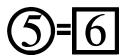
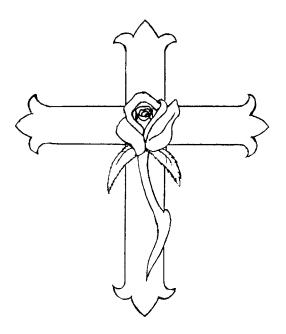
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## **Obsession, Trance & Death**

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Obsession always enters through a cutting off of the Higher from the Lower Will, and it is ordinarily first induced by a thought-ray of the Spiritual consciousness (whence one danger of evil thoughts) ill-governed, penetrating the Sphere of Sensation and admitting another potency, either human embodied, or human disembodied, elemental or demonic. The first action of such a force is to flatter the Lower Will, until he shall have established firmly an entrance into the Sphere of Sensation, and thus shall cause a strain on the Nephesch which shall render the Ruach less concentrated. As soon as the Ruach is sufficiently dispersed to repair the strain on the physical body, the Lower Will is weakened, and is soon seized upon and bound by the invader, whence arise the sensations of chill and drowsiness which are the usual forerunners of obsession. Now to yield the force necessary to overpower the Lower Will from any chance of communication with the Higher, the obsessing idea proceeds by seizing upon the Daath, and this consequently is the great point of attack, especially the part in the physical body which is at the back of the head about the junction with the spine. Now, unless the Lower Will shall voluntarily endeavour to restore the connection, it is impossible for the Higher Will to intervene, seeing that the Lower Will is king of the physical body. Remember that no obsessing force can overpower the Lower Will, if that shall bravely and in spite of all opposition aspire unto the Higher Will.

Trance may arise from the action of obsession, or from the action of the Higher Will. Therefore, its aspects are varied.

Death superveneth the natural man, when the mental action of the Ruach and the Nephesch is definitely and thoroughly interrupted in the physical body. In the Adept, death can only supervene when the Higher Will consenteth thereto, and herein is implied the whole Mystery of the Elixir of Life.

## **Additional Notes on Obsession**

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When the magnetic rule of a desire causes separation between the Higher Will and the Ruach and Nephesch, the result is obsession. The natural man is often caught up in obsessions without realization. Even so, the Adept can become ensnared in obsession and thus perform his/her Adept tasks without genuine connection and guidance from the Higher will, while all along convincing him/herself that the tasks to be undertaken are truly being achieved. This is far more dangerous for the Adept than the normal man, who in his slumber, is aware not of his Higher Will.

Thus, the Adept is more vulnerable to obsession becoming trance due to the heavy astral currents of influence within his Sphere of Sensation.

It is critical that the Adept maintain connection with the Higher Will to avoid the confoundment of the Yesodic currents leading to obsession.

Though it is far from complete, I have hearby listed areas of concern to the Adeptus:

- Sexual Obsession
- Astral Obsession
- Obsession with Perfection
   The Adept must realize that the Lower is only made perfect by the Higher.
- Career Obsession
   The Adeptus must avoid thinking of himself as his career. This is the habit of the natural man leading to disillusionment when one eventually realizes that a career is something you do, not something you are.
- Knowledge Obsession
   While learning is important, St. Francis reminds us that a lowly demon posseses
   more knowledge than all of humankind combined. Thus, knowledge not applied is a
   vain endeavor.
- Obsessions are best conquered through regular and continous effort to maintain guidance from the Higher Will and the use of the Pentagram Rituals.

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