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- INSCRIBED UPON THE TEMPLE OF DELPHI

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The Philosopher's Stone

PREFACE

ALTHOUGH we are often enamored with thoughts of how cultured, educated, and modern the developed world has become in the last century, it is abundantly clear that within the areas of religion and spirituality, the most terrible ignorance and fanaticism reigns.

People today are generally materialistic. Generally, though, we do not want to admit it. Nevertheless, the basis, or center of gravity, that the majority of us hang our actions upon is how it will affect the corporal world, and secondly, how others will perceive it. Our psychology, our whole life, revolves around the material, sensual world, and thus, if we have nothing else, then indeed materialism is all that we have to base our actions upon.

Therefore, we are materialists – not from a philosophical or ideological viewpoint – but from a practical one. Yet, few will admit it, because few have ever taken a moment to think about who they are. We lackadaisically boast so much of our self-cognizance, but in reality we are only cognizant in a materialistic sense: we know what we physically look like. From a psychological standpoint however, we are just a like dog, which upon gazing into a mirror, has absolutely no conception of the nature of the image being reflected. In other words, we do not know who we are. This humanity cannot accurately describe its very own psychological self-image!

Incredibly, in most people this important fact is passed over with outright denial, or even worse, boredom. People believe very much in their self-sapience, even though they are completely and totally wrong. This is what some call *complex ignorance*, which in this case means we do not even know that we do not know anything about ourselves. If we, as a culture, at least knew how ignorant we are, in other words if we were only *simply ignorant*, then things would be generally good, but this is not the case at all.

There appears to be something lacking in today's individual. There is a certain type of complacency, and severe indifference, when it comes to these matters of life and death. Throughout history many philosophers have stuffed man's head full with too many theories, and the charlatans have played too many tricks, leaving the masses suffering mystical indigestion.

“There is nothing new to postulate, all the metaphysical theories have been defeated, and all the so-called super-transcendent sacrosanct religious leaders are nothing more than mythomaniacs...,” the learned one says. And for the unlearned? Well, they have been taught by the elders and scribes of society to think like them, to act like them, and to believe like them. So, being that the blind is following the blind, together all of us have fallen into the abyss.

Between the two covers of this book, a very pure form of Gnosis is taught. Many learned ones will disagree, because the nomenclature used herein will proceed beyond the usual Aramaic and Greek, and without any fear, also introduce the reader to Sanskrit, Nahuatl, and Tibetan vocabulary. This may upset some people who believe to be erudite in these matters. These learned ones, the “scribes,” the “elders,” do not actually know Gnosis, and therefore believe it to be something it is not. This is because their associations of Gnosis are invariably locked within certain appearances, and academic study of Gnosticism is founded in historical, empirical and forensic analysis of ancient documents.

As far as academia goes, this is fine, as they are simply performing their vocation, but it is unfortunate for someone considering themselves “Gnostic” to be informed by academics. Yet, this is the way it has become, because, as it will be stated in this work, today's intelligentsia has become the new priestly cast that the layman puts his faith in. Hence, although Gnosis cannot be accurately understood using the aforementioned avenues of study, for most people today it has become a false foundation of their understanding of it.

Subsequently, what constitutes proper “Gnosticism” today has been formulated by classes of people who have – *by definition* –

no requirement in attaining actual gnosis: academia, historians, or heresiologists. In fact, the word itself, *Gnosticism*, was chosen by modern scholars to describe certain historical religious sects even though the ancient sects in question never actually used this word to describe themselves. They instead always referred to their teachings simply as *Gnosis*. Of course this has caused some confusion, and therefore, in the pursuit of clarity, a simple and practical definition is found in the introductory chapter.

An important distinction must be made between materialistic science, and what we can call Gnostic science. Materialistic science bases its premise on materialistic empirical observation of phenomena. If such observation of phenomena is repeatable to all those who possess the sensual faculties to also observe it, the results are understood to be objective. This means that the causes and effects are deemed identical regardless of the subject (person) observing them.

Gnostic science, which is the methodology of gnosis, is different. Where materialistic science uses the functionalisms of the sensory organs as its foundation, the Gnostic science makes use of the functionalisms of the consciousness as its foundation. The Gnostic science does not admit the definition of *objective* that materialistic science does. The Gnostic science only views objectivity to exist outside of subjective perception. The fact that two subjects, two people, view the world identically through their sensory organs is not enough for Gnostic science to state that their observations are objective.

Materialistic science is always evolving, always changing and always contradicting itself. Yet, materialistic science can be practiced by anyone with good sensory organs, and is necessarily communicated through uncompromised literalism. The Gnostic science, which is the source of all religions, is the study of that which never changes (the Truth), and that which is ultimately incommunicable. Therefore, because the Truth can never be communicated *per se*, the Gnostic science must express its transcendental values through various subjective manners, such as parables, myths, allegories, analogies, poetic verse, rituals,

koans, similes, metaphors, music, art, dance, and all other forms of symbolism. This is the chief purpose of the world's various religious forms, practices, and customs.

Gnostic science is only verifiable through experience, never through the intellect, and due to the nature of its values, is necessarily distorted when expressed to others, and the more literal the expression, the more distorted the values become. Herein lays the problem, because the Gnostic science must be experienced, yet it can only be practiced by someone who knows how to awaken the consciousness. Hence, the primary goal of this work is to help someone teach themselves, if only at an introductory level, how to awaken their own consciousness.

Gnosis is lived upon facts, withers away in abstractions and is difficult to find even in the noblest of thoughts.

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Revolution of the Dialectic*

Due to the fact that practically no one knows or accepts the reality of Gnosis, the majority of heralded experts on these matters may not find this work serious or noteworthy. However, if their consciousness was awakened just a bit, and if they were able to achieve *theopneusty*, or the ability to understand the scriptures, then things would be different. Then, instead of using comparison, rational deduction, and carbon dating to understand Gnosticism, they would use the awakened consciousness. It is obvious that *theopneusty* lies outside the materialistic sciences and lies entirely within the Gnostic sciences.

