch the Lunar Crescent. The Lunar Crescent then moves up thru the Sun & into the bowl of the chalice, where it atomizes into a vaporous electrical dew, the color of the light transmitted by a Wratten 18A filter (infra-red + ultra-violet, with no visible light transmitted). Saturn & Mars move inward to stand beside the pillar of fire like the red & black testicles of the Maha lingam. The marbelized paths become the shell of the body of the chalice — providing passive background support & communication among all of the Sephiroth.

The rim of the chalice then begins to vibrate (like a wet finger rubbed along the rim of a crystal goblet filled with fine wine) as a 'mating call' to those who would drink from the cup of initiation. The black Saturnian testicle represents the in-drawing of sexual power during periods of silence, while the red Martial testicle represents the outward surge of spontaneous orgasm during periods of speech. The golden phallus transmits both of these energies to the cup of Babalon, where it is structured & directed by the twin haploid lion-serpents (Mercury & Venus) within the menstruum of the trans-Abysal Lunar 'fluid', called Purpura of Ghee — a specialized form of Azoth. The royal road (purple network on the solar Maha-Lingam) absorbs a portion of the Purpura of Ghee for the education & enlightenment of the red and black testicles (whose Office is to wear masks of imbalance upon the outer).

Who (Hu?) is to drink from this chalice of ecstasy? Certainly not he who channeled its contents thru the Spheres of the outer Order. Certainly not she who refined the elixir by means of the feminine & masculine principles of Alchemy and concentrated it within the cup of Babalon. We are often warned of the dire consequences if the Whore of Babalon drinks from her own cup. Who is to drink from this Chalice? Is it reserved for the Gods alone, or are there also certain classes of mere mortals who may safely imbibe its contents as well?

The Whore of Babalon shares her cup with all, for she knows that no man may taste of its hidden delights save thru the purity of his heart & the transparency of his soul. The contents of her cup is the Elixir of Immortality of the Gods, yet it may be drunk by anyone who is Fool enough to actively seek initiation.

The rim Sephiroth are transmitters/emitters of energy and modes of specialization. Drink from each in turn, or all at once. The serpents channel, temper, & skulpt the energy of the cup in accord with Will. Their venom is deadly, while their kiss is ecstasy. The aspirant is the Dove who descends upon the cup from beyond the microcosm of the Alchemist. He (the dove being active in approach to the Cup is masculine, while the cup of the Chalice is feminine) bears the host (the army of his un-tempered desires & un-tested aspirations) as a token 'payment' for a taste of the dew of immortality. The host transforms the cup even as the Dove is transformed by her, for initiation is rarely one-way.

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More details gained while in half-awake state after a phonecall awoke me this morning (23 May, '84). I was drifting back to sleep when images of the Chalice of Ecstasy worked their way into my consciousness. I saw that the black & red scrotal Sephiroth were concentrations derived from the Jachin/Boaz pillars of the old Tree. The black sphere of Saturn embodies the essence of Jachin (God makes him firm) as the outer symbol for the formula of karezza. In this formula, the male ejaculatory current is reversed & repeated stimulation causes a Saturnian in-drawing of vital essence from the trans-Abyssal cup to nourish the Will. The red sphere of Mars is the embodiment of Boaz (eagerness, strength) which represents the spontaneous & auto-motive orgasm which is beyond the conscious control of the Alchemist. Together they symbolize the formula of IT (the un-manifest & manifest phallus) — see Crowley's comments on the Book of Lies.

I then began to see the Chalice on other levels. The Chalice of Ecstasy is the fruit of the Tree of initiation which is also a map of the esoteric nervous system of the Magus. To those 'outside' of the Magus's Universe, the Chalice appears very feminine & passive.

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never to drink from the Cup of Babalon, yet the Magi of the Third Order subsist almost exclusively upon its contents.

Because of the universal nature of the Chalice's elixir, an aspirant will rarely become a Master in the image of his initiator. The contents of the Chalice is the precursor to information (DNA, initiation into a specific Magickal Current, etc.), rather than information itself. Purpura of Ghee is infinitely transmutable by the Will of the aspirant in his journey from student to Ipsissimus, and is (in this AEon) not influenceable by the Will of the initiator.

This is a radical departure from previous AEons in which the Master dictated & controlled the development of initiation within the body/soul of the Aspirant. In the previous AEon, the formula for the Master was the pyramid, symbolizing the containment & the metering-out of the elixir of immortality. The primary vice of Masters who work the formula of the pyramid is Simony — the restriction of initiation for personal gain (acquisition of wealth; consolidation of power over others who possess contrary world-views; centralization & control-over prophesy/inspiration; and the promulgation of unimpeachable dogma). The restriction of initiation to pre-defined channels profits the power elite at the expense of the Magickal Current itself. Corruption of the Alchemical Chalice is the universal result of mis-application of the formula of the Pyramid. A sure sign of such corruption is the silencing of those who question authority (censorship of non-traditional views, excommunication of heretics or removing them from positions of authority, or (in extreme cases) torture & murder of those who dare to ignore the promulgations of the power elite.

