

LESSON 37

TWENTY-EIGHT PATH

'The Twenty-eight Path is called the Natural Intelligence: by it is completed and perfected the nature of all that exists beneath the Sun'

The 28th Path lies between the Sephiroth of Netzach and Yesod and is called 'Natural Intelligence' because through it, is consummated and perfected the nature of every existing being under the orb of the sun. It is growth, pure and simple, but growth that develops in its own way and is not induced. Any type of interference at this stage would halt its development and alter the finely balanced polarity of Victory and Foundation which in themselves bring about successful development.

The Hebrew letter associated here is Tzaddi, which means "hook" and has a numerical value of 90. Other associated words of the same value are PY meaning "mouth of a well or opening in a garment", SL meaning "raise" or "exalt" and MHMH meaning "delayed departure". It is not too difficult to relate this to the baited hook of a fisherman ready to catch an unsuspecting fish. The word Tzaddi has a value of 104 and relates to words like QD "to divide or tear length ways", TzVCH "to cry out", and DQ "beat". These also show further meanings of what will happen to the unsuspecting fish because of the hook. Though the analogy of a fish is used, it can be substituted for man who becomes an actor for the

karmic destiny that hooks him on something which only death will separate him from.

As a consonant Tzaddi relates to the hissing of wind and air and all such associated objects. The Zohar states: 'Tzaddi went before Him, saying: "Because I mark the Zaddikim (righteous), and also it is written, the righteous Lord loveth righteousness, it will become Thee to create the world by me". Then said the Holy One: "Zadai, Zaddi though art truly righteous, but thou must keep thyself concealed, and the occult meaning must not be made known or become revealed; and therefore thou must not be used in the creation of the world. Thy original form was a rod, symbol of the male principle, surmounted by a Yod, a letter of the Holy name and also the Holy covenant, and the emblem of the male principle but the time will come that thou shalt be divided, and Thy faces turned towards each other".' This relates to the cyclic nature of the letter which starts to turn in on itself and relates to the inward spiral where man, by looking inward starts to be in harmony with those external and internal influences both in and around him.

The Tarot Trump related to this Path is the Star and depicts a naked woman pouring water from two jugs while kneeling by a pool. On each side of her are two trees, the tree of life and the tree of knowledge, while a seven pointed star shines above her with seven minor stars below it. The representation is that of a restored world which functions in beauty and harmony as the waters of life flow from the jugs. It is the merging of the vital

forces of the kundaline so that all is revealed and one gains access to the deeper resources of the divine within us all.

The Egyptian godform of this Path is Nut the sky goddess who is often shown as a naked and arched elongated woman of blue colouring having golden stars over her body with both hands and feet leaning on the earth. Nut represents the heavens or night sky above the regions of the earth. There are many different versions of Nut, some have her as a holy cow while others show her uniting with Shu. She was called the daughter of Ra and also Mut. In the Wallis Budge book 'Gods of the Egyptians' there is a coloured illustration of Mut sitting in a sycamore tree pouring water over the soul of the deceased. This has very defined links with the 'Star' and one can easily see the developments from this myth.

Hebe is the Greek goddess associated to this Path and was the wife of Heracles and daughter of Zeus and Hera. She was considered the goddess of youth and the cup bearer of the gods. This office she lost when she presented an indecent posture while pouring out the nectar to the gods at one of their various festivals. Her other duties were general household ones such as preparing her mothers chariot and assisting her brother Ares to bathe. Hebe had a vital power despite her diminutive status and that was to be able to restore in both men and gods the vigour of youth. Some of the legends of Juno relate to the Roman myths associated here.

The Sun sign that this Path relates to is Aquarius. By nature the Aquarian is emotional, temperamental and very active, they are individuals who are in general fairly well liked for their outgoing natures. They are extremely clever people who usually gravitate towards careers in the arts and sciences and are generally called the free thinkers of society. Their negative traits show they can be extremely self opinionated and superficial when confronted with ideas that they do not like. Often they can be very unpredictable and their friends and partners can suffer because of it.

The constellation of Aquarius which is called Deli in Hebrew meaning "bucket" or "water urn" and Delu in Arabic, with much of the same meaning. There are over 108 stars in this system with the brightest being Saad al Melik which means "the record of pouring forth" and is situated in the right shoulder. In the left shoulder another star of interest is Saad al Sund "who goes" or 'pours out'. In the right leg is a star called Scheat "who goeth and returneth" while the star in the urn is called Meon "urn". Ptolemy considers that the stars in the shoulders give out an influence like Saturn and Mercury, as those in the left hand and face. The stars in the legs are like Mercury and to a lesser extent Saturn while those in the water flow are like Saturn and to a lesser extent Jupiter.

The Aspergillum (from the latin aspergere meaning to sprinkle) is a brush or a metallic instrument used for flicking holy water during ritual. This is the directing of forces that

one has allied oneself with to clear out negative vibrations of other etheric entities by literally saturating the area with familiar etheric forces. It is bringing new or fresh energies to ones aid.

The virtue of this Path is liberation and it is here that one comes to a point of emerging with the stream of energy that is futuristic in form and action. In many ways those who awaken to the virtue of this Path will be liberated and be catapulted into a totally new mode of thought and ideas which may appear radical to some but are in reality the first seeds or vibrations that accompany change. Someone has to be first in the mode of thought and those who merge with the energies of this Path will be. The main point of reference is that those who share the virtue of this Path are in step with harmonious change and any criticisms or preventive measures imposed on them will only be transitory.