The learned ones, even if they are very sincere and devout, even the ones calling themselves Gnostic, Catholic, or Protestant, believe they are *pneumatic* (spiritual), but in reality they are just another type of *hylicist* (materialist). They believe the transition from hylic to a pneumatic is as easy as reading a book, listening to a sermon, attending or performing liturgical works, memorizing scripture, reciting prayers, receiving holy titles from holy men, attending venerable intuitions, etc., etc. All of that is rooted in this world, is ephemeral, and of little consequence in terms of legitimate Gnosticism.

On future pages it will be shown modern “man” does not possess his soul or psyche. As such, he is strictly hylic, and he can be no more than that, no matter what he achieves in this world or what he believes what will come about in the next. Only when he possesses a soul, when he develops his soul, his psyche or *psuchikon*, can he be classified as *psychic* under the Gnostic Valentinian and Pauline schools. Understand that this is not the modern “psychic,” no, but the ancient and original, which means “one who possesses a soul,” or in other words, “one who is a master of his psyche.” What it means to possess a soul is unknown in this world today, but it shall become clearer as the reader progresses through the chapters herein, as they are written in a progressive fashion, each one developing upon the previous.

Today, every believer, believers with names like Orthodox, Pagan, Hassidic, Sunni, Jain, Sikh, or even Gnostic, thinks that because he reads and agrees with the ancient scriptures that he is therefore a pneumatic, a spiritual one, but in reality he is yet to even reach the level of psychic! He does not even have a soul! This, of course, is very interesting, because to cross the threshold of hylic to psychic is relatively easy, yet, to achieve the most elevated classification (which every believer already believes to be) is much more difficult. To be born again as *pneumatikos* is something terribly divine, something that cannot be achieved simply by attending rituals and studying parchments.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

– John 3:7-12

What is that which is pneumatic? Materialists only know its corporal counterpart, the air we breathe, but its hidden mystery is the Spirit: the wind which blows, but we, who are yet To Be, do not know where it comes from or where it is going..

Are you surprised about this? Are you still unaware that you are asleep and do not possess a soul? Are you unaware how you must give birth to your soul? And if you do not know this, how can you call yourself knowledgeable?

The world has yet to understand what it means to receive the witness, and to speak the testimony, because indeed these are Gnostic teachings and the Gnostic teachings are not yet known to the world. Therefore, dear reader, continue forth and uncover how to receive what the Masters of Israel called DAATH, but which was later deemed appropriate to be converted into the Gentile tongue, and be called GNOSIS.

THE AUTHOR

GNOSTICISM

For the crime of having accompanied Jesus Christ in the holy land, and because of having celebrated our rituals within Rome's catacombs, we, the Gnostics, faced the lions in the circus of Rome. Then later, in time, we were burnt alive in the flames of the Roman Catholic inquisition. Previously, we were the mystical Essenes of Palestine. So, we are not improvising opportunist doctrines. We were hidden for twenty centuries, but now we are returning once again to the street in order to carry on our shoulders the old, rough, and heavy cross.

Paul of Tarsus took our doctrine to Rome. Yes, he was a Gnostic Nazarene.

Jesus-Christ taught our doctrine in secrecy to his seventy disciples.

The Sethians, Peratae, Carpocratians, Nazarenes and Essenes were Gnostics. The Egyptian and Aztec mysteries, the mysteries of Rome, Troy, Carthage, of Eleusis, India, of the Druids, Pythagoreans, Kambirs, of Mithra and Persia, etc., are in their depth that which we call Gnosis or Gnosticism.

We are now once again opening the ancient Gnostic Sanctuaries, which were closed with the arrival of the Dark Age. Thus, we are now opening the authentic Initiatic Colleges.

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Major Mysteries*

The root of Gnosticism is *gnosis*, which is a Greek word meaning *knowledge*. Gnosis is a very special type of knowledge. Gnosis is that which one must acquire in order to free one's self from suffering, to be liberated or to reach salvation. A *Gnostic*, from a general standpoint, is one who is not only searching for, but also receiving gnosis. A Gnostic's mode of life therefore, from both a practical and philosophical point of view, must be considered *Gnosticism*. I think this is a very sensible method to define these terms.

What we can say, in general, is that the proper understanding of Gnosticism can only be found when one has acquired at least some degree of gnosis. This much is self-evident, is it not? The true essence of Gnosticism cannot be uncovered simply by

reading ancient manuscripts and dusty parchments, or by reading the many interpretations of others who have read them. Intellectual pursuit, like nostrils leading a man to his meal, can direct and guide one towards the bread of wisdom, but if one wants to know the contents of the food itself, olfaction is not just inadequate, but absurd. Likewise, it does not matter how many years of earnest and sincere intellectual, conceptual, or philosophical refinements have been obtained regarding Gnosticism, a Gnostic it will not make, because that quality of discipline cannot result in the actual obtainment of gnosis.

Gnosticism is *esoteric*, meaning *hidden* or *kept within the interior*. In other words, gnosis is found within one's own consciousness, and as a corollary to this magnificent fact, it is obvious the quality of discipline required for the actual obtainment of gnosis is related with consciousness. Unfortunately we often confuse consciousness with the intellect or intelligence of a person, and believe that those who possess powerful intellectual abilities possess a great degree of consciousness. It is important to understand that this notion is false.

Due to likewise factors, many of the ideas concerning Gnosticism that are floating around today are inaccurate. They are formulated by people who may study Gnosticism, but who are ultimately not Gnostic. Scholars understand Gnosticism as a somewhat vague and often contradictory collection of beliefs that wildly vary depending upon the time and place. In reality the essence of Gnosticism is very clear, precise, and direct. Yet it is also profound, and often thickly veiled in symbolism and allegory, which makes it difficult to comprehend.

The principles of Gnosticism can be expressed through the lexicon and symbolism of any tradition, leading many scholars to consider Gnosticism *syncretic*. Syncretism is the method of melding seemingly unrelated doctrines, and the usual mode of thinking is to believe that Gnostics borrowed all the theological ideas around them, mixed them together, and made a new type of hodgepodge religion. Of course, the reality is quite the opposite: Gnosis is the very core of all religious pursuit, and therefore it can

appear under the guise of any religious form. The exterior, literal viewpoints can only see contradiction and confusion, but the interior, esoteric views see the values of gnosis. Those who have the eyes to see can witness these values glowing in all authentic traditions with terrific clarity.

