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THE 4 = 7 GRADE OF PHILOSOPHUS.

Having now passed through the Four Elemental Grades, which relate to the Four Letters of The Name, IHVH, we now enter upon the philosophic stage of our work. These lower four sephiroth can be related to the Four Planes as revealed in the 18th and the 31st Paths in the 3=8 Grade, and to the allocation of the Four Letters of IHVH, also shown in the Rituals, "As above, so below", These diagrams are dispersed throughout the Rituals which you are now to form into a synthetic whole.

Work in the first four Grades, 1=10 to 4=7, is a very concentrated recapitulation of human evolution, and obviously much more time and patient inquiry, wondering about the system and generally growing in it is necessary. Nevertheless, you now have that concentrated essence at hand to work with. There is actually a vast amount thus encapsulated, far more than any one person may need, but the subject matter is designed to fill the essential requirements of a broad range of people.

For instance, take the various allocations of the Four Letters IHVH. You have seen them variously linked with Planes, Grades, Elements, etc. Yet in the last Grade of Philosophus they formed the Veil of the Temple, the Four Kerubim placed before the Gate of the Supernals, screening the Holy Place from unprepared eyes, yet you have simultaneously been introduced to each of them.

Symbolically you are getting to know them, that in due course, as hinted in the 4=7 Grade, the Veil may be parted for you as the Veil of the Temple was rent asunder at the time of the "Crucifixion" upon the Cross of the Four Elements.

The Four Grades, like the Sphinx, hold many and great Mysteries, yet they simply represent YOU. Use the Lamp of the Kerux while you may, work while it is yet day, for the Night cometh when no man worketh.

Where was the Lamp of the Kerux during your last two Grades? In symbolism you left it behind, in Yesod, home of the Kerux. Since then you have ventured without it, first to the Foot of the Black Pillar in HOD, then to the Foot of the White Pillar in NETZACH, just as you tried to do in the 1=10 Grade, though you were barred.

In such cryptic terms you have been lead, and these terms apply not merely to your Order life to date, but to Human Evolution thus far.

Yes, there is much for the consideration of the Philosophus.

Yet the Great Work proceeds, in silence, almost unknown to you as yet. But you must know the Veil ere it will part for you. Words are a veil, so far as the Spirit is concerned, learn to look behind them. Look well at the Tarot Keys and at the Yetziratic Texts of each Grade, they reveal more than words, once we have the courage to inquire of them their significance, thus exercising INSIGHT.

The Qabbalistic system was designed to foster insight. We do not give you vast quantities of Qabbalah, for it can become a "false Splendour" NOGAH, as said in the 4=7, an end in itself, thus defeating our particular purposes.

Consider your progress from HOD to NETZACH, along the fiery Path of Mars, Peh, linking Water in HOD to Fire in Netzach, feeling to thinking. What relationship exists between these opposites?

You were shown the "Serpent of Brass" of Moses spelled:-

נחש הַבְּרָזָה and in chapter 18, v.4 of the second book of Kings, it had to be destroyed. Now the "Seraphim" שֶׁרָפִים are the angels of Geburah, diagonally opposite Netzach, and the word translated "brass" is

נָחַשׁ literally "copper"; the metal of Venus in Netzach.

Yes, there is plenty for the Philosophus to contemplate.

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