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Occu1r24i1i Mystical Freemasonry

TRANSLATOR'S PREFACE

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Shakespeare…Martinez de Pasqually, the ”master” who dared to evoke the Angels…Claude de Saint-Martin, the mouthpiece of the “Unknown Philosoph

I. HISTORY & ORIGINS

MARTINEZ DE PASQUALLY & THE "KNIGHT-ELECT COHENS OF THE UNIVERSE"

the other, and his concerned detractors – unless they prefer to use false historic information, which is a serious moral issue – can no longer ignore or hide from the definitive documents that we possess. These are:

1) The Master's Act of Marriage to demoiselle Marguerite-Angélique de Colas;

2) The Certificate of Catholicism, dated 29

We do not intend to ignore the importance of respecting the fact that all Western magical and Kabbalistic traditions are, for the most part, *Jewish*, which makes the fanatical adversaries of all transcendental wisdom jump for joy! We simply ask them, in all fairness, to heap the same “discredit” on a religion, with masters and a divine hypostasis, which t

in former times, at Babel,

poorly defined yet full of mystery and enigma in the ritual. It was a Grade which in Cohen series was based upon the legend of Zerubbabel, explained at a higher level. It concerned itself with a mysterious and emblematic *bridge*, analogous to that erected over the River Cephisus, and which the initiates on their return from Eleusis had to cross[7].

e from iliaceremonia l "Operations". He meditated for a period of time, returned to the fundamental theories, and prepared himself, through a form of introspection (a thorough accumulation, or psychic retrenchment) to Tis future ordination of Réau-Croix.

The "*Secret Class*" was that of the Réauxntiaccu

that the *supreme proof* of the Order, the ulti

It is thus that the two identical legends, that of Lucifer, *first of Angels*, and that of Adam, *first of Men*, relate their parallel stories to us. It is perhaps from this tradition that the idea of offering the first fruits of the harvest or the firstborn of the flock to the gods or to God comes from. And it is fact that, in the symbolic account of Humanity which we call Genesis, all the elder sons – Cain, Ham, Ishmael, Esau, etc – are mysteriously marked for a contrary destiny.

But whereas God, in His infinite possibilities, could draw something from nothing, Man, a creature of limited possibilities, could only modify that which was there already, and could not extract anything from nothing.

Archetypal Man, wishing to create spiritual beings, as God had created the Angels, could only *objectivize his own concepts*. Desirous of giving them form, he could only integrate them in the coarsest Matter. Wanting to animate Chaos (the “exterior Darkness”), as God had animated the metaphysical World which he had originally entrusted to him, he became swallowed up in it himself.

In effect God “*being*”, in the most absolute sense of the word (”*I Am That I Am*”, he said to Moses on Sinai), it was impossible for “nothingness: to have existed previously. In order to create original *Matter*, God s15ly retracted a part of His infinite perfection from a part of His infinite essence. This partial retraction of the *most absolute spiritual Perfection* inevitably resulted in the creation of *relative material Imperfection*. This explains why Creation, whatever else if might be, can never be perfect. It is *necessarily* imperfect by the fact that it is not God!

harmonized, directed by the Archetype. Under the naturally anarchic impetus of the fallen Spirits, this disaggregation of the parts of the Whole will accelerate: this will be the “end of the World” proclaimed by universal tradition.

“*As a pound that is rolled, Heaven and Earth shall pass away* …”! The ence will the which it had previously creatures, beings, worl although All is not God! The Absc Nothingness, which didn’t know h Himself.

Only this retraction of divine essence allowed the Creation of the angelic, material and other Worlds…And it was also this retraction of this same essence which allowed the emanation of the spiritual Beings.

And so the symbolic “victory” of Good over Evil, of Light over Darkness, will be achieved, by a simple return of things into the Divine, by a re-assimilation of beings, purified and regenerated.

Such is the esoteric unfolding the ang13 Tw 13.0598 0 Td(of the Universal Great Work.)TjE

THE ORIGINS OF THE DOCTRINE

There is no doubt as to the direct origins of the doctrine which was transmitted to us in the symbolic work of Martinez de Pasqually, “Of the

was an association which grouped together contemporary masters of Alchemy and Magic.