In conclusion, instead of Gnosticism being defined through its transcendent immutable ideals, it has been defined in essence by nothing more than some religious movements that existed within a small locality and historical period. Just about any eccentric religious movement, simply because it happened to exist around two thousand years ago in Mesopotamia or Egypt, is considered Gnostic when in reality many of these systems were not. Some of these groups, even though they use familiar concepts and words, in reality had nothing at all to do with true Gnosticism, for they are anathematic to the teachings of Christ. The modern definition of Gnosticism prevails simply due to the fact that authentic Gnosticism was held in the strictest secrecy for the last twenty centuries. In such a vacuum of public authority profound ignorance prevailed.

Many “experts” treat Gnosticism as a historical artifact; they believe that its existence was destroyed for the most part by the fifth century. Indeed the original sects did vanish. Yet, the values of Gnosticism were carried on, under the names of different groups, sects, and orders. They all held the common thread of the esoteric doctrine of gnosis and a secret link to Christ.

Generally speaking, a Gnostic is anti-sectarian, with one critical exception: while it is true that there is only one path to God, this path can be traversed in two directions. Remember Jacob’s Ladder, where Angels were not only ascending, but descending as well. So it is important to note that throughout history not all these ancient so-called “Gnostic” sects were alike: some were using the knowledge in a negative way, and other groups made use of the knowledge in a positive way. Some traditions call these the Left Hand Path and the Right Hand Path. The Bible is refers to these as the sheep and the goats:

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left... Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'...

– Matthew 25: 33, 41

From the academic viewpoint, these two sides are sometimes viewed as ascetic forms of Gnosticism and hedonistic forms of Gnosticism. It is plainly evident that Gnosticism and its antithesis are very concerned with sexuality. Some sects preached the strictest chastity and purity, and other sects that taught defilement and debauchery. This is pointed out clearly in chapter 147 of *The Pistis Sophia*, where Jesus denounces the hedonistic sexual acts purported by other false sects. These other sects are the false Gnostic sects. The false Gnostic sects practice the same doctrine of the Nicholaitans mentioned in the second chapter of Revelation.

Modern pseudo-Gnostic groups, some from the “left,” and some from “right,” want to castrate the teachings of *The Pistis Sophia*. They want to use the parts they adore and love, and throw away the parts that contradict their own ideas of Gnosticism. They believe that Gnosticism is a free-for-all where one can do whatever one pleases, and indeed, even some believe that this is the very essence of Gnosticism.

Of course, everyone is free to possess their own viewpoints. Therefore, we must state that the man we call Jesus is the supreme Patriarch of the Gnostic Church. This Church is open and accessible to those devout aspirants who awaken their consciousness, because it exists within the *Three Amens*, the Divine Trinity that palpitates throughout space, and finds its physical exponent within the soul of the man who self-realizes them.

Jesus taught the methods to acquire gnosis, but when he delivered his doctrine it was not proper at that time to teach everything publicly, thus the esoteric teachings of Jesus are found in the ancient Coptic text *The Pistis Sophia*. The time has now arrived to teach everything publicly, and this is evidenced by all the Gnostic scriptures that have been found throughout the last

two hundred years. The Pistis Sophia is the Gnostic Bible and the words of the Adorable Savior of the World.

The Pistis Sophia contains all the words of the adorable Savior of the world. It was written by the Apostles. Thus, all the Esoteric-Christian instructions that Jesus Christ gave to his disciples on the Mount of the Olives and other holy places is written within this book. This book had been conserved in secret for many centuries. In this book, the Adorable One left an extraordinary, formidable body of doctrine.

— Samael Aun Weor, *The Pistis Sophia Unveiled*

Modern Christianity can be traced back to St. Paul, when his sect of Gnosticism was selected as the major source for what became the New Testament. Contrary to popular belief, Paul's teachings are pure Gnosticism. Unfortunately, without understanding Gnosticism, his writings lack their true depth. The literal interpretations purported today of Paul's writings are not the complete teachings of Christ.

During the times of Jesus there were many men of great wisdom living in the area. Today we can call these people Initiates, Masters, or Gnostics. Whatever the name, these people knew very well about the upcoming birth of Jesus and they prepared the area by teaching their knowledge, forming many of the Gnostic sects. However, some of these people ended up betraying the divine plan because, due to jealousy, they did not wish to divulge the wisdom to the masses. So, there was of course a great struggle, and in the end darkness fell over the Earth for many centuries. We know these times as the Dark Ages. It was during these times that the Initiatic Colleges closed their doors and humanity was left to drift upon the waters of its own Machiavellian current.

Jesus did not found the Roman Catholic Church; Jesus founded the Gnostic Church. The Gnostic Church existed in the times of Saint Augustine. This is the Church which was known by Jeronimo, Empedocles, Saint Thomas, Marcion de Ponto, Clement of Alexandria, Tertulian, Saint Ambrosio, Harpocrates and all of the first Fathers of the Church. In that epoch, the Church was named the Catholic Gnostic Church.

The Roman Catholic Church in its present form was not founded by Jesus. This Roman Church is a deviation or corruption, a fallen

branch of the holy Gnosticism. The Roman Catholic Church is a cadaver...

In this present time, the Roman Catholic Church has totally lost the tradition. That is why we see that in this Roman Church the fire of the temple is lit by acolyte boys, an action that is not only an absurdity, but more over, a very grave sacrilege and an insult to life itself...

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Perfect Matrimony*

The Initiatic Colleges were the schools of authentic esotericism. They were found at the heart of all the great religions. These schools existed for the few, the elite, those who proved worthy, those of unquestionable humility, sanctity, and charity. These schools existed in Egypt, Mexico, Peru, Greece, Chaldea, Rome, Phoenicia, as well as in the heart of India, China, the lands of the Druids, Persia, etc., etc. They educated the chosen ones, and as a consequence when these schools flourished, civilization advanced, yet when they closed, civilization lost its secret guides and darkness covered the Earth.

To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not hear.

– Luke 8:10

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the esoteric wisdom...

