



Whare Atua Temple

Leviathan

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Deep clown, deep within the Unconscious mind, lives Leviathan, the great Dragon of the depths, and high above is the Sun, inviting all that is without consciousness to come to His Light. For all that which is unconscious must grow into consciousness. We can see this activity in the mere existence of Mythology, for every myth comes from somewhere - even arising from the depths toward the Light. Myths of every race have their origins in the vast abyss of the Unconscious; even our daily lives rehearse these phenomena, for we base our concepts, our judgments of life on this ocean of sub-reality. Every new idea that comes to Man is from this deep such as the theory of conservation of energy, astro-physics, evolution, immortality, electricity, all spring spontaneously from the depths, when ever there is a suitable mind or vehicle for its birth.

In meditation, we, as the "Ruach Alohim" moved upon the face of the Waters in Genesis 1:2 we also move upon the surface of the Unconscious World, opening our minds to whatever may spring forth from Leviathan, provided only that we have the strength to see and to hear what springs from that awful depth.

All true scripture, of every race, rises thus to human minds and is recorded in myth and legend, and we do not have to watch very closely to see just how quickly history becomes legend, then myth. For this also is the function of Man, to link the unconscious through into consciousness, to become aware of his hidden depths, much as he may fear those unknown depths.

Fear of the Unknown is the Cerberus, the watch-dog of the underworld, protecting unprepared minds from the terrors of the deep. Yes, even Cerberus is a figure of the Unconscious World! We must learn the "sop" to throw to him.

Our ceremonial is devised to be consistent with the contents of the Unconscious world. We start by descending a left—turning stair, knocking at a door entering a dark room, all in accordance with manner of the Unconscious, there follows a selected series of incidents, linked to words familiar to the conscious mind but evocative of the Unconscious world within us. The series is totally consistent with the reciprocal activity between the two worlds, as are many dream sequences we experience. For we are far more subject to the Unconscious world than most of us would like to admit, until quite late in our progress.

In daily life, we marry, as a response to the deeper currents of the "nether" world. Sometimes a swirling of the Unconscious produces weird effects in outward and public life - such as the spate of "extra-terrestrial" visitations recently reported. They are not actual but response the wriggling of Leviathan affecting the world at large, just as our mythology persists from age to age. Just as people like Lu react of ancient heroes and acts of human endeavour.

The Archetypes of Carl Jung live in the Unconscious, and are typified in the figures of astrology, hence it forms part of our studies, and its practice brings us into touch with them, just as do our Rituals, forming, as it were, windows through which we gain access to this infinite well of Wisdom.

Between the conscious mind and the 'Sea' of Unconsciousness stands the sub-conscious mind, composed of everything we have personally experienced during our lives. It is the 'Hall of Memories', which must colour all that arises from that "sea" giving it all a personal touch, often quite distorting the images arising from the Unconscious. Only time and experience can clarify the impressions thus arising. Our work with Tatwas helps in this process, taken in conjunction with astrology and what reading we have done of myths, especially Greek and Hebrew which colour our national heritage of literature.

In this stage, we have very little personal input. We can not just make up our minds about very much, just remain calm and stable - again, common sense must play its role very clearly. This is a dangerous stage for impractical people or they will be carried away by the vast tides of the unconscious to our peril. Those giving the training must be very observant of the students, are they stable? Can they handle it? Watching reactions during Tatwas or in interpreting astrology or the Rituals is necessary if perils are to be avoided. Meditation reports also indicate stability or otherwise. All these factors must be handled by a mature Demonstrator.

Students should be encouraged to record and to reflect on dreams, which now usually take on significance to the dreamer. It is now that the soul shows an interest in the student and tries to convey impressions from its own world to the tiny conscious mind, and the Soul is very powerful and should be considered by the Demonstrator and Chiefs. Provided the student has plenty of common sense, there is little danger, but there may well be crises in the best of us. The critical stage is from the 3=8 & 4=7 onward. A Portal Grade or higher may permanently damage an unprepared mind, if given too soon. Later on, when we encounter Tarot we are directly exposed to the figures of the Unconscious, and must deal directly with them - not via written words - directly! This is why our Order system is so in need of secrecy. We are handling things far greater than mere personal problems.

What has been here-say to us is a positively dangerous intervention in a very private matter between Soul and personality. We must abandon the pupil-teacher realm. Normal "education" relies entirely on a pupil-teacher situation, even in just studying books as "teacher". Now we must stand alone! Often very lonely!

At Whare Ra, in the 6=5 stage we were simply given an un-coloured Tarot pack and asked to colour it! This seemed preposterous, and some turned to BOTA for the protection of a "teacher" image. But that just will not work for the psyche, much as the personality would desire it! There comes a time when we must be forced to "grow up". To "Stand up as a man!" in the words of "Elihu" to Job.

In due course, we may see ourselves as bubbles on the vast sea of Unconsciousness, glittering in the Light of the Sun. But this takes time, patience and perseverance! And above all the Grace of God.

We mention the Grace of God, because only t1~us, and not by personal excellence or virtue, may the Path be completed.

We use moral and mental standards to judge p4ople, but "God is no respecter of persons" as we read in Acts, 10:34. So, "Judge not, lest ye be judged." Faith lives deep in every heart, and that is enough. Very simple people have found God, because their minds have not been filled with unreal dogma or doctrine.

Again, the great Unconscious, even the Holy Ghost, Leviathan, prompts us toward our own Divinity.

Our greatest difficulty lies in overcoming ideas formed from early childhood and re-enforced during later life. Our "God" is usually very ill-formed, and our religious life deflected by folk we meet and rate highly. Our parents are very strong influences, not only by what they teach, but by what they transfer to us unconsciously, for we absorb a great deal by feelings rather than by precepts. Without saying a word, a parent influences the child. The child must out-grow parental influences by himself. "God" must gradually clarify in definition, as must "Christ" and "The Holy Ghost". All such concepts must pass through many phases by our own efforts. To some extent this may be hastened by consideration of the "Evil & Averse Sephiroth", the Divine Names, (Especially "JESUS".) We have a wealth of symbolism - if we also have the courage and tenacity and the urge to use them!

Those who just wait to be told will never achieve anything of spiritual worth! They will just remain little children.

Leviathan, in Isaiah, is seen as "evil", so he is, when misinterpreted, as active in zealots, who, lacking common sense, rush off at a tangent having been stirred but not inspired. In Job, he is the Zodiac, encircling the world. In our Ritual he is curled up in Malkuth. Indeed a mighty power in earth, but still a servant of the Most High - if we think it through! IF! It is over to us to "put him in his place"! To know where He belongs.

It is given to us to do just this, to find out where and how it all fits together, this mighty scripture of ours!

God comes through our feelings, not through our beliefs, and our Rituals arouse such feelings, if we attune to them rather than try to handle them intellectually. We come to feel as God feels about His Creation, thus to **know** Him unitively, as One with ourselves - there is then no "otherness" anywhere.

(Note: The reason for placing this article within our Hierophant area, is due to the advice Frank has concerning persons of various grades - Jean]