When Agrippa arrived in London in 1510, as we learn frot his corre0pondence (Opuscula, t. II, page 1073), he founded a secret society similar to that which he had founded in France. The members were endowed 4

the length of the pap. Vaas due to the lunacy they found there. Here are some samples.

"God made me see, said Anne-Robert (this is the Verchand), the Magnificent Word, in the presence of four witnesses. I saw a great Light and a Star, and the golden thread; and in another greater Light, I saw a Golden Cord, and a Dove, the Spirit of Life.

"Pierre Félix, Pierre Portalez, Suzanne Guérine are witness that I saw the Palace of Glory, on the 8th September, 1722. Signed Anne-Robert.

"One of their preachers, speaking on the Tree of Life, a representation of Crich they had in their residue (this is what they called their meeting place, or *residence*), explained it in these terms: I will speak to you about the first Man, called Adam, and about Eve, brought out of his side, and my first point will be on the Tree. The second will be on the Devil, in the form of the serpent, the third on Man and Woman.

"Jacob, in a prophetic sermon on 2nd

Agla was an esoteric society in the Renaissance period, grouping together apprentices, companions and masters of Guilds associated with Books:

since the new invention of printing had completely oaTrthrown the world of illuminators.

In fact, the illuminators' principal task was copying and decosating Books of Hours, Gospels and Bibles. Had that which had been entrusted to them always been truly orthodox?...

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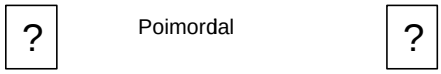
TABLE OF THE LINEAGES OF MARTINISM AND OF THE INITIATIC FRATERNITIES IN THE WEST[23]



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In the Eastern traditions, Enoch is frequently confused with the son of Cain of the same name, under the mystonym of Idris. For the Christians of Asia Minor, Enoch is the equi 0 Td(s)Tj0useme name,Greek9 Tw -0.1004 Tc 0.0027 Tw -0 0 10

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2. – His “luminaries” (wax candles) are less sources of decorative and symbolic illumination (magic, communion, liturgy, etc…) than, rather, representative “effigies”, psychic “batteries”, *condensers of the invisible presence*: “sympathetic” but absent Operators or protectors, posthumous or extrahuman, evoked by the ritual

It is the application of the old Western tradition which had candles lit in the necropolis throughout the night of All Siints, with one candle for each tomb (central Europe). It is the Romany practice which required one to light a blessed candle at sunset on a recent tomb, and then carry it home still lit, at midnight if possible, to enter into communication with the soul thus “raised” from the sleep of the Dead. It is also that explained in the Talmudic treatise “Ketuboth”, which affirms that: “…the Spirits of the Dead return willingly in those places where a light shines to their sake” (a necromantic altar, composed of a real skull, a black candle, and a censer, placed in a triangle, according to the secret teachings of the Sepher Yetzirah). One will note the total identification of this usage with that of the dagyde, or representative figure *of wax, like the church candle*…

In the mass of individual men, this role falls of right to elite beings called the Great Sages, the Saints, who have to be both most wise but most morally perfect (*saints*

These are:

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of the Realm to which it makes frequent allusion.

Unity – In place of the platonic or gnostic Demiurge, the church introduces the Man-God, the Messiah, the sublime reflection of Adam Kadmon, whom Agrippa called the Animus Mundi.

The **Binary** - Two Apostles have equal preeminence over the ten others (see the Gospels on this matter): *Peter* the head of the official, exoteric Church; and *John*, head of the secret, esoteric church which must remain until the Savior returns, and to which is entrusted the Mother of God.

The **Ternary** – Three categories of glorified Soul, according to the sayings of the theologians:

- The Chaste.
- The Martyrs.

The **Quaternary** – It retains (albeit weakly) the four Angels of the Tetramorph of the Old Testament: Uriel, Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, but of preference it replaces them with the four Evangelists and their symbolic Animals.