– St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 2:7

Esotericism, or the esoteric philosophy, is really one and same as that which we call Gnosis or Gnosticism. Weaving its way through philosophical, religious, artistic and scientific doctrine, the esoteric philosophy is the common golden thread uniting all divine wisdom. It is everywhere, yet, so hidden that few people even consider its very existence. The concealment has been so complete that its existence has all but been completely forgotten. Many “authoritative” voices express extreme skepticism and contempt towards the very idea of something so profound, yet so unknown. Nevertheless this is the way it is.

It seems that the best way to hide something is to speak through symbolism. In this way a single message contains

multiple meanings: those who are prepared to hear the superior WORD will hear it, and those who are not prepared will find a lesser meaning. Different beings need different nourishment, and in this way the one who needs meat, will find meat, and the one who needs milk, will find milk. Milk is easy to ingest, yet meat provides the real nourishment.

The esoteric philosophy is the superior teachings of religion. Yet, these teachings give spiritual “indigestion” for those not ready for them: it is too much, too direct, too radical, too harsh, or too difficult. For these reasons Paul, the great Gnostic Hierophant stated the following:

I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able.

– 1 Corinthians 3:2

Now we can understand a bit clearer as to why Jesus spoke in parables, and why some were given the secrets and some not.

Jesus is the savior of this wretched Earth. He arrived during the Age of Pisces and thus we find the symbol of the fish related to Christ, and his first teaching was turning water into wine. This act of transmutation is authentic Alchemy, a pillar of Esoteric Christianity, and it represents a process that must transpire within both our mundane and “ultra” physiology.

Terribly, the purity of Christianity was vastly diluted, and the spirit of Christ’s hidden doctrine survived only on the fringe of civilization. Things began to change with the Renaissance, where enlightened men began to rediscover the ancient forgotten manuscripts which revived literature and philosophy. Likewise, art and music began to flourish. Esoteric societies slowly came out from total repose. Religious freedoms were becoming a reality, and eventually culminated in many religious groups populating the Americas.

Authors such as Eliphaz Levi wrote publicly about various esoteric topics as early as the 17th Century. Esoteric societies continued to spread. Historically we find portions of the esoteric philosophy within the Knight Templars, Alchemy, Freemasonry,

Rosicrucianism, sects of Sufism, tantric Buddhism, the Kabbalah, Himalayan ashrams, etc. Each center was a small beacon of light that few people had the access or power to find.

However, things took a radical change by the late 1800^s, as it was at this time that a first introduction to “The New Age Doctrine” was given to the world by H. P. Blavatsky, calling her movement Theosophy, which means “intuitive insight into the nature of God.” Theosophy had its share of initiates, however, even before their deaths, politics and schisms degenerated the teachings. Many people studied the doctrine from a purely theoretical point of view. They believed, and many continue to believe to this day that through their theories they will perfect themselves.

Rudolf Steiner addressed this with books of practical esotericism in his school of Anthroposophy. G. I. Gurdjieff, also tired of so many theories, started a school of self-development in which he taught The Doctrine of the Many “I’s” which he learned in Tibet. Before degenerating, the Order of the Golden Dawn produced many prolific writers such as Dion Fortune. Max Heindel delivered to us *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*; Mainly P. Hall wrote a library of wisdom, including the *Secret Teachings of All Ages*.

Western authors who denounce eastern wisdom and its praxis as unsuitable for westerners are mistaken in this area. Any validity this argument may have held in the past has vanished. Human culture has globalized and we must embrace this modern fact. J. Krishnamurti, after dissolving the Order of the Star of the East, promulgated a doctrine that is absolutely practical and full of wisdom. Likewise, many Yogis of the orient began delivering their doctrine to the West. For example, it is good to study the practical yoga of Swami Sivananda, Swami Vivekananda, and Paramahansa Yogananda.

If this inner doctrine were always concealed from the masses, for whom a simpler code had been devised, is it not highly probable that the exponents of every aspect of modern civilization – philosophic, ethical, religious, and scientific – are ignorant of the

true meaning of the very theories and tenets on which their beliefs are founded? Do the arts and sciences that the race has inherited from older nations conceal beneath their fair exterior a mystery so great that only the most illumined intellect can grasp its import? *Such is undoubtedly the case.*

– Manly Palmer Hall

In Christianity, too, especially as far as its central point, the Mystery of Golgotha, is concerned, we must make a distinction between exoteric conceptions and esoteric knowledge. An exoteric contemplation of Christianity, accessible to all the world, is contained in the Gospels. Side by side with this exoteric contemplation, there has always been an esoteric Christianity for those who were willing - as I have said before - to prepare their hearts and minds in an adequate way for the reception of an esoteric Christianity.

– Rudolf Steiner

Behind the veil of all the hieratic and mystical allegories of ancient doctrines, behind the darkness and strange ordeals of all initiations, under the seal of all sacred writings, in the ruins of Nineveh or Thebes, on the crumbling stones of old temples and on the blackened visage of the Assyrian or Egyptian sphinx, in the monstrous or marvelous paintings which interpret to the faithful of India the inspired pages of the Vedas, in the cryptic emblems of our old books on alchemy, in the ceremonies practiced at reception by all secret societies, there are found indications of a doctrine which is everywhere carefully concealed.

– Eliphas Lévi, *Dogme et Rituel de la Haute Magie*

All of these authors and movements worked in their own way to divulge parts of the esoteric philosophy to the public as part of a larger plan to eventually reemerge the totality of Gnosticism to the public and reestablish the Initiatic Colleges for all of humanity. Therefore, these individuals kept away from the highest secrets of the esoteric philosophy for they were only preparations for the future teacher mentioned in various esoteric literatures. The name of this teacher is *Samael Aun Weor*. He is responsible for unveiling the full mysteries of the esoteric philosophy to the public. Obviously some people contest this fact, yet, it is incontrovertible that the breadth and depth of the

teachings publicly exposed by Samael Aun Weor is unmatched by any other contemporary teacher.

In a similar way that the esoteric teachings took a great jump in publicity two hundred years ago, the teachings that have been given since 1950 by Samael Aun Weor exist upon a still superior octave: the clarity and power of these teachings is unparalleled, as it will be demonstrated.