The vice of this Path is insecurity and relates to the individual who outwardly appears to have the virtue of liberation but on a closer inspection one finds that he is unable to take that final step (within the self) where he is free from the confines of a dying set of values, and refuses to go with the wheel of change. The individual cannot advance and yet cannot retreat and appears to remain motionless as the insecurity arises within making it impossible for him to make a commitment. At this point these individuals slowly begin to destroy themselves as they are first pulled in one direction and then another.

The magical power or attainment associated here is both the study and application of astrology. Here the adept must be conversant with astrological timing for it is a vital part of a study of the magical arts. From it the adept can learn when, where and how one can apply themselves or withdraw to wait for an appropriate moment in which to begin a project. From astrology the adept can learn of his own inner worth and that of the positive and negative currents generated by the heavens but most important of all he learns to live with these energies and abide by their influence.

The mineral drug related to this Path is the cell salt called Natrium Muriaticum. One of the functions of this salt is to regulate acid in the system so that a correct balance of digestion can take place (where there is a lack of it). Also it helps regulate the water supply in the system correcting both over or underbalances of this vital fluid as well as helping clean out deposits in the arteries preventing hardening. It helps excessive dryness in the body and is a good cold preventative where an excess of mucus builds up.

The vegetable drug here is associated to all diuretics which relates to almost any drug that brings on the secretion of urine. This of course cuts across other paths as well but some of the plants used for this are: Blackberry, Strawberry, Barley Water, Dandelion, Red Clover, Mulberry, Onion, Garlic, Thyme, Cornsilk, Sage and numerous others.

The Indian myths related here are those of the Nasatyas who were the golden twins who lighted the way for both the dawn and twilight. They are the healers of the gods (and men) and are especially noted for restoring youth. Another myth closely allied with the Nasatyas is that of the Asvins who performed much the same functions as the Nasatyas. One day they saw a beautiful woman bathing in a stream but were appalled that she had an old husband. On offering her eternal youth if she chose one of them she refused. They became so impressed with her devotion that they allowed her husband to bathe in the sacred stream with them thus restoring his lost youth and beauty.

The Garnet is one of the stones of this Path. Garnets are small stones of a variety of colours. They were considered stones that could heal any type of blood disease as well as keep lovers together.

One of the plants or trees associated here is that of the Coconut. This is because the fruit of the Coconut tree are milk laden containers that provide nourishment for those who live in the tropics. Another association of the coconut here is its relationship to chastity. The grape vine is yet another association which provides the nectar of the gods (when fermented) or wine. Almost any other type of fruit bearing tree or vine applies here that produces a berry or fruit with a high water content.

Spikenard is an aromatic that could apply here and was one of those used by the ancient Egyptians to farewell their dead on their astral boat in the sky.

The legendary order of beings associated here are the Mermaids. These water breathing creatures are said to behave alot like Sirens and Water Nymphs and are always on the lookout for a husband to help continue their species. They are seductive individuals who are said to play a major part in governing the workings of the oceans.

The Archangel of this Path is Kambriel (KAMBRIL). This is taken from the root KA which relates to a type of "contraction" or "condensed form", MB (from the Arabic form) means "remittance", and RI "Spiritual emanation". This shows that Kambriel is associated to the essence of giving out spiritual emanation. Using gematria we find that Kambriel has a numerical value of 304. Other related root words of the same value are SMDR "buds on a vine", RQD "leap about", ShAG "roar" and ShGA "increase". These show the positive aspects of this Archangel's nature which relate to the concept of potential growth that is about to burst forth in a quantum leap. The negative aspects are DQR "stagnant", DSh "breakup", and ShD "destroy" which show quick destruction.

The animal associated to this Path is the peacock which has a multitude of meanings related to it. Generally it is a symbol of the stars at night which are likened to the many eyes on the

birds tail and as such also relates to immortality. Although it had many different meanings in each civilisation the one consistent fact is that it was a symbol of importance and related with the heavens and mans soul. In alchemy the peacocks tail is called caudia pavonis and relates to the seven colours in a complete cycle of an experiment.

ASSOCIATIONS

YETZIRATIC TEXT:	NATURAL INTELLIGENCE
HEBREW LETTER:	TZADDI
TAROT:	STAR
EGYPTIAN DIETY:	NUT
GREEK DIETY:	HEBE
ROMAN DIETY:	JUNO
SIGN:	AQUARIUS
CONSTELLATION:	AQUARIUS
MAGICAL WEAPON:	ASPERGILLUM
VIRTUE:	LIBERATION
VICE:	INSECURITY
MAGICAL POWER:	ASTROLOGY
MINERAL DRUG:	NATURUM MURIATICUM
VEGETABLE DRUG:	BLACKBERRY, RED CLOVER, THYME ETC
INDIAN ASSOCIATION:	NASATYAS
GEMSTONE:	GARNET
PLANT:	COCONUT TREE, GRAPE

AROMATIC:

SPIKENARD

ORDER OF BEINGS:

MERMAID

ANGEL - ARCH:

KAMBRIEL

ANIMAL:

PEACOCK