Divine Name	Archangel[31]	Evangelist	Angel	Holy Animal	Season[32]	Element	Celestial Angel	Lunar Quarter	Angelus
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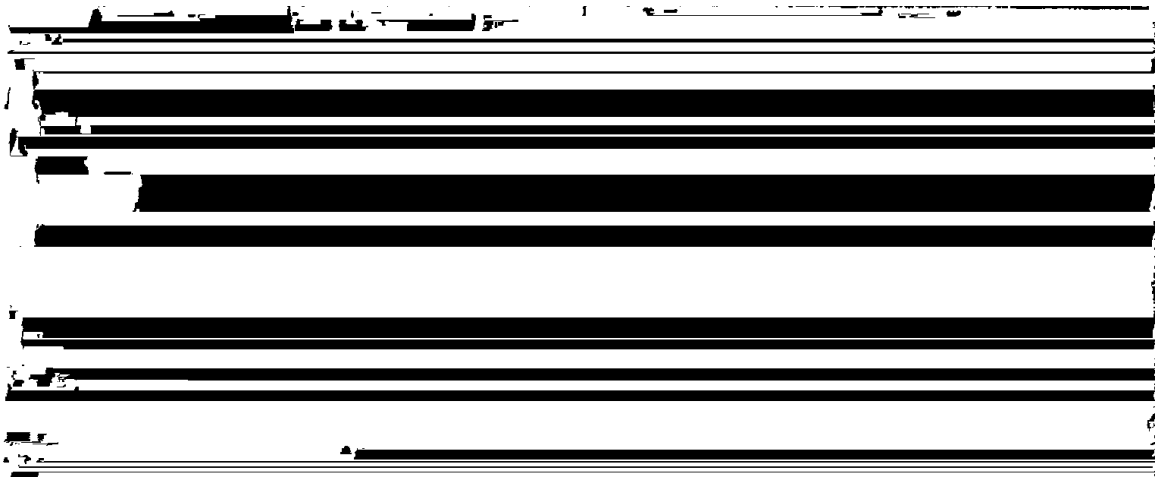

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Moon until the following New Moon. Since this Planet is going into decline, its beneficial Property also declines, like its positive power; as well as the superior Agents which govern it, having ”operated” upon it for two times seven days and brought it under Laws and Orders, leave it to the control and power of the inferior Spirits, among whom are most often to be found the evil Elementary Spirits, which will undoubtedly lead the Operator into serious

Moon and Full Moon, that is to say between the 1st of the Moon’s cycle up to the 13th or 14th. That is nothing set. One must repeat the first *Conjuration*

You must fix the day yourself, in the prescribed interval between the New

You will cense the *Circle*

nine repetitions of the *Conjuration*

three times, the two other days,

When performing the four Ex-Conjurations, one shows the Talisman to the angle of the South.

You tell me that you follow the same rule for the three “Cohen” grades (*Apprentice-Cohen, Companion-Cohen, Master-Cohen*). I would point out to you that it is not usual to give these th

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IV. THE MYSTIC SCHOOL: LOUIS-CLAUDE DE SAINT-MARTIN

THE "UNKNOWN SUPERIORS" OF LOUIS-CLAUDE DE SAINT-MARTIN

Louis-Claude, Marquis de Saint-Martin, was born in Amboise, in the Touraine, on 18 January,T 64p35T951.3232 0HMar-Mart

of my dear Brother no less even to the grave, and he can be sure that I will not disturb it in my lifetime.

Farewell, dear Brother, give my greetings to your family, and to all the Brethren, both spiritual and temporal.

Ora pro nobis.

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One sees by the terms used in this letter, nevertheless, the importance which Saint-Martin attached to his firsThe