Since Gnostic studies have progressed extraordinarily in recent times, no educated person would fall today as in the past, into the simplistic error of associating the flow of Gnosis with some exclusive spiritual latitude.

Although it is true that in any Gnostic system we must take into account its Eastern Hellenistic elements, including Persia, Mesopotamia, Syria, India, Palestine, Egypt, etc, we must never ignore the Gnostic principles visible in the sublime religious cults of the Indo-American Nahuas, Toltecs, Aztecs, Zapotecs, Mayas, Chibchas, Incas, Quechuas, etc.

Speaking quite frankly and straightforward, we will state: Gnosis is a very natural function of the Consciousness, a *Perennis et Universalis* Philosophy.

Unquestionably, Gnosis is the enlightened knowledge of the Divine Mysteries, which are reserved for a certain elite.

The word 'Gnosticism' encloses within its grammatical structure the idea of systems or methods dedicated to the study of Gnosis.

'Gnosticism' implies a coherent, clear and precise series of fundamental elements that can be verified through direct mystical experience:

- Damnation, from a scientific and philosophic point of view.
- The Adam and Eve of the Hebraic Genesis
- The Original Sin and the fall from Paradise
- The Mystery of Nahua Lucifer
- The Death of the Myself
- The Creative Powers
- The essence of the Salvator Salvandus
- The Sexual Mysteries
- The Intimate Christ

- The Igneous Serpent of our magical powers
- The Descent into Hell
- The Return to Eden
- The Gift of Mephistopheles

Only the Gnostic doctrines that entail the abovementioned Ontological, Theological and Anthropological bases are part of genuine Gnosticism.

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Secret Doctrine of Anabuac*

KALKIAN IGNORANCE

Unquestionably, the Kalkian personalities are victims of self-deceit. They believe that they have achieved everything when indeed they have achieved nothing and what is worse is that they have lost their sense of veneration. They have forgotten the true and authentic religiosity. They have also lost their humility before the Creator Logos. This is what the Kalkian personalities are.

When one comes to this world, one brings within the essence all the data (which is deposited by nature) that one needs for the inner Self-realization of the Being. But, what happens? One is put into schools, where one receives a false education and much advice and precepts which are futile. In the end, one creates a false consciousness. The true consciousness within, with the deposited data which one needs to follow the footsteps, to follow the path, to arrive at the Liberation of the Being, remains at the bottom, sadly categorized with the name of subconsciousness. Have you ever seen anything more absurd?

We have to become sincere with ourselves, to recognize that our false consciousness is the one which they have formed for us; the one which was created with all their theories learned in elementary and secondary schools, in college, etc., and through so many other ways (such as with the examples of our elders and the prejudices of this society in which we live). Therefore, it is not the true consciousness.

We must eliminate everything which is false within us. We must completely eliminate, definitely eradicate, that false consciousness (which is based on what we have been told, on school precepts, on college lessons, etc.) so that only the true consciousness, the Superlative Consciousness of the Being, remains within us; that is what matters.

— Samael Aun Weor, *The Revolution of the Dialectic*

We are currently in the epoch denoted by the Indian sages as *Kali Yuga*. There are four major *yugas* (ages), and like the four seasons they cycle incessantly. Satya Yuga is the Golden Age, Treta Yuga is the Silver Age, Dvapara Yuga is the Bronze Age, and Kali Yuga is the Iron Age. It is during the Kali Yuga that the most terrifying forms of ignorance and suffering flourish. As a result of

all this ignorance, children today are educated in false ways and end up forming a very strong Kalkian personality.

Everyone today has a Kalkian personality, yet some are stronger than others. Principle characteristics of the Kalkian personality are extreme self-sufficiency, unbearable arrogance, an overestimation of the intellect's supremacy, contempt for ancient wisdom and culture, and a misunderstanding or total underestimation of religious pursuit. This is often coupled with either massive sexual indulgence, or, if the temperament is of another type, terrible sexual repression.

In daily life few people will ever consciously consider themselves as "self-sufficient," but this is exactly part of the problem. We ignore all the factors that allow us to exist, to live and breathe, and we end up believing as if we have total control and dominance over our own lives. But the truth is we have very little control. We cannot even control our own thoughts and feelings, let alone our lives as a whole.

There are a few who feel something is wrong with both society and their mode of living. It is these who are trying to undercover something more about life. They attempt to reevaluate their concepts, their morals, their education, religion, their way of living, etc., in hopes of finding something resembling that which we call the truth. They sense the absurd nature of the Kalkian personality, and they want to discover something more substantial. They feel a certain disquietude within their soul. They possess a conflict that they are trying to resolve, and often this conflict is very terrible and difficult.

On other hand, the very strong Kalkian personalities are extremely proud of our current "modern" society and believe that our contemporary wisdom is unsurpassed. They are champions of modern life and state that today we need different values, a different way for different times. There is a tendency to have a certain type of messiah-like complex in regards to the sapience of modern science and medicine. Today, this learned class of individuals (scientists) is looked upon in the same way the

priestly caste was viewed in the past. In their good judgment, today's "wise men" look at animals mating with many different partners and encourage or justify society's desire to emulate this behavior. This and a thousand other ridiculous ideas of the sort are advocated and promoted to not only adults, but to the children as well.

The Kalkian personality is not concerned with actual spiritual pursuit because the Kalkian personality wishes humanity to become animalistic. The Kalkian personality has no true concern for what we can call *human virtue*. The evidence is found in our daily lives and in particular the popular forms of media which promote violence, hatred, revenge, anger, lust, and every other animalistic quality.

There is a degree of truth in saying that today we need new values, but in most cases it is these same "modern" values that impede the reception of the comprehension of the world's religious doctrine. This, of course, causes us to viciously spiral into denser forms of ignorance. The new values we need come about by destroying the Kalkian personality, not by strengthening it.

The Kalkian personality is terribly complex and reactionary. It has come to the point that our personalities have become so complex and fragile that even small inconveniences can cause us insurmountable anguish and irritation. There always seems to be something that is bothering us, and as a result we do not have the freedom to be happy. All the tribulations of daily life that appear to incessantly whip us like a tyrannical nemesis – always impeding our otherwise thought-to-be perfect plan of life – is evidence enough of our state of disrepair. Our thought-to-be perfect way of living is really anything but.