Those whose Will is to work with the Chalice of Ecstasy have vowed to release all aspirants from any/all requirements of patriotic fealty to us personally, to the Will of our particular Current, and to any dogmas associated with our Magickal Path. As initiators, we are an open channel of inspiration for all who drink from our cup. We may offer specialized initiations &/or courses of training, but it is up to each seeker to make of these initiations what he will. We do our Will consciously and with full responsibility for all of our actions and our non-actions. We do not hide our ignorance behind the veil of secrecy, neither do we play the role of humble servants who do but 'follow the Will of the Secret Chiefs'. Obligations between any student or neophyte & any Master or Magus are always open to discussion, and can have no 'hidden strings' attached to them.

But this does not mean that Masters are obligated to devote their lives to training students with no recompense. Workers in any field of endeavor (be it magick, medicine, architecture

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apprentice must expect to carry-out certain tasks &/or pay certain fees in exchange for training. As in more mundane apprenticeships, the exact nature of the exchange is open to discussion at any point along the Path. Apprenticeship training replaces the life-long indentured servitude to enshrined Dogma which has long been the hallmark of the pyramidal centralization of power practiced in the previous AEon.

Magical Orders which continue to be based upon the closed systems of the previous AEon will undoubtedly oppose our efforts to cause the pyramid to flower. As we find more & more ways to drink from their cups of initiation without becoming bound to their obligations, our success will be a proof to all who are drawn to us.

There are those who claim that it is not possible to drink from any cup of initiation of the previous AEon without being bound to its obligations. They choose to discard all ties with the pyramidal Orders to forge links of their own with the inner Order. In some cases, it may not be possible for individuals to absolve themselves of their obligations to repressive Orders without abnegating all initiation in the process. However, in most instances the ingenious initiate is fully capable of freeing him-/er-self from the restrictive bonds of pyramidal Orders without breaking any oaths. The demonstration of the proof of this theorem is left as an exercise for those who aspire to Mastership thru the use of this formula.

Previous AEons have been governed by a LOGOS, or Word which when uttered by the Ipsissimus of the AEon served to mold all Currents of that AEon to the pattern of the LOGOS. The previous AEonic formula was that of Patriarchy. Assertion of the right of man to rule woman was practiced in China as much as it was by the Church of Rome. The Matriarchal AEon before that was little different, save in the 'flavor' of its Dogma. However, in this AEon, those who have thus far attained the right to utter the LOGOS of the AEon have refused to do so. Those who have become Masters in this AEon are therefore bound to no particular AEonic formula, but are free to work with whatever formula(e) is/are aligned with the Current which it is their Will to transmit/reify.

At this nexus of Space/Time/Alternity there is healthy competition among myriad non-exclusivive AEonic formulae, with much cross-fertilization among heretofore contradictory Currents. But cross-initiation is strictly voluntary and is not necessitated by the LOGOS of this AEon. Specialized Currents often require isolation & silence to incubate in fullness. During incubation, they may appear to be practicing the diseased isolation of the black brothers. However, such may not be the case. Only time & the success or failure of a particular formula can attest to its efficacy. We are in an AEon where everyone can aspire to his/her own LOGOS. Let us do so in concert with all of our fellow Magi.

Signal Response to "Chalice of Ecstasy"

There was this guy Levi and he wrote things that had alot to do with other things that, all together, had next to nothing to do with, or for, most folk living in France, so somebody published it and then later somebody put it into English and published it again, about which time this other guy Mathers was running an Order, his mouth, and a fever while writing far-out rituals and theories and some other guys called the Secret Chiefs said, to him, he says, that this was a very good thing to do, but this other guy, Crowley, came along and he learned all the above stuff, then he sat down and wrote some more stuff that not too many people understood or even cared about all that much, and the other guy Mathers, got pissed off at Crowley so they elected to fight in some guy's Court instead of where the Secret Chiefs fought, or whatever they did wherever it is they are, and Crowley won the fight and the other guy pouted and attained the usual final degree called obscure, so this young guy called Achad Jones comes into the picture and is a very good student of Crowley, so he gets praised and is seriously considering the considered opinion of Crowley that he, Achad, may be holding the marble-bag, but this guy pisses Crowley off soon, but that is before he already get praised in some book that couldn't sell for paper cost even, 35 years after it was published, yet now demands hundreds another 35 years later, which is occult too, I guess, anyway, Achad wrote some books and this other guy Parsons wrote some short stuff too, and Achad ended up walking around in only his raincoat in around Vancouver, while Parsons blew himself up before he could vacation to Mexico and after this other guy Hubbard split with Parson's wife, so Hubbard went on to steal and write all the above people's stuff and he got rich from it cause he knows American Business and this other guy McMurty has started Crowley's Order up again and is doing a good job and starving because America doesn't pay War Veterans much these days, and this other guy Motta is trying to write everything that everybody above already wrote all over again so he can get rich too but he isn't doing too well, and Kelly, a guy in Sewickey Pa, says he is the second 'he that will unveil' whatever it is that Crowley wrote in Liber AL, but didn't get, and McMurty has the original copy of said document, which is priceless on the open market, but he's still broke and honest, and this other guy Grant has seemed to run out of other people's stories to rewrite, and this other guy Rev. Melton is writing history on all the above and studying Maatian Magick in Chicago, and this other guy Norman is sitting here trying to figure out which drug combination might trigger Robert Anton Wilson's dopple ganger Illumination Neuro-circuit them just enough to allow him a chance to attempt or break through into just what the fuck Bill Siebert is trying to offer me in his Signet.

"WE ALL HAVE VASTLY GREATER CAPACITIES
FOR EXPERIENCING THAN FOR UNDERSTANDING."

-Mark Vonnegut

Norman Kaesburg