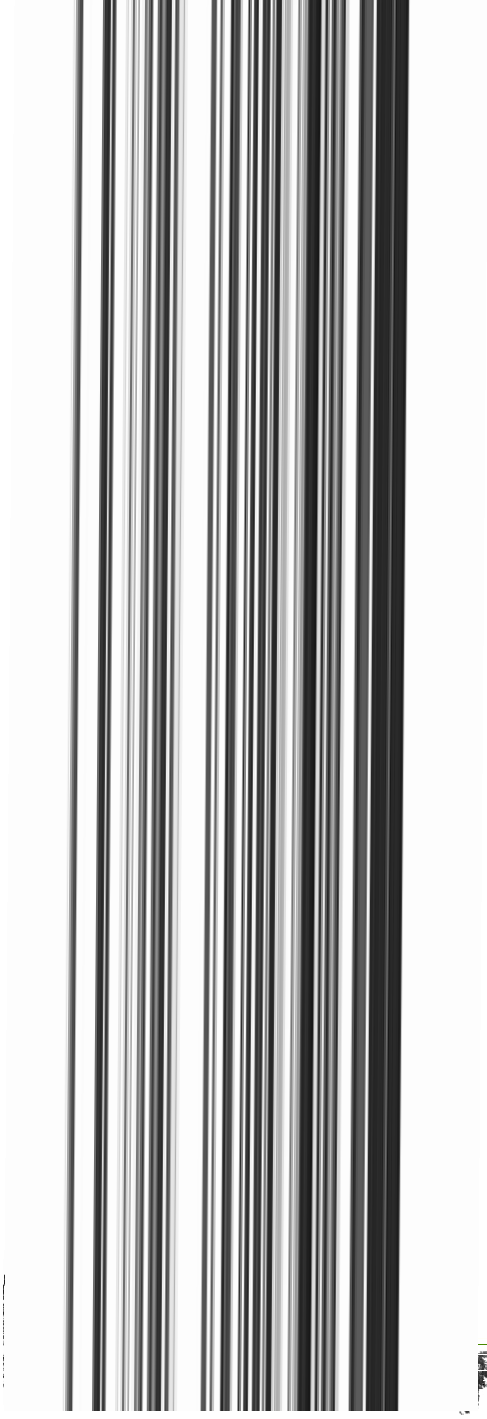
a long time past. But from the large number of accounts it is hard to say whether that of the *Elus Cohen*

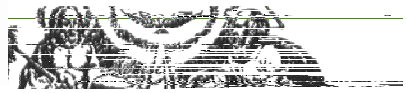
This title appeared for the first time in

On the other hand, it is clearly evident that the risk of illusion and errors are thus multoTdie, iregardingthe rappre ntTj0 Tc 9>BD32 Tw18.759 0 Td security which sire ifric

imagination has the leaet part in this vision. Everything occurs in the higheet level of spirit…". Such is the conclusion of another mystic, Alvarez s8 Paz[52].

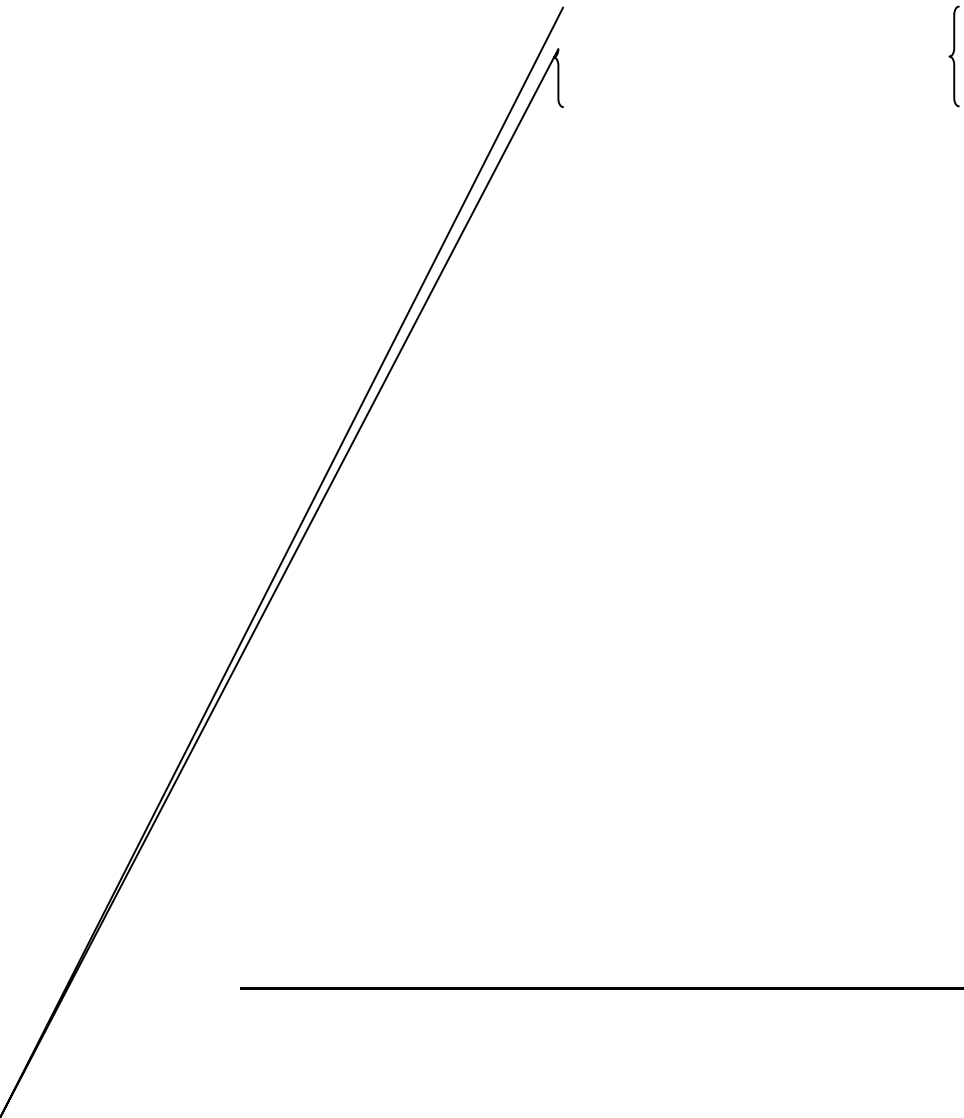
"How can it be that the soul has seen and heard while she[53] has been in God and God in her, since during this union she neither sees nor hears? I would reply that she doesn't see *at that time*, but that she sees it clearly afterwards, when she has returned into herself. And she knows, not through the vision, but