The Kalkian personality believes that the outside world is what impedes its true freedom, its happiness, and getting what it wants. In reality, our nemesis is not the outside world. The nemesis of life is one's own action.

Nemesis is the goddess of retribution. In Buddhism this is called karma, and in Christianity it is called The Law. One's retribution is always equal to one's action. You reap what you sow. You may already know this, but have you yet to take the time to actually comprehend it?

A common mistake of today's society is its perpetual failure to realize mistakes on a personal level. Society is made of individuals, but every individual blames society and circumstance for their faults, failures, sufferings, and stress. We continue to believe we know a better way than the others, we believe we know more than anyone or anything, and yet our lives are filled with mistakes, pain, and misfortune. Could this be due to our own ignorance? Could this be due to our own action, which is guided by our knowledge of life (or lack of)? Do we not know that the superior man always criticizes himself and not others?

We wish to believe that others make our life painful, but this is true only on the most superficial of levels. The horrors that exist in the world are nothing more than the reflections of our internal world, our mind. The true cause of suffering, when viewed with profound depth, is one's own quality of mind, and the actions which are invoked from it.

Terrible fear prevents many people from studying their own mind, and this is certainly regrettable. Solemnly, we must state that these people are not yet mature enough to study this doctrine. Some people cannot withstand the sight of their own lives when they actually take a look at it. If you are feeling sad, depressed, if you are always making mistakes and cannot change your position in life, it can be difficult to accept that the causes and conditions for those circumstances in life are due to your own action. For this reason many people leave this teaching: it is too much for them.

The Kalkian personality is alive and well within religion too. The Kalkian religious personality is a total hypocrite; he accuses others of the same crimes he commits. He thinks that if he just believes in his religion, or attends his local church or temple, then

he is saved. In Buddhism, instead of simply believing, the Kalkian Buddhist advocates just repeating (like a machine) a certain mantra daily in order to be liberated. Thus, the same principle, spiritual laziness, manifests differently according to the religion.

The Kalkian personality also fashions the robes of esotericism. Many modern esoteric movements were undermined by the ignorance of the Kalkian personality. For example, the biggest enemy of the worldwide Theosophical movement was the Theosophists themselves. They instilled great fear in those wishing to pursue the esoteric philosophy by stating that it was too dangerous, or that eventually humanity will evolve into perfection without any conscious efforts at all. The Kalkian personality gossips about what it has never experienced firsthand and slanders those which it has never met. In the end, a circus is made of out of very serious matters.

Eventually, these Kalkian pseudo-esotericists promoted their degenerated views into what is now commonly considered “New Age” doctrine. This false New Age doctrine includes the side street psychics, the mediums and channelers of all sorts, the incipient and superstitious forms of Astrology, Numerology, Tarot reading, Hypnosis, etc., etc. Some of these studies have their proper place, but they do not resemble what is found today in many book stores. The genuine New Age doctrine is found, for example, in all the authors mentioned in the previous chapter.

The New Age is in reference to the Age of Aquarius. Today’s personality is often scoffs at these terms precisely due to the fanatical and ignorant application of them by the Kalkian pseudo-esotericists. No matter how boisterous one’s laughter becomes when the subject of Astrology is mentioned, it will not stop the Aquarian current from entering the atmosphere of our planet and radically transforming society. The Aquarian current is totally *Dionysian*. Remember Dionysus, the God of wine. This is the same wine of Christ. It is the same principle, but under a different name.

The Aquarian-Dionysian influence was the secret progenitor of the 1960's cultural revolution that threw out antiquated taboos and dogmas as well as provided the prolific thirst for the everyday man to transcend his mundane and miserable reality. The problem occurred when – because this aforementioned influence was too strong for this very psychologically weak humanity – the major populace ended up polarizing the Aquarian-Dionysian influence in a *negative* fashion.

Sex is the cornerstone of Aquarian culture because Aquarius rules over the sexual-endocrine glands. Thus, when this massive influence of Aquarius agitated the sexually potent youth of the 1960s, the outcome was an intense desire for revolution, and especially a sexual revolution. Thus, from a transformation of the “hip” ones – the Hipsters and the Beatniks – the Hippie movement resulted, but, as it was stated, this movement (and all of the movements it birthed) is decisively negative.

The positive polarity of the Aquarian current influenced the crystallization of the global Gnostic Movements. All the same principles are found in the Gnostic Movements but polarized in a positive fashion. While the Hippie squanders his sexual potential with so-called “free love,” the Gnostic frees himself from desire by transmuting his sexual potency. When the Hippie is experiencing nature through the inferno of drugs, the Gnostic is experiencing the ultra of nature in the heights of meditation.

Specifically, we will state: psychedelia is the antithesis of meditation. The inferno of drugs is within the interior of the planetary organism on which we live, under the very epidermis of the terrestrial crust.

Hallucinatory mushrooms, L.S.D., pills, marijuana, etc., evidently intensify the vibratory capacity of the subjective powers, but it is ostensible that they could never originate the awakening of the consciousness.

Psychedelic drugs fundamentally alter the sexual genes and this is already scientifically demonstrated. The birth of monstrous children is evidence of the sequence of such negative, genetic mutations.

Meditation and psychedelia are incompatible, opposite, and antagonistic. They can never be mixed.

Unquestionably, these two factors of the Dionysian inebriation refer to and indicate psychological rebellion.

Gnostics and Hippies were annoyed with the vain intellectualism of Mammon¹. They were bored with so many theories. They arrived at the conclusion that the mind, as an instrument of investigation, is abundantly miserable...

Zen? Jnana Yoga? These are superlative. Faculties of cognition that are infinitely superior to the mind exist in a latent state within us. We can experience that which is the Reality, that which is not of time, in a direct way, by means of these faculties.

Unfortunately, the Hippie Movement preferred the inferno of drugs. Indubitably, they defined themselves perversely.

We, the Gnostics, plainly disappointed with the stubborn intellectualism of Mammon, drink the wine of meditation from the cup of perfect concentration.

Radical and in depth psychological changes are urgent when we are disappointed with the scoundrels of the mind.

To return to the original point of departure is what is wise. Only thus is a radical transformation possible.

Sexology? Bless my soul, oh God, and hail Mary! This theme horrifies the puritans...

It is written in the sacred scriptures with words of fire that sex is a stumbling stone and a rock of offense...

The evidence stands out; we are not the offspring of any theory, school, or sect.

In the crude root of our existence, we only find the coitus of a man and a woman...

We were born nude; somebody cut our umbilical cord; we cried, and then we searched for the maternal breast...

Clothing? Schools? Theories? Erudition? Money, etc.? All of these came later on, as an addition.

Beliefs of all types exist everywhere. However, the unique force that can transform us in an integral and unitotal way is the force

¹ *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. – Matthew 6:24*

that placed us on the carpet of existence. I am referring to the creative energy of the first instant, to the sexual potency.

The delightful love, the erotic enjoyment, is by logical sequence the greatest joy...

To know how to wisely copulate is indispensable when a definitive psychological change is sincerely longed for.

The Hippies forebode all of this when they revolted against Mammon, but they erred in their way. They did not know how to synchronize themselves with the positive pole of Dionysus.

We, the Gnostics, are different; we know how to enjoy. To transmute and sublimate the libido is enjoyable for us. This is not a crime.

The Hippie Movement and subsequent cultures resolutely march on the devolving, descending path of infrasexuality.

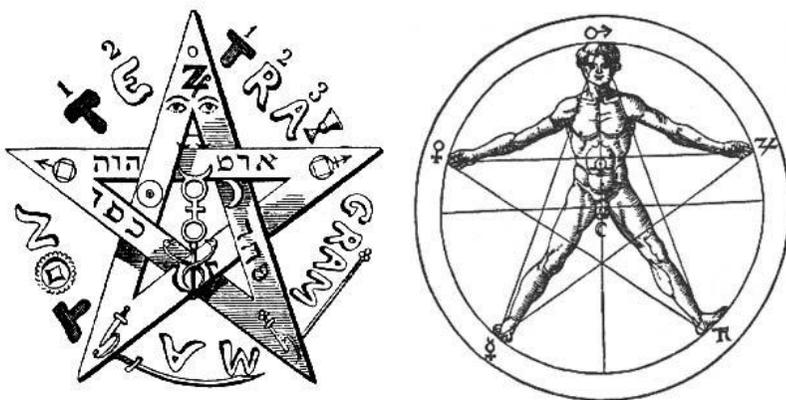
The universal, international, Christian, Gnostic movements victoriously progress on the ascendant, revolutionary path of suprasexuality.

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Three Mountains*

It is important to discern the negative teachings from the positive teachings. The majority of what is popularly considered “occultism” or “New Age” is a negative crystallization of Aquarius. Nevertheless, both teachings use the same terminology, the same concepts, and similar methods, and as a result many are fooled. It is almost without exception that the most popular esoteric books are negative. They offer something for nothing, they are the equivalent of “fast-food” for the soul: easy to consume, but ultimately provide no sustenance for the soul to grow in a positive fashion.

Those who choose to manipulate others, who lie and gain power in unruly manner, those who attempt to “attract” the things they desire in life, walk down the left hand path, even if they do not know it. Any attempt to impose one’s will upon another person or group of people, any method of ruling over another’s mind or will, any attempt to force one’s situation in their favor at the expense of others, is one who walks upon the left hand path, even if they are not conscious of the expense they force others to pay. These *lefteous* doctrines often adorn them-

selves with beautiful theories and spiritual appearances that confuse and deceive their adherents. The sign of the left hand path is the five pointed star, with the superior point downwards.



The upright pentagram.

Those who choose love and compassion for all beings walk on the right hand path. They only wish to perform the will of god, nothing more or less. They state that the path to god is difficult, that it is impossible to get something for nothing, and that it is a lie to state that there is some trick or method to take a short cut to happiness and ultimate freedom. As always, the symbols between the two paths are similar: the symbol of the right hand path is the five pointed star facing upwards, symbolizing man's ascent into Heaven.

The similarity between the one who venerates the divine and the one who venerates their desire has led most people into confusion. One states, "We shall live under the cross." The other, "We shall carry the cross." The difference appears subtle, but their meanings are antithetical, for to carry the cross is to live the drama of the cross, but to live under the cross is to be the unjustly accuser of the righteous one.

Kalkian puritanical-hypocritical religious personalities are outraged by the mere sight of the pentagram. They ignore that the flag of the United States of America contains fifty pentagrams on it, and if they were to do the research, would also know that

medieval Christians used the pentagram to represent the five wounds of Christ. All of the fear surrounding occultism is based in ignorance.

When Pilate placed Jesus in front of the crowd, he offered them the choice between Jesus the Christ, and another man named Barabbas Jesus. Matthew 27:17, from its original unedited Greek reads: “...whom will ye that I release unto you? *Jesus Barabbas or Jesus which is called Christ?*”

Who is Barabbas? Barabbas can be understood as Bar Abbas, which in Aramaic means “son of the father.” Therefore, before the crowd stood Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, and Barabbas Jesus, which is also the “son of the father.” As we already know, the crowd frees the criminal and crucifies the innocent.

Barabbas Jesus represents the inverted pentagram, and Jesus Christ represents the upright pentagram. From an exoteric point of view, this represented certain factions which worked against the Lord, as it was explained in the previous chapter. From an esoteric point of view, the crowd represents the impulses in one’s body, the emotions in one’s heart, and the thoughts in one’s head, which, when left without guidance, betrays the inner Lord. In daily life we mistake the two Sons of the Father. Jesus is the upright son, the Redeemer, yet, Barabbas is the fallen son, the sinner.

All our psychological conflict without exception externalizes not only in our physical reality, but within our sentiments, our reasoning, and our volitions. Fortunately, we can take advantage of these processes when we make the conscious decision to observe and resolve them. Life is the reflection of who we are, and it provides a full length mirror within which we can view and solve our problems.

Every person looks to solve their troubles, yet, we all continue to suffer them. So few people liberate themselves from even the commonest afflictions of life, therefore, what is necessary is something not commonly understood. If the path to liberation

was commonly understood, then the common man would have accomplished it. Something radical must be done.