JEAN-BAPTISTE WILLERMOZ AND THE “CHEVALI

But formerly, in many areas, it is indisputable that some “Invisible Presence” has often *overshadowed* innovations in Freemasonry. And it is perhaps due to this



Mercy, of general Peace and not for a single being, but rather for the

VI. MODERN MARTINISM

As we have set forth at length in the preceding chapters, the occult teachings of Martinez de Pasqually was consequently transmitted through the XIXth Century, partly through the *Kabbalistic Areopages*, composed of Elus-Cohen who had not conformed with the order to deposit their archives in the hands of the "*Philalethes*" (the Marquis Savalette de Lange); and partly through some Masons of the "*Scottish Rectified Rite*", holders of the secret instruction of J.-B. Willermoz and the "*Knights Beneficent of the Holy City*"; and partly by the "*S.I.s*

to possess the High Grades of Scottish Masonry according to a minutely regulated hierarchy.

Jean Bricaud died on 21 February, 1934. He was succeeded by Mr. Chevillon, author of “The True Face of Freemasonry”.

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When Papus died in 1916, as we have seen from the preceding section, his successor Charles Détré (Teder) clearly oriented Martinism towards Masonry, no doubt of a spiritual and mystical nature, but in a direction that the mystical school of “S.I.s” coming from Saint-Martin had always refused to impose on its adherents.

This is why a large part of the Martinist Order, remaining faithful to the spirit of their promoter, restarted the tradition of *Free Initiation*, from person to person, as had been done by Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin. These “initiators in the ancient form[69]”, to use the expression of Jean Bricaud in a letter in our possession, also resurrected t, from999

The doctrines of Martinez de Pasqually and Claude de Saint-Martin agree in affirming to us that Adam Kadmon,

The historic documentation on Martinez de Pasqually and his disciples was taken up again. The Rituals were studied; and a new operative “form” was established, to take into account the modern epoch, the spirit (which was different from that of men of the XVIIIth

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replaced with the old title: "*Order of Knights Elus-Cohen of the Universe*", which had been used in the XVIIth Century by its original founders.

Within the Cohen Temple the tradition of daily, monthly and equinoctial

Areopages)	Grand-Elect of Zerubbabel	
Secret Class	Réau-Croix	Red Masonry
(Sanctuary)	Grand Master Réau-Croix	- *Sacerdotal*

appeared to be necessary to give a few facts about this Society which is much talked about, usually incorrectly[76].

What one understands by Martinism is a collection of reflections and studies bas Claude de Saint-Martin, the Unknown Philosopher. In this Review you will find papers on the doctrine, life and works of this Philosopher; and we will not stress these here, since this paper talks about the Order itself.

The existence of a Martinist Order is a precise fact, and even the least knowledgeable reader knows that the Order was founded by Papus, follower of Saint-Martin. But it is understood that Papus is the successor of Saint-Martin, and as Papus himself said, this Order has as founders Martinez de Pasqually and Saint-Martin himself…

The truth is otherwise. Papus was the soul and the animator of a movement which resurr esotericism, at the end of the XIXth

manifesto dated 1906, Papus wr

occurred, and their adversaries could be numbered equally in the ranks of ultra-militant Catholics as in those of rational or atheist Freemasons, in the prejudice of blind or scoffing crowd, as in the fanatical ranting of intolerant people.

Above all, Martinism fell under pontifical censure which, following the lead of the roman emperors and of decadence, proscribed “Societies of Thinkers” and “Esoteric Companionships”.

And so the Encyclical “Qui Pluribus” of pope Pius IX (the same person who, it appears, was affiliated to Freemasonry at a time when he was only a Prelate…) and dated November 9th, 1846, tells us:

“Animated by a righteous emulation of zeal and the saintly examples of his

most grave penalties, to keep an inviolable silence on all that is done in the obscurity of secrecy.

But such is the nature of the crime, that it betrays itself and cries aloud, which brings about its discovery and denouncement. These aforementioned societies or conventicles have given birth to such strong suspicions in the minds of the faithful, that to enroll in such societies is, for people of probity and prudence, to tarnish themselves with the mark of perversion and wickedness. For if these societies were not engaged in evil, they wouldn't hate the light; and thus suspicions are raised, and in certain States, these aforementioned societies have been proscribed and banned for a long time, as being contrary to the security of the Kingdom."

Later comes the final condemnation:

"This is why We forbid, formally and by virtue of the holy obeisance each and every faithful of Jesus Christ, of whatever state, grade, condition, rank, dignity, preeminence they may possess,s b they laity or clerical, secular or

But there were still reasonable and just men in France in 1738, and Parliament flatly refused to “reprimand and punish” people who were simply “suspected of heresy”; and the anger of the blessed Peter and Paul could do what it will! The Bull was not ratified, and the nation passed outside Roman wrath.

On May 18, 1751, the successor to Clement XII, pope Benedict XIV issued in his turn the Encyclical “Providas”. We will only raise this significant phrase, which demonstrates that Truth matters little to certain people, if their metaphysical opinion is so simply abandoned or compromised.

“Now, among the very grave causes of the aforementioned prohibition and condemnation, the first is that in these types of Societies, men of all Religions

NOTES ON THE “ARK OF TESTIMONY” ALSO CALLED THE “ARK OF THE COVENANT”

We have always suspected that the “Cubic Stone”, that central monument around which all symbolic masonry turns, is not only the common emblem of the goal sought by material Alchemy, or the symbolic image of spiritual Alchemy, or symbolic of the powers imparted by the Creator to the Mage; but also – and above all – a real Ritual Object, which allows the Forces summoned by the Mage to be set in motion, behind the veil of immediate reality.

That is why, as Masonry knows, the four sides of this Cubic Stone are covered with a compact network of Numbers and Letters, from which, with recourse to traditional keys, one can recover ”passwords” and “mysterious diagrams”. Understanding what is being concealed bces summon“Cubic Stone”, and knowing how to put this into practice, is mmonnecessary proof of a true Mage.

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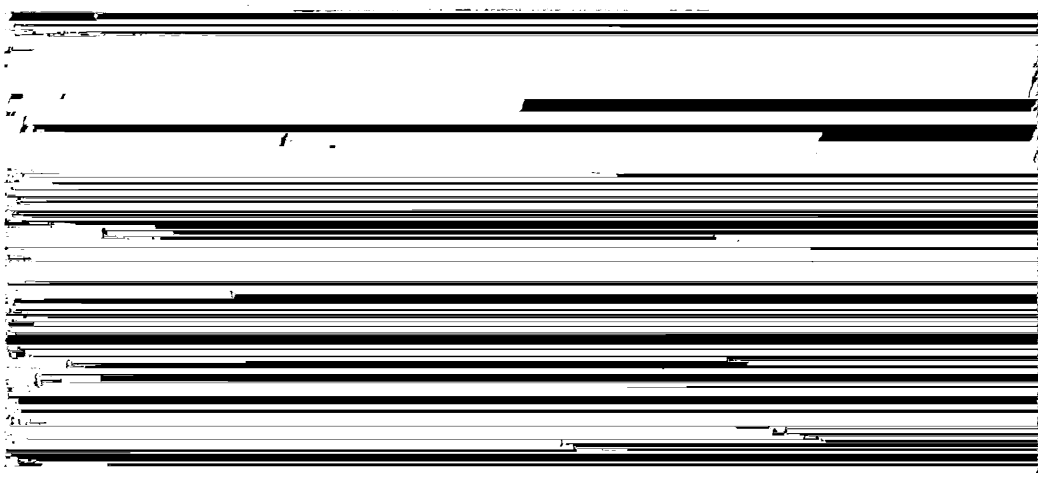

THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

The ultimate question still remains: what was engraved on those Tablets? The agreement, the “pact” between the invoked Intelligence and the Magician is manifest by the former communicating its magical “seal”, and the revelation of its “name”. These are the two principal elements of the ritual of evocation. And this revelation is the “testimony” of trust which is afforded to the aforementioned

This Supreme God divided himself in his turn, in the Formal World, into two distinct and defined energies:

1st The Masculine Energy: JHVH, or Jahveh, or Jahoh, the Divine Father;
2nd The Feminine Energy: THVTH, Thavath, or Tavath, the Divine Mother.

In fact, the consonant-word HVH, part masculine, part feminine, is in itself a neuter form! When one wishes to determine it exclusively in the feminine, one must do this in one of two ways:

a) One can place a "T" (Tau) in front, as a prefix, as T-HVH, which gives Tehouh or Tohouh. The Tohou-Bohou of Genesis, from which comes our term 'Tohu-Bohu'. This is primitive chaos, primordial disorganized, chaotic matter (Genesis I, 2)[85].
b) To determine the feminine of the second matter, one could place both 'T' (Tau) in front (prefix) and a 'T' behind (suffix): creating T (HVH) T, that is to say Thavath, primordial matter, the Chaotic Mother[86].

Thavath is also called Tivathi and Taauth, which are only modifications of the same name. Thavath or Taouth, is the feminine principle corresponding to the masculine principle Houd of the Chaldean Triad,.

For Irenaeus, imbued with the subtleties of sacred phonetics, one should distinguish between Iaôth, with a long ‘ô’, designating the God who rules Matter (through Weight, Number and Measure), and Iaoth (short ‘o’) representing the God of power separating the evil.

8. For Origen, Iahoh, or also Iah, was the name that Israel gave to God, “and also Sabaoth, Adonai (Lord), Elohi and all these names drawn from the Scriptures, are the characteristic Names of one sole and same God. (Origen: “Against Celsus”, VI).
9. Clement of Alexandria tells us

IV. The Pantacular Objects

The ritual of Martinez de Pasqually allows the wearing of a “scapular” and a triangular “talisman”.

The ritual of Avignon allows the wearing of a “Pectoral” for which we have unable to find the design. There is no description nor figure in the documents we have regarding this Pectoral. It is perhaps based on that described in Exodus.

The ritual of Abramelin does nbT*-0.aAdr6nything similar.

The bed should be clean, and one should change the sheets each week on the Sabbath eve, and on each occasion the room should be censed.

These prescriptions should be followed throughout the six moons.

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* * Regarding the prayers, one will carefully

and sometimes also in human form. When the apparition has disappeared, leave the Oratory without touching the objects on the altar. Do not go back into the

mystic Hebrew the same word is written Shin-Heh-Kaph (שהכ), so it would be impossible to distinguish the nuance except by reason of an esoteric oral Tradition, properly called the *Kabbalah*.

The “almond” (*shaked*) is the tree of “those-who-watch” (

lands of Israel, would be shut down and destroyed by the Priests, the guardians of the purity of the Law, wherever they were able: since, for them, the God of Israel could only be manifested at Jerusalem, in the Holy of Holies, *above the Ark of the Covenant, containing the famous "Testimony"*…

For there, where the Ark is, there is the Elohim: "Thou shalt make a Sanctuary, and I shall live there, among youSP

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This traditional prescription, implying :2 "ThoEa JeryinAntiqug yMediev