Our lives tumble in the winds of life like leaves that have fallen from its tree. We ignore that we do not know who we are and even firmly believe we have self-knowledge (gnosis). Contemplate a little: Do you think you know who you are? We should investigate these matters, and when we do, what is found is that our self-knowledge is nothing more than an identity: a name, a job, a sum of likes and dislikes, a nationality, an education, a social status, etc., but that is not who one is. All of that is a personality. Who are you if all your material items, your family, your job, and your physical body are taken away? After pondering this, who are you? What is the meaning of your being? Obviously, society tells us that we are what our personality is, but in reality the personality has no existence. What we know of ourselves is an illusion.

When one fundamentally acknowledges the grand deception of the lives we live, one is moved from within the depths of their own constitution with the yearning to find that which is real. For this reason he will begin the true search for the Secret Path found at the heart of every religion. Every religion has its system upon the Secret Path, but you must know the ciphers in order to see it. The ciphers that form the basic keys of religion have been completely hidden from the uninitiated until a relatively recent time.

Ignorance is darkness. Consciousness is light. When the light shines in the darkness, the darkness does not understand it. With the right effort though, one can make their own light and extinguish ignorance for good.

GNOSIS & HAPPINESS

The Sufis and the whirling Dervishes' secret science is within Gnosis; the secret doctrine of Buddhism and Taoism is within Gnosis; the Nordic people's sacred magic is within Gnosis; Hermes', Buddha's, Confucius', Mohammed's, Quetzalcoatl's, etc., wisdom is within Gnosis; Christ's doctrine is the essential Gnosis.

– Samael Aun Weor

Being misunderstood at its root, both critics and misguided supporters of Gnosticism often believe that what constitutes gnosis are simply communicable secrets passed from mouth to ear, rituals performed, etc., and possessing this knowledge, or enacting some secret sacrament alone would provide salvation. This is not so.

The secret knowledge, gnosis, is something individual. Everyone has their own gnosis, given to them from that which is called God or divinity, and only one's own gnosis can save one's self. The Gnostics certainly did have secrets of an intellectual type, and rituals such as the Mass, but they were merely a means, an assistance, in order to reach the goal. Actual gnosis is something living and could never be found in the dead letter of any book or sermon. Yet, what books and teachings can do is point towards gnosis and aid those searching for it.

Gnosis is defined as both the knowledge gained through experience and the method or science to achieve it. Unfortunately, academia has no way of recovering the science of gnosis strictly from crumbling parchments, and without the science, there can be no way to acquire the knowledge. Likewise, without gnosis there can be no understanding of Gnosticism.

What is written in the Nag Hammadi, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospel of Judas, etc., reveal many clues and hints, but they rarely provide anything that can be correctly interpreted without previously being exposed to the ciphers that hide their profound inner meanings. As a result, scholars can only depend upon the

theories based off their *ideas* of Gnosticism. Thankfully, as it was stated previously, the actual science has been passed through the various esoteric sects throughout the ages and was revived in the 20th Century by Samael Aun Weor.

Mexican codices, Egyptian papyri, Assyrian bricks, Dead Sea scrolls, strange parchments, as well as certain very ancient Temples, sacred monoliths, old hieroglyphs, pyramids, millenary sepulchers, etc, offer in their symbolic depth a Gnostic sense that definitively escapes literal interpretation and which has never had an exclusively intellectual explanatory value.

Lamentably, speculative rationalism, instead of enriching the Gnostic language, impoverishes it, since Gnostic matters (whether they be written or allegorized in any artistic form) are always directed to the Being.

Thus, it is in this extremely interesting Quasi-Philosophic and Quasi-Mythological language of Gnosis that a series of extraordinary invariants appear: symbols with a transcendental Esoteric content, which silently say much.

Divines and Humans know very well that silence is the eloquence of wisdom.

The characteristics that clearly specify the Gnostic Myth and which mutually complement each other are the following:

1. Supreme Divinity.
2. Emanation and fall of the Pleroma.
3. Architect Demiurge.
4. Pneuma in the World.
5. Dualism.
6. Savior.
7. Return.

– Samael Aun Weor, *The Secret Doctrine of Anahuac*

Gnosis is self-knowledge, but it is not ordinary knowledge and it is not simply knowledge of the personality. To know who you are as a personality is fine but that knowledge is worthless at the end of the day. There is something beyond what one normally considers their self to be. This “transcendent self” is so radically different from our ordinary conceptions of self that in Buddhism it is taught as *no-self*.

A man without gnosis is blind to the causes and conditions of his life. In his journey of terrestrial existence, he wanders from one destination to the next. An education, a marriage, a home, these are all destinations on the voyage life. At times he rests, and later he moves on: a new job, the birth of a child, a death in the family, etc. Throughout his journey our traveler gains information about his life, but this does not mean he has acquired gnosis in the strictest sense of the word.

Throughout life we learn many things, but that knowledge is not gnosis, because usually it is just mundane worldly knowledge. Experience in this society is good, this is how we live from day to day, how to deal with investments, how to repair our car and home, how to take care of our family and interact with society, etc. Everything here is not only useful, but necessary, yet it is all related to the personality and of the modern times. Therefore, it is not inner knowledge, it is not true knowledge.

Fortunately it is within this same life that gnosis is waiting to be found. We just need to accustom ourselves to find it. In order to access this special knowledge, we need a “shock” or an “active pressure” upon the consciousness. We need to activate something within that is currently dormant, sleeping. Gnosis cannot be found in a mechanical or blind way. So, if a man travels on life’s journey without knowing where he came from or where he is going, blindly following the tides of time, he will quickly find himself dead with little or no true knowledge of life at all.

Sometimes we are given exceptional circumstances that activate our consciousness, allowing us to perceive the greater truths in life, even if it is only for a brief time: an epiphany. For example, when a loved one dies unexpectedly or when a child is born. Events like this cause some people to begin to experience the world in a different manner because it causes the consciousness to be shocked into awakening in some way. Consciousness is the root of perception, and awakening the consciousness allows one to perceive the nature of reality in a more piercing or direct